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Dear Rosa and Murray:

Rick Anderson keeps bugging me to call you and ask if you will come over to talk to us again. I keep dragging my feet, knowing how busy you are. Say "no" if you are so inclined, but I did promise him I would ask. He is so dedicated to South Sound history and such a nice guy, and he is going through a bad time right now.

He is on the board of Nisqually Delta Assoc., writes letters (did you see his letter in the Trib a week ago Sunday?), makes impassioned speeches, and is convincing so may be making progress. But Concrete Technology has been approached by Weyerhaeuser about building the big dock they hope to have approved. And C.F. is Dad Anderson and Uncle Tom. Art is tolerant and, I think, admires Rick for hanging to his principles. But Uncle Tom takes a dim view, and of course Rick works there. Rick is a graduate of MIT. But it is his early education that interests me. From the age of 11 thru high school (upper school), he attended a ranch school north of Victoria, B.C. with all Oxford educated teachers, they raised their own veg. were caned for misdemeanors, had years and years of Latin, Greek etc. I was pleased when ~~granddaughter Lael~~ ~~said, "I would like to marry Rick Anderson."~~ I point out that ~~he was a bit old for her (32 to her 19)~~ and she said no more until months later. I mentioned the fact that ~~Tom Carsten's daughter was making a play for Rick.~~ Lael said, "Well, you said he was too old for me. But I thought maybe we could get him for Hollie."

Hollie is in Avignon, in school 4 days and traveling 3, in the Heritage program. Book is creeping along fairly steadily now. I wonder sometimes if anyone would ever care to read it. I rec'd in the mail, from Okla., the other day a huge volume entitled THE OSAGES, by John Joseph Matthews, an Osage, & a fine writer. I am finding much I have heard my father & mother talk about ... I had a reply from the Gen. Reg office in London, saying they could give me the information I wanted (for a fee) if I would in turn give them the information I wanted, so they would know where to start.

I always turn first, with Argus, to your pieces, Murray, they're so lively and I enjoy vicariously the many performances I never see.

I will tuck a self addressed envelope into this env. for your yes or no. Rick mentioned Sunday Nov.19 as a good date. But it could be Dec., Jan, or anything that would be convenient with you. I will in any case cadge a jug of cider for you at the Hist.Soc.Apple squeezin'. On Oct. 21 I think.

Love to Lane, too, Hazel

*Rick has arranged a private chat among early time Islanders for his October Potluck at the Clubhouse. This is a very interesting. I'm trying to persuade Mr. Barber's daughter (Lisel's mother) to participate.*

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