

S.E. 340 Dilke St.  
Pullman, WA. 99163  
June 12, 1982

Seymour Rosen  
Director  
SPACES  
1804 North Van Ness  
Los Angeles, California 90028

Dear Mr. Rosen:

Let me introduce myself! I am the daughter of Martin Druffel, owner of the water storage tank situated along the highway between Pullman and Colton, Washington. The card you left on that tank was found this week and Dad has asked that I respond.

Much of the land in this immediate area is being farmed by second and third generation sons and daughters of German immigrants who settled in the area in the late 1800's. Among these immigrants were four Druffel brothers and their sister. Generally speaking, the Druffels are hard working and somewhat "creative" people. . .they have simply never allowed much "grass to grow under their feet"! For example, my dad will be 84 in October and still does most of his own farming (using antiquated equipment which he has been able to remodel, rebuild, repair, etc. in order to keep it in "tip-top" shape over the decades). In the off season, Dad designs and builds other pieces of equipment to meet his unique farm needs and/or builds gadgets, such as some of those appearing on the tank!

One of the most creative in our family clan is "Fritz" Druffel who lives "just over the hill" in the community of Johnson, Washington. In fact, it was he who made the tank's name sign and the first of an ever increasing number of "wind-wheels". To this initial contribution, Dad has added his creations while Fritz and his son, Drew, continue to add more! Fritz has a very creative, fun-loving family. A number of years ago, their family celebrated the Fourth of July with a parade in which everyone in the community entered the fruits of their winter creativity endeavors. Talk about moving parts and moving wheels! This parade has, through the years, gained much publicity and popularity. Although persons from other communities now join the parade on bicycles, in go-carts and antique cars, horseback, etc., it has retained its inclusion of "home-made" machines.

I am sending along some negatives of some of the entrants in the 1975 parade. I apologize at the quality. .they were taken with an instamatic camera and the detail is lost. But, it will give you a general idea and perhaps stimulate your

curiosity enough so that you might one day visit our area on the Fourth of July to see the creations for yourself.

Thank you for leaving your card. It is interesting to meet new people in this way.

Sincerely,

*Midge D. Bashaw*

Midge D. Bashaw

(Mrs. Robert)