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## Correspondence Between Bates College Professor James S. Leamon and Charlotte Michaud

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Charlotte Michaud

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Dear Miss Michaud -

Thank you for the opportunity to read your copy and to comment upon it. In general I think it will do very well. In a way I'm sorry that the matter of the school pamphlet is being brought up again - for the publishing of that pamphlet was simply atrocious. I skimmed over it again and once again I blushed at the incredible number of mistakes the vocational class inserted into the copy, and the illustrations as equally abominable. For these reasons, I would NOT be eager to offer copies of that pamphlet to ANYONE. It is best for everyone if that pamphlet were permitted to remain in oblivion, ignored by all. So, I do not recommend we give out copies.

*No*  
p. 3 par. 3 I would be even stronger in indicating that the Commission was surprised - even startled - by the ~~poor~~ printing of the pamphlet before the members even had a chance to proof it. Even a cursory glance would indicate that such proofing was badly needed. Numerous typographical errors do indicate that it served an educational purpose for the printing class at the High School.

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Throughout your account, you make frequent reference to me - for which I thank you - but I would recommend that the copy might read more smoothly if you merely referred to "the report" or the "Commission's report" since it was really a collective product; I merely assimilated it.

The one thing I think I would recommend that you add would be on p. 17 in reference to Farwell - the manner in which Lewiston benefitted from the civil war cotton shortage by clever management by Bates et al.

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Finally, I find pp. 20-21 "Credits" rather confusing and probably of limited interest for a newspaper article, so I think I'd recommend omitting those.

Overall, it reads well and should be an interesting article. I hope the paper can provide pictures of ALL the schools, as well as some of the men - this was a definite lack in the pamphlet.

Good luck. It's good to see you are keeping us all on our toes.

Cordially,

*Jim Leamon*

March 15, 1975

Dear Prof. Leamon,

After the school department published its booklet on schools named for various individuals, you may recall that I wrote a story for the Journal magazine to publish with photos of all school namesakes.

When it was submitted, the then-editor found it too long and I always meant to rewrite it, but never did.

Recently, a news item gave me a new "lead" for the story and I have rewritten it, condensing much of the material, but, with the photos, all of which are available, it will still occupy considerable space.

Before I submit it, however, I would like to have you read it in case you might have suggestions or corrections. I guided myself by the information in the published booklet, but occasionally added some facts I knew.

By chance, I learned that Mr. Skinner had never seen a copy of the booklet and when I had to obtain one for myself, I got an extra copy for him. Talking today with one of the Belleau relatives of Dr. Martel, I learned that they, too, had never seen a copy so I told them they could obtain one from the school department office in the armory.

I wonder if Father Hagerty, Edwin Adams, John S. Jackson ever had copies.. If you think they should each have a copy, I could obtain them and see to their delivery. Just let me know.

When done with my copy, just give me a ring: 2-0475 and I'll pick it up at Libbey Forum.

Read where your daughter obtained high rank in school-- can she be the same one who attended Pettingill school?

Cordially,

Charlotte Michaud

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(see reverse for his reply)

When story published photo of Mags Wallace not used - was told not in files - yet had been told it was when I checked earlier. Too bad, because photo could have been obtained.

C.M.