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Dr F Eugene Melder,
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Dear Dr Melder:-

Many thanks for yours of the 3rd with the interesting news clippings showing your activities and successes- congratulations

It was interesting to learn that you are one of the many famous ex Washington oarsmen of whom I number many as my good friends. Our own Rutgers Coach Chuck Logg rowed under Rusty Callow and Ed Leader and I am well acquainted with almost all of those in the East including Tom Boles, the latter I know only slightly, but Fred Spuhn, Leader, Logg, Callow, and many others I have met a good many times.

I also have met your Referee Cunningham, a good friend of rowing and one of my best friends Ned Wen Lyck of Syracuse had his greatest and earliest successes as a sculler at Worcester where he first raced at an early age winning the Diamond Sculls at Henley at the age of 17-

You are doing a fine job and I hope to meet you soon, when you get to NY give me a ring and have lunch with me. My office is an oarsman's hangout and I have many interesting exhibits and voluminous files on College and Club rowing. I am sending your letter and clippings for Henry Penn Burke to read, he will be interested as he is in all efforts to promote the sport.

Last night I ran the 67th annual dinner of the Nereid Boat Club of Belleville Nj on the Passaic - my own Club. I have been an active mem-

-ber for 43 years and Chairman of the Board for many years. At that there are three members who have been active longer than I have and we have many schoolboys on our rowing roster. We row mostly sculls but have a 4 Gig - a new 4 Shell which our Captain built and launched a few weeks ago and this boat has already won a race in the Harlem Decoration Day Regatta '42. We send quite a few of our boys to the Colleges instead of getting them from the Colleges. At present we have one at Princeton who was in the winning WRIGHT CUP 150# CREW this year several at Rutgers, one at Dartmouth and one at Columbia. we expect to enter a good many crews at Phile on July 4th and later hope to have one or two in the National July 18-19- we had a school boy crew from the Belleville High School - boated and taught at our Club in the 2nd Eights at Phile May 23 Schoolboy Regatta and two years ago won the Sr Singles in that Regatta with the boy now in Princeton.

Last night we showed some good movies of our own crews. Some of our members are real old timers and some just kids but we all get along all right and have had meetings with dinners monthly for many many years at the Club. We are particular about the character of our members but not snooty, don't take men because of their ability only but had most success in developing our own. Do our own work and have only amateur coaches of our own teaching- of the latter all were taught by yourstruly and are now passing it on and most of them know much more than I ever did- Well here I go on and on again.

Good luck to your endeavors and hope to see you some time soon.

Cordially

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