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COLLEGE OF AGRICULTURE
AGRICULTURAL EXPERIMENT STATION

OFFICE OF THE DEAN AND ASSISTANT DIRECTOR
BERKELEY 4, CALIFORNIA

March 24, 1964

Dear Wilt:

I'm just wondering what you are up to and whether Hugh was down there with you or not at the present time, and how you are coming on the growing of plums and peaches at your high altitudes, along with avocados.

Last month we had the roundup in San Andreas Canyon back of Palm Springs--annual affair of the agricultural group and former president Bob Sproul. This group, as you'll recall, was started by Dr. George Clements, of the Los Angeles Chamber of Commerce, to keep Bob Sproul's feet on the ground, agriculturally speaking, after he became president back in 1928. You would enjoy that gang thoroughly--you know so many of them, though there are new faces and a good many of the old-timers have dropped out.

I went down a day early and spent it with Al Thille at Santa Paula and Santa Barbara. We went up to Sam Moser's orchid place above Goleta, as I wanted to pick up some pointers on cymbidium growing, since I had a sizable shipment of plants from Sam two or three years ago.

I took Al down a pair of book ends made from those sections of the old parent Fuerte tree that you and I got down there in 1942 after the Pan American Agricultural Congress. I'd been wanting to do something extra nice for Al. Allen Blaisdell, son of your Pomona prexy, who was long head of International House here, but now retired, made them for me. He works with wood as a hobby and I gave him a lot of Bangkok teak. I was surprised how hard the avocado wood had become and what a fine polish it took. It makes an unusual pair of book ends, the only one of its kind there is, and of course the tree is long since gone.

I have just returned from Western Samoa where I spent a week at the first meeting of the Rhinoceros Beetle Control Board. I represented the United States on that administrative board and was elected chairman. We are setting up the lab in Apia. Funds come jointly from the U.N. Special Fund and the five governments concerned. We have a million dollars for a

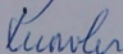
five-year program. I stopped over a couple of days in Honolulu going and coming to go over the project with Cyril Pemberton, the long-time top entomologist of the Hawaiian sugar planters' experiment station, and consultant to the Commission. I also saw Howry Warner.

Al Thille and I dropped in on Nancy and Bob and their little family in Santa Barbara and had a good visit with them. Bob is looking around for another job and has been asked to come up to Livermore to the radiation lab for an interview. That would be a fine location for us, for it would be very handy.

You'd better come up to Washington the end of April, when we dedicate the new research building at the National Arboretum. We have a very fine structure there and we'll have quite an occasion. It is time you showed up anyway.

With best wishes from both of us.

Cordially,



Knowles A. Ryerson
Dean Emeritus

KAR:cg

Dr. Wilson Popenoe
Calle de la Nobleza No. 2
Antigua, Guatemala

*P.S. This was the letter I drafted Feb 26 -
and had to re-write when it was typed this
week! -K*

Dearest Wilson,

I am so glad to hear that your health is improving and that you are enjoying life again. The only trouble is that I don't hear nearly often enough from you. Now that Marion and Dick are back in the area you should plan a visit to this part of the world. We would all love to see you. I hear you are thinking of Spain again but Washington isn't nearly so far away.

[Dec. 1964?]

Season's
Greetings
and best wishes
for the
New Year

I am going to Quantico this afternoon and am looking forward to a visit with Marion, Dick and the two little ones. Gertrude is there on her way to Florida where you will

probably he selling her,
Take care of yourself.
Love

Edith

Just came from Marionie.
They are all well and happy
to have the recent letters
from you. See you are not
going to Spain and I think
it a splendid idea to visit
family - how about for Xmas?

Gertrude got and showing
her age - as arent we all?
Excited about her house in
Florida - about her artwork -
about her two dogs and
it is as difficult as ever
to get a word in edgewise.

We are pleased to hear
that Ed has a job and it
was my opinion also that
Sal could not control the
children and Ed did it
easily and well.

Hallmark Love

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Berkeley, California
September 9, 1964

Dear Wilt,

By now you should have gotten a letter from Claron Hesse about the Santa Rosa plum problem, I ran into him in the hall at Wickson Hall (yes! the campaign to name the hor~~re~~ bldg for the good old Dean went through) and Claron said he had dictated a reply to you, so it ~~msst~~ must have arrived by now. I was to receive a copy but the Labor Day holiday probably have delayed the mails. ~~Ахха~~ Anyway I hope the dope arrives in time for ~~your~~ your paper I wish I could be joining you in going down to the Caracas sessions.

Emma and I chatted with Sally over the phone night before last, Hughie had a great time which we were sure he would, we hope to get up to the lake now the warm weather is about over and the summer tourists have left the lake, and it wont be too hot for Emma crossing the Sacramento valley. We also had a letter from Nancy from their new home in Texas, we had hoped they would remain in Kalifornia, and they seemed tentatively aiming for La Habra Hts, our old avocado country. Texas Instruments seem~~s~~ to be an up and coming company, and Bob will meke good, anywyere.

Things must seem a bit quite around Casa de la Nobleza ~~Nov. 2~~ about now with all the youngsters gone , but it must have been fun to have them around. Zamarano will be fun again with all the youngs chaps to kid along and keep busy.

You had better come to Washn early in November and be at the Club when I come east for the arboretum council Nov. 9 and 10. We could round up the old ~~third~~ Monday of the Month gang, have some good sessans with Johnnie Graf and the old gang-- what's left of 'em. I hope to stop off and see Ben Morrison on the way, we called him up night before last and had a chat, its always good to talk with him, but I wish ~~w~~ could get him out here for a visit.

Al Thille will be up next week and Mary will come with him. We all go to an appreciation banquet for Jim Corley, V.P. for Business Affaires of the University, and one of our old San Andreas Canyon gang, Jim is retiring from the University. The next day ~~w~~ will go up to Davis for a meeting of our advisory committee of the the Davis Arboretum.

I did a little August budding of some Hachiya trees , and I have some good grafts growing from last winter, also just planted out a fine collecion of dwarf azaleas from the Nat. Arboretum. Its cool we have had no real summer this year, much fog such as today, and cool. Emma joins me in sending our love and best wishes, and wrap herself around some of those good tortillas at Zamarano for me, they beat these "cornmeal pancakes" all hallow that they call tortillas here. Comme toujours

Kimber

Berkeley, California
August 25, 1965

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15 Arl Monte Dr

Dear Wilt,

It was good to get your letter and have an idea of your activities. We have tried to reach Sal by phone but that is a hard line to get with all the summer tourists and the teen agers phoning for we get a busy signal, finally tonight as I was about to write in desperation we got a call through and while she sounded very bouyant, she said she had been bed most of the past 18 days, she had quite a cough, and said she was smoking a good deal and that might account for it. I dont like that situation but feel so helpless in it. I really think it is time you came up here and work it out with the Halleys, perhaps with Paul's help, and see if some sort of separation cant be brought about, Sal herself backed out once before didnt she? Seems to me Nancy told me about it in Santa Barbara, I'm not sure. At this stage I dont see just where I could fit in but want to help in anyway we can. Do consider coming up yourself.

Wilt
About the Cosmos Club for Hugh I am ready to go anytime and will get the forms if I havnt one around here, and will be glad to join in with Dr. York. I will need a full biography and wils Hugh, and he shouldnt be bashful, a list of publication and copies or reprints. We can get letters from Harrar, and his folk that know about his work down there, I can cover his college and Bangkok experiences. You will know who to ask for letters familiar with his work in Central America, send it on to me and I will write them Wayne Reitz can be of real help, and the letters dont have to come from members of the Club only but from those in his field in a position to judge his original research work. When we spoke of putting him up a couple of years ago he either wrote me or told you that he thought he ought to have a little more research work back of him, though I thought he was ready to qualify then. We should go ahead with it, so I will write Dr. York and Hugh, and get things rolling before I go down to Western Samoa next week for a meeting of the rhinosceros beetle operations board, I will be down here a week, then back to Hawaii for ten days to work as a member of a committee to recommend amongst the several sites being offered for the tropical botanic garden being organized out there. The Chm of the Comm. is Henry Skinner, Director of the National Arboretu, Reynolds of the Edinburgh Botanic Garden and myself are the other two. This will be a lot of fun. I will be back here on the 23rd. of Sept. I will see Hoary on the way out and back. Albert Thille had hoped to go down with me but is kept at home because of labor troubles with the walnut harvest due, lemons and avocados being picked all summer, and his brother Nick's wife died earlier in the summer and he is helping there also.

I will be back in Washn the week of Nov 7 for the annual fall meeting of the arboretum board and I can work on Hugh's application then also.

I wish I could have been on your trip through the highlands with you and see those temperate zone fruits. It is time you came up and reported. Love from us both

As ever,

W. C. C. [Ryerson]

AIR MAIL

Washington Nov 4-1965

Dear Walt,

I'm heading for the big weekend for a week - national addressing and So Pac. Comm. affairs, then as my return I'll stop off in Dallas for a week and with Nancy and her family. Please be least what a tough deal - but we have to take the cards as they fall and she is a gallant girl. I tried to reach Sally on the phone yesterday but no luck, she was out. Emma talked with her in the plane last night before last. I was up at 5 a.m. for the breakfast Century Club. Emma was still suffering from a bad cold and had a hard time talking. We dropped in to see Sally a couple of weeks ago and would have gone last week except for both our colds - I lost my voice.

Next week on the 11th we see favorite surgeon and Doctor Bill Lane is going down to Guatemala. I didn't get the details or lunch yesterday at Rotary. I don't know whether it is vacating or a medical meeting but I presume he will be visiting Antigua, and if he does by all means to visit your Casa and ask for you & he and his wife or five kids - he is a top surgeon that's operated on both of us & Emma had a 6 hour job two large non-malignant tumors - hernia for me. They have a blind son who has been attending days - they don't come finer. I hope you meet them or him - I don't know whether she will be going down but hope so.

I'm going back early to whip together a new research report for the Arboretum, and do some touches on the Hawaiian Bolander Garden report

UNITED THE EXTRA CARE AIRLINE

I wish you could drop in. I'm waiting
for Hugh to return and send me copies
of his publications or mss. for use of the
Admission Committee - also to send me a list
of Club members that he knows so I can write
for letters - we heard the publications first, so
Dr. York and I can complete the communications
then the letters can follow.
Time for one of those low caloric airlines
dinners. Best wishes -
Carmie to you
Shawles

In flight...



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AMERICAN AIRLINES

Nov. 14 - 1961

Dear Walt,

I've had a grand week end with Nancy and her grand little family - they brought me to the airport and I could see them waiting as I took off. What a brave and gallant lass she is someone very special and very precious. We've had a lot of fun together watching Boston Launch rockets (3), played football, looked over Marion's various school lessons, taking Marion & her ballet lessons - and having a grand time around the table meal times. Now I wish they were closer by so we could see us often and have them over and go to the circus. Perhaps Helen on the one corner but we talked it over, what was best for the children's schooling and all the things that must be considered. There is no rush and there are some immediate things that must be taken care of just now. Well hope something will work out.

They will probably go back to Edith for Christmas, she is arguing it and so are we. Xmas for Dallas would be especially hard - and back there they would be with Edith, see Marion and her family and it would be easy for you and Hugh to come up - and you ought to, you'll have a grand time, and alone in Antigua would be very thrilling and you and Hugh would add much to Nancy's happiness and peace of mind - do plan on it. I hope Dr. Kaiser got to Antigua and that you had a chance to meet him like an old friend of mine.

We are now over our war taxes - what an unlimited amount of dry territory there still is - but California is good enough for me.

We had a good arborvitae session. We learned of Dr. James passing this. What a great figure he was in American horticulture and what a grand friend - what a lucky to have known him.

AIR MAIL • CORREO AEREO

Norman

KNOWLES A. RYERSON
15 ARLMONTE DRIVE
BERKELEY 7, CALIFORNIA

November 29, 1965

Dear Wilt,

I hope that you had a good time with the Pt. IV boys on Thanksgiving, we had a Malaya student from Sarawak for dinner, nice chap. We were tied up before we knew that Sally would still be at the Clinic, and didnt want to complicate things for her by having her over with a stranger, so we brought her over on Tuesday for lunch over here, and a good visit by the fire. We had planned to take her up to Davis for the day but her doctor thought it might be too much and he didnt want her to get tired before her flight down to Paul's on Friday, so we had her over here and had a grand time, she was very much her old self laughing and kidding, she ~~and~~ I always did have a good time at that, bless her soul. Then last evening I called down and had a good chat with Paul and a visit with Sal, she was gay and enjoying shopping with Betty for Xmas for the kids. I have my fingers crossed, but hope that the doctor is right that a return up there will be better than a divorce action which could be pretty bitter, for Paul would fight for the kids and we would be right in there pitching against Ed and his family, and I think we could make quite a case against him. Ed has gotten another job at a ski supply outfit, has been down to see Paul as you know and has had a couple of talks with the doctor and Sal. It is recommended that Sal start a bit of volunteer work in the local school with kindergarten, and see how it goes and later perhaps complete requirements for a kindergarten or primary teaching credential. I have gotten her transcript here to see what she has had, and will have it checked with the schools of education to see just what she would need to complete requirements, it may be worth doing later on and give her a feeling of more independence, - and an anchor to windward in case things dont work out with Ed. The doctor told me he thought it would be a rougher deal for her just now to have divorce proceedings, than to have another try, after so many years with Ed and the ~~ix~~ kids. He and Paul are better judges than I, and we will help all we can. She goes back to the lake three weeks from ~~xxxx~~ yesterday, Sunday the 18th. We will call again a time or two before she returns.

We also called Nancy on Thanksgiving morning, knowing that that would be a hard day for her. neighbors have invited them over for dinner, as I was sure they would, I met many of them and they were so friendly.

We are counting on Nancy going to Washn and with your Xmas present in mind will continue to urge her, for Xmas this year will be especially tough for them. You get after Hugh and urge him to go to Washn also for he hasnt been there for a long time, and Nancy and her brood would love to see him. Sally said last night that she had had a long phone visit with Hugh who was back in Florida now, so you may have seen him

on his way north, and urge him to get me reprints or even Mss, that I can send on to the Admissions Committee for the Cosmos Club, I am holding up completely the application until this material can go in with it, publications and mss will be returned after the Committee has given them the once over.

Chuck was somewhere between Tahiti and Panama when I was back there, bringing back that boat he and Helen were on in the Caribbean, - how he could leave his nice wife and that new baby is beyond me, for there are plenty of risks involved and it is a long anxious wait for Helen, - but Chuck was always an independent chap, but I dont agree with him on this roaming business, he has had some vagabonding in the Caribbean already, more than most chaps many years older, but folks have to live their own lives. I dont know whether he will make it home for Xmas or not, he is supposed to, and I would think his lab would not want a longer absence, he is sufficiently brilliant that apparently they are glad to have him and give him leave to do this sort of thing, - you and I couldnt get away with it, even with the USDA or fruit co.!

I think it would be fine for some sort of a scholarship in line with HEW's corn and related work down there, I was interested that he had started something with you. I believe I told you that at the time of my retirement I had a nice note from him and a check for \$50 for the Foreign Student Scholarship set up in my name at that time. Jim and Helen LeCron had been at my retirement dinner and had written him about it. All three of them are gone now, Jim was a grand soul and we had lots of fun over the years. HEW was certainly an odd and complicated chap, that whole Roerich deal is still fantastic to think about. Life has certainly been far from dull for any of us, and that is about all you can ask of it.

I am glad that Bill Kaiser was able to meet you, I expect he is back by now and I will see him at Rotary day after tomorrow, and will hear about his visit, they dont come finer, he has certainly helped to keep us both patched up over the years, a mighty talented surgeon, and grand friend.

I will probably go down for a day with Albert Thilée and Bob Hodgson in a couple of weeks, for we want to visit Huntington gardens and see Bill Hertrich, also have lunch with Aubrey Armstrong, and probably take in the Descanso Gardens, and Al and I will probably visit Sam Mosher's place in Goleta.

We will probably have Xmas at home, I dont like to be away on that day for I have so many times been overseas and I enjoy the Xmas holidays at home, and fixing up the tree and house. I hope you may get up to Gainesville while Hugh is there and then have a week with Nancy later, - Barton will have some more rockets to launch, Katie will be ready for touch football (take along some Sloan's liniment for internal as well as external use!) and Marian will have some lessons for you to check- what a grand bunch they are, and how lucky to have Nancy for a mother she is a wonder. Affectionately from us both

Keener



TOKYO HILTON

NAGATA-CHO 2-57, CHIYODA-KU, TOKYO

CABLES: HILTELS TOKYO TEL: 581-4511

Tokyo -
Sunday May 15 - 1966

Dear Walt, you should be getting back about now and you must have had a grand time in Spain. I'd certainly like to see that country again and maybe sometime I can. Just you on in with a couple of Davis faculty, to Bangkok to look over my old institution there with an eye toward helping them expand into a general campus such as is happening at Iowa, adding a College of Engineering, a College of Science and Arts, expanding the agricultural extensions service, teachers and extension ~~the~~ work training. It will be an interesting assignment and I hope something comes of it.

We are looking forward to you coming out this summer, it will help a good deal in getting Sally settled away from Tahoe. I agree with Paul that she should not be up at Hunter Pass or over Sebastopol as was the latest of Ed's ideas. She will be as isolated as before except we could get over to her more often - with Nancy in the bay area, Sally should be close by a day, Nancy and Emma and I could keep in close touch, and Paul says Pat is also in S.F. Sally called the day before I left as I had urged her to do if she ever needed any help, and she said your check about arrived from Spain and she was close to when she needed a little to ~~take~~ take her over, with the groceries - and said \$50.00 would be enough and I got it off air mail. - I'd have sent more than she asked for to borrow but Ed would be moving it. She left me earlier when I returned from the east that Ed was paying his way in S.F., - but I think this is a bit more of Sally's faint hope - We'd got to get Sally located where she has a chance to still build back before it's too late. I had a good visit with Nancy and the youngsters are



T O K Y O H I L T O N

NAGATA-CHO 2-57, CHIYODA-KU, TOKYO

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my way back from Washington and talked over plans for her coming west. She said one of Bob's brothers plans to drive out with her and I was much relieved for it would be a rigged trip for her alone with the youngsters. I toyed with the idea to fly back myself and drive out with them, but I have commitments when I return from this trip the middle of June but will be on hand for her arrival. She plans to accept the home of friends in Palo Alto who will be in Europe in July and August. That will give plenty of time to look around and perhaps she might want to rent for a year before buying a place. She is a mighty gallant girl, she takes her tragedy with level chin, grateful for what life has given her in happy years, when so many have it so much tougher. She is wonderful company, and Emma feels so close to her because of the vacations she spent at Davis when Emma was alone, - I was in the Pacific.

I received an invitation to the symposium to be held in your honor in late November, and ~~was~~ was asked to present a paper on the history of plant introduction, which I'll enjoy doing. There was an offer of some help in travel expenses which I could be glad to accept for you. Can't do much traveling on these retirement salaries with some transportation help and tortillas down at Samarau. I'd be well fixed. I think it's grand they are putting this on for you and it should be a grand party.

I go down to Samoa in late July for a week and hope to have Al Hult with me, maybe we could get him to come down to Samarau. Hal and his wife were up from Mexico when I was in Wash - he is leaving Center Lab. His son will be a fisherman at Samarau next fall. Don't tell anyone.

Kumle

Gainesville, 4 June 1966

Dear Emma: *(Ryerson)*

If I recall correctly, I last wrote just before receiving Knowles' letter from Tokio. In a couple of days I am leaving for Quantico, to see Marion and her family. Then to Washington for three days to get some money to buy a house for Sally, then to Boston for the meeting of the Board of Trustees of EAP, then on the 17th I have a ticket to fly TWA to San Francisco, where Jim Kempton says he will meet me and take me to their apartment, 2110 Jackson street, for a couple of days until I can get lined up for the job of house-hunting for Sal.

Not knowing just when Knowles will be back, I send this to you, asking that you will show it to him as soon as he arrives. I will of course call you as soon as I get to SF to learn of Knowles' plans. Incidentally, I am enclosing my check for \$50, the money that Knowles had to lend Sal to buy hamburgers and ice cream for the kids when she ran out of money while I was in Spain. It was mighty good of him to take care of this. Sal did not know that Paul had returned or she would have called him for it. No use calling Ed, of course.

I have talked with Nancy over the phone, and she says her departure for the Coast will be delayed a bit; she now expects to leave Dallas about the 13th, driven by one of Bob's nephews. He will drive her around California until they find a place where she thinks they would like to settle. She thinks favorably of the Monterey Bay area - most probably Sta Cruz, but will not make a decision until they have looked things over. Now this means that we cannot buy a place for Sal until we know where Nancy will go. Paul and I agree that Nancy and Sally should be close together but not too close. An hour or two apart by car, let us say. Nancy is going to have her hands full; the children are a job, not to mention housekeeping. Guitar lessons, ballet lessons, girl scouts and all that sort of thing. Sally must not be so close that her 4 can be sunning in to Nancy's house every day after school and all day Saturdays and Sundays. Ed Halley has thought of Mill Valley in Marin Co. and this might not be a bad idea. They will have to be near primary schools, a high school and a supermarket, but I suppose they have all these in Mill Valley. Sally probably will not be able to have a car; with her Langley Porter history I doubt that she can get a driving license, nor do I feel sure that I would want to risk it anyway. Jim Kempton suggests that I do a bit of shopping around before Nancy gets there and has made her choice, and I think this is a good idea.

I have talked with Sal a couple of times and she seems very happy about the idea of a move. She has talked of Santa Cruz, but we can't put her there if Nancy decides on that region. I don't know Mill Valley at all but am going to look it over right away. Everyone seems to think that it will be too expensive on the peninsula.

I strongly suspect that when I get Sal a house and am paying all expenses, Ed will spend most of his time there. I have no faith in his ever sticking to a job anywhere, and supporting his family even if they have a house rent free. But I don't think he wants to live with Sal all the time; I believe the present arrangements suits him perfectly, tho I don't know who is paying his bills. Maybe they aren't paid. Maybe his father is taking care of him. What a mess it all is, but we must save precious little Sal and I begin to believe we can do it.

KNOWLES A. RYERSON

15 ARLMONTE DRIVE

BERKELEY 7, CALIFORNIA December 9, 1966

Dear Wilt,

This is a hurried line to follow up the radio ~~sent~~ night letter this afternoon, for the mails are getting foxwled up with Xmas mail, and it may take longer to get down than we count on. *on the pump*

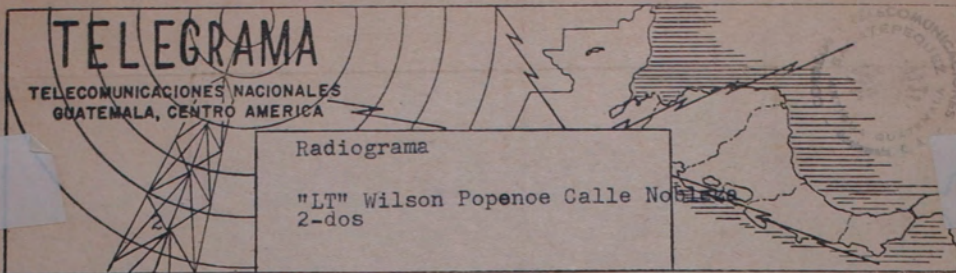
I talked with the attorney this morning and told her you would be coming on for the holidays and she was very relieved for she is most anxious to talk with you. Things are moving along but there are matters that only you can handle, and this is a crucial period for Sal. It is a must,

I called up Nancy when I got back day before yesterday before contacting the attorney or talking with Sally. Annie had to have glasses, and the optomitrist heard Sally coughing in the waiting room and told her she must see a doctor which she did. The doc scared here about smoking, X-rayed her lungs, found no evidence of lung cancer, Sal promptly swore off smoking and says "never again", this is all to th good. She also has a good colored woman for some help during the week which takes the pressure off, a bit. Nancy also told me that Hugh had invited the Halleys up for Xmas but that the doctor had to be on duty at the hospital that day and that it had been suggested that they all come down and have the day with Mrs. Halley. This would be most unfortunate for Sal, for Ed already leaves her depressed whenever he comes, and an Xmas down there would be very wrong. When I called up Sal to tell her you would be coming for Xmas, she was most happy. She didnt mention any tentative plans for going to Stockton, and I didnt let on that I knew anything at all, it is best that way. We are going ahead with plans otherwise. If the weather holds I will try to take the kids up to Larry Taylor's ranch to cut Xmas trees for each of them and for us here at home, and plan some sort of three-way celebration which may have to be taken in stages for it will be hard to round up the whole gang at one place, that wont be hard to solve. I havnt called Paul for I know how he feels as I told you down there, he and Nancy agree that this is the time you should be on hand to see Sally over the hump, with your help I am sure the attorney will be able to work it out.

I know how much ~~th~~ you and Hugh would enjoy the trip to Ecuador and the holidays with Gallo Plaza, it is a rare bid, but Nancy and we feel strongly that if we dont get Sally over the hump now, and if she should slip back to the clinic, she would never make the try again. When we consider ~~wz~~ all that she has gone through, only some one with something extra special in character, determination would have come out ~~xx~~ at all. She has had it, she deserves something better in the years ahead.

Let us know your arrival plans, the helicopter lands in San Rafael only 10 minutes by cab from Mill Valley. I can also put you up at the Bohemian Club for what time you might want to be in the city. You can go to Pasadena for New Years and the big parade, with Paul, ~~Hastily~~ *next sheet*

No too push her on a shorter stay by 12:30 - 20 - 30 etc.



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Berkeley Calif., 10 Dic-66.

Attorney most anxious to see you is glad you are coming for holiday
all here agree with attorney your presence vital at this stage s
you wont regret letter follows copy gainesville .

Knowles.

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15 ARLMONTE DRIVE
BERKELEY 7, CALIFORNIA

I wont take time to comment on the grand week that had at Zamarano and Lancetilla, but I am still reliving it and I am sure that Al is too. It was a grand occasion and the ceremonies were the best part of it. I hope my pictures turn out alright, and I may get them back this afternoon. We will talk it all over again when you come and there ought to be some good slides to show you, only I wont have a sound track, but we must get a copy of the tape recording for Nancy and Sal.

We had a two hour delay at the airport and they had to bring in a DC4 to take us to Guatemala from Salvador. We met Mrs De Sola at the Guatemala airport looking for you on our plane. We didnt try to go to Antigua as it was three oclock before we got in, but we might as well have tried for we had to wait for a Panaman plane for connection and didnt get away until about an hour late from Guatemala. Al dropped off at L.A. and I arrived in S.F. about 1 A.M. and arrived home by the first helicopter the next morning.

I will be talking with Al tonight by phone probably, he thoroughly enjoyed the week very much. Chico was very appreciateive of his coming and his interest in the school.

Must skip to the Post Office and hope that ~~xxx~~ this gets in the morning's plane for Guatemala, it is almost too much to expect but we will try, and in the meantime you will have my radio. Emma sends her love and is looking forward to your return.

Comme toujours

Copy to Jacques
Don't know whether you are stopping in Miami
or going straight back

Mrs. C. H. Popenoe
9502 Thornhill Road
Silver Spring, Maryland

Jan 15, 1967

Dear Wilson

I love the brown material. In fact, it goes much better in my room than the black but I had thought of black because it can be used with anything. The brown, however, picks up the brown in the rug and contrasts beautifully with the gold and soft green so I would love to have you get it for me. If I had realized that it could have been found in brown, it is what I would have asked for. I would like to have the 12 yards but I hate to have you pay for it. I do appreciate your wanting to do it, however.

I was sorry to have missed talking to you when I called on Christmas day. Knowles called back around 12:00 that night so I had a good picture of the situation at Sal's as well as of the wonderful visit you were having with Nancy. I called Nancy again on her birthday and you certainly have a right to be proud of that girl. She is such a mature person and so capable and is doing such a wonderful job with her children. I have had letters from Nancy and the three children thanking me for their presents and telling me about school etc. It is always such a joy to hear from them.

I was pleased to get a note from Ann thanking me for their presents and signed by the other children as well as by Sally. She is the best correspondent in that family. It is hard for me to keep writing Sal as she never responds. I think you probably did the right thing to call off the divorce for Sally in her confused state of mind would probably never have forgiven you and have blamed you completely if it had gone through. I can't see what is to be gained by continuing the strange relationship with Ed contributing nothing financially and living with another woman but I guess Sally is the one that will have to see that nothing is being gained. I worry more about the children than I do about Sally for I am sure they are going to have many scars resulting from the situation that will handicap them all of their lives. How can they live with two parents both emotionally disturbed and really get to know that the behavior they live with is not normal behavior? I work with so many similar situations and I feel the children are trapped in a situation that has no answer. I certainly think you are doing all that can be done to support them and I just hope you don't run your capital too low. Neither Nancy nor Marion are going to need your help and Sal is the one who should have it.

Marion, Dick and family were over the day after Christmas. She is as pretty as ever and all the family were well and happy. Dorothy is almost as tall as her mother and both children are very bright, talented youngsters. I believe I wrote you this in my Christmas card note which was returned "address unknown" from Nancy's address in Calif. You may have received it by this time as I sent it to Gainesville.

Dad is doing amazingly well for his 89 years and is still spending the day at the nursing home. I am thinking of sending him to Miami to spend 2 or 3 weeks with my brother so that I can go to Denver to see your namesake and my new grandson. Chuck and Helen are thinking of driving out and I may decide to go with them. I will undoubtedly end up baby sitting with the three grandchildren while they ski but nothing would suit me better.

The job keeps me busy and I still get a lot of satisfaction from it. I recently received an unexpected promotion with an increase in salary which pleased me. When I see how much goes to Uncle Sam for things in which I do not believe, I get sick, however, but there is nothing I can do about it but pay and pay.

Thank you again for sending me the samples of material and I will be delighted to have you get the brown material.

Much love as always

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KNOWLES A. RYERSON
15 ARLMONTE DRIVE
BERKELEY 7, CALIFORNIA

Martinez Cal
Feb 14-1967

Dear Walt,
I'm sitting in my car over here in the county seat waiting for 10 o'clock court session to begin. I'm on my second week of jury duty, and I hope we finish this case this week as Emma and I had planned to start south west Kresley for a week or two days. It is the time of our annual San Andreas canyon round-up down for the desert, a bonny started by dear old Doc Clements 30 years ago to advise Bob Sprout on Constitutional matters when he became pres. you would know many of them - Scelby, W. Padden, Ragsdale Ryan, Art Christie, Howard Miller, Paul Armstrong, Frank Belcher, Albert Hulke - We have lost Bob, Halpaine and Bill Teske this past year. It's always a grand session. Bob Sprout will be coming down from here. If you were here we'd get you down. Our session will be the week-end of the 25th-26th so there is plenty of time to finish here and get back.

The drizzle this morning, a light night rain, then north wind, left the skies perfectly clear and blue, the bay like a mirror, very scene in your front yard. Instead of the thick fog I've been commuting through for a week, it was a light gray drizzle through the countryside, winding up many valleys soft green hills with cattle and sheep grazing, and the air almost clear. Spring in California at its best. I wish you had been along; it would have done your heart good.

Yesterday Emma and I dropped over to see Sally and the youngsters and leave some valentines - It is the first time we had been over since Hugh was here.

Evening. I didn't get very far at Martinez before it was time to go to the jury box and it has been a long day. It is more fatiguing than a hard physical work, for you have to keep close attention between witnesses, lawyers, and the judge, but it is interesting.

Sally was in a very communicative mood ^{when we dropped in} yesterday and also in a discouraged one, for Ed has been acting true to his old form, breaking his promises to you to help her and make it easier for her, she is resenting it, and says she is getting tired of being pushed around, yet she won't do the one thing and that is break with him. She talked with his brother on the phone Sunday and he asked "Sally why don't you leave him, why do you put up with it"? Ed is trying to tell her what she can and can't do, telling her she can't go to church, nor let the kids go to Sunday School - he forbids it!! She planned a barbecue dinner, got a fine steak, flowers

for the table, all planned some time in advance, and she was happy about it all, then he suddenly appeared shortly after breakfast, said he would have to eat two hours early, and get to a meeting with his boss and ordered her around. She repeated several times that she just wasn't up to coping with all the problems, for she was so dog-tired, and was nearing the end of her rope. She has made real progress since Xmas, sticking to her non-smoking, non-drinking (I think) the place looks neater and the kids better behaved, when Hugh was there for dinner, the kids all helped at the table, were neat as to clothes and hair cuts and it was all a happy experience. Emma and I were there to visit with them while Hugh ~~was~~ before going to the air port. Sally has been trying very hard, and was fairly well adjusted to the situation as you left it, but Ed just can't be anything but what he has always been. He says man is only an animal there is nothing in religion but a farce, claims he is an atheist, but he hasn't gotten enough brains to ever become an atheist, that takes some brains, I don't happen to agree with it, but I respect that point of view. Ed is really a mentally retarded juvenile, clever only at find ways and means of escaping reality and responsibility. Sally remarked that there is nothing crooked or dishonest that he won't do to get out of any situation, but she feels that divorce isn't the answer, that she ought to find some other solution that it is a challenge. She says she won't take all the responsibility for the mistakes, that she has made her share but not all of them, ~~what~~ is progress, for she admits that Ed has failed at everything and is crooked about it all-- but she still won't give him the boot. She ~~says~~ says that the kids and especially Hugh are beginning to ask questions about him and his behavior, and I told her I have been expecting this and that more will follow, it can't be covered up. At the moment she needs to be assured that she isn't alone and we are trying to help her in this. Hugh's visit was a great boost as was yours, she mentioned several times her closeness to Hugh in their childhood. We took over a spray of orchids to her for a valentine, and she said they always remind her of you and how you taught her the Latin names of the orchids, how they grew, when she was little, and how she loved to recall those times. Hugh has promised to stop on his return and he can do her a lot of good. The rest of us will have to stand by as best we can, she has been doing all her own work and that has been fine, but perhaps she should go back to having a little help, but her dog-tiredness is more mental and spiritual- if you can use that term--than physical, but we must find some way to keep her on upward progress she was coming along very well.

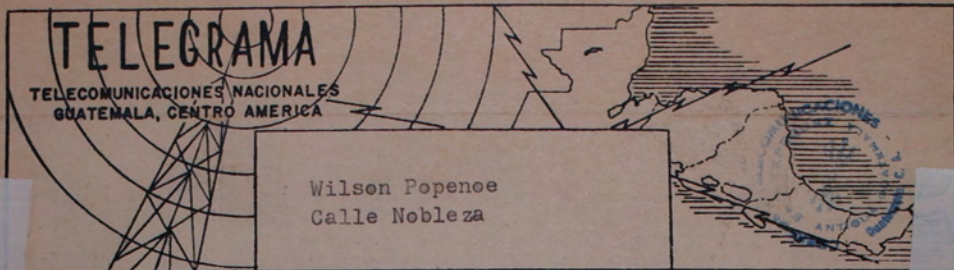
How different with Nancy. We went down last Saturday noon, picked her up, drove to S.F. for the Pomona "Day With the Faculty" an annual alumni round up, talks by the profs in the afternoon, a cocktail party-yessir- at a Pomona gathering, a banquet, and then a concert by the combined men and women's and glee clubs. Fine all the way through. The first alumni gathering that Nancy had attended in the almost twenty years since graduated. We went back to Menlo, stayed overnight at the motel, had breakfast with them, with Marian's popovers to start the day right, and a good visit with them

afterward, going over Marian's plan for her college curriculum-- they have to prepare a tentative plan four years in advance, - of course it wont be final, ~~but~~ gets them thinking in terms of interests. I took a couple of kites down for Barton, some ~~horses~~ for Katie, and a couple of Mexican cook books for Marian, the ones I got in Puebla when you and Helen and I visited there in 1942.. By the way what is the name of the patron saint of the kitchen? I have forgotten it, and I want to put up the tiles showing him, out in the patio where I have the ~~barbecue~~..I didnt leave that tile picture in Bavis.

The cymbidiums are bursting out, I put up the rest of the Lumite shade cloth yesterday in the service, as it was a court holiday, so I am all set for the summer with ~~e~~ the entire service yard covered, so I can divide the big clumps after blooming and have room for them. The crocus are out and the daffodils starting, also strelitzia blooms are out, we took a large bloom to Nancy, the flowering plums are out- pink and white, and there are many streets lined with them in Berkeley and many are in yards. The hills are wonderfully green, it is no time to be ~~ditting~~ inside in a jury box. Our drive south ought to be lovely going down the coast route, we ,will be gone about ten days, and will see Paul and Betty while there.

It is time to ~~hit~~ the hay for I ~~hve~~ to leave right after breakfast to make ~~Martinez~~ in time. This isnt a very cheerful letter, but I want to keep you posted, for somehow we have got to keep Sally from another round at the clinic, and I think it can be done, if she will only tell Ed to put up or shut up and keep out of the way. ~~Nancy~~ Emma joins me in sending our love and best wishes, you had better come up and ~~join~~ Hugh here and we can have a real joint celebration and go back to Davis and look the place over. Buenas noches,

Kumler



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Knowls

Antigua, 2 March 1967

Dear Pablo:

Radiogram has just come from Knowles advising that Sally has taken to drink again; that the situation is critical; and that you and Nancy and he feel that I must come out there as soon as possible, though he suggests waiting until Hugh comes back.

I might feel that we made a mistake in not pushing through the divorce, were it not for two facts: Ed obviously was not going to sign the papers, and Sally was on the verge of a breakdown when we called the deal off.

I just can't see what we should do. I am going up to Florida next week and will get in touch with both you and Knowles by phone as soon as I reach Gainesville, which will be several days before Hugh is due home - if he sticks to his original schedule and I believe he will. I should be in Gainesville on March 14 the meeting I have told you about, an obligation I must respect until developments at Mill Valley come thick and fast. I suppose if Sally is knocked out completely Ed will see that the children are cared for, some way or other. He must. And I believe we could make him do it.

No use going into any details now. It seems that when Sally gets away from the family, including Ed, and off the liquor (as at Langley Porter) she picks up every time, but it doesn't last, and that, I feel, is the real problem.

I have to send this letter, with copy to Knowles, by registered mail as all of us here have come to feel that it is the only safe way to mail letters in Antigua. It takes a day longer than by going to the airport but I don't feel that saving a day would help.

Ever yours,

Berkeley, California
March 24, 1967

Dear Wilt,

I'll match your Palm Sunday letter with one on ~~Good~~ Friday, - for it has been a good Friday here. After lunch we started Nancy and the youngsters back to Menlo Park after a grand visit. I wish you could have been with us these past three days. Nancy and the crew drove up Wednesday afternoon, and we started in on a real time, though that afternoon it was still cloudy and showery, we took in the campus, had dinner at the Faculty Club after driving down and giving the pier a once over with an eye to early morning fishing. After dinner back here and popcorn on the hearth. Yesterday morning bright and early with a 7:30 breakfast, at the Pancake House. then down to the pier for a breezy morning -- but no fish. Then at 11 back to the campus for a good chat with Arturo Torres-Rioseco, former head of the Spanish Dept now retired but still doing some teaching. You have met him, a fine old country Chilean, Nancy had had a summer course with him at Mills long ago. He knows the campus and the kinds of opportunities that might be open for part time work up here and was very optimistic about it in case Nancy wants to consider it later; she doesn't feel much at home in her present work at Stanford. After lunch we decided to go over and see Sally then, rather than today, it was her birthday and she had been alone as the kids were down at Stockton. We got a nice fancy birthday cake with "Happy Birthday" and pink roses on the top, brought some candles from home and with presents descended on Sally, and we had quite a gay time. We kept off anything controversial, though when I took out a partially filled beer glass from the front table to get ready for coffee and cake, she laughed and said I had caught her weakness, ~~but~~ when she got discouraged she just drowned her sorrow in alcohol. When we came in she laughed and said to me "After my last telephone call to you I thought you would cut me off your list and that I would never hear from you again", she recalled the nickname I used to call her when a rough and tumble tot "Monkeyshines". *It was heart twisting.*

After the visit we drove back and still had time for a tour of Tilden Park, just over the ridge, before sundown,, going the full length looking over the small farm, the ~~XXXXXX~~ riding stables, the lake for swimming and boating, tennis, archery, trout pond- the works, then back for a light snacks, up home for pop corn at the fireside again, and some good seeing through the Questar at the moon and Jupiter. This morning back to the pier where Barton caught two fish and Katie one, it was clear, brisk and delightful at the pier after the rain earlier in the week. Then we went to Hotel Shattuck for lunch, and started them on their way, -- a wonderful time with such a grand proxy family. I called late this afternoon to be sure they got back through the holiday traffic alright and Nancy had just talked with Sally and the barometer was way down again. Ed and the kids had come back, Sally had some trouble with Hugh, she struck him and he ran out and she didn't know where he was. Ed scolded her for hitting Hugh, and she said she felt like ending it all, there was no hope. So a happy day ended on a sad note and what can we do? I wish we knew, -- but I am afraid there is little at this stage.

Easter Sunday Well, this a good day to finish this as I did the other night. Carlos, my nephew, arrived from Stanford yesterday so there was no time then, as we had much to catch up on, and we watched the UCLA basket ball team win the National championship last night. I have just brought him back from mass as he had been raised in his mothers church, I waited outside enjoying Easter music of Time. So now I turn to

Friday
We called Edith ~~last~~ evening and caught her just before she took off for Denver to be with Pete and Anne and to see the new grandson so we brought her up to date and she will pass on word to Marian.

I agree with you that more effort should be made to keep in touch with the Halley's and keep their interest in the youngsters for they do have a responsibility and we just cant be sure what Sally will do, but we cant be very optimistic, especially if Dr. Fischer thinks they have done all they can for her. If she doesnt follow through on the medicine, - well we know what has happened this past three months, and she is much closer to the point of no return. We will just have to play it by ear and not try to urge her one way or another, for the doors have been close to slamming on you, Nancy and on me, -- and they still may at any time, it is part of the disease. This visit the other day was the first we had made since you were here and we have made no phone calls since then, it is better do . We keep in touch with Nancy, poor dear, she has to take so much, avoids frequent contacts, for Sally was on the point of closing the door there, anytime Nancy says we could be helpful in some way we will be on our way.

Miss Burch called to learn in there had been ~~any~~ further developments, and I outlined the situation as it stood, with out much hope. She wants us and you to come out for dinner next time you come up she wants to talk about Guatemala and central America for a future visit, she has never been out of the states.

Tell Hugh that the Regents ~~six~~ approved the proposed University tie-up with Kasetsart so that I will probably be going out there for two weeks to a month sometime during the year, depending how fast things move. It will be a challenging experience to get that University out on a new campus and expanded into a full fledged university, and to work with Xujati is always an exciting and lively matter. I will be much interested to learn of Hugh's general reaction to the educational problems in Viet Nam. We are thankful he wasnt on that plane with the nine educators who were lost three days ago. Why they take off in such vile weather is beyond me, it isnt that important, a few hours or even days is nothing compared to the loss of the men and the setback in plans. I am glad that he got some rest, but the long flights are tiring at best, pack him off to Antigua with you and then tell them on campus he has gone to Tierra del Fuego on an emergency and that there is radio silence down there for the next month, take along some good books, tell Maria to fatten him up, and the two of you give me weekly reports on the fruit and vegetable market in Antigua. Stay in the back apartment when the tourists visit the house, and have Maria .tell them that the 'dos profesores e doctores are "pas las" sont loind'ici, that ought to stop them.

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I am enclosing a copy of the first ten year report on the Saratoga Hort. Foundation of which I have been a Trustee for the last few years. We are having our trouble, for Van, our Director, has a bad heart, is retiring in May, we have no one lined up to take his place. Van built up the Santa Barbara Botanic Garden and its endowment the fifteen years he was there, has done a great job, as usual the nursery trade doesnt give any real support though they get the benefits almost exclusively, e it has been the history of that industry since Adam first began budding apple trees, and rooting fig and grape ~~sax~~ cuttings in the garden.

Carlos is going ~~sax~~ to work here all during his week's vacation to earn money for his junior year in Europe, I can keep him busy in the yard and basement, and I can work off those last two or three pounds, .dam'em, - I am almost there.

Emma joins me in sending our love and best wishes to you both and wish there could be a more hopeful outlook for Sally, if she doesnt want to, there seems no way to get her to leave alcohol alone. I hope for Botanic Garden when the future looks to bleak to cope with, poor darling, its so maddening, Comme toujours
Russell

Berkeley, California
April 14, 1967

Dear Wilt,

Word has come through from the Club that Hugh has been duly elected, so that is off the docket and it is mighty good to have him aboard, and I know he will enjoy it very much on his trips to Washn. I have written him that I will be there the last week of this lmonth going back on the 23rd for a meeting of the arboretum council, so if by any chance he will ,be up that way we could get together. I will also bein N.Y. the early part of June for a conference on the Pacific Tropical Botanic Garden but will probably not go by Washn on that trip.

Emma and I went down to Carmel to get the delayed rest the doc ordered for me in February, he cancelled our drive south again until I loafed a bit, but Carmel proved to be rainy and we headed back home stopping for a good visit with Nancy and the youngsters on the way back. Marian was in Sacramento with her class, but we dont expect any influence on the Governor and his tough stand on the University!!

We havnt been over to see Sally since her birthday when we took Nancy and the youngsters with us . We keepin touch through Nancy to avoid the appearance of too lmuch pressure, for Sally Knows our attitude toward Ed. He has lost what job he had , just after appearing at Sally's with a brand new foxy air-conditioned car, new clothes etc-- all necessary in his business he is back with his parents in Stockton at last reports I dont know whether he lost the car-- and shirts! Sally was furious at him for not showing up at a dinner she had fixed for him and invited one of his closest friends. Then when he came afterward with the new car etd she apparently blew up at him-- but still doesnt give him the gate, so there is nothing we can do at this stage.

It is still raining here, we were promised a clearing day by noon, the barometer is high- but that doesnt make any difference any more, we are at lease seven inches ahead of normal and the snow pack will more than fill needs for the summer and fill the reservoirs for the year. The ski-ers never had it so good, all neas going full blast with feet not inches of the white stuff.

I ran over the slides from Zamarano last evening and made slelections for some enlargements and will send them along when read, it takes a week or ten days to get that job done.

When will you be back in Gainesville? and werent you going to have a trip to Boston this spring? Any chance of it being around the end of this month when I am in Washn?

Remember me to Chico ~~whom~~ and his charming wife when you see them and to our friends at Zamarano. Albert Thille hopes to go to Samoa with me in July, better plan to come along, you dont know an atoll from a mud bank and it is time you got eddicated.



WASHINGTON, D. C.
20008

April 25 - 1967

Dear Will,

Back at the old stand - and what a happy surprise to run into Hugh and Dean York here at the Club at noon today, even for so short a visit, they had already had lunch, and I was having a session with Christenson of entomology who goes with me to Samoa on the rhino beetle project. It would have been great to have had an evening with him. I asked him to join us at dinner to see Edith, who was coming in but his plans left around six. I also had visited Frances McPherson the State Dept. Advisor on the Lobe Comm. whom Edith had wanted to meet and vice versa - Frances has a retarded son of 15, - from a head injury when a boy of five and is quite a problem.

I latched with Sally the night before I left Berkeley, she seemed in good spirits, said Ed has moved his base of operations to Stockton but in the same business (he is out of a job) and is too living with his folks. She said she hadn't called up lately as she was trying to hold down her telephone bills - and called mostly to Ed and to his folks - and that is alright with Nancy and us.

The cold here, the azaleas are a week to ten days late, so there wasn't much of a show at the gardens, but the dogwoods are lovely. I hope the rain is over by the time I get home we have had a soggy spring and are several inches above normal on rain fall, one of the wettest on record, much damage to crops - lots of brown rot coming up in orchards. It'll be in N.Y. June 7-8-9 on the Hawaiian Botanic Garden, when are you coming up? Best wishes, Kummer.

Berkeley, California,
May 4, 1967

Dear Wilt,

I have waited to answer your letter which was waiting here on my return from Washn in order to include any other developments that were shaping up in Sally's quarter. Today marked a definite turn in events for I went with Sally over to the District Attorney's office in San Rafael where she filed a complaint with that office regarding Ed's non-support so that they could start the ball rolling by citing him to appear for questioning on the charge. They now take over check his record, his auto ownership etc, present residence, work etc, he will have to come in for the questioning. This will take two or three weeks before the D.A.'s office will have a report on it. Miss Burch had recommended this action to Sally and she had acted on it, calling on me to go with her.// I was going to make the appointment, but Sal went ahead and arranged the appointment for this morning, she is determined this time to go through with bringing Ed to time on the matter of support. On the other hand the matter of divorce is out, she ~~xxx~~ told me and repeated it to the Asst D.A. that she was a catholic ~~x~~ and unalterably opposed to divorce. Ed had been telling Sa that he wanted a divorce to marry Melinda. Ed was to have been over to see Sally Sunday, but didnt come, but ,he called on the phone just as I was about to leave after bringing Sally back from the D.A.'s office. He said he was coming over after lunch. It is just as well he didnt come while I was there. This evening I called back to hear just what he was up to and whether or ,not Sal had weakened, he said he was going after a divorce and on the grounds of her mental condition and her drinking, and it could be a pretty nasty affair, that he was going to borrow money from his dad for an attorney etc. Sally didnt give an inch, told him that he was going to have to appear at the D.A.'s for questioning and that seem to worry him. I told Sal that this was his last bluff, that I didnt believe he would try for a divorce, nor that his dad would finance it if he did, and not to worry about it, it is now in the hands of the law and they arent readily charmed and soft soaped, if he wants to ~~xx~~ sue for a divorce we can give him a merry time in court. She is determined not to take any more guff from him-- if she only holds to it-- and ~~xx~~ at the moment she is a very determined person. If she will only quite the sherry as she did at Xmas, and showed she could-- and Nancy and I both have told her that that could give Ed a strong card he could use-- and render ~~any~~ help from us useless-- , and if she will stick to her medicine, we just might get somewhere. She is having some trouble with Pete, ~~xxxxxxxx~~ not much-- just beginning but Hughie has gotten in trouble for ~~shooting~~ his rifle in the city limits, she has taken it away from him. She needs some respite from them no matter what else happens.

Mrs. Halley came up and stayed with the youngsters while Sal spent the week end with Nancy, and said she would come up anytime to do it. Sally now would ~~xxxxxx~~ like to make it a regular and frequent matter and this worries Nancy for it was upsetting to ~~hear~~ her and her children, and confusing, and I told her by means get caught in that vise where her own time and that of her children would be subject to frequent interruption, strain and uncertainty and I am sure that can be worked out. Nancy has more than her share to carry now.

This afternoon I took Emma down to do some shopping in Oakland and while ~~xxxxxxxx~~ waiting I dropped over to Miss Burch's office on a chance she might be there or I could leave a message with her secretary about the developments, it would be better than phoning.

She was glad that the action had been taken at the D.A.'s office as she had advised Sally to do. She said she had written you so you know about her conversation with Sally. Emma and I havnt been out there to dinner, her invitation was for the next time you were out here that Emma and I and you would all come out together. She said she had written you that it wasnt necessary for you to come back here now, and Nancy and I agree at this stage there is nothing to be gained. We will have to wait and see what Ed tries, but I still think that hes taking his bluff on an empty hand and when he called on it he wont come through with any court action. We will see, - it is now a waiting game for awhile.

I came back to come down with a sore throat and cold picked up from some bug in Washn, but going to bed right away, gargling with warm salt water, swigging quarts of various juices and soups and sleeping, and taking an aspirin now and then has brought me around quickly.

We go down to Asilomar tomorrow for the annual World Affairs Council conference, mainly to meet old friends as this year the topic is Europe, and my direct interests are the South Pacific and Southeast Asia. Xujati Kambhu, Rector of Kasetsart U at Bangkok will be here and Davis ~~and~~ on the 19th to discuss the cooperative project that the regents have authorized, ~~and~~ set up a schedule. I will be going out there sometime this summer I expect, for three or four weeks.

How long will you be in the east? We have a three day session in N.Y. on the Pacific Tropical Botanic Garden in Hawaii June 7-9 I will be at the U of Kentucky with my old Davis "boy" now prexy there, the week end before and we will come up to N.Y together on the 5th as he has a speaking date up there. Any chance of your being in N.Y. that week, or will your time be spent all in Boston? The U. of Kentucky will have a team of up to 14 at the big new agricultural experiment station in N.E. Thailand, we will work closely with their team.

Time to turn in, am still a bit groggy from the cold and tire a bit easy. Send me your schedule.

Emma joins me in sending our love and best wishes,

Comme toujours,

Kumols

P.S. I am sending a copy of this to Edith and to Hugh to save time I need a half dozen secretaries to catch up with the pile on this desk!

Antigua, 10 May 1967

Dear Knowles:

Off again, on again, gone again, Finnegan! Looks like we are off again, sure enough. I believe Miss Burch is right in sending Sal to the District Attorney to lodge a complaint, but we all know there isn't a Chinaman's chance of Sal getting any support out of Ed. What is he going to support with? His car? I bet if it is not in the name of someone else, he hasn't put more than \$500 or so into it.

And as for his threat to sue for divorce, this is the same threat he made over a year ago, and his father was in on it. I think when Paul talked to Ed about the adultery business it sort of stymied him - Dr Halley didn't seem to take the same view of it; I seem to recall. I believe he said that Paul was "old fashioned" in his views or something like that.

Our main trouble is that we never can tell what will happen, on either side. I am glad to hear that Mrs Halley has again shown an interest in helping Salley and the children. The latter are going to become increasingly difficult for Sal to handle - at least the boys are. You mention that Pete is beginning to give a little trouble. Hughie has already shown typical Halley proclivities and they will get worse. It would all be so much easier if Sal would lay off the Italian Swiss Colony. How can we get her to do this? You can't cure an alcoholic without her cooperation. We got it in January; I wonder if we can't do it again, some way or other? It isn't going to be easy. If we get the Halleys to take the children for a while and bring Sal down here with me, where I could watch her every minute, it might work. But not unless she wanted to straighten out.

My frequent trips to San Francisco haven't helped at all, except this last time when we found out by accident, you might say, that she had stopped her medication. Miss Burch says there is no use in my coming again now and I fully agree. Short visits will not do much good in any case. And my interference does little but antagonize Sal and exacerbate things in general. So I don't think I should come again until there is something definite on which it seems I can help. I really wish I had gone down to Stockton this last time I was in SF, and had a good talk with Mrs Halley. Incidentally, when we were working on the divorce with Miss Burch, I asked Ed if his parents knew that papers were being made out and that they go along with the plan. He said his father knew but he did not think his mother had heard about it. From all that Sally has told me, I believe Jane Ann has a heart; that she feels the doctor has been, all his life, very much like Ed, and she has had to put up with some hard times.

As to my own plans: I must be in Boston June 4 and will probably stay there until 7 or 8. Then I hope to fly right back to Guatemala. I way behind with my work here; my physical strength seems to be on the wane, which is natural, and I have no help. In addition, things here at the house are in a mess because of Maria's having had to give up and go to bed - she almost certain will never work again but may hang on for a long time. And the situation regarding EAP is taking a lot of my time. The Ford report is making us try to do a number of things which are almost impossible for us. If they would come out with a definite promise to finance the new program it wouldn't be so hard, but there is a lot of talk about limited assistance, matching funds, charging high tuition on money we loan students, and so on. Much love to you both,

Berkeley, Cal June 21-67

Dear Wilt,

Here are the delayed photos that will be reminders of Zamarano and of our visit with George Roeding. I have a ~~xxx~~ similar enlargement for Kitty if you will send me her address in Mass.

We had lunch with Nancy and the youngsters last Saturday as we had a luncheon date with Larry Taylor on Sunday up on his ranch, so missed Dad's day with our Menlo family. It is always a treat to go down there. They are busy with ~~land~~ for the vacation with Bob's brother and family in Illinois, and they will have a grand time at the lake. Their trip will coincide with mine out to Bangkok and return via Sydney and our rhino beetle meeting in Apia, Western Samoa the last week in July. I will miss the Bohemian Grove camp entirely this year because of the urgency to get out to Bangkok to get on with the planning of the new campus there. I leave on the 6th of July and return home on the 31st. I will probably have a couple of days at the SoPacComm hdqts in Noumea to discuss the future of the beetle project before our board meeting.

I will call Sally before mailing this. I havnt called since Ed has supposed to have moved back in as I didnt want to encounter him on the phone, I would have a hard time with my language. It is part of a dodge of his to avoid court action I am sure, but Sally seems happy, off and on, according to Nancy.

We had a good session in N.Y. on the botanic garden for Hawaii, I hope something comes of it. It was good to talk to you, and I wish we could have gotten together, we will look for you out here later in the year. You have still much to catch up on/ Albert Thille may go out with me to Bangkok and Apia, I wish you could join us. Emma sends her love with mine, tell Maria "hello" and good wishes

Comme toujours,

Rawles

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later

I've just talked with Sally, and she seemed in good spirits, said that our trip to the District Attorney's office apparently was a most salutary one, Ed is contributing \$150 a month (I'd like to believe it) and that we will need your help for another couple of months ~~mm~~ until he gets his debts cleared up. He is moving ~~back~~ to Mill Valley the end of the month "to save on the S.F. apartment and food" mebbe Melinda is cooling off on financing. He wants to make a down payment on a house when they sell the Tahoe property. Hugh graduated, still on the honor list all dressed up in the suit you paid for. He is down with his grandparents for a few days in Stockton, Pete is down with Nancy and the youngsters for a few days so Sally is alone with the girls. So that's about it for this time, Adios

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Berkeley, California
June 7, 1968

Dear Wilt,

Well, here it is, and what a lot of stuff for you to wade through, but there is enough, I think for you to pick from, for what you may need. As one of Meyer's associates and a ~~an~~ participant in the decision to set up the memorial to him, you can speak as no one else can. I don't know the details of the arrangement by which AGA took over, D.F. arranged that with Bob Cook, I believe. But the statement in the Journal indicates that they consult with the USDA on it. The brethren may have other wishes for more recent workers, after all we old barnacles are of another age and era, and the modern generation with all the extra aids, equipment and support will have to go some to have as much fun as we did. Let me know if there is any more information that I can supply. I didn't include Wayne Reitz' name, but it could be added. We were on the Turrialba board together, plant introduction activities were a part of the picture, but those early days were too much involved in trying to salvage the Bressman debacle to have gotten much ~~one~~ done on the program.

This is a week with retirement dinners, commencements on the various campuses, young friends leaving for Peace Corps and other overseas assignments, and next week the same, then things will calm down, Marion will be coming up, and school will be over for Nancy's young folk. I have already gotten my reservations for Apia for the first week in August, and will be up at the Bohemian Grove prior to that, I have missed most of it the last two years because of the Apia meetings. I will get in a week in New Caledonia before returning, ~~and~~ will pick up some of the fluorescent corals for the Steinhart Aquarium at the California Academy in Golden Gate Park, and also hope to get seed of some of the indigenous conifers of New Caledonia to plant on the Santa Cruz campus. I will be gone two weeks altogether. Emma will stay in the Durant Hotel while I am gone.

I go down to the doc's this morning for a check up on my shoulder, I am having some pain both in shoulder and arm that hangs on, bursitis probably.

The cymbidiums are still fine, but passing, the echinocactus given my Dean Wickson's oldest daughter, in Santa Barbara, all hybrids, are now blooming and are lovely. She has passed on now. She lived close to Dr. Fenzi's place high up on the ridge and ~~knows~~ Dorothy. Dorothy's daughter has returned to Santa Barbara and opened up a dancing studio I believe. She made quite a reputation in Italy as a classic dancer. We will drop in and see them next time we get down that way. I had the pleasure of giving the Meyer Medal to Mrs. Chasegrand botanist there many years ago and she is still living and active in conservation work. I also presented the medal to C.P. Taft at one of the California Avocado Annual meetings in Pasadena. We both learned a lot from him.

We look for continued good reports from Hugh and from Sally. Nancy called up ~~last night~~ before ~~last~~ on receiving your last letter we keep each other informed and also phone Marion- I got to hang on to my job as "Jefe Communications" that Sally gave me ~~for~~ ~~you~~ ~~get~~ ~~that~~ ~~merit~~ ~~increase~~ - or new uniform! Love to you both from ~~us~~ both, PA

Sincerely *Kenneth*

Berkeley, California
June 6, 1968

Memo on the Meyer Medal.

There is enclosed the announcement on the last medal award made by the Am. Genetics Assoc. and published in the J. of H in the Nov.-Dec. 1967 number. From this I would gather that the proper approach would be to the Secretary of the AGA and also to John L. Creech, the present head of the New Crops ~~Branch~~ Research Branch of the Agricultural Research Administration, where the remnants of FPI finally wound up. The enclosed article says that the medal is awarded by the AGA in cooperation with the office of Plant Introduction of the USDA, but I don't think that that designation had been used for a long time. Anyway John Creech is running plant introduction. The Secretary of the AGA is, I believe, a more or less permanent officer while the president changes from year to year, I haven't paid much attention to it in a long time though I am still a member.

As to my interest in plant introduction, it began back in Pasadena at WIG and Coolidge's Rare Plant Gardens and Dr. Fenzi's work in Santa Barbara as you know. and I earned part of my college money growing and selling little know items in my own lath house and Doug Coolidge didn't like me doing it, even though I was only working for him part time - and he bought a number of the ornamentals! My work at WIG was all with introduced plant varieties so I had an early introduction to the field.

In the years 6f'22-25 working under Bob Hodgson in southern California in the agricultural extension service of the University much of my work was with new varieties of subtropicals, especially the avocado and I served as Chm of the Variety Comm of the Cal Avocado Association.

In 1925 I went to Haiti as Horticulturalist in the Service Technique, where my work was largely in plant introduction, involving introduction and testing of fruit and vegetable varieties, including mangoes, avocados, pineapples, citrus varieties and a wide range of vegetable varieties.

In ~~1928~~ 1928 I went to Washn to succeed David Fairchild as head of FPI. It was the end of an era. Plant breeders were ready and calling for help in the introduction of a new type of material - primarily "genes and chromosomes", wanting often wild and indigenous types and relatives of cultivated crops for breeding for disease, insect, ~~resistance~~ resistance, climatic resistance including drought, frost and ~~heat~~ heat. It was a time for closer cooperation with the state experiment stations as well as the various research offices of the USDA. The rise of more strict quarantine regulations made it all the more necessary to channel introductions through the office. A ~~survey~~ survey through survey was made of the plant workers in ~~the~~ all the state experiment stations, federal offices, and non-governmental botanic gardens and other plant research institutions, in order to learn the more pressing needs for such introduction and to set up priorities. To have a better ~~base~~ geographic basis in planning introduction activities, a position of plant geographer was set up and Dr. Carl ~~Eax~~ Erlanson brought in to head these studies.

Special interest in the soy bean in the mid-west had reached a real high and one of the first expeditions organized was that of Dr. Henry J. Morse and P.H. Dorset for their comprehensive exploration of the orient for this crop, resulting in 3500 introductions from China, Japan ~~and~~ Korea ~~and~~ Manchuria.

The heavy losses from potato diseases throughout the country had brought focus on breeding of resistant varieties mandatory. Several expeditions were organized for the ~~the~~ finding and introduction of wild relatives of the potato throughout Mexico and Central and South America over a period of several years.

A study of the number and variety of expeditions sent out during the period I was in charge of the office and the year as Chief of the Bureau will, I believe indicate a larger number than during any similar period.

After leaving the BPI in 1937 to head the Davis campus plant introduction activities continued to be an active interest because of the need of disease resistance and climatic tolerance for vegetable crops and fruits especially grapes, and forage grasses. University specialists in these fields carried out expeditions abroad, in many areas, those of Rick for tomato relatives in South America, of Olmo throughout the Mediterranean and through the near and middle east and into Turkestan, ~~Loves work~~ for grape varieties, and ~~to~~ Loves work of grasses in several parts of the world are examples. This work was usually done in cooperation with the USDA.

In World War II in setting up vegetable growing operations in the Pacific islands for our military personnel, plant introduction was a basic operation for varieties from many sources had to be tried to find those that would grow and produce ~~well~~ under island conditions. The residual effects were not great few evidences of the large vegetable plantings remain. On Guadalcanal the Solo variety of papaya from Hawaii remains as a well established variety on that island and elsewhere in the Solomons. In New Caledonia the American cantaloupe introduced during the war and known as "rock melon" there now is pointed out as one of our few "foot prints" on that island.

With the setting up of the South Pacific Commission in 1947 by the six government having jurisdiction over the various groups, as an advisory and operating body in the fields of economic, social and ~~health~~, health development, plant introduction became one of the first and important projects adopted in economic development, and a cooperative plant was worked out with the govt of Fiji to expand its plant introduction garden and activities to serve for a center for all the island groups. Here large variety ~~collections~~ collections of coconuts, bananas, breadfruit, ^{cacao} yams, papayas were brought together for testing, propagation and distribution. First as U.S. representative on the Research Council, and then for several years as ~~was~~ U.S. Commissioner and Sr. Commissioner, ~~it was~~ this project was one of my special responsibilities. From this Center thousands of plants were distributed throughout the South Pacific and abroad.

As Sr. Agricultural Officer for Thailand in the U.S. technical aid program to organize and set up the agricultural aid program 1950-51 plant introduction was an important part of the program especially in the field of rice, corn and other field crops.

Other plant ~~introduction~~ programs in which plant introduction has been a vital part. National Arboretum have served on the Advisory Council for 30 years 1938 to present. Have served on the site committee of the Pacific Tropical Botanic Garden planned for Hawaii 1966- to present. Trustee of the Saratoga Horticultural Foundation private organization devoted to the development of improved flowering and ornamental trees, for home, street, park and boulevard planting. Pushed the development of the arboretum on the U.C. Campus at Davis for the past 30 years. Am serving on the Arboretum ~~and~~ Plant Introduction Council of Davis and Santa Cruz Campus

One of the most satisfying things that I dreamed up and put through as Chief of the Bureau which also had a plant introduction angle of a somewhat different type was the saving of the Eddy Breeding Station above Placerville. This was the first institution in the U.S. to undertake the breeding of forest trees on a strictly scientific basis. Mr. Eddy who had made his fortune in lumber set it up and financed it. This was the pioneer station in this field. When the depression came Mr. Eddy was strapped, couldn't put up a cent to save the station, payrolls were six months behind. The U.S. Forest ~~Station~~ Service couldn't help, it was closing stations of its own. It seemed a pity that this pioneering venture should close down. We had been assigned some new stations and new money for "erosion plant stations" by FDR. I figured we could use that station temporarily as one of these centers legitimately if they would be willing to shift their emphasis until we could get adequate support for the tree breeding work. John Merriam of Carnegie agreed to continue a \$2500 grant they were giving a year for some work of their own, so as to help me until we worked out the proposal using these other funds, both Tugwell and Wallace thought the idea an excellent one and gave me authority to go ahead. We kept it going for a couple years and then were able to help the Forest Service get funds to pick up the breeding program again. This whole deal was my own brain child, but you'll never hear about it. I can tell you some interesting side-lights on this some day. Silcox, U.S. Forester worked right with me, even chastizing some of his chaps who raised objections but couldn't raise one cent to save it. That is all a ancient history now, but it had a direct bearing on plant introduction for breeding purposes.

The other very satisfying thing was the working out with Vavilov a plan to get Westover and Whitehouse into Russia to hunt for wilt resistant alfalfas in the Caucasus, this at a time when the State Dept was ready to hang you if you mentioned that country. But Congress was pounding on the table to do something about alfalfa wilt and I told them our only lead was in Russian Turkestan, and if they put up the money I could work out a deal with Vavilov to get them in and have the help of the Russian ~~sc~~ scientists. We had to wait until Hoover was inaugurated when our Sec. Hyde, took our plan to a cabinet meeting and discussed it with the Pres. Hoover and the new Sec of State Stimson, we got the green light, and it worked out and the alfalfas Westover got, were the basis of our wilt resistant varieties that we now have.

I also worked very closely with Vavilov on exchanging info on wild relatives of the potato as he was working in the same area and was of course tops in his field. He was on the level and always played it straight and paid for it with his life, and Russian agriculture is still decades behind because of Lysenko's bitter jealousy.

This is just a rambling ~~antix~~ bit of chatter of my varied plant introduction activities from which you can pick the few things that might serve to support your proposal. On the attached sheet there are some names of men at home and abroad who know of my work and with whom in many cases I have worked. From it you can pick some ~~afxx~~ for letters.

THE BOTANICAL SCIENCE ASSOCIATION

Dr. John L. Creech, Head New Crops Research Branch,
Agricultural Research Administration, U.S.D.A. Beltsville, Md

Dr. Carl L. Erlanson, 16408 New Hampshire Ave., Silver Spring Md
retired head of New Crops Research USDA 20906

Dr. Frank P. Cullinan, retired Assoc Dir. Crops Research Branch
U.S.D.A. now of Advisory Council of National Arboretum
and can be addressed there as he has an office there from
which he organized the International Hort. Congress meet-
ing in Washn. He was in BPI while I was still in FPI and
is one of the few old timers left who did.

Dr. Henry Skinner, Director of the National Arboretum, our old
desk, rescued by Dr. Galloway and given to you, then I
inherited it, and had it refinished when I went over to
the Chief's office. He knows my plant introduction inter-
est. We were on the site ~~the~~ selection committee for
the Pacific Tropical Botanic Garden together.

John E. Graf, 2035 Parkside Drive, Washn. 12, Jack was in Washn
during my entire period with the BPI

Dr. Alexander Wetmore, Smithsonian Institution, Washn ⁶ knows
my introduction activities going back to the time when I
first met him in Haiti in the '20',

James Kempton you know his familiarity with my BPI tou^{ch}

Dr. Elvin C. Stakman, first Cosmos Club Award winner, member
of the National Academy, an old friend who is familiar
with my foreign activities from the beginning.
Univ. of Minnesota Institute of Agriculture, St. Paul, 55101

Dr. George Harrar, ~~xxxx~~ you know and he knows my former activities

Dr. Charles Rick, Dept of Truck Crops, Davis, explored ex-
tensively for wild tomato and other solanums in Latin
America, geneticist.

Dr. Harold Olmo, Dept of Viticulture, Davis extensive ex-
ploring activities primarily for grape varieties as
well as other fruits.

Dr. H.G. McMillan, the one in charge of our ill fated Manchurian
expedition who tangled with the Roerichs there and whom I
refused to re-call without an adequate reason, and over
whom I lost my job as Chief of BPI, 84 Quincy St. Long
Beach, Cal 90803

Dr. W.E. Whitehouse, 4507 Amherst Road, College Park, Maryland 20783
retired, one of few old timers I brought into ~~the~~ FPI

Foreign.

~~xx~~ William Hartly, ~~xxx~~ Last recipient of the Meyer Medal,
Scientific Advisory, Australian Embassy, Washn. formerly
head of the Australian plant introduction activities in
Cberra, and an old friend with whom I have worked on
the So. Pac. Comm

B.E.V. Parham, retired former Dept Dir. of Agriculture, Fiji
with whom I worked closely for the Commission in develop-
ing his plant introduction ~~xxxxxx~~ station to be a center for
the South Pacific Development. Later he was Dir. of Agriculture
for Western Samoa, 18 Cracroft Terrace, Cashmere, Christchurch N.Z

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Frank N. Meyer Memorial Medal

William Hartley receives award

THE Frank N. Meyer Memorial Medal* for distinguished achievement in the field of plant introduction was awarded to William Hartley, Scientific Attaché of the Australian Embassy in Washington, as part of the American Genetic Association's program at the 1967 meetings of the American Institute of Biological Sciences at Texas A and M University, College Station, Texas.

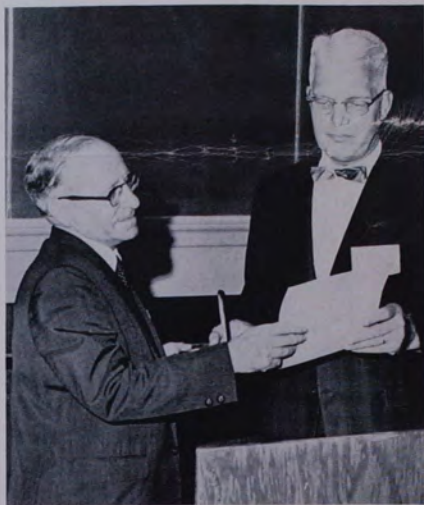
Dr. Robert C. Carter, secretary of the American Genetic Association, presided at the meeting that included the Key Lecture delivered by Dr. Samuel H. Boyer as well as the awarding of the Meyer Medal. (The text of Dr. Boyer's lecture begins on page 279.) The Medal and Certificate of Attestation were presented to Mr. Hartley by former president of the American Genetic Association, Dr. August E. Kehr (U. S. Department of Agriculture).

Mr. Hartley, a native of Yorkshire, England, was educated at Cambridge University. He spent more than 30 years at Canberra, Australia in plant introduction work in the Division of Plant Industry of the Australian Council for Scientific and Industrial Research, beginning in 1930 as junior plant introduction officer. In 1944 he was placed in charge of the Division's Plant Introduction Section. It was largely through his leadership that the section became recognized as a world leader in that field. In 1961 he left Canberra to become Chief Scientific Liaison Officer for Australia in Washington.

Mr. Hartley was responsible for more than 30,000 plant introductions to Australia, a number of which found a useful place in the agricultural flora. In addition he conducted research that was aimed at the discovery of a more scientific and less empirical basis for plant introduction; an endeavor that might be called "applied plant geography". He is the author of some 23 scientific papers that are concerned almost exclusively with the problems of plant exploration and introduction.

Mr. Hartley's Remarks

Dr. Kehr, Dr. Carter, ladies and gentlemen:
When I was informed that I was to be honored by



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Mr. Hartley (left) is presented the Meyer Medal and Certificate by Dr. August E. Kehr in behalf of the American Genetic Association and the U. S. Department of Agriculture.

the award of the Meyer Medal this evening, I was told that I would be expected to reply briefly. I do not quite know how "briefly" is defined, but I could indeed say the essential things in a single sentence.

For one who has spent the greater part of his professional life in plant introduction activities, there can be no greater honor and no greater reward than to receive this medal, which is named in honor of a man who not only devoted his career but, in fact, gave his life for plant introduction.

If I may interpret "briefly" a little more liberally, there are, I think, three additional points that I would wish to make.

In the first place, I would like to emphasize that I feel particularly pleased that this Medal should be awarded to me as an Australian. Australia has had a rather special interest in plant introduction and exploration. This interest stems largely from its geographical situation. As you all know, Australia is an island continent that has been isolated for

* The Meyer Memorial Medal was founded in 1919 through a contribution left by Frank N. Meyer to his fellow workers in what was then known as the Office of Foreign Seed and Plant Introduction in the U. S. Department of Agriculture. It is awarded by the American Genetic Association in cooperation with the Office of Plant Introduction of the U. S. D. A. for outstanding contributions to plant introduction. Since 1920, 26 medals (including the present one) have been awarded. A complete account of the Meyer Medal appeared in *The Journal of Heredity* 11:168-173. 1920.

long periods of geological history. It developed a distinctive flora and fauna, showing relatively few connections to the flora and fauna of other parts of the world. The aboriginal population of Australia remained at a very primitive cultural level and did not, in fact, develop any settled agriculture. The aborigines were, and largely remain, hunters and food gatherers rather than farmers. Thus it is noteworthy that in spite of the great diversity of the Australian flora, hardly any native plants have been developed as crop plants of economic significance. The only important exceptions are some of the forest trees and, to a very minor degree, the macadamia nut (now developed commercially in Hawaii) and perhaps one or two plants of medicinal interest. Throughout its history, Australia has been dependent upon plants from other parts of the world to provide a basis for its economic development. All the cereals, vegetables, fruit plants and important industrial plants have been introduced at some time or another to Australia. So, too, have most of the weeds that have become serious problems in many cases.

In these circumstances, the task of someone privileged to be in charge of plant introduction is an exciting and stimulating one. We could hardly go wrong in the search for plants that would add to the Australian economy, especially since the economy was so largely dependent upon introduced animals that have their own requirements for suitable pasture and forage plants. We may, I think, claim a degree of success in the introduction of new species and varieties of such plants, many of which are now fairly extensively grown in different parts of Australia. More remarkable perhaps is the fact that we seem to have been able to avoid the very great risk of introducing plants that might have become serious weeds.

Secondly, I would like to say how great a privilege

it is to receive this medal which is awarded on the recommendation of the plant introduction service of the U. S. Department of Agriculture. Throughout our relatively brief history in Australia, we have enjoyed the closest collaboration with workers in related fields in Beltsville and elsewhere in the United States and have depended very greatly on their assistance and cooperation. In fact, my own major plant exploration activity—the collection of peanuts and related legumes in South America—was conducted in close collaboration with a plant explorer from the U. S. Department of Agriculture. It is a pleasure on this occasion to acknowledge our indebtedness to them and to thank them for their constant help and encouragement.

Thirdly, I would just like to say that I am particularly pleased that the award of this Medal should be made at Texas A & M University. In my present position, I am concerned largely with visits of Australian scientists to the U. S. Most of these scientists with interests in the agricultural field wish, in the course of their tour, to visit Texas, partly because of its environmental similarity to many parts of Australia. When they do so, they invariably request that arrangements should be made for them to visit Texas A & M, which enjoys a remarkably high reputation, not only in this country but throughout the world. A very distinguished Texan who recently visited Australia clearly enjoyed his stay there and has done a great deal to stimulate good will and friendship between the two countries. May I say that if any of you here have the opportunity to visit Australia, I hope you will take advantage of it and I hope that I may be privileged to assist you in any way.

May I conclude by saying once again how greatly honored I am by the award to me of this Medal. I shall treasure it greatly.

Dr. Jacques Barrau, Director of Agriculture, Noumea, New Caledonia
Jacques was for many years Executive Officer for Economic
Development of the SoPac Comm, and the plant introduction
project was one of his principal projects. He and I worked
very closely on it. He is the best informed plantsman of
the whole Pacific Island area and we hope to land him at
Santa Cruz, he holds a part time professorship at Yale.

To the U.S. list could be added Dr. Francis De Vos, formerly
of the National Arboretum, now new ~~head of~~ Director of the
Chicago Botanic Garden, 116 S. Michigan Ave. Chicago, Ill. 60603

and Frederick P. Lee, Chairman of our advisory council for the
arboretum close friend of Bens, author of the best book on
azaleas, and an associate of mine for many years, one of the
best lawyers, now retired because of arthritis
7401 Glenbrook Road, Bethesda, Maryland, 20014

This list will give you a cross section of those familiar with
my plant introduction activities and interests at home and abroad
from which you could choose to ask for supporting letters. You may
find that you have undertaken a real chore, without handy secretarial
help, and while it would satisfying to have this recognition from
my old field and first love, yet I have already had honors more
than I deserve and beyond any hopes, and I hate to think of you
spending time on this sort of thing when you could be out in the
patio, - or working on that book on temperate zone fruits in the
tropical highlands-- get with it mister! We are all waiting for
it, I get too many questions from folks that think I should be able
to tell them whether Babcock or Elberta is the best peach, Northern
Spy or Golden Delicious the best apple, Bartle or Sickle the best
pear for some tropical location up in the mountains somewhere,
I want to say- "Look it up in Sr. Popenoe's classic, the dope is all
there!"

*Dr. W.H. Alderman retired head of horticulture who went with
me and W.K. Leslie, Director of the Morden Station in Manitoba
to run down some of our native fruits to their northern
limits, to get into cold resistant also are familiar
with my Korean days, we still keep in touch. We had
a great time - going clear up to the upper Churchill River,
much of it by canoe.*

*Dr. W.H. Alderman's address is
1380 Raymond Ave. St Paul 8 - Minnesota*

*Leslie's address is
W.K. Leslie - I'll have to look it up - it's in
Winnipeg but I can't locate it at the moment.*



EASTERN

En route - Miami to
 Gainesville Wed AM
 Nov. 13 - 1968

Dear Walt,

of again after a good night's sleep at
 John's, and got into the young folk. Jim & Jean had a
 dinner and speaking date with Aedolon Society which
 I passed up and had dinner at home with the three girls.
 We had a football and Debbie and I talked about plans
 to come down next summer - she is ready to pack up
 and enroll in Marionville last night. Debbie goes to school
 early - for 97th class so I had coffee and muffins with her
 at six AM and we continued our talk about schools, colleges
 and Antigua. She is fine company and very interested in
 serious studies and anxious to perfect her Spanish. As
 long as we have young folk like her and Marcella and
 the others we have much to live for yet. Debbie and
 Marcella will make a great team and ought to
 embrace the men's school.

I called Doug and found him home at the apartment
 since last week end and I'll probably stay there
 to attempt to would be more comfortable in a nearby
 motel but I think I can help him with his meals. He
 for a course he is in the wheel chair, I return Friday
 afternoon, spend Saturday with John and take the
 evening air-stop to S.F. arriving out here at 8¹⁵ which
 isn't bad.

Nancy reported all well when I called her, Marion
 was out but I left word with the baby-sitter that I
 would call from Gainesville.

It's cold down here - so they say - in the 50's in the
 morning, sixties during the day - a sweater is
 comfortable. It's a dear bright day and I am
 enjoying the flight up the coast, watching the
 amazing development here - same as in California.

It has been a grand time being with you these
 few days, just like old times looking up avocados
 and other fruit, and seeing former students. We'll
 have to do more of it in the years ahead - and now
 of this five year sleep - minimum is ten years - plus!

It's good to be able to look over the N.Y. Times, and Wall St Journal
in Newer - but I must say it's been a relief to have been
away from all this selection news, tv, and radio, I'll
miss the quiet nights around the fire and the
relaxing air of Albuquerque. It's done me a world of good

Monday morning- early-! It is just getting light
and I am off for a meeting of the Saratoga Hort. Founda-
tion at Saratoga ~~xx~~ to be there at 9, so this will
be a hasty line to finish this letter started on the
plane going north, and there hasn't time to finish it and
I will write you tonight or tomorrow with a more complete
report on my visit with Hugh and yesterday with Nancy and
Marion.

I had a grand time with Hugh, found him in high spirits
working to beat all get out, and doing a swell job, I
stayed with him, cooked the steaks after walking a mile
and a half each way to find them, Hugh usually beat me
to the draw on getting the breakfast food going, he
gets around remarkably with his wheel chair and crutches
We went out to the farm and I got some good pictures-
I hope. During the day the apartment is filled with
secretaries coming and going, consultants from everywhere,
foreign students, and a constant round of phone calls
many from Washn about contracts, ~~xxxx~~ Ghana, Viet Nam,
Costa Rica, and Hugh handling them all like a veteran, tell-
ing them what to do and advising them correcting them,
an old hand at it already. When I got there ~~THURSDAY~~
Wednesday noon there was a five man conference on over-
seas programs going on, and it lasted until 12:30, out
of town members and all. I don't see how he could be more
busy at his campus ~~xxx~~ offices- he has three. He expects
the bone graft to follow the removal of the cast on the
6th. they told him if all goes well he can be on crutches
again after two weeks-- and how I hope they are right.

I spent ~~xxx~~ Wed. afternoon, Thursday and Friday with
Hugh, had Saturday with John at the Gardens and Chapman
Field, and then flew home on the non-stop.

Yesterday I had lunch with Marion and then drove her
and the youngsters down to Nancy's to report on my trip
they were all interested in every phase. I will report
on this more fully. Paul and Betty called up yesterday
morning before I got away they were in S.F for a meet ng
and had already visited Marion and talked with Nancy. They
will be going to Honolulu but havnt their return reserva-
tions yet, so heavy is the holiday Xmas traffic. I told
him that if they went down around February things might be
more favorable, and that it wouldnt work now, and Paul
understands that.

Must get down to the Campus and join my two fellow
trustees and get on to Saratoga,-- will write more tonight
or tomorrow, Best of wishes and again many thanks,
Commetoujours

KNOWLES A. RYERSON
15 ARLMONTE DRIVE
BERKELEY, CALIFORNIA 94707

June 17, 1969

Dear Wilt,

This is just a hasty note to give to Marion to take down to you. I am about to leave to drive her and the girls down to the station and put them on the train for Bakersfield.

I got back last Wednesday after my Washn stay and under Edith's eagle eye got over my cough and did that cut short my stay in England. I see the doc here this afternoon to check me over, though Edity's doc did a good job with antibiotics and cough medicine.

A week from yesterday I fly back to Washn and a week from tomorrow Edith and I stand up with Charles and Helen and the minister will do the rest. We are having a short visit to the Blue Ridge then fly back here on the 29th, complete plans for going to Samoa.

I went down to Santa Cruz Sunday, to be with Bob Burton and be on hand for two meetings on the Santa Cruz campus yesterday morning. Sunday afternoon we looked over one house and Bob is lining up others for Edith and me to look over, we will take our time but should find something ultimately that we would like, then we can see about selling this place, we dont have to be in any hurry and in any case we could always rent this place.

I had a good visit with Hugh this morning, neither Edith nor I could get him on the phone the last few days but he had beendown to a conference at Cyprus Gardens so he is starting to get around. He casually mentioned that he was pres. elect of the organization of the campus officers nationally directing the overseas agricultural programs and that the next national meeting is there in Gainesville soon. We are mighty proud of him.

It is cold and foggy here, as it has been all along but should warm up by the time we get back from Samoa.

I hope Sally is sticking to her medicine and that she is better, give her my love, she is so much on our minds and hopes. And my love to you and Alice and somewhere along the line we will have a joint celebration for us four, the year has had its bright times as well as its shadows for us both. Must ring off and get down the hill

Hastily and affectionately

Knowles

Berkeley, California
June 18, 1968

Dear Wilt,

You are a fast worker, mister, mighty fast!! We got back from Santa Cruz this afternoon and after dropping in to see how Marion was coming along with her painting, went down to the office to pick up any mail, and here was a letter from R.C. Carter, Secretary of the American Genetic Assoc. saying I had been nominated for the Meyer Medal by a committee headed by John Creech, ! He also said it was customary to ~~make~~ present it during the AGA session held ~~xxxx~~ at the annual meeting of the AIBS, which this year will be held in Columbus, Ohio the evening session of Sept 3 was the time, but if it wasn't convenient, or if I hadn't planned to attend those sessions that it might be presented during the meeting of the American Soc for Horticultural Science to be held in Davis in August. The letter would be much the more convenient, and it would be fun to get it on my old campus. I will check tomorrow ~~as~~ as to those dates as I won't get back from the South Pacific until August 12 as I hope to go over to Noumea for a week following the rhino beetle meeting in Apia the first week in August. So you can call off your operatives.

In the same mail was a letter from Miss Blaine answering one I wrote her recently in reply to her Xmas one. She hadn't known anything about Phoebe's illness, and the hopelessness of it, and that would be no chance now for any help from Phoebe on the biography of Ben. She had asked in her Xmas letter about you, and the children and I had written her about you and the symposium about Nancy, Marion, Sally and Hugh and brought her up to date. She included in her letter some of the troubles she had had in trying to help get the medal through for Archer and for me, and did finally get it through for Koelz, though Erlanson had proposed it for him originally he later fought it all the way, she also mentioned the American Hort Soc wanting to get it, but that was nipped also- what a tempest unworthy of it. Better come up at the time of the Soc for Hort Sci and do the presenting for me! That would be something to go down in the family history, how about it?

Marion has been up a week painting and papering and getting repairs done to the house. The Hatches came up with her and worked like Trojans, he went back last Saturday, Mrs. Hatch this morning and Marion will go down on Saturday, returning July 1. They have repainted the walls of every room, new linoleum is going on the kitchen floor tomorrow morning, and we haven't been able to pry any of them loose to relax and have dinner out with us, but now that Marion is alone, she is going out with us tomorrow night and get a bit of change for they have been going day and night and loving it, all are very enthusiastic about the little home, and Marion is happy as a lark.

Sunday we went down to have Fathers Day with Nancy and the grand youngsters, and it was quite a day, Marion made a special ~~orange~~ orange cake and served it with tangerine sherbet, Barton and Katy made their own original cards, very sweet and lovely, and Barton displayed real talent in fitting in the greeting within a formalized design of his own, we took some pictures out doors which will be sent along in due course together with some I took of the yard earlier, we all wished you could have been with us.

Tomorrow morning early I am going to try and get through to the nursing home where Hugh is, for we haven't heard from him since he left the hospital, except Nancy did get through once to the nurse at the home, Hugh doesn't have access to the phone and we are a bit anxious.

I saw this a copy of the proceedings

I called across the bay this evening to see how Sally's youngsters were getting along and to find out if they were going to go to Stockton for the summer. Ed answered, and said they would be over there all summer, except that Annie was going north to Canada with a friend for a week. Pete's boat would be finished in a couple of weeks. Emma and I talked with Annie and Pete as well. I think Mary wasn't in. Annie is to send over some of her poems promised sometime ago, she said she would mail them tomorrow. Ed said he had had a letter from you today about getting Sally's Medicine through more safely, via John, I believe. Ed has taken this week off to be at home with the kids and get caught up on things around home, he was very cordial and I can be on good behavior when I need to, and there is no use being antagonistic unless it is necessary, - which it isn't at the present.

Today is the sixth day that one or both of us have been in a different place, Emma didn't attempt to accompany ^{anywhere} everywhere, last night was a party for a couple of members of the legislature of Macronesia at our Center for Pacific Island Studies, and we had quite a time. Sunday at Nancy's, Saturday was Commencement at Davis, etc. Glad to be home and no meetings before next week end. Woody Metcalf, our grand extension forester emeritus, and who attended the meeting of the trustees of the Saratoga Hort. Foundation this morning is celebrating his 80th birthday and the forestry school is putting on a big party for him next Sunday, and he certainly rates it, he is on our arboretum comm. at Davis and at the Santa Cruz campus, he has been a personal friend since his arrival on the campus in 1914, he is our eucalyptus specialist in the state among other distinctions.

I will ring off now and finish tomorrow morning after I have heard about Hugh, I am a bit sleepy, so - buenos noches.

Wednesday-- Well, I got the nursing home and the nurse told me that Hugh was doing fine, better than any patient, and that I could now talk with him direct as he had had a phone placed in his room with the same number, as his home number so I dialled direct and had him on in no time, and he was in fine spirits, had ~~xxx~~ his work organized, the only trouble was that folks know where he is and he can't get away. Healing is faster than they had expected, and they will re-evaluate the whole business in about a month. I have called up Nancy to relay the good news to her and will drop in on Marion on my way down to the campus before noon.

I sent Miss Blaine a copy of the Proceedings and she was overcome, I am sending a copy to Dr. Coit also, and hope to see him next time I go south.

I checked with Davis this morning and find that the hort. soc. meetings there are the week of Aug 18, and that there is an awards banquet planned for Tuesday night the 20th and that they would be mighty happy to have the Meyer medal awarded then and I will so inform Dr. Carter, better come on up and do the job as she oughta be did.

The work that Sally is doing at the hospital could be very helpful if it isn't too long at a stretch at the start, it is an interest in people, and she used to talk about a nursing career years ago as a possibility, so it is a work that she has some knowledge and feeling about.

It is foggy here this morning after some real warm weather it was a corker up at Davis last Saturday morning with the graduation exercises out on the football field at 10:30 in the morning. I will have to write up a report for LaSenora Commandante Comunicaciones - so adios with love from us both

Reminis

Berkeley, California,
May 19, 1970

Dear Wilt,

We have just had a grand week end and wish you and Alice could have joined us. Hugh flew in from Hawaii on Saturday afternoon so we had the evening and Sunday with him, he went on to Gainesville Sunday night. We had Nancy and Marian and their families up here for Sunday dinner so we got caught up on family activities all round.

Hugh has made fine progress and gets around without his cane much of the time, he looks well and rested and as usual is full of plans and projects and it was good to have him around and we only wish it wasnt so far between Gainesville and here.

We are glad that you and Alice are having a respite from the continuing tragedy of Sally's heart twisting plight. The place in Costa Rica sounds a welcome change for her and for you both and now you can both go off to Europe for a complete change of mental and physical air. a chance to visit Alice's home base and to bask in the sun of southern Spain and get a good whiff of those citrus blossoms while sipping some of the good dry sherry. We gave up going on to Europe after the Arboretum meeting in Washn last month. We would have spent this month over there taking in the Dutch bulbs, the Chelsea show, the Edinburgh Botanic Garden-- but it is too much with our other plans for a longer period in the South Pacific later this summer, the season has been very late in Holland and England anyway and cold, The Chelsea show is on this week, but we will try and make it some other time.

Marian's grand record has set us all up-- Phi Beta Kappa - the first in the family isnt it?- the McCown prize in Anthropology on ~~the~~ top of the fine fellowship announced a short time ago makes all of us ~~might~~ proud, and best of all proves to Marian that she can make the grade with the best of them here. She is working out an interesting glyph problem involving the cosmological aspects of Mayan culture so I have been brushing up on my astronomy and helping a bit on celestial systems, movements, planetary phenomena and constellation lore its been fun for it takes me back to Pasadena days and time spent around the Mr Wilson and Palomar observatories. We had two exceptionally clear nights last week so I unlimbered the Questar in the patio and Marian and the youngsters, and with Hugh on Saturday we had some fine seeing with the moon and Jupiter and a go round on the position of bright stars on ecliptic as the faint ones were dimmed out by the moon. Sunday we also had a few sunspots visible for Hugh to look over. It is still a good hobby no matter what part of the world you are in.

Ed and the youngsters seem to be coming along well, we called them while Hugh was here and he chatted with Ed. We havnt been over since earlier in the spring when we took Marian and the youngsters over for a picnic and I think I sent down pictures of it to Sally. Did she show them to you?

Edith and I were in Washn for ten days, in connection with the National Arboretum Advisory Council, we have had a real battle to keep the freeway promoters from wrecking the whole place with their wide roadways and the cut and fill tunnel right through the place, and the mayor of Washn's planning gang that wanted to put a high rise low cost ghetto right in the middle of the Arboretum-- the Garden Club of America women, the Nurserymen's association, the various plant groups and conservation folk

and plantsmen all over rallied round and we had a good fight Congress certainly found out what an Arboretum was and who was back of it and the freeway has been re-routed and the housing proposal shot down-- but we let them know that we are still watching- we dont trust anything. Horace ^{Calby} and some of his park and conservation folk were also a great help. Washn was still cold and wintry with the trees still leafless when we got there a warm sticky day or two just before we left brought out leaves and flowers like ~~pop~~corn. The magnolias were lovely, but the azaleas hardly ~~was~~ starting daffodils were in their prime when they had been gone out here for sometime.

It has been a cool ~~spring~~ here- and still is exxcept for a couple of real hot summery days last week when it was in the 80's, even 90 in S.F. then Sunday the cold fog and clouds came back and are still around. It has been fine for flowers- iris, roses, primroses, cymbidiums have never been better.

We go to Samoa the end of July for the rhino beetle board session and then will take a week in Fiji and another in New Caledona, coming back to Hawaii for a week there and a good checking over the beginning of the Pacific Tropical Botanic Garden on Kauai, and returning home around the first of September. That is about enough travelling for ~~the~~ year

I doubt if we go south this fall, we missed Paul and Betty in Washn, they got in the day we left, they manage to keep on the go a good deal too, we are all a travelling family all round. Marian is looking forward to her summer work with much anticipation, Nancy will be staying home unless she and Barton go to Florida and Hugh's ranch, and Kayy will get a chance to ride Nussance.

Edith joins me in sending our love and best wishes to you both with a fervent wish that the change will give you a real relaxation and leisurely pace for the summer and we will look forward to swapping travel yarns when you return.

Carlos, Hal's son, graduates from Stanford this year, Hal has just written that he, and Mary cant get away from Bogota for commencement. Carlos was here last week and will come up again for overnight next week, he is quite a lad and we enjoy him very much.

Send us your mailing address, ~~for~~ I am sure you have no detailed plans at this stage than a general ~~loaf~~ but a forwarding address will give us a chance to be in touch.

Comme toujours,

votre viel anatif (look it up

Kuovles [Ryerson]

Berkeley, California
October 3, 1970

Dear Wilt

It was good to get your letter and to know that you and Alice are back in Antigua once more. It is always good to get back home even if a trip has been tops as yours sounds like and that ours was. The trouble is that I had hardly gotten unpacked when I went up to finish a bit of painting on the patio roof and tool shed, and I slipped just as I finished and took off into space and landed on my back on the concrete about 7 feet below, so I wound up in the hospital with a couple of pressure fractures in the second and third vertebrae, no breaks. I got home from the hospital in a body cast last Monday, can walk around and sit down, but there is some residual dizziness that they cant quite solve, but they are giving medication for it, and I hope it will clear up soon. I got off lucky it is a wonder that I didnt break my neck.. I will have the cast on for another 3 weeks. Every other law is being challenged these days, but I can assure all and sundry that Newton's law of gravity still is in force, and I resolve to stick to the old copy book saying in our two room school "keep your feet on the ground"- and I intend to.

We didnt learn of Jim Kempton's death until our return and I noted it in the Cosmos Club bulletin. We hadnt heard from them for a long time, they never called up, but I used to call and report on Hugh and Marian and Sally and Nancy, I really dont know what they did with their time. I also called when Jim was in the hospital sometime ago, but he was back the last time I phoned.

About the grape varieties, - the day after your letter came Larry Taylor came down from his ranch with some grapes, four Cranshaw melons, some of the largest finest apples I have seen, and a honeydew, he has some Pinot Noir. He has a few Gewurxtstraminer, several wineries produce this wine here now, and riesling is common, Louis Martini making some of the best, and pinot noir is one of our best wines now and widely planted. Incidentally the frost did much damage in the vineyards, this year Larry got off with little damage but a lighter crop, but the higher price makes up for the difference. He tells me that over in the valley they are paying over \$500.00 a ton for pinot noirs this year, they are so scarce. I will send along your request to Maynard Ameringer some notes on these wines, he is our best enologist - and chairman of the wine committee of the Bohemian Club. All of which brings up your continuing abysmal ignorance of California horticulture and viticulture and deciduous horticulture in particular and it is high time that you corrected that by coming up with Alice and get brought up to date.

Marian and the girls were up for dinner last evening in the patio, and we wound up with fresh mango ice cream, and it is tops. But you cant beat that cranshaw for breakfast, and how we love to wrap ourselves around a good segment of one, chilled and with a touch of lemon juice. Larry brought some fine black manukka grapes that are hard to beat also. The same afternoon Hilton Richardson and a doctor friend of his dropped by and he verified Larry on the grape and wine business. Hilton is working with the grape and other fruit growers on shipping and refrigeration problems and knows all the wine folk and who makes what.

We talked with Marian about the water heater and will see that the right type is found. In Noumea we had a small propane one right above the washbasin that was fine for shower but Marian says you dont want a gas one.. There are good electric ones and will have it lined up by the time she goes down next year. She is making fine progress out on my astronomy and I



Cosmos Club
Washington, D. C.

Berkeley, Cal
Dec. 7 - 1870

Dear Walt,

The Director of the
Explorer's Club has asked
for more information from me
on what I know about
Mr. Hassen that, as I send no
along the additional info
they ask for as you suggested
they might - perhaps you've
sent it already - but get it
here pronto. I'd want an
impression letter in addition to
my signature on the application
Sincerely
Walter

Oct. 5.

I'll get this done yet. I havnt felt much like working at the desk the last couple of days. We went down to the doctor's this morning and another blood test at the hospital to check on the medication that they are giving. We will go along with the present regime until I get the cast off in a little over a week, then if the dizziness hasnt cleared up then another tack will come up. We are still starting the day with cranshaws and that helps a lot.

Seems to me that Marian mentioned that Hugh had said he had visited Zamorana because of some difficulty there, or to prevent one. I am not sure. How are things going on over there? The city boys at the University starting to move in and directing the curriculum?

We have had the longest hot ~~X~~spell on record here for this late in the year with records broken around the state and with it the worst brush and forest fires in history, especially in San Diego and the Malibu-Calabasas ~~area~~ Topanga area, a total of over 500,000 acres and damage \$ 175,000,000 plus, with some hundreds of home lost. We had a very bad one over the hills back from Berkeley when I was in the hospital that burned over 100 high cost homes.

We are getting actinidia chinensis fruits regularly on the market now under the name "Kiwi" at 19¢ each, taking the New Zealand name where it has been booming for sometime. I saw it there in the fruit stands during the war. Now and then it is referred to as "Chinese gooseberry" It is being pushed pretty hard, I dont know why when there so many other fruits that are so much better. Plenty of papays from 39¢ to 59¢ but we will eat them out in the Pacific, and cranshaws, cas-abas, and good cantouples here. There is a good crop of avocados about to come on the market they have been a bit scarce for sometime at 59¢ each and that is a bit high.

Best wishes to you both from us both,-- and by the way are you by any chance going up to the big hort shin-dig at Miami the first week in November? It is the 25th American Hort Congress, with the American Hort Soc, the American Soc. for Hort. Sci, the Tropical Region of the Americas section of ASHS the American Assoc. of Botanic Gardens and Arboreta, and the Garden Writers Assoc. of America all gathering for a big pow-wow. There will be many exhibits of special flower societies It should be quite an affair but is for ornamental hort and floriculture, and landscaping, not fruits and vegetables.

Our patio is smaller than yours but it is a riot of color, and Edith has every cranny blooming.

Added social item- E Franco Fenzi's wife called up from Santa Barbara, I guess she is settling here, I think they are still separated but she didnt say so, siad he was still busy in Rome.

Comme toujours

I agree with Knowles that it is about time that ^{Kenneth} you two come to this part of the world- with two daughters, five grandchildren and us to assist. Our South Pacific home is ready and waiting and everyone who has tried Carnegie Mellon University, Pittsburgh, Pa. Love, Edith

Berkeley, California
November 29, 1970

Dear Wilt,

You are now over at Zamorano helping to tramp out the vintage of those viniferas over there and showing the boys how to make Gewurtstraumiener out of your plantings-- well good luck, I'll take mine from Napa Valley. And I will stick to something I am surer about. I am enclosing a clipping from the local Gasjet, "Kacy" and I have a mutual regard for Diospyros Kaki especially vars. Hachiya and Fuyu. Just as I was typing the first lines of this letter the phone rang and it was Kacy to ask more details for making the mousse as his wife made it from half and half cream and it froze hard, Emma used to use whipping cream and that doesnt freeze as hard, but I am not sure she used to freeze it but whipped it up stiff and then chilled it good and cold.

The same day the column appeared a letter came from Dr. Coit with a clipping of an article by him on the persimmon and the details of drying them. The latter is too much work, better eat them fresh and eat dried figs instead of dried persimmons, they taste about the same and drying them is quite a chore. You can buy dried ones in Chinese shops here but they are as hard and as tough as shoe leather. *Dr Coit must be so*

We had a grand day on Thanksgiving with Marion and the girls we missed Nancy and her brood but will have them Xmas. It has been cold, rainy, blustery weather, fine inside with a good fire and lots of oppcorn- which we will have this evening. We talked with Nancy last night she had driven up from Santa Barbara yesterday through heavy rain, we were glad that they got in before dark and with no traffic trouble. I am writing letters and filling forms for Marionita's applications for college entry. We hope she get in the one of her choice, which right now seems Santa Barbara, with maybe Comona a second choice, the tuition for the latter has gone up again and becomes almost prohibitive, but Marionita's record should make a ~~poss~~ scholarship possible for her and we are looking into it. Nancy and her youngsters dont have the same benefits that Marion and hers do. It doesnt seem possible that the youngsters are already seriously thinking about college.

Hal was to have been transferred to Washn January 1, but will be kept in Bogota until July according to the latest word. Carlos, their son left here a week ago for Peru for Thanksgiving with Mary's folks then over to Bogota for the holidays with Hall and Mary, then back here for a job, he finished his Navy duty and now is in the reserve. He finished ~~XXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXX~~ Stanford last June. I'll leave a few lines for Edith, our love to you both and a happy holiday season. *Comme tojours*

Rivolis Ryerson

In going through pictures I have come across a lot of pictures of you from the age of six months and of FOP which I am turning over to Nancy and Marion. There were a good many duplicates so I gave each one. We still have much stuff to go through and it will keep us busy these rainy days. Do you know of a Peter born in 1899 or 1900? I have a picture of a Peter taken when he was about age 18 mos. or two and taken in 1901.

I wrote you a note on the Christmas card which you will be getting soon, so for now this is

Love Edith

*What is this young boy called?
I have never seen the picture.*

Miles Kimball



[25 Dec 1970]

Dear Alice and Wilson

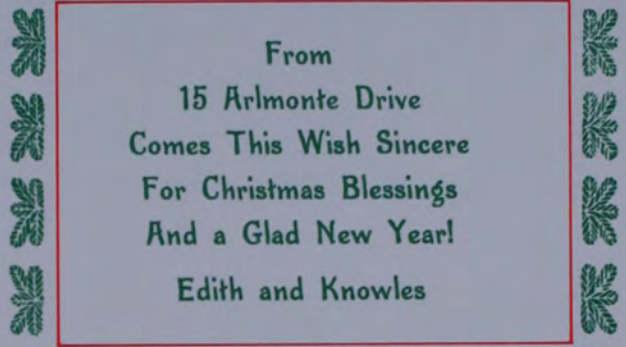
We are looking forward to having you in California next year. It's great news that you are planning to come.

Thank goodness, Knowles has just about completely recovered from his fall. It was so good that he was able to shed his brace this week and he is beginning a three months series of exercises which should strengthen his back and make him as good as new. We are so lucky that his injury was no worse for he could have killed himself. Wilson, stay off roofs and keep your feet on the ground.

Happiness for me was marrying Knowles and this has been a perfect fabulous eighteen months and more to come. When I think how close it came to being ended I panic.

We will be having Marion and the girls for Thanksgiving and Nancy's family for Christmas. It is so good to have them both so near. From all reports Ed is doing a nice job with the children and they seem happy as well as healthy. The children are very resourceful and do a

much love from us both. We are so pleased with news



From
15 Arlmonde Drive
Comes This Wish Sincere
For Christmas Blessings
And a Glad New Year!

Edith and Knowles



Well continue your enological studies of Davis and
else where - you are darned ignorant -
Knowles

It was so good to talk with you while you and Alice were in Florida and the things we hear about this marriage of yours sound terrific. We are so anxious to meet Alice and I ^{hope} you will bring her this way before long. We had a wonderful Thanksgiving day with Nancy and Marion and their families here all day and Nancy stayed over until this morning to miss the holiday traffic and for a little longer visit. Both girls are doing wonderfully. Nancy is loving her art and is getting so much out of the training and Marion is wrapped up in her research. The grandchildren are growing up. Both Marionetta and Dorothy are young ladies and Barton is as tall as I. It begins to make me feel sort of ancient. We talked with Ed and children and are delighted to hear that Dr. Halley had set them up in to the boat rental



EDITH & KNOWLES RYERSON
MARRIED JUNE 25 1969

business and both Ed and all four of the children seem delighted and happy. We talked with both Chuck and Pete but have been unable to reach Hugh. He must be over at the ranch. We are surely counting on having him here for Christmas and so are the girls.

[1970] Affectionately
Edith

I saw a Greenhow in a fruit
specially chop near the Bohemian
Club the other night but I resisted
temptation to send it to you on two
coduits - (1) I couldn't shoot a
Bank of America loan of short
notice and (2) those quarantined boys
at the Guatemala airport would
have set it ennyway - So we are
back to Casabge - also persimmons
from Helen Richards and black fig
from Jerry Taylor - ~~some tobacco~~
good little little -
Edith

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HOLIDAY GREETINGS

Berkeley, California
Sunday December 27, 1970

Dear Wilt,

You did the right thing in sending a copy of your letter of the 18th to Dr. Coit for that was what I would do in in trying to get the dope on avocado varieties. I always depended on Albert Thille for he was the best all round informed chap and was a grower as well as a member of the marketing end of the game I dont know the men in the avocado assoc. or those at the top in Calavo anymore, I have been out of touch so long. I will do some checking and will write Art Christie, wherever he is, as one of the few old timers left and he will probably be at the San Andreas canyon round-up in February if he is travelling now. There is an assistant farm advisor in San Diego county who is supposed to be an avocado specialist ~~and~~ but I doubt if he can add to what Dr. Coit knows.

Nancy and the youngsters left for home yesterday afternoon after a gay Xmas here. ~~XXXXXX~~ We took Marion and her two to the train last Monday morning for Bakersfield and we expect them back in a day of two. Larry Taylor and Carmen dropped in yesterday on their way to a dinner down here and on their way home last night. We cut our tree up on his Sonoma ranch. You would enjoy him very much. Christmas morning Mrs. Nimitz and her Nancy who is a specialist on Russian economics for the Rand Corp. dropped in for a cup of coffee just before Nancy and the youngsters arrived, they are always grand company too. So we have had a busy Xmas. We are glad that Hugh is down with you. We havnt heard from Sally lately but hope she had a better than a gray day. Ed and the children are probably down at Stockton as they always are and we will call up tomorrow to see if they are home. It has been too rainy to drive and try to get up the coast with the fog and cloud, we will try in good weather.

A cloud on our holidays was the news of the sudden passing of Howry Warner in Honolulu a week ago last Wednesday from a heart attack just as he was getting ready to go down to Rotary which I have attended with him many times in Honolulu. Edith and I were much concerned about Mary when we were out there this last summer for she failed rapidly between the times we went out and the time we returned. Howry was in charge of the forward area of our war project and did a great job, he was also in Jakarta at the time we were in Bangkok, and we cooperated on some of our mutual problems.

You have probably read articles by Bob Burton in the Explorers Journal, the last one on Thailand. He was my top practical worker in the war project, developing 1500 acres on Tinian rolling out the vegetables after working in the Solomons and the New Hebrides. He was in the extension service under Howry after returning from the South Pacific to Honolulu, and now is in Santa Cruz and working with me at the Center for Pacific Island Studies in Santa Cruz. We have an office together on that campus and he is working with me on a history of our project which Admiral Nimitz was anxious to have recorded.

I am glad that they are not going ahead with the four year academic plan at Zamarano, I am glad that Hugh is on the Board. If it can be maintained as the major vocational ag school in Latin America it can still continue to set the standard in that field and continue to turn out the kind of folk needed through out the area.

Thanks for the address of Mrs. Kempton, I have wanted to

write about Jim.

Back to avocados, - it will take a lot more than cosmetic to handle the acreage of avocados coming into bearing in Guatemala. I think it is a long time since I have heard anything about the trials by Calavo here. For quite sometime there was on our shelf a pint can of avocado oil to try for salad oil. It wasn't bad, but to compete with olive, corn, cotton and safflower oils it will take a lot of pushing. Frozen pulp that could be used for spreads and salads might be developed, - if you wouldn't run into quarantine or pure food restrictions. We can get frozen dips at the stores now..

I hope that Fritz Rosenthal will make the Club. When you see the number of pseudo-explorers, arm chair writers, and movie amateurs, it makes one wonder whether it is worth staying in.

Scotchey McFadden sent us up his usual carton of fine navel oranges for Xmas, he will be down at San Andreas, he must be crowding 90 and still fishes, but I think has cut down on hunting. We had Alan Blaisdell and his wife up for dinner last week along with Dean Hutchison and his wife. Alan has been retired for more than two years as head of International House here. Things have changed a lot at Pomona since his dad was prexy there.

The sun is trying to break through but it is a pretty weak and thin attempt, we are more than three times the normal rainfall for this time of the year, and the snow pack in the Sierras is very deep, so we won't be on short irrigation rations next year. No frost here yet, pansies in full bloom, primulas still at it since last spring, one camellia out and several azaleas, and even one cluster of rhododendron, the plants are all fouled up on the seasons.

Edith joins me in all good wishes for the new year to you both, and we hope we will be seeing youn folks along the line somewhere. We will be off to the South Pacific early in July for the rhino beetle board meeting, and I think I will get off and make room for some younger chap who should be learning the ropes for this long project. My back is coming along, it is slowly getting strength back, with the special exercises that I will have for the next three months. Comme toujours,

Charles Ryerson

Berkeley, California
January 26, 1971

Dear Wilt,

Dr. Coit has sent me a copy of the letter he wrote you on the 21st and that is as good an appraisal of the viciety situation as you can get. I hope to see Art Christie down at San Andreas Canyon on the week-end of the 14th next, also Buddy Ryan and will pick up a few more observatons, Scootchy McFadden will also be there, I wish you could meet that gang. I will ~~mix~~ ^{mix} Albert Thille very much for I always went with him. Edith will stay with Mary Thille in Santa Paula, and I will go down with Bob Hardison and Milt Teague from there. Milt is now head of Sunkist as his father, C.C. Teague, was for so many years before him. I have received another long hand letter from Dr. Coit addressed to both of us which I had xeroxed and it is clearer than the original and is enclosed.

You really ought to come up and spend a couple of weeks at least getting acquainted with the subtropical fruit business and seeing your old friends. It would be worth it for you to have a good old bull session with Dr. Coit, at 91 he is better than most of 'em still. I look forward to seeing him but we will probably not go down below Santa Paula until later in the spring. Ralph Allee has settled not far from Coit.

We have been getting ⁺Zucanos in the market for sometime labelled "Fuerte", they are watery, flat, and with a very large seed, and are lousy. The other day I picked up two real Fuertes and it was good to taste and honest to god avocado once more.

This morning Marian dropped in for a cup of coffee and a bit of chat before going down to the campus. She is deep in the astronomical aspects of her project and we have a good time chewing the rag about this field. She works so hard and sticks to her work too closely, but now that the weather is getting better we hope to have them up and maybe taking some walks together.

Hal's son Carlos, who graduated from Stanford last June was up Sunday with his girl friend for dinner, he is looking for a job and like many a college graduate is finding it tough, for he only wants a part time work for he enters law school in the fall.

My former secretary at Davis now lives in Los Altos and she looked up the geranium collector and talked with her over the phone, she still has many, all geraniums, no pelargoniums and we will go down there day after tomorrow and pick some out. Edith wants some for here also. You should have gotten some of Bob Gullou's mother's collection, she really had one. We will see Nancy and the youngsters, for Los Altos isn't far and she knows my secretary, Evelyn Mersman very well, and so do Marian and her two. Evelyn did part time work on my South Pacific papers when they were prepared for the Santa Cruz campus and the Center for Pacific Island Studies there. Albert Thille's foundation paid for that preliminary work, he helped the Center get off the ground.

What in the World



J. R. "Kacy" Ward

We got sidetracked onto Robert Louis Stevenson and Mount St. Helena when we had phoned Dr. Ryerson re making a persimmon mousse—half persimmon pulp and half whipping cream, beat together and put in the freezer. . . .

One problem we've had with persimmons is getting them to ripen at the right time. . . . George Tarke, who has some persimmon trees on his ranch near Marysville, told us how to solve that problem. . . . Put the persimmons in the freezer for about 2 hours. . . . Take out and let thaw—and they are soft and ready. . . .

The wife whipped up a delightful persimmon pudding for our family Thanksgiving gathering. . . . It is great for the holidays. . . . Here is the recipe, if you'd like to try: . . .

Three tablespoons of butter, $1\frac{1}{2}$ cups of sugar; 5 teaspoons vanilla; 2 eggs, $1\frac{1}{2}$ cups of persimmon pulp; $\frac{1}{4}$ cup of milk; $2\frac{1}{2}$ cups sifted flour; $1\frac{1}{2}$ tsp. soda; 1 tsp salt; 1 tsp cinnamon; 1 tablespoon grated lemon rind; $1\frac{1}{2}$ cups seedless raisins (optional — $1\frac{1}{2}$ cups of chopped walnuts). . . .

Cream butter and sugar, add vanilla; add eggs one at a time, beating well after each addition. . . . Stir in persimmon pulp and milk and then add dry ingredients which have been mixed together. . . . Add lemon and raisins and nuts. . . . Spoon into an 8 cup buttered mold or a 2 pound can, cover with aluminum foil and steam 2 hours. . . .

For convenience in steaming, our spouse used two large (No. 2) fruit cans instead of a 2 pound coffee can. . . . After the pudding has steamed take out of tins and cut in about $\frac{1}{2}$ to $\frac{1}{2}$ inch slices — and smear them with a good thick layer of brandied hardsauce. . . . You'll be coming back for seconds. . . .

Berkeley, California
February 2, 1971

Dear Wilt,

We picked up the geraniums and they ^{are} here under Edith's eagle eye and care. there are only 18 selected by Mrs. Miller, she says you prefer the French types. We will wash the soil off the roots have them inspected and wrapped up for easy handling by Marian, they are small plants. Have you their catalogue which gives the colors also a lot of hints about raising them.[?] I never knew they took so much care. I am only used to the old fashioned ones that you could break off and stick in any kind of soil and they would root and grow. I didnt know how far the geraniums had gone in this age of ^sophistication. Nancy went with us, and Mrs. Miller knew Mrs. Guillou very well because ~~of~~ her collection.

I dont think that I sent you the aftermath of the persimmon column, we have had a lot of fun over it. .

This morning Cal Bream called from the L.A. Chamber of Commerce to say that the annual San Andreas ^{canyon} round-up is off since the change of holidays has fouled up everyone's schedule. I had looked forward to a good visit with Buddy Ryan and Al Boyce. Art Christie was out because of his heart. So we will drive down later in the spring when the weather is better. I was also looking forward to some of that desert sun and dry air, it is still foggy here and down in the 30's at night, but no ice for a month, thez cymbidiums are ^{pushing} their bud ~~shoots~~.

We think we may shift our plans for going to Apia and in stead of going down early and stopping in Tahiti to take off from the arboretum meeting in Washn the end of April and ^{hop} over to Holland and catch the ^{bulb} season and England and the

Chelsea flower show, *and* still get home ahead of the tourist rush. The trip to Apia in July will be the third for Edith so she is getting a good *idea* of the South *Pacific* and *she* has never been to Europe. ~~was~~ I lost out on the ~~early~~ bulbs when I went over two years ago and then had to leave England because of a bad cold. We can do it a lot cheaper than Tahiti also for they have these 28 and 45 day excursion rates, four weeks is enough just now anyway for we will be in the South Pacific for three weeks, making a short stop in Fiji probably on the way home and a day or two in Hawaii to check in on the new botanic garden. .

I ~~am~~ tire more easily because of my back, the exercises still leave me lame the next morning, so I have a way to go to get those old muscles toughened up to stand long flights and standing around.

You should be getting home in Antigua about now and we are anxious to hear about Sally and how things are shaping up for her there in San Jose.

It is almost noon and you still cant see the flat and Berkeley because of the fog, and it is cold outside, a fire in the fire-place is very cheery and warm. *P*lants dont like it either, the crocus usually out first keep shut up tight.

Edith joins me in love to you both and hope that you had a good trip, but know how glad you are to get back home once more to one's own patio and garden.

As ever,

Howells

If your folk think that Fuerte is too small better try to locate some Tertoh or Nimlich buds, but where I dont know. The last I saw were up at Spinks place, back in the golden age.

We tried that vinegar on some Hachiyas but it didnt work very well, perhaps they werent hard enough but I would just as soon wait a little longer until they were soft, then have them with cream, or in sherbet or mousse, we still have some fruit from ~~DonxDonx~~ Donald Shane's mountainside ranch up in the redwoods back of Santa Cruz. Don is the retired Director of Lick Observatory and an old classmate of mine, and so is his wife. I never saw persimmons bear better than down on the hills~~side~~ side, mostly Hachiyas, the Fuyus just coming into bearing. We were down there overnight recently and enjoyed them very much. Don is intrigued with Iceland and goes over there for vacations he and Mary drive around in a car off the beaten tracks if you call them that over there. We discussed the grapes reportedly found by the Vikings when they came over and I told him about the expedition we had the first year I was in SPI trying to find the northern limit of the native grape, we traced it clear up into the Riding Mts. of eastern Saskatchewan and western Manitoba where it was reported as last found and we didnt find it north of there. Don wondered why it was found so far north there and not so far north on the Nova Scotia or Newfoundland coast. Mary is an astronomer by training also, both are good gardeners, I wish you could meet them.

We will all be interested in your reports on Sally when you come back from your trip. You are probably there now or have been there and gone on to Zamarano. This should be reaching you about the time you get back to Antigua.

Edith joins me in sending our love to you both and we hope to be seeing you up here one of these times. The South Pacific Room downstairs is all made up land waiting for you.

Comme toujours,

Nicolas Ryerson

We should know soon whether Marionette will be getting in at Santa Barbara, she has been admitted to the University of the Pacific at Stockton. It has a fine college in its group that does all its teaching in Spanish. It is a private tuition University. I'll write about possible financial needs after discussing it with Nancy when we know which school is the one decided on.

Berkeley, California
August 22, 1971

Dear Wikt,

The weeks fly by and here it is almost the end of August and the end of summer with September right around the corner, shorter days, ripening grapes, and the end of summer fruits and vegetables.

We are looking forward to the return of Marian and the young folk, they should be in Bakersfield next week-end so we can call them up and find out just when we can meet them. We have missed them this summer, though we have been away much of the time. We havnt seen so much of Nancy and her little brood either. They will all be up here over night this coming Wednesday, we wish they would be here longer but all have various other activities, Barton has been off on Sierra Club hikes in the coast range, Katy off at camp and Marionita busy with folk dancing and getting ready for college. It doesnt seem possible that she will be a freshman this fall and at the Santa Cruz campus.

Edith didnt go with me to Samoa this trip, we had just returned from Europe and I was coming straight back from the meeting in Apia in order to get in the full two weeks at the Bohemian Grove, something that I have been missing the last two or three summers. Besides Edith's fare alone will about pay for a two weeks' vacation in Hawaii this winter for the two of us or two weeks down on the desert. Besides she has been down to Samoa twice and last year we had a couple of weeks in Fiji and the same in New Caledonia.

The fruit here is late this year and so are the melons but at long last they are in strong, we have crenshaw for breakfast and for dessert, also sliced peaches, figs late on Larry Taylor's ranch. At the Grove I had crenshaw to start breakfast off with raspberry chaser, and sometimes added blue berries, then the main courses- we dont starve up there and I have been taking off 9 pounds since I returned,- part of that was good Dutch sheese!

We have had the largest and the finest mangos ever, from Hawaii, and down to 29c apiece, I couldnt believe it, much better than we have ever gotten from Florida. Bartlett's are in now and Gravenstiens so life is still liveable.

By the way I could use some more of the proceeding of the plant introduction conference at Zamarano, I have been giving them to libraries and hort depts and am all out. How are you fixed? I can use at least five, - and ten if you still have a box full stashed away in N.Y. or Boston.

How did you leave things at Zamarano, and what did the latest survey recommend? Seems to me that there have been enough surveys and some action- and funds are necessary, and good stiff emphasis on vocational training,- we are turning to more of that here.

Did you get over to see Sally again before you left? We do hope that she does go in for training as a nun, that would be a real solution and one that would bring her more peace and contentment, I am sure.

I am off in the morning for the meeting of the trustees of the Saratoga Horticultural Foundation, this, the arboretum at Davis, and the Center for Pacific Island Studies at Santa Cruz keep me fairly busy. Our love to you both, and we hope to see

you folks up here before long.

Comme toujours

Kewler

Sept. 13th [1971]

Near Wilson.

You remember Hazel Borden, don't you? She kept the house for me the summer I brought Nancy and Hugh to Guatemala and then stayed on with us for several years after that. She has been semi-retired for quite a few years but can't quite give up and works almost full time now for the National Retired Persons ~~Assoc.~~ Asso. at Long Beach. She is taking a tour-cruise this fall which will include a stop-over on Oct. 5th and 6th and again on the 8th in Antigua and since she has heard so much about the house there she would love to be able to visit it. She wasn't sure whether it would be open on any of those days but I told her I was sure you would be happy to have her visit regardless. She has been so interested in our family and keeps up with me and the children. She must be around 70 but is as interested in things and as alert as ever.

We were surely happy to see Marion and the girls return. Marion dropped in on us several days last week and we stopped by there once and it is great having them back. The girls started to school today and Marion is happy to have a few days before she has to start herself. We talked to Nancy last night and Barton and Katy were also excited about starting school today, especially Barton who is to be in an innovative school this year.

We will be going to Santa Cruz next Monday and will be stopping by Atherton on the way down. We wish Nancy lived here in Berkeley where we could see them more often. They did come up for two days several weeks ago but boy friends and pets call them back home too soon. We think Nancy would have a much better chance to find work here than there too.

We called Ed several weeks ago and he says the family are fine. Talked with Mary but Anne was out to a birthday party and Hugh still in Ky. We hope to get by for a visit with them before too long but never feel that we are too welcome. We are delighted about the news of Sally and feel more optimistic about her than for a long time.

I guess Marion told you that Chuck won two gold medals at the International Inventors Fair in Brussels—"Best from US" and "Best in show" for a bolt that turns red when it ~~is~~ needs tightening. Pete is deputy asst. to the Chief of the Bureau of the Geological Survey. I think we can be very proud of all of our children. I know Knowles and I are.

We think ~~is~~ is about time that you were bringing Alice out to meet us all. ~~With~~ With two brothers, two daughters, nine grandchildren and us here should be bait enough. What more do you want?

Knowles looks like a million and is as great as ever—stays too busy which worries me but he seems to thrive on it. The arboretum at Davis is taking a lot of time now and he has gone to a Board meeting at the Saratoga Foundation this morning. We are planning a two weeks cruise around the Caribbean this fall which should be fun and a change for him. Life is never dull around here. Love to you both from both of us. Ed & H [Ryerson]

Berkeley, California
November 3, 1971

Dear Wilt,

We finished off the last of the crenshaws unless ^{this morning} we are lucky to find another at this late date that is still sweet, they have lasted well this season and we still have some fine casabas stacked up in the ~~cake~~ bowl out on the patio table outside the kitchen door, and there is a honeydew or two still around- see what you are missing? We salute you with each slice of crenshaw.

We were at Santa Cruz yesterday in connection with the Center for Pacific Island Studies, it is having difficulties because of the severe cut backs in the University budget and the resignation of its director. I also spent some time on the arboretum which is having a struggling existence but is making some progress. The Davis arboretum of course is facing a better future with the Shields' bequest. I believe I wrote you about that some time ago. ~~No~~ assets havnt been distributed yet, and it is just as well for it gives us time to get our ducks in line, some adequate plans made. There are all kinds of suggestions being made, but as long as the will ~~says~~ says that the development shall be under "the guidance and ~~xxx~~ supervisio of Knowles A. Ryerson Dean Emeritus if still living" I am going to see that something substantial will ~~be~~ result.

We dropped in to see Nancy and the youngsters last week, we missed Marionita, she didnt get home for her birthday and Marion's, mine comes along right then too and Marion and Dorothy came up, ~~xxx~~ for dinner but Caroline had another party on. Mrs. Nimitz couldnt make it but sent two bottles of champagne. My former Davis secretary and her husband, (Patty' parents) completed the party. Patty is still a mystery to all of us and of deep concern to her parents.

What is the word about Sally? We havnt heard from her for some time, her last letters were so fine and mature and normal. We hope that she is making progress at the university and that the life at the nunnery is rewarding.

You spoke in your last letter of Alice working over the ~~xxx~~ garden, it must look fine by now. Edith has ours in grand shape the envy of the neighbors. We are going to drop miniature ~~xxx~~ cymbidiums, they are too particular as to climate, much more so than the regular ones. If you were close by you would get a load of them, for your night minimum isnt too low, nor your day time ~~maximxxx~~ too high. We will stick to the standard ones.

Buddy Ryan has been busy this summer working on their summer cottage at Idylwild and now with cooler weather has their fine stone cottage in Andreas canyon developed by dear old Doc Clements and where we still have a round up in his memory, seems to me you attended one of them. I havnt left much room for Edith to add a word or two, - but there is always another sheet of paper handy,

Comme toujours,

Kenneth

I dont know of anyone who writes as interesting letters as you. The only difficulty is that you dont write them often enough. You should see our ~~xxx~~ *xxx* and *xxxx*. They are absolutely gorgeous. They are worth a trip to Berkeley to see. We are playing around with the idea of a trip to Mexico in the winter. Since I have never been I think it would be great. Love, Edith

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I hope you are
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and all the good things
of the season.



Nancy tells me she has written you about her job with the Educational Research Center, so I won't need to repeat. Both girls will be here for Thanksgiving. So glad we are going to get to see Marionetta the short time she is home.

I'm not sure letters from Sally's children might not be one thing that makes her think about them and become more depressed. Marion feels that she has to use something to excuse her depression and she uses the children and that ordinarily she thinks very little about them. Ed is always very
over

We have all the fun with both Nancy and Marion here for Christmas. Just think what you are missing. You better plan to pay us all a visit. And make it soon - It will take a lot of doing to get you a new one if you don't show up pronto

Kunder Edith
Christmas (1971)

pleasant to us over the phone and seems glad to hear from us and I feel the Halley's are really not trying to cut our side of the family out of the picture. It is true that Mrs. Halley disappeared the day Marion went with us for a picnic but that is the only thing that I know of that seems unpleasant, and she could have had a real reason not to be there that day. I feel guilty that we dont have the children over but we stay on the go almost all the time and cant be tied down with children or pets. We had a nice letter from Sally a few weeks ago when she began to "snap" out of her depression and we are getting a little package ready to send off via the Embassy.

Thanks for the invitation to visit you but I doubt that we will have time to include Guatemala. Some other time, ~~maybe~~ perhaps.

Love from us both.

Edith

Honolulu Hawaii

May 11, 1972

Dear Walt,

Back on the "milk run" to Capin and the meeting of the rhino health board. This is the last meeting of the present board as FAD takes over the major role in financing and direction. There will be a new board; but I am thinking seriously of getting off at this convenient point if I can be sure that my technical advisor, Ed Taylor of the USDO will replace me. Stoltz says do OK with them but there are some other matters I want to be sure

of. There is a continuing appointment so I have no stated cut-off date

I'll be back on the 24th. Hal's son Carlos is getting married June 3 in the Stanford Chapel. Hal and Mary may not get up from Mexico as the wedding has been on rather short notice and Hal has a real load at the Embassy here in Mexico.

Edith isn't on this trip as she has been down twice and we have the Caribbean cruise ~~in~~ in November. She is busy planning re-modelling of the kitchen to extend it out and take in the outdoor fireplace in the patio. It will make a sunny family room out of it.

I miss Louie Warner over here, we had so many things we were interested in together and he did such a grand job on my team during the war.

Marian has her orals for her degree this week and of course is anxious when she doesn't need to be. She will come through with flying colors. I'm glad Nancy and Katy are coming down. You will be surprised at the way Katy progresses, she is a grand girl. They are all



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growing up so fast, 16 years do get by
We enjoyed seeing Hugh in Washington
he looked so well and is doing so many
interesting things, his water buffalo
project ought to pay off.

My plane leaves at 8:45 this morning
for Pago Pago and I change there for Apia, so
I am up early - and it's the best part of
the day. It's muggy and humid, there will be
trade winds in Apia - I've Lynn and Alice, we
look forward to meeting her one of these times
Especially
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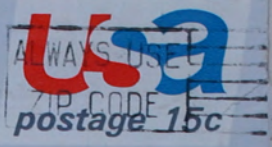
Dear Wilson

You are probably surprised that I am answering your letter so soon. It is probably because I am missing that husband of mine who should be arriving in Hawaii tonight and I'm already awaiting that phone call that I know I'll be getting. Yes, I think it is time he stopped all of this commuting and I suspect this will be his last trip there and I don't think he will be too sad about it and I know I won't. It will give us both more time to do other interesting things together.

No, I don't think Marion is working too hard. She loves what she is doing and although she works hard, she enjoys it and I don't think she is hurt by it. I get awfully disgusted with some of her profs. that they don't give her more help and support, don't keep their appointments etc. and I know this is discouraging to her but her paper has been well received and it was a masterful piece of research and original thinking and I'm sure it will stand up with time even though it ~~refutes~~ some other peoples pet ideas.

I don't agree with you at all about her children. To knowles and me they seem unusually mature and self sufficient and I don't think they are a bit spoiled. They both help in the kitchen, made delicious cakes and cookies and other things, sew - make many of their own clothes and both know exactly where they want to go. Dorothy has done a wonderful job of tutoring a little girl in school and thinks she would like to eventually help minority groups and I'll be surprised if Carolyn doesn't become a ballerina. They both have lots of drive and stick-to-itiveness, (is that a word?) They are two children who will certainly never turn out to be hippies and I think that is largely because of the way Marion has handled them. This isn't true ~~off~~ their cousin, Vicky, who has been handled with a very strict hand and who is completely defiant and out of hand. I think Marion is right in considering their wishes and listening to them. This doesn't mean that they don't consider her wishes and what is best for her for I'm sure they would. We see a lot of the children and, in fact, turned taking care of our mail and our garden over to Dorothy while we were in Washington for two weeks and she did a beautiful job. There are not many gardeners I would have trusted with the flowers and in fact she did a better job than the gardener we usually hired.

I wish Marion could expand her present paper rather than starting on some other project for her dissertation but it seems that noone at



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Berkeley is qualified to supervise her. She has finished all of her required course work, however, and writing her thesis is the only part left for her to do and I am sure whatever she decides to do will be right for her.

We are still hoping that you and Alice will be coming this way before too long. I dont see any chance for Knowles and me to come down there this year but maybe next.

Love to you both from us both

Edith



July 25, 1972

Dear Will,

Having wrapped myself around a fresh Cranshaw melon with a bowl of blue berries for a chaser, and finnan haddie for maintenance until dinner, (two meals a day in the main dining room with endless lunches in the mess camps with legless diet in abundance) I'll sit down in our camp beneath those giant redwoods and say I wish you were here to enjoy it all. For the first time in many years I can enjoy the whole two weeks. The kind better meetings in Africa each year have broken up my enjoyment of this unusual treat! This year we had the Panaman session in May. Midweek is quiet attendance drops way down. I like it better for there is more time to visit with old friends. We have a lakeside ball every noon, friends play and concerts. There are lots of V.I.B. - ambassadors, cabinet members, Univ. presidents, and political big shots, - Gen. Eisenhower was in the camp next to my former one, - when I was the only civilian in a camp of select Navy admirals and Captains - all gone now. I'm in a camp of U.C. men primarily, with Slonoff. Cal-Tech / Leo Dubroff represented.

BOHEMIAN GROVE
Monte Rio, Calif. 95462



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I'm going down tomorrow for
an overnight stay as I did
last week to help Edith with
the kitchen remodeling, which
is finally getting underway - also for a lunch
I'm setting up for the Sec. General of the So Pacific
Commission who is returning to Bremen after
Europe, W. Am. + Europe. We'll go over the
shinto beetle project tomorrow.

The camp ends this week, culminating
in the grove play which they have been
working on all winter. It will consist of the
best of the grove plays of the past - as this
is the 100 - anniversary year of the Club.
I think Burton Lathrop was one of the
founding fathers, wasn't he?

Marion is also getting a good job done on
her garage study room and Carolines ballet
practice spot. We have the same contractor
for our kitchen. Marion's should be home
this week. Burton is busy doing painting
jobs with a boy partner, he is growing up
and time to be pulling aside some shakels to
college. He has also been taking on yard work,
gardening, lawn care for a full vacation time.
Katy is getting in horse back riding - she's a deer
It's almost time to head for the Lakeside
My best to you both - Comme toujours, Maudie

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Katie said she didn't
 get to the fruit market and
 had to cherimoya, avocados, (litchi)
 sugar apple, sour sap, or mango ~~but~~
 this is scandalous. I'll have to try and
 correct that segment of her education but
 mangoes are 7¢ cents per each "at present
 in Berkeley, cherimoya, found seldom except
 in S. Cal - lots of "Kiwi" fruit -
 actinidia chinensis, flown in from New Zealand
 at 35¢ each - can you imagine that?
 I'll have to come down and take Katie
 through the Antigua market + Guatemala
 City market myself.

Berkeley, California
Sunday August 27, 1972

Dear Wilt,

The cold fog has been blowing over our ridge, and is just beginning to show some signs of lifting. We have wrapped ourselves around a most delicious cranshaw melong for a leisurely Sunday breakfast, - the last of three fully ripe ones I brought in from the valley, there is a fire on the hearth to brighten the gray outside, a good time to stay within.

We are on the last lap of remodelling the kitchen so we are eating on a card table. We have been at it a month and a half there is so much waiting for carpenters, electricians, plumbers and the contractor, and so often they dont show up as scheduled, but a week from now it should be about buttoned up. We will be leaving a week from tonight for Seattle to attend the 50th annual meeting of the American Association of Botanic Gardens and Arboreta and the 50th anniversary meeting of the American Horticultural Society. I want to meet some of the younger generation of arboretum folk as long as I am to be involved with the Davis arboretum for the next two or three years. We will be gone just over a week, for we may have to be back for the finishing of the kitchen if they dont get it all done this week. You and Alice will have to come up and compare our new arrangement with her new kitchen down there. Marian's remodelling of her garage to give her a roomy study and a dance practice space for Carolynn is also coming on very well, it really adds another bedroom and a half lavatory.

This afternoon we go up to the park for a picnic that Dorothy has planned the menu for, and we will take along a hibachi for the cooking. Dorothy is a real good cook as well as seamstress and continues to take top honors in swimming meets, as well as helping as a nurses' aid at Herrick hospital where her knowledge of Spanish helps in handling Spanish speaking patients and translating documents for them, they really appreciate her help down there.

Among a box of pictures brought from Silver Spring we ran across the inclosed- if you look close enough you will find FOP under a hanging basket in the center of the picture. I dont recognize the scholarly looking young chap with you trying to solve the problems of the universe, and here also are your credentials as an amateur explorer for the sovereign state of California signed by none other than Herbert J. Webber, Dean and Director. It is a little late to present them, your others seemed to have worked pretty well.

What news about Sally? We havnt heard from her in a long time and I expect she was very disappointed in not being able to come up here. We do hope that if not now, at least some time before too long her children can visit her down there. as Dr. Halley has suggested.

Homer Henney called the office the other day, but I wasnt in I havnt heard from him for many years. He is over in Orinda for his grandson's wedding but didnt leave any phone number to call back. He lives in Phoenix now and says he is roughing out a book on his first love- marketing, going back to his Kansas State days of 1921 to 38.

I dont know whether or not you ever knew Maunsell Van Rennselaer, who developed the Santa Barbara Botanic Garden over 15 years, and for the last more than 20 years has been Director of the Saratoga Horticultural Foundation, of which I am a trustee. Van passed on a few days ago, he has fought a bad heart condition and I am sure he would have liked to participate in the

memorial service for him later this week. This is always a tough assignment, but Van did so much to develop interest in new and improved plants, and in an understanding of plants in human affairs, with McMinn he wrote the fine book on ceanothus, not ~~only~~ the authoritative monograph, but a handbook on their use and culture *as well*. We have so few real plantsmen around these days, plenty of specialists but all too few Hertrichs.

You would be shocked at fruit prices now, -peaches and nectarines 25¢ to 38¢ an lb. Thompson seedless 25¢ to 33¢, wine grapes going as high as \$750.00 per ton for some of the newer varieties and zinfandels going over \$500.00 per ton, there is a shortage this year and at the same time a great increase in wine consumption the country over. Late spring frosts over in the valley cut down peach and nectarine and apricot production in some areas, also some grape damage, labor costs climbing, fruit is definitely becoming a luxury product.

How is your book coming along-- like Homer Henney's?, Better get it off the back of your desk and off your mind. Better still come up here and clear up any points with our deciduous people at Davis and get their latest work, then pound out those last chapters you are robbing thousands of those highlanders of the taste of good pears and apples (to say nothing of the virtues of applejack and Calvados-homeade), grapes and apricots, so get busy young man, no more stalling. Alice can be comparing kitchens with Edith and Marion as the latter and Dorothy repapered their kitchen, new curtains etcx. You had better hurry for the cranshaws will be gone for this season. Our best to you both,

Comme toujours,

Humble

*Lots of love from me too -
Edith*

This is Hugh's birthday - When I look at our children it really begins to make me feel old.

Berkeley, California
January 18th 1973

Dear Wilt,

It has stopped raining for a bit, - a respite in the wettest winter since 1890, we have had 2.3 inches since I last read the rain gauge 20 hrs. ago. -- and we went through. There is much flooding about. We hope we won't have another freeze after this storm, which has been a warm one. We have two more weeks before danger from more frost damage is over. The patio looks like a blow torch had been at work. We saved the cymbidiums by putting them in the greenhouse, the tool shed and the kitchen. The big blue gums clear up on the crest of the Berkeley hills also look *ok* a row of brown on the skyline from the marina.

The boys up at Davis whom Hilton Richardson polled for me said the best bet for calleryana seed was a firm in Texas, and I have written them to see what they have and their prices on up to 2 lbs I said I would gladly prepay costs or if they wanted to deal with you direct I gave them your address. There was also a possible source up in Newcastle above Sacramento and I have written them but the Texas firm seemed the preferred and most likely, it is
White Rock Nurseries,
Rt. 2 Box 229
Crockett,
Texas, 75835

Doroty left for Vermont last week for her orientation for the student program- Experiment in International Living. She meets all the others from various parts of the U.S. for ten days then they all scatter, she for Mexico. She seems to be very enthused about it. Kitty Coolidge met her plane in Boston and kept her overnight before going on to Vermont. She got a great thrill out of being with Kitty and staying in her home. I am writing Hal and Mary at the Embassy about her plans and so she will have some one close by should she need help, and I know they will be very pleased to have her in their home for a visit if her schedule permits it. These young folk have so many more opportunities to travel and study abroad than our generation did, and it is all to the good.

Barton is looking forward to the possibility of going down to Szamarano in the fall and I am encouraging him to do it. It will do him a lot of good, he is shy but has a real set of brains, just now physics and astronomy that he is getting in his beginning science courses interests him very much, I think he would make a good engineer, he is very good on the drafting table also, he is about as tall as I am now. He ought to know you and Hugh better. He will make his mark some day and we will all be proud of him. Do encourage him to come down for a term.

We were all disappointed that Sally had slipped again but glad that alcohol wasn't involved, there is bound to be a set back now and then, but she has been doing so well that it has been so encouraging. I do hope she can continue to stay at the convent.

So Bob Armour is leaving- what is he going to do, and where will you be looking for a successor? Does Hugh know anyone around the ag college at Gainesville that could handle it? Is there anyone at Cal Poly? I am out of touch with them down there now, but we just took the head of their hort dept on our Board of Trustees of the Saratoga Hort Foundation, he is a real chap, they are doing some things better down there than we are doing at Davis,

We are gradually getting out of the woods with the Arboretum at Davis, anything tied into an academic institution takes so damned long to get done, too much jealousy and red tape and life is too short to be tied up by this sort of thing. The Center for Pacific Island Studies at Santa Cruz is even worse. .

We are sorry that Paul has been having skin cancer trouble and hope that the worst is over, I have had a few of incipient ones but got them taken care of before they got anywhere.

Horace Albright is coming up the first week in February for the sixth annual dinner of the Berkeley Fellows, an organization of ~~unusually~~ alumni of the University who have made some notable contribution to the University over the long period of years. It is limited to 100 nominated by a special committee, and meets at the home of the Chancellor for dinner once a year. It is a very interesting group. The organization can into being as part of the centennial celebration of the University. When a member passes on another takes his number, so that there will never be more than 100. Horace will stay with us. He is a grand chap and a member of the third Monday of the Month Club in Washn. I have known him since college days and enjoyed him in Washn, where he was head of the National Park Service. Nixon's new appointee to that job has never had any connection with the Park Service, knows little if anything of the parks, the first time that a Chief hasnt come from the Service. The administration has certainly upset a lot of apple carts. Our old USDA is unrecognizable, though we came off pretty well at the Arboretum. I dont know where plant introduction is if it exists as an independent office any more.

We are sorry that you and Alice wont be able to come up this spring but still count on it later, the South Pacific room downstairs is waiting for you folks, and Edith's whiskey sours are the talk of the town-- ask Marian. Our love to you both,

Comme toujours,

Knowles

The geraniums that were doing so well are no more after that week of freezing weather that we had. And our lemon tree and many of our other plants too. Maybe I should go back to growing the some things that could live through our Maryland winters. But Knowles says we probably wont have another winter like this for years.

So sorry about Sal but as long as it is just sex and no pregnancy is involved it could be so much worse. On the whole she seems so much better but from past experience it is best not to get too hopeful. We love having Marion so near by and enjoy Carolyn and Dorothy so much but are already missing Dorothy. We just wish Nancy was a little closer for we don't see her nearly often enough.

I think Knowles told you all the news. Much love to you both,

Edith

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July 26-1983

Dear Will,

Recamp is about
over, we close Sunday. I intended to
get the off sooner, but there is too
much going on in sitting by the camp
fire writing on my knee, not very
good desk. I didn't think I would
sum into two of your Guatemalan
friends here the being first lunch
I was invited to.

Home July 31: Well, I at least made a
start but it is hard to sandwich in letters
at the Grove, there are constant interrup-
tions with visitors dropping in our camp,
we going out to others for lunch, cocktail
parties, and the entertainment every noon
and evening.

The lunch referred to above was in one
of our favorite camps- the Silverado &
Squatters, a group of primarily writers,
college people, and publishers. The former
head of the International Institute here
on the campus, a former New Zealander, in-
vited me in the early days of the encamp-
ment when there fewer members in the Grove.
At this luncheon were two Guatemalans,
"Bimbo" Lewis and Sr. Spaff (sp?) the
latter a father in law of Willard Tressler
the talented violinist whose wife was a

classmate of Marions in Guatemala. I started off the lunch by suggesting that both gentlemen being from Guatemala that they most know you and that opened the flood gates and we had a grand bull session. I enjoyed them very much. Marian sess the Tresslers here in Berkeley quite often. So it was a very enjoyable affair. That is what makes the Grove such an ~~xxxx~~ attractive place, you are always running into such interesting folk.

In my camp, "The Sons of Toil", there are three of us from Pasadena High School Ed McMillan, Director of the Lawrence Radiation Lab, and a Nobel Laureate, our camp Captain, Dr. Harvey White, physicist, and retired head and developer of the Lawrence Science Museum and Center, and myself, and we all agree that was a fine school to have attended. George Stewart retired head of the English Dept, and famous author is in another camp but he also came from PHS.

We dropped in to see Marian and the girls last evening, Marian is going down to San Diego for a few days and the girls will be with us and we are looking forward to having them here, they are such fun.

I was glad to get news of Guido Fenzi I have been out of touch so long. Dorothy Fenzi used to keep me posted on the young folk, and so did Franco when ~~we~~ our trails crossed in Rome. . . Sometime when on the Stanford campus I will try and look up his son. How I wish Cam was still here. It is a long time since Emma and I had a visit with Cam and Dorothy and the little ones up on the ridge and the high chair little girl who spilled her cream on her cereal, and was reprimanded by Dorothy, spoke up pointing her spoon at me and saying "he spilled his too" ! The young lady is now quite a ballet dancer. Must ring off and get this ready for the postman. Our love to you and Alice

Comme toujours,

Howells

Berkeley, California
August 6, 1973

Dear Wilt,

Last evening we took Marion down to the limousine terminal for the Oakland airport where she took off for a couple of days at the San Diego museum and a look at the glyphs there. The girls are with us, we had a grand evening playing scrabble and then popcorn popped over oak coals in the fireplace-- it is cold and foggy here, didn't get up to 60 deg yesterday, we will go into fall without any real summer, though September and October can be hot and dry.

I have just come back from taking Dorothy to her swimming workout, and Caroline is already down at the Youth Hut at the foot of the hill taking typing lessons in the summer court there, so it is a busy household. . Edith has the washer going and at the same time is out in the garden, a cold wet place to be with the fog so thick that you can't see to the foot of the hill.

Edith thought you might be interested in this latest press account about vitamins and mental troubles. This was what Paul was so sure of several years ago, when there was little research to back it up. There is still more to be done. You have a good psychiatrist in Guatemala who is surely up to date on all this. He is a friend of Dr. Benny Bennett, head of the mental clinic at Herrick hospital here. I think you met him once at your home there some years ago. He has just come back from a tour of lecturing in southeast Asia and Africa. Linus Pauling seems to me to have gotten the limelight bug, he is a brilliant genius in chemistry a double Nobel laureate, but when he refuses to go to the White House for a dinner for all the Nobel winners, and pickets the White House along with the hippies, he had better stick to his lab, when he is on T.V. he seems to me to just ham it up like a stage struck movie novice. I get disillusioned in me ol' age !.

Barton is enjoying his stay at Zamarano, and has found a horse that he has taken to and enjoying very much. I asked Nancy if he were going to bring it back for Katy.

We will be leaving for Micronesia on the 23rd, and at this time three weeks from now we will be on Ponape and will be giving the old German plant introduction the once over, something that I have looked forward to for a long time. This will be a "tourist" trip for me with no reports, appointments, position papers. It will be a new experience for me after all these years. The Caribbean cruise last fall is the first of that kind of tour I have ever had. Mary Thille has had to drop out due to some new problems in settling up Albert's estate and getting his Foundation untangled. We are sorry for she is good company.

This morning one of my pre-war Davis boys and his wife are coming up from Santa Cruz to hunt a house up here. He's Vice Chancellor for Student ~~Services~~ Services and Registrar down there and is to become the University's state-wide Director of Relations With Schools We are glad to have them back up here. He was state wide Admissions officer living here before moving to Santa Cruz. His wife is a grand girl, was a war nurse, they met on an army transport en route to Iran during the war. He came back as my Registrar at Davis right after the war. Their young folk have grown up, two of the girls are through college, one of them one of my god-daughters, the oldest son is in Vet Sci at Davis, and the youngest on a scholarship at Groton and a member of their crew that won one of the races at Henley in England recently.. They have been very close to us and we hope to find a house for them close by here. You would enjoy them. Howard

spent six months in Indonesia some years ago for the Ford Foundation, advising the university ~~on~~ there on its administrative set-up, admission procedures and record keeping. Ford wanted him ~~permanently~~ permanently but the youngsters were small and education for them not so easy as it is now.

and food

If you went to the market now and saw the fruit prices you would fall over, and they are due to go higher when the ceiling comes off next month on everything including beef, the latter is the only meat item held down, but those prices are out of sight. Many slaughter houses are closing down for farmers wont sell their stock at the freeze prices, and meat of all kinds is beyond belief. Paul must be rubbing his hands in glee when he thinks how many folk will have to turn to vegetable protein, - which in turn is going up. It is a good time to reduce weight!

Helene, the Scandinavian girl who was our student ^{helper} for two years at Davis, - and who utterly spoiled us came by with two of her sons while I was at the Grove and left some good Nabals from the tree in their yard in Santa Monica. It is a very good fruit, but you have got to know when it is ripe. Helene is quite a gardener, her husband a summa-cum-laude from Cal Tech and on our staff at Davis, later on special war work and aviation development, - he was a math and physics shark, died three or four years ago. Their youngsters have also been part of our family for Helene was always like a daughter, the oldest son has just finished his internship in S.F. county hospital after graduating from Cal Med., the next son just graduated in medicine at U.C.L.A., the next one hopes to enter med school next fall, and the youngest son is ready for college and is wavering between conservation and medicine, the eldest of the tribe is a girl has graduated and is teaching. All the boys are Eagle Scouts, have worked most of their way, and are a great bunch and drop in here whenever up this way. One of the boys is heading a ~~fixer~~ a special fire fighting unit for forest fires, another is life guard and guide at a girls' scout camp, Helene is teaching in a child care center - she has ~~fine~~ had fine on-the-job training with her five. Her Danish cooking when she lived with us was something out of this world.

I think we are getting the Davis arboretum on to the runway, it is still quite a job with all the academic cross-currents, and having to operate at such a distance, but we have a very competent consultant, a former member of the staff of the Landscape Dept on the campus, but now head of her own very successful landscape business all groups at Davis are pleased that she took it on, and we can work here in Berkeley on much of the development and I wont have to run back and forth so much. She is Mai Arbogast, a neisi graduate of Cornell, her husband is a caucasian, they have a fine family, her husband has his own partnership with another landscape architect. We have a bit of a breather for the main development will have to wait until the relocation of the freeway south of the campus and the completion of a big new clover leaf interchange is finished, a year from now. The University gained 80 acres adjoining the present arboretum and we expect to expand into this and are making the plans now. it will be quite a place we hope. Love to you both from us both,

Comme toujours,

Kenneth

Berkeley, California
August 21, 1973

Dear Wilt,

The suit cases are packed except for the suits that go on the hangers at the last minute, most of the odds and ends are taken care and the fest wont take long today, tomorrow morning we are off for Micronesia. Mary Thille had to drop out at the last minute as Albert's estate and foundation are still having some legal problems. We wish you folks were going with us, it will be a lot of fun. Of course I am especially interested in seeing the old German plant introduction garden on Ponape that Bob Burton rehabilitated when he remained on after our war project closed, serving as agricultural officer for a couple of years for the Navy on Ponape.

I have just received a godd letter from Dr. Coit, ,at 94 he still keeps up his interest, he is living alone in a mobile home in Vista, a granddaughter who is teaching there looks after his marketing and other shopping. He writes very well. His doctor wont let him see people for more than 5 to 10 minutes or talk on the phone for more than 5, because of his weak heart, but reading doesnt bother him. I had mentioned you were working on deciduous fruits for the high country now and he was much interested, for he had lost track of you and wasn't sure you were still around. Do drop him a line, he would get a thrill out of hearing from you and what you are up to. He was one of the best teachers I have ever had, and he did much for the avocado industry, and he kept up working on the carob for years. Ira Condit is living at a retirement home in Santa Barbara.

Yesterday I dropped off Edith at Nancy's on the way down to the Saratoga Horticultural Foundation for a Board meeting, then I returned in time for lunch at Nancy's and we had a good gab fest and all are looking forward to Barton's return and to hear all about his summer. It was fine that you and he could drive around the highlands together, it is too bad that you cant do it more often.

Marion is recovering from a bad cold and is hard at work on that damned thesis. She had a godd trip at the San Diego museum going over the glyphs there.

Best wishes to you and Alice, and I will drop a line from Ponape,

Comme toujours,

Coit's address
J. Eliot Coit
751 E. Vista Way,
Vista, California 92083

Kumoles

Best love to Sally, and how are the fruit pictures coming along?

Berkeley, California
November 8, 1973

Dear Wilt,

I have just emptied the rain guage and it was three inches for this storm and another is supposed to be coming down the coast so I will take along a gaberdine overcoat over to the Club it will be chilly in any case and it can well change before coming home.

It is Big Game night at the Club and it will be good fun for there are plenty of Stanfordites there but we Berkeley-ites outnumber and out-sing them. I wish you could be here to go along. I am taking as a guest one of my favorite pre-war Davis boys, who has just moved up from the Santa Cruz Campus to become the statewide Director of Relations With Schools in the President's office. We helped them get a house right on our street.. His wife was an army nurse and they met on a transport going to Iran in the war and were married there. I am godfather to their second daughter, now through college--the years certainly get by. Cruz

Hugh is going to be down at Stanford for a conference and so we are all going down there to Nancy's for Sunday dinner on the 18th. It will be sort of a pre-Thanksgiving round-up, as Nancy and her family will probably go south, for that day. Marian and her girls and Mrs. Nimitz will have Thanksgiving with us and it will be a gay time for Mrs. Nimitz is always such good company. She and Marian and the girls were up here also for my 81st birthday and it was a lot of fun.

This is a cockeyed season. They predict an early and cold winter and there was white frost on the lawn across the street a couple of days ago, but our patio thermometer was only 42 and no foliage or blooms of any kind were touched. Both crabapples have branches in bloom, several azaleas are also blooming, a branch of the rhododendron has blossomed. The cymbidiums have blooming stalks like asparagus, we will have loads of bloom this year, and are ready to move them into the greenhouse, tool shed, kitchen and living room when the cold warning comes.

The deer have been a nuisance this fall, eating petunias, and chrysanthemums, come up and bring your gun and we can have a venison and feed and cut down on the high cost of beef. The darned critters leave the lavender and purple petunias alone, and I would like them to chew them off, they take the pinks and reds instead. Come up with your carbine and well have venison,

I did two miles walking down to the drugstore postoffice down at our shopping center and back, Edith jogs for a couple of miles in the morning over in the school yard, but it is hardly light, my doc says no jogging for me, and I want to walk in the daylight and sunshine when I can see around, not when all my joints ache on getting up and have to prop my eyes open. The doc wants me to get plenty of exercise, and cut down some more weight, the cholesterol is not high but these damned tri-glycerides, whatever they are, are too high, so it is cut more weight and special medication, but it isnt too bad.

I greatly enjoyed your letter to Coit, he sent it on to me and appreciated it so much. I will call him up again around Thanksgiving, he can talk 2 or 3 minutes only but he enjoys it and so do I.

I need a secretary also to help get my files in shape and to help me get on with dictating notes for the family on my various occupations and experiences, also the Bancroft Library wants some oral history dictation on my early university years as a student and the profs then, and my extension, Davis and Berkeley experiences. It is always more

fun doing things than writing about them, but Edith got me a tape recorder for Xmas two years to make a start so I ought to get going.

I am afraid that I cant help you out on replying to "Howie" in Monroville in Alabama, probably wants a fellowship at Zamorano. Barton surely had a good time down there at the school and with you in Antigua, I havnt seen him since his return but have talked with him over the phone a couple of times. He wants to enter the College of Engineering this coming winter quarter and we think we are getting it worked out, he really wants to get into this field and has come to it on his own, he is a great lad and will do a good job. Katy is in high school, Marioneta almost through, Dorothy working out her applications for two or three institutions, she is a worker and anything but an A grade is a cardinal sin. Caroline is a real little ballerina, though little is not the word she is as tall as Marian now.

I wish you could have been along in Micronesia and visited the old plant introduction on Ponape with us, it has some good things still, though the ravages of changing administrations- German, Japanese; American and the war thrown in has left its mark. *Spanish*

Nov. 11

We've been up to Davis and back since starting this, - it is still raining here and more promised. We staid overnight with the Hilton Richardsons, and together with the other two couples on our trip had an interesting afternoon seeing the Winkler's slides and going over again some of ours and the Richardson's, out of it we have a fine consolidated set covereing the trip. In the evening we went to the memorial lecture for Tracy Storer, founder of the zoology dept at Davis and long one of the leading teachers and researchers in the field of mammalogy and rodent control and especially of the natural history of the Yosemite and Sierra. He also worked on rodent control in the Pacific and was active with our Pacific Science Board of the National Research Council when I was chairman of that group. I also put in some time on the Arboretum so it was a busy but satisfying day.

Former President of the Cosmos Club ~~was~~ Fred Hornady and I proposed Horace Albright for the Cosmos Club award for 1974 and he has informed me that he has received notification from the Board that he has been named for that honor, no one deserves it more though he demurred when I first told him what we proposed to. The ceremony will take place along in April or May and is always quite an occasion. If Hugh or you should be up around that time you ought to put it on your calendar. We will be back for the Advisory Council for the National Arboretum and for visiting with our youngfolk so we will be on hand. .

A walk through any of our fruit and vegetable sections of our markets will give you a ~~ex~~ coronary arrest at the sight of the prices and you dont dare look at the meat section though those prices are starting down. It makes a bit easier for a weight losing program. I wish we had a plot of empty ground handy.

Our love to Alice and Sally, we think of you all often

Comme toujours,

After seeing prices in Guam, prices here didn't scare me too much. watermelon from \$7.00 to \$10.00, cantaloupe \$2.00 each, etc. Much love from me too.
Edith

Berkeley, California
January 11, 1974

Dear Wilt,

The holidays have come and gone and here it is almost the middle of January, and where the time goes I'd like to know. I am glad to get this typewriter back again, it has been in dry dock for overhaul for a week and I was already way back on correspondence.

We had a grand holiday season and a more than busy one, with Marion and the girls up for a pre-Xmas dinner before they left for Bakersfield. The Sunday before Xmas we were down to Nancy's for an early Xmas dinner, and Paul, Betty and Pab and his family joined us for desert there, and we wound up on Xmas dinner with dinner with Mrs. Nimitz and two of her daughters (this machine is a bit quicker on the trigger than when I took it in, these electric ones jump at the touch no matter how light, but they are a godsend compared to the standard machine)

We hope youx folks had an enjoyable holiday season, but I expect that the place was over-run with holiday tourists. I wish you could have seen the color T.V of the Tournament of Roses parade on New Years, it has become a fantastic affair now with floats costing \$15,000 and more with high school bands from all over the U.S., orchids by the plane load, the same for roses, chrysanthemums and other flowers, whole structures covered with carnation petals glued on. The smog was kind, you could see Mt. Wilson and the range in the background. It is a far cry from the old PHS days when we got the promise of flowers from home gardeners everywhere, LeRoy Eloy the H.S. principal designing the tallyho, we decorated all night in the drafty liverystable on west Colorado, icy fingers tying the flowers dripping from ice cold waters in cans of all kinds, then skip home get into a pink tight costume with a cockade hat with a gold fleur-de-lis stenciled and walk five miles. It was great to be young, and tennis star May Sutton the Queen. Then the chariot races in old Tournament Park, - well 60+ years makes a bit of difference in the old town- and in us!

Barton has been accepted in the College of Engineering for the winter quarter, but they lost his card and by the time that has been straightened out he may not be able to get into the classes, wants and of course a good many of the beginning engineering courses are a full year and start in the fall. He may wait until the spring or summer quarter to enter. He is working it out for himself, which he prefers, we stand by to help when asked.

I dont believe that I have written since Johnny Graf passed on the end of November. There are not many of the old guard left, John was one of my favorites, our friendship goes clear back to Banning days more than 70 years ago, then the Washington years, and since up until two or three years ago we had around 30 years together on the advisory council of the National Arboretum. The Neil Judds have moved into a retirement home. Alex Wetmore is still active and I see him at the club everytime we are back there. I an Fred Hornaday a past president of the club proposed Horace Albright for the distinguished award of the club for 1974, and he was elected by the Committee and the Board of Directors, and he will receive it in April or May and we look forward to being there as it will come at the time of the Arboretum council as well. He richly deserves it.

Edith and I have been thinking over Alice and your suggestion that we get down far a visit after the holidays, and we have wanted to meet Alice and have a good visit, and have been checking on flight schedules and meeting commitments here. This arboretum deal at Davis is taking far more of my time than I dreamed it would, and I cant get out of it legally without the regents going back to the court that

settled the estate and asking that the terms of the bequest be changed in so far as I am concerned, and that would open up some embarrassing administration conflicts that I don't want to be the cause of starting. We are working it out, but it is taking time and a world of patience, but I think we will make it. I am pulling out of the Center for South Pacific Studies on the Santa Cruz campus. One can't keep up with so many activities, and you aren't the only one who doesn't bound out of bed with a bang and up and at 'em, the years do take their toll and that fall off the roof slowed me down plenty.

Carving
I have been checking on flight schedules and fares and the travel agent has come up with one of those short time package deals for a week at about a \$60 per person on the fare, on the same plane and same schedule, and with a week at the Continental Hotel in Guatemala thrown in at no extra cost. The only stipulation is that you go down and come back on a Saturday. If we could be able to make a short trip down in early February we might take this deal, even if we didn't use the hotel except for a place to have lunch and get a siesta or a rest while down in the city. It isn't tied up with any tour or guide business, though others on the plane might choose to do so. You are on your own. I suspect it is a deal to advertise your new hotel there and to get week-end business for PanAm and its 747. It looks like we might be able to make a February 2 date returning on the 9th, if we can get approval on development plans for the Davis Arboretum this month, partially that is, so that other work can go on. I have a bunch of commitments for the last half of February, and March is getting involved and we will leave for a month in Washn around the first of April. So life continues far from dull. How would that first week in February fit in with your and Alice's plans?

We are anxious to see Sally and have a good visit with her, it is good news that she is able to keep on an even keel this long and we hope it continues. Sally is right, that apparent red-head is Edith but the color is due to Eastman Kodachrome development and not hair dye!

Those apples from your highland project sound very good, and I am anxious to hear more about that development, and glad that you have Eduardo there to carry it on. Fruit prices like everything else are getting out of sight here, except grapefruit seem to hold reasonably well. We still have the cymbidiums covered, and have an electric heater and heat lamp so we have kept the temperature around 40, and by the end of this month the danger will have passed. They are full of buds and one large tub brought into the kitchen has a bloom stalk full out, azaleas have been in bloom, camellias, even flowering crab branches now and then, the whole plant world is as confused as is ours!

Let us know how the proposed early February dates might fit in with your schedule and we will see what can be worked out here, it may be possible. Love to you all from us both,

Comme toujours,

Rennels

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January 24, 1974

Dear Wilt,

The tickets are here on the desk baggage tags and all. We get booster shots next week and gamma globulin, passports back today with the visas which we prefer to tourist cars and we pay no visa fee. So we are about all set and have next week to button up arboretum and other items to be taken care of while we are gone. The flight schedule is:

Lv. S.F. Pan Am El 515	8:10 A.M. Feb 2
Arr. Guatemala	5:05 P.M.
Return	
Lv. Guatemala Pan Am Fl 516	11:35 A.M. Feb 9
Arr. S.F.	5:05 P.M.

I still think we should go to the hotel Saturday night, we will have had a much too solid meal on the plane, it will have been a long day, and it will save you folks the trip down and the drive back after dark. We can then come up in the morning at a leisurely time. It is the Ritz Continental. It will be a convenient rest spot during the day when down in that area.

We have the gladioli bulbs, not successful in finding gloxinias but have a week yet to do it.

By now you must have gotten the copy of the Journal of the California Horticultural Society devoted entirely to Ralph it was late getting off the press but it is fine to see it out. I had hoped to have him as a consultant on the Davis arboretum but the bequest didnt get through the courts until after his passing,

It is still dark here, this daylight saving doesnt save much in the morning as homes are lit up everywhere getting the kids off to school in the dark and the office and campus folk getting breakfast. I am off for an 8:30 dental appointment, so adios and we will be seeing you all soon, best wishes to all from us both

Comme toujours

Knowles

Feb. 13th [1974]

Dear Wilson, Alice and Sally,

We surely enjoyed every minute ~~of~~ our stay with you- seeing the country again, visiting the markets, gardens, fincas and the trip to Chichicastenango and Lake Atitlan but most of all we enjoyed being with you. We fell in love with Alice. How did you ever get her Wilson? She is a dear and we just wish you weren't so far away so we could see the three of you more often. We were delighted to have you ^{Wilson} feeling better and to see Alice taking such good care of you. And we just can't get over how much Sally is improving. She deserves a lot of credit for trying so hard to improve, cutting down her cigaret smoking, and her coffee drinking as well as on alcohol and as long as she continues to do so she will continue to improve. We called Hugh, Nancy and Marion immediately to tell them all about the three of you and we are calling Ed and Sally's children this week. Alice has certainly made the house more of a home and less a museum with all her lovely homey touches and I loved seeing it again and sleeping in the same bed that I slept in 39 years ago.

Knowles went to bed the minute you folks drove away and was still having problems the day after we got home but is completely back to normal now. He left off his medicine the 11th but had to go back on it. We found everything fine here, 108 pieces of mail (much of it junk) not counting papers and magazines that had to be gone over, and I have been busy getting the garden in shape.

I talked to Nancy, Hugh and Marion about your idea, Wilson, to deed Hugh's house over to Alice and they all thought it was a great idea and should be done right away. They all feel that there is not enough money in the world to pay her for all that she is doing for you and the house. If I were in her place I would certainly not feel a part of the family if I had no tangible claim ~~for it~~. ~~With~~ a little kitchen built on the portico next the bath will add to its value and make it possible for Alice to have full rein of the kitchen and not always be frustrated by Concha. I hope the next letter we have from you will tell us the deed is done.

The pictures are not back yet but I will send them on as soon as they are done. Probably my next letter will be to Sally after I talk to her children. Much love to the three of you from both of us.

EDITH

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Saturday evening Feb.16, 1974

Dear Alice, and Wilt, and Sally

Just a week ago tonight we returned here, where in Sam Hill does the time go? We had a very good flight back but were delayed an hour getting started as our flight was waiting for a connecting flight from some other place, and we came back with a fairly full load.

What a grand time we had and the week went by so fast. It was so good to recall old times in Pasadena, Washington, Haiti, Tela, Zamorano, Turrialba, Pomona - and "way stations". To be back among avocados, cherimoyas, sapotes, Chayotes, pineapples, bananas, pomelos, limes and oranges and all the others, - one was tempted to start all over again. And then the fincas, fruits and flowers, nurseries, and plantings, and at the end of day the chats by the fire after dinner. It was a great treat and we are so much in your debt, all of you for making it a week to forever remember.

Wilt, I am enclosing a clipping about the cherimoyas on the market, - don't show it down there or there will be a stampede to charter a plane load up here at these prices. On the other hand there is a glut on the banana market and all the supermarkets are advertising even on TV the best Chiquita brand for 9¢ a pound, a few markets at 10¢, so we are making the most of it. This is all first grade fruit I've never seen finer. They could almost afford to ship them to Guam where they were 75¢ a pound in the Navy commissary. Tangelos are selling for the same price as navel oranges at 5 lbs. for 99¢.

Edith is getting pictures back from the shop and there are some very good ones that will be coming down. My roll wasn't finished when I left so we will have to wait for it a little longer.

Horace A. Bright will be coming up the middle of the week to be with us for a couple of days. He and I will be going to the annual meeting of the Berkeley Fellows, an "honorific society" set up by the Chancellor of the Berkeley campus 7 seven years ago, the centennial year, made up of 100 "extinguished alumni" who are supposed to have contributed something to the university and society. The number remains at 100 and a new member is added only when some one passes on. It is an interesting group, we have dinner together at the home of the Chancellor, and a chance for swapping yarns and experiences. I believe I told you that Horace is to get the Cosmos Club distinguished award this year, on April 15. The annual meeting of the National Arboretum Advisory Council is set the 21 and 22nd of May the latest we have ever had it and so it will be too late for me to attend the award dinner.

It is amazing how much mail accumulates in just a week, most of it junk stuff but you have to go through it to be sure you aren't missing anything important. There were 108

pieces of mail exclusive of newspapers, magazines and journals catalogues etc. I am up to the hilt on the Arboretum, it takes a devil of a lot of time, and I get fed up with it now and then because of the short sighted and limited viewpoint of so much of the academic mind, but we will have something worth while out of it before we are through.

Marian had the first "dry run" of her dissertation with her associates in the Department the first of the week and reports it went very well with much favorable discussion, she plans to finish it and the degree before she comes down and that makes good sense, she won't have it hanging over her head in the future.. Dorothy has been over to the University of the Pacific at Stockton for the past two days attending classes, talking with students and staff and in general "casing the joint" We think that it is just the place for her and she will enjoy it. Nancy and her family seem busy as bees, Marianeta is enjoying her job in Santa Barbara, Katy winding up her grammar school and getting ready for high school next fall, Barton ready for the spring semester here.

The flowering plum trees along the streets and in the yards were at their peak on our return, a rain a few days later knocked off some of the petals, but they are still lovely, Our cymbidiums are coming out, the first iris, one Mary Thille gave us, "Joseph's Coat" is out, it resists the rust better than most of them. Iceland poppies are also out, hybrid primulas are out in all their wide spectrum of color azaleas, violas and pansies, a riot of color, camellias that would warm the heart of Harold Hume, and the Bird of Paradise plants jugging with bud stalks, so while it is still cool, spring is right on the doorstep and pushing its way in fast. .

I have spent the afternoon cutting down our fine mountain ash that we have enjoyed so much. Heart rot has gotten in, working from the inside and up the trunk. The tree is at least 25 ft. high but the branches start from about 4 ft from the ground and go straight up so that butting them off at the crotch they drop to the ground and then lean against the wall so they can be trimmed and handled very easily. We will get a lot of firewood as well as kindling using the smaller twigs from the side branches, it gave me a good work out and another coming up when I cut the main branches into firewood for the fireplace. . It will help take off some of those pounds from Alice's grand cooking!

Love to you all and again many thanks for the many things you did to make our visit so memorable.

Comme toujours,

Kewles

Berkeley, California
March 20, 1974

Dear Wilt,

I thought you would be interested in the enclosed editorial on bananas-- we may get in line to get gas but we aren't going to get into line for bananas at 75¢ an lb. even if they get that for them in Guam there are too many other fruits coming along. Oil and bananas just don't mix in the political world.

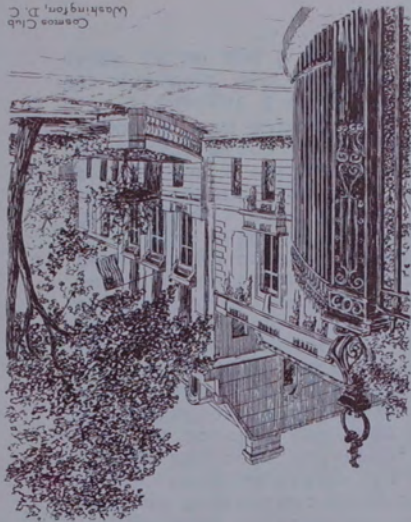
The market report ~~is~~ yesterday reported that limes hit \$40.00 per box, wholesale, since the local, Florida and Mexican crops were over. This figured out at 39¢ a piece wholesale according to the commentator and he blamed the continuing high price on the bar tenders since that was where the main demand for limes came from but they can't up the price of a Tom Collins just because limes are up that high. Fruits are now coming from the southern hemisphere, and I think some from Chile, cherries I believe were \$1.90 a lb. Edith saw one store we passed this evening still advertising Chiquitas at 9¢ per lb but Safeway has already gone up to 15¢.

I am enclosing another item out of this morning's S.F. Chronicle,-- what would D.F and Tommy Thomas and Robert Young say to ol' Actinidia chinensis selling for \$14 a flat of 6 to 8 lbs wholesale flown in from New Zealand under the name of Kiwi fruit. (39¢ a piece!)

We took Dorothy and Marian out to dinner at a nice Chinese restaurant down on the flat and had an excellent meal. Poor Caroline was having a bout with her plaguing asthma and remained home, so we brought her a bag of fortune cookies and some chocolate-chip, mint ice cream which latter we all enjoyed with her. She works so hard and is doing so well with her ballet that it is a pity that she has so much trouble with asthma, and she is mighty plucky about it.. Marian finished up her teaching for the semester this week with finals so she won't have that ahead of her next semester and can grind out that pesky dissertation and get it out of the way. We will have a high celebration on that occasion.

Tell Alice we enjoyed her letter so much and she will be getting a good letter soon, this is just a current market report from the green grocer's column -- and the editor's column also since we must defer to Latin America's place in the U.S. economy while they replace bananas with palm oil.

I thought I would be smart and use this note paper for a letter but certainly got mixed up on what page to start it on and I will do better on it next time



2.

The formal announcement of Horace Albright's receiving the Distinguished Service Award of the Club for this year has arrived and you probably have it by this time. Because they have set the date of the Arboretum Advisory Council for May 21, we wont be able to be present at the Club when the award is made April 15. Usually we would be there at that time, for he is an old friend and I am one of the former presidents of the Club have worked hard for hbrace's nomination, but he was loath to accept it, saying he had already gotten more recognition than he merited in one man's lifetime but we thought otherwise.

Spring is certainly breaking out all over the place the single flowering crabapples on the streets, in the yards are coming out like light pink clouds caught in the tree branches, the deciduous magnolias have never been more beautiful, our cymbidiums are just now beginning to open up, tulips and daffodils, Iceland poppies, primulas, marigolds, more azaleas, and early rhododendrons and the reports from Washn say that things are breaking out there. Everything will be out in green leaf by the time we get there in late May.

Edith ljoins me in the best of wishes to you all

Affectionately, Knowles

start inside!!

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March 30, 1974

Dear Wilt,

Here are a few more banana reports to keep you cheefful and UNF and Standard stocks on the rise. Edith has just come back with a good supply of 8¢ bananas for when they begin to get up to 20¢ and above we will go back to one on Sundays and holidays.

It is still raining and blowing here I emptied the rain guage day before yesterday - 3 and 3/4" inches and this morning it is 1 1/2" again and more on, the way in fact you cant see the city because of the rain in between. It is a good time to spend the week-end in front of the fire which is going fine right now.

The f-flowers hold up well in spite of the beating but the tulips are beginning to shed petals and the Iceland poppies also, ~~the~~ the flowering cherries have taken the rain and high winds remarkably well and have been gorgeous for several days now--- and the slugs also are having a ball.

We are still on the trail of E. citraodora, but I am beginning to think it doesnt seed. We will probably get a deluge of seed when it begins to turn up, enough to coat the sides of Agua.

Have a half of one of those big avocados for me for lunch, you ought to see the junk that is passing for Fuertes now and at prices we dont buy. And put away some of Alice's pastries with it

Love to you all, it is almost noon and Saturday and I dont want my union card to be taken if I get caught working on Saturday afternoon!!

Comme toujours

Knowles

And Sally, please wrap yourself
around one of those gorgeous big
Cherimoyas for me for breakfast -
Muchas gracias, with ag-late
Uncle Knowles

COSMOS CLUB

May 22, 1974

Dear Wet I'll start this while waiting for Chuck to come by and pick me up to go out to Pete's for dinner and the night. Pete is only 5 miles from Dulles airport and will run me over after breakfast. I'll probably finish this on the plane or after I get home.

It's been a short and busy stay this time. I had to delay leaving since the doc had a bunch of x-rays taken and examined so didn't get here until Saturday night, still tired but from the flu. Edith couldn't come as it was too soon after her operation. I had dinner with both families at Chuck's Saturday and Monday we plunged in to one of the best Arboretum Council meetings we have had, some good new members and a working group. It looks like we will get the old brick yard adjoining the arboretum on the north - 30 acres, which will give us 9 fine new entrances right off the freeway coming out on New York Ave. Adequate parking space right at the entrance for your grounds for school buses, all at the periphery.

The meeting was late this year, so we missed the azaleas, dogwoods and early bulbs. No rhododendrons were splendid and the fresh greenery was lovely.

I arrived in the evening just as the annual spring openhouse - dinner - dance!! was getting underway. Ladies coming in the front main entrance in party dresses, having the open of the first two floors, except the buffet was on the second floor. Ladies leave at breakfast, this for some time. The Club like every other club has to change to stay alive. No Sunday brunch is very popular with families. Musical evenings have been added. I wish you could be here sometimes when I'm back for a meeting or to visit the family - Maybe make a Third Monday of the Month gang - but most of our crowd are gone - Alex Waters and

COSMOS CLUB

Met Sterling still there -
 — Time to head for Peter, Peter for now —

Home - May 28th - Well, I at least made a start
 It's good to be out of the depression that hangs over
 Washington - you can't escape to Nixon "syndrome", (is
 that the right lingo?) - radio, T.V. newspapers
 lounge and table talk, - and where will it all end?

Yesterday Marvin and the girls were up for a Memorial
 day dinner, and we had a good time as always, the
 girls grow up so fast, Dorothy will be off to college in
 three months. Poor Caroline is dogged with this allergy
 asthma that almost smother her. The doctors are
 recommend a complete program of tests and inoculations
 that should give her permanent relief, we hope so. Marian
 is still deep in her thesis writing, she is the thorough
 and imaginative scholar. I ally wish she could have
 worked under some one like Prof. Baker with all the under-
 standing and inspiration they have made it extra hard
 for her but soon she can thumb her nose at over two of
 them especially - will pop the cork and spit out the
 leeches when she finally gets that parchment. Better come
 up and help celebrate -

Two days ago it was 88° here, 105° Bakersfield, 109° at
 Palm Springs, 114° at Thermal. Today is cold, 58°, foggy with
 a brisk wind, even a cold drizzle. Yesterday paper girdler
 logs at 1st, 25 a lb. above 100° night both hours. In
 Wash DC, mangoes were 79¢ (40¢) - strawberries 69¢, everything
 higher than here - and Lord knows they are faulted,
 especially here. So eat a good big avocado for me and save me four
 bits! Our love to you and Alice and Sally
 Comme toujours
 Knowle

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Berkeley, California

August 4, 1974

Dear Wilt,

This may be the first week in August, but it might well be a wintry day-- cold fog until noon, with a cold wind and we have had a fire in the fireplace, popped some popcorn over the good oak coals-- then after noon the sun came out for awhile, and then the fog began coming back in patches. But down at Nancy's she reported it hot and sunny and up at Davis it has been over a hundred these days we have been having cold and foggy overcast. It has been fine for some of the garden flowering plants, but rough on fruit and melons though the valley is heating up, Dorothy was down there week before last and it was over 100 every day so it is catching up and it ought to put sugar and flavor in the melons and grapes.

Dorothy has been doing a yeoman's job in placing a dozen Mexican teen agers in one of the exchange programs in homes here for two or three weeks. Some organization over in the valley had the program started, then called it off just before the youngsters were about to leave, and Dorothy offered to help the S.F. exchange office. They took advantage of her but she, with Marians help, have them all placed and they arrive tomorrow.

The long drawn out bus strike that has stopped all inter-urban busses to S.F. and all local buses on this side of the bay for over a month has kept Marion on the go taking Caroline to her ballet lessons, and helping Dorothy on her project so that it has slowed her down on the thesis, but she will finish it before she comes down to Guatemala and wont have it hanging over her head, she has certainly had a rough deal, we will have a grand celebration when she has that sheep-skin tucked away

We had a long and enjoyable letter from Sally recently, what a tragedy that with all our science we havnt learned just what keeps one on an even keel steadily rather than in spurts and depressions. Dr. Bennet, long head of the psychiatric section at Herrick Hospital here, now retired, and long head of the Foundation that he largely created is going to be down in Guatemala in October or November lecturing at some of the hospitals I believe in Central America, he travels abroad lecturing at medical schools frequently. He had a chat with you some years ago when he visited your home with a group, I believe I gave him a note to you. He may drop in again during his stay, I will let you know the exact dates of his stay.

I returned from the Bohemian Grove a week ago today, it was a most enjoyable encampment, the music and the plays were exceptionally good. Stan McCaffery, Prexy at the University of the Pacific where Dorothy enters as a freshman this fall is a member of our camp as is also Prexy Emeritus Lee DuBridge of Cal-Tech, we have a very enjoyable crew in our camp, mostly academic folk, we have a concrete engineering specialist who comes out from every summer in our camp he is an ornithologist and bird-watcher and gives the walkie-talki trips during the encampment that are very popular. His home address is intriguing-- Carberry Hill on Merry Meeting Bay, Richmond, Me. He wants us to drop in and enjoy his fresh lobsters and blueberry pies!

Enclosed is some of the Kiwi fruit propoganda that is selling nursery stock, - and land, some old racket. I still cant get het up about it with so many other good fruits around, but the gourmet craze takes up anything these days.

A notice has come in about another avocado and citrus trip to Guatemala and Mexico--" study mission" and that "Dr. Wilson Popano ---- will brief us on the Avocado industry in Guatemala. Mr Arturo Falla will host us at his experimental grove" ---- Roberto Carlos will host us at the El Guacamol for lunch--"---- sounds like quite a party, Perfesser, wrap yourself around one of Roberto's enchiladas or tacos for me--- and a side dish of hot tortillas!

Hal and Mary are coming up to the states on home leave later this month and will be visiting in the east and looking into some business affairs at Florence's old home in New Hampshire. We hope to see them up there or in Boston the first week in October when we are in Boston for the annual meeting of the Am. Assoc. Botanic Gardens and Arboreta. and the week following down at Washn at the annual meeting of the American Horti. Soc., its first annual meeting at its new hdqts on the 12 acre property, part of Washington's River Front farm between Alexandria and Mt. Vernon. We will also have a good visit with Chuck and Pete and their families. .

I am glad that your notes, papers and other hort material are going to the library at Riverside library. Mine will probably go to the Library at Davis. I am in the midst of an oral history program jointly being done by the Bancroft Library here on the Berkeley campus and the Davis campus. Horace A. bright as well as the two libraries have been after me for two or three years to get my life history in the record. They have a grant for it and it is atk last underway. Incidentally several historians from various colleges and universities are working on the life and times of Henry Wallace and several have wasked for my papers but I am hanging on to them for thek present and will give them to Davis. Both the University of Iowa, and the State University at Ames are building up collections they and two or three others were represented about a month ago at ^{at Davis} the annual meeting of the Amer. Agricultural History Assoc. At least two new biographies on NAW have appeared recently and have mentioned my involvement as wellk as the much longer involvement of Henry with the Roerichs with their Peace Pact. It is still a cockeyed story.

I didnt realize that FOP was involved with the ^{first} Dickinson introduction but did think you had described it in the Comona Journal, but I dont find it there. He was one of the first to recognize its value and to push it, . I was away at Berkeley about that time following Miss McNaughton's ~~sk~~ death, but thought we were propagating it at West India Gardens before I returned to college. FOP's and your influence on those early days of the industry will last down through all the years to come, the Fuerte descendants keep coming up and I hope that the Nabal will find its place-- if the subdividers dont take all our good avocado country.

We are getting excellent mango's from Florida, Haiti and Mexico The Kent looks to me a close relative of the Hayden in color, shape and quality, I never heard of it before.. Papayas are going back up to 69¢ each while the Kent mangoes have been four for \$1, not a bad price at all.

Must ring off and go to a reception, the late afternoon sun is still fighting a losing battle with the fog, the city long since blotted out. Love to you and Alice and Sally

P..S I think that Eucalyptus citriodora is a lost species already but I will find it, still hope to have some direct from Australia they couldnt have all been killed by the cold last winter!

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December 27, 1974

Dear Wilt,

Marian and Caroline are down finishing the last odds and ends of packing and will be back up here soon to pick up tickets, passports etc. and head for the S.F. airport where they will stay overnight and catch the 7:A.M. plane for Guatemala in the morning. A neighbor with a station wagon will take them over because of their luggage so we will say our goodbyes here. It doesn't seem possible that the PhD has been finished and tucked away in spite of all the obstacles thrown in Marian's way by a sadist committee chairman. She has done a great job and we are all proud of her as we know you will be. It will seem mighty strange not to be dropping in on them and having them up here often as we have these past several years. We will see Dorothy often and we look forward to having her here as often as she wishes to come and we will drop in on her at U.O.P.

We had both the girls and their young folk here for an early Xmas dinner the Sunday before Xmas as Marian and her two were going down to Bakersfield. Edith and I had Xmas dinner with Mrs. Nimix and her two daughters who live here in California.

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I have just had a good chat with Dr. Coit, and he sounded stronger than any time in recent years, but the docs won't let him out doors, he has to keep close where he can be helped if the old pump hesitates. He is in the Swaing Palms retirement home in Vista, has his own room and with his own furniture and enjoys visitors. An Xmas card from Ralph Allee said he had seen the 94 year old doctor recently and he was in excellent spirits, he will be 94 in a couple of months. I told him I was writing you and he wanted to send you his best wishes for the New Year and asked what you were doing these days. Condit wrote on their card that they had heard that Dr. Coit had passed on so I will have to disabuse him of such misinformation.

I see that your book is being reprinted by an eastern firm according to the notice that has just come in, it will be good to have it available for this has so much general information that folks don't know where to dig out.

The tarps are all down in front of the out door fireplace overhang where we have moved the cymbidiums, for the rain stopped this noon and there is a bit in the air and we are apt to get a freeze. We have had a real soaker much needed the sun is now not far above the Golden Gate, and the sky is almost all clear and the view is grand, we wish you folks could see it all. Marian and Caroline will have to report on it. I am still much involved in the oral history project for the Bancroft and Davis libraries. I wish you were where your career could be recorded, it should be. A good wishes to you and Alice for a grand New Year Affectionately

Knowles

Berkeley, Cal
February 5, 1975

Dear Wilt,

I cant find my copy of Sauer's book, in fact havnt seen it since I was teaching my course on World Agriculture before retiring, as far as I remember. They didnt havnt it at the campus book store nor at one of the largest off campus stores when I was trying to find it so I have ordered it and will bend it along when it comes in. Marion's and your letters came in just as I was ~~xxx~~ due to have a chat with Carl Sauer which I had for a couple of hours yesterday. We discussed the paper I am preparing for the Smithsonian-USDA Bicentennial symppsiu[m] slated for April for which I have been asked to give a paper on the changes in American Agriculture in the last 200 years due to plant introduction and botany-- and in a time limit of 30 minutes or thereabouts! The published account can be a bit longer. I think I mentioned it in one of my letters, and I wanted to have Carl's ^{start}. --- And I wish I had never agreed to give it. it bugs me, for it covers the water front, -- introduction by every means, -- explorers, colonisx[ts], colonial governments, individuals, public and private gardens, and by the government. At least I am having to review colonial and early American agriculture

I have seen the ads about the reprint of your book both Menninger's and also the notice in the Assoc. Amer. Bot. Gardens and Arboreta news letter. I hope you get a few pesos out of it. It ought to go well in spite of its high price-- what book isnt!

We knew you all would enjoy Marion and Carolyn down there, we certainly miss them up here, seems we are always looking for them to drop in or we drop in there. It certainly is a load off her slender but sturdy shoulders to have that d---d thesis done and beyond the reach of that sadist chairman of her committee. It is a great piece of work

Dorothy is coming down from Stockton Friday to be with us until Sunday when she returns to campus, and we are looking forward to it with much anticipation.

We are in the midst of a series of storms that is bringing a lot of rain, and much needed snow in the Sierras, which warm rains might melt too fast and cause flooding as the reservoirs back of the dams are full. Love to you all from us both

Knowle

B. Dr. A.E. (Sammy) Bennett will be chopping by to say "hello" to me, you should know some years ago when he was lecturing down at the University of California, Berkeley. He is one of those outstanding botanists, head of the Department of Botany at Berkeley. I met with him at Berkeley often and chat heathen. So people, whenever as "waiting lecturer."