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Mr. Paul Snider, President
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Dear Paul:

It is a pleasure to report on the very successful First Annual Northwest Conference organized and conducted under the auspices of the First Urantia Society of Wenatchee, Washington, and directed by its President, Lewis A. Clark.

The Conference was held on Sunday, October 7, 1973, at the Cascade Natural Gas Building, 613 N. Mission Blvd., Wenatchee, Washington.

However, by invitation, the majority of us began to gather at the Clark home on Saturday, October 6. I flew into Seattle Saturday morning and was delighted to have Vern surprise me in the waiting room for the Air West planes. He had been in Seattle for a few days on business for his Family of God radio program. So, in the pouring rain, we flew from Seattle on the small Air West to Wenatchee via Yakima. There at Wenatchee a delegation met us, led by Alice and Lew Clark, two young men from Seattle, and Dan Lowerree from Portland, Oregon, who has often visited in my home. All of these people were house guests of the Clarks.

Saturday evening many members of their Society came in for a social with music. The two men from Seattle and Vern Grimsley had brought their guitars so they played Saturday evening and at the more formal meeting on Sunday.

The Sunday meeting opened with a marvelous potluck dinner at noon at the Cascade House prepared by those northwest women who are superb cooks. As this is the heart of the apple country, beautiful apple displays were every place not only for "looking" but for eating and Vern and I were each presented with a delicious box of apple candies, the "Aplets and Cotlets."

The featured speaker of the day, Vern Bennom Grimsley, gave a marvelous, evangelistic presentation on "Our Work with This Urantia Book." As always he was a true inspiration to everyone and it was a real privilege to hear him. I had led out right after lunch with a very modest talk on "Guidance in Today's World for Urantia Book Students." I also answered some questions and reported on the number of books sold and the number of societies in existence stressing the fact that our real immediate goal is to organize study groups with very small groups usually in homes.

Some fifty or so attended this meeting, and everyone was enthusiastic and asked very thoughtful questions. They seemed genuinely interested and dedicated people with age groups about evenly distributed. Lew Clark and Alice remain the very faithful and competent leaders who are doing such excellent work.

Lew asked me to present the news, at the beginning of the meeting, that he is the new Field Representative of the Northwest, and I was indeed delighted to have this honor. I managed to collect quite a few of his past honors and outstanding activities before I actually got up to present this surprise news to the assembly. It was indeed received with great joy by the group.

To conclude the day at the Cascade Natural Gas Building, the guitar players took turns playing and singing and after more delicious apple pie and coffee, the travelers from various parts of the state took leave and the rest of our group went to the Clarks for another evening meeting and more good food for the body as well as the soul.

It was a great time and I was privileged to be able to attend.

Sincerely,

Julia K. Fenderson