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[no date]

Dear George -

You as an old friend deserve better than this belated answer to the warm and affectionate letter which came weeks ago and which I enjoyed immensely. The necessities of living are almost too much for me, absorbing my energy & ingenuity to the limits of my strength. I must stay in this house (which I enjoy) as long as possible & that a nesting home, the very thought of which repels me - I wish I could afford to be a good one from 10 to 15 a day & even these are distressing

Margaret Shepard who
 died in early November
 was in the very best
 in the area. But we
 all came to abhor it.
 It was a great release
 for her & for the family
 & since they have no
 regrets, they are doing
 very well, but she was
 the strength of the
 family as they feel know.
 Of course I roared
 with laughter over the
 fur ball, but I am not
 surprised or abhor
 bears, we feel they
 are clean, from a child
 hated my grandfather
 Riders, who was
 snow white & appear-
 ed immaculate.

I do think it was an expensive performance for you to, say, three for the vanity of a beard. Cannot think this thing any better, send me a snap shot if you want to convince me.

Only which my feet ailments could be cured by removal, but they cannot & since all the ailments of old age are not paid for by Medicare (in slowly increasing bankrupt eyes, hearing, teeth, feet). The resources which I thought would cover these ailments scarcely cover a fraction of them.

The Biggs are in Calif. -
formia after spending
Christmas with Anna &
Bob in Dulsa - Peggs
double cataract operation
was a long siege, but
successful, tho she no
longer drives - Jim does
everything, all marketing
much work, when Maria
is not available - He
really hates Farren,
only really enjoys keep-
ing his financial records
& funding his investments
Their children are most
devoted - except for Peggy
& Dick, whom I love. The
others I find most try-
ing especially Leon
Beers, with his 1st seater
plane & approval of

Nixon - I'm sure would
 vote for him again, had
 he the chance. For I
 think most made quite
 a decent possibly ideal
 I do not think there
 is any one on the
 horizon. I often wonder
 what Son & Betty would
 think of this way of world.

My feet have cut
 me off from the pleas-
 ures of New York, concerts
 theatre, ballet & some
 gallery hopping - the
 most sane contem-
 porary art leaves
 me cold.

Rider Suwoffs
 Business takes him
 to Europe several

Times a year & he came
bound up in a week
ago with posters, cata-
logue & post cards of
the current Turner
Show in London. My
favourite painter. I ^{never} ~~did not~~
not know the first
thing about painting
but goes out of his
way to bring it to
me. He is a dear
man, loving & thought
ful.

I would go on & on
George, dear would
my hand permit, &
wish we were nearer
for occasional ^{interesting} talks.
A young girl gave
me that pad in a Chinese
cover - Easy for me to

Hotel du Danube 58 rue Jacob.

I wish you all the luck in the world - Helen -

Dear George -

You was a dear to lend me the cigarets & the last Joe's package of matches - I was so pleased, for I can assure you they were most welcome. I had a very delightful voyage for that time of year if really was marvelous. I sat on deck when I could, for there seemed to be some one always waiting to play bridge or Laths. There was an Art dealer on board, who had just started another shop in America, since she was in London. The Commodore's wife & would rather have stayed on board but he said his six months were up, so he had to leave. The house is like any of the modern stuff & I should think it would be rather a bore to

Helen Keller
Feb. 24, 1932

I miss my Betty terribly - we
always did things together
& we almost always like the
same things - I haven't gone
to the theatre my usual time
I got back & then chose to see
a perfectly horrid one - called
Le Vagabond de Jérusalem - it was
so untheatrical, so terrible, not a
ray of beauty anywhere - if
certainly was well acted but
they give such stuff - we went
into the Bassin de l'Estimade
to try & drown our disgust -
I appreciated the more your
thinking to have no more
thing for you had been quite
well - I do hope that all is
gone by this time - will you
be a dear & excuse the wild
& splash - I am such a lazy
person, I can't wipe this all

over again + I am sure you
will be satisfied - I wonder what
I shall do this summer - my
friends are going to Maggiore
instead of Lake Como, + I don't
like it as well. but I do want
to study Italian + of course
it's the best way, to go right
there - I don't want to go to Spain
alone, I shall have to wait
for Don + Betty - + I hope that
they will come over this fall -
I have just had a delightful
game of bridge + my friends
stayed to tea - they said the
tea was excellent + two of
them were French so I hope
they told the truth - Do let
me hear from you once in a
while, how life goes + what
you make of it - Did you know
that I have your book *This Believing
World* - shall keep it for you or send it?

sticks always to the old. For
couldn't understand why I
was crazy about the modern
It seemed like being on a
private yacht, as they were only
about fifty paces, being the
men of that big boat - Halifax
was just barbed in sunlight,
which made it look just habitable
Plymouth was positively radiant
If you had seen it as many
times as I have just peeping
out of a fog, you would know
how unusual it was. We could
see for miles - all the lovely
Dartmoor woods - I really enjoyed
seeing it like that. As I told
Betty & Don they called me
Mrs. Culbertson on the boat
because I happened to play
a fast game, I seemed to know
what I was about. My friends
have seen my glass to have
see boats. But I can see you

Sunday

(12 April 1938)

Dear ^{Mr} Lutz -

Lutz's good news
re regards Doc, that I
felt I wanted to tell you
at once -

A fine heart special-
ist Dr. McVinn saw him
yesterday. Took a cardio-
gram & said his heart
was healing marvellously
& that he should be doing
much more each day -
than he was. even to ~~get~~
up & down a few stairs

not here, nor was my darling to
have had anything to do with your
visit, my niece is having a baby
under very trying circumstances
& I'll have to be here to keep
my sister in hand.

I try spending a little
more time here, instead of
dashing in & out & see
how available I am. You are
so absorbed by Donald gen-
erally that no one else has
a look in -

I do hope to be
here during your meteoric
appearance -

Mother & Father are
shuddering & hating this
weather & very
Helena

Jan. 30 Doc. immediately
tried three. Betty is upset
because Doc. beating said
he ought not to try staves
for three months. I myself
feel that cautious water
breath is very necessary
in a case of this kind.
The inflammation he feels
is due to teeth.

Mother's trouble in
chewing meals was nothing
to do with you. She gets
in a perfect stupor when
she plans them for
father & herself if I am

Thursday

[8 April 1938]

Dear George -

I believed it had been arranged that you are to stay next door to The Trenches at Mrs Bulkeley, which is where Betty had a room. When Betty first spoke to me of your coming I understood her to say that you would be here two days & as I am

writing to be called to work
but any time during the 15th
of I trust I should be able
to take you, give Mother up
completely at least to plan
meals when I am not here.

Now you write that you
are to be here for two
days only & I am afraid that
I did not understand in the
beginning what your plans
were. I shall have to leave it
this way, you are to sleep
at the Bultings since Betty
has arranged it & you
will have your meals
here, with Mother & Father.

if I can not have a sister all of us
up here. It will be good to see you
& I know it will cheer Donald greatly.

In some ways he is better, but his
teeth are in a deplorable condition &
that is sending poison into his
system which he cannot throw off
& which is causing a painful
rheumatic condition. In fact that
the darling of temperaments in
the family are two fish. How he'll
ever live there if I sometimes
wander especially after he
gets to the Board in his evening
word that is spoken can be
heard from one end of the house
to the other.

Father & Mother returned from
Florida on Tuesday & walked
out to a snow storm this
morning - the contrast between
their brown faces & the snow
is funny - It will be good to
see you - Love Helen





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HART, CONN.
MAR 21
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1946

Mr. George Dawson Schaub

505 Dahlia St

Tahonka Park

Kindly advise you **P. O.**

correspondents to include
reply by 7: 00 -ber 1946
in your address.

Dear George - Sorry you had
so much trouble about the
hotel accommodations. Your results
sound highly satisfactory. I do
hope you have not given up
the trip to St. Louis. I think
you should go if possible.
It will be more than good
to see you if you find you
have the time for a day at
so here - web Helen

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Dear George - Saw Bill
 is much better, so I'll
 be waiting for you
 Brooklyn - Leave this
 evening for New Bar
 Harbor - Hope you
 might be in Brook-
 linn on either Satur-
 day or Sunday but do
 as seems best. The
 Murphys will welcome
 you whenever you
 reach Brooklyn &
 I'll be more than
 happy to see you -
 Have you the final
 Tweedy plans - No one
 here seems to know

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Dear George - I mailed
 my copy of "Best Eyes" to
 you today. I think your
 eyes can be helped greatly
 if you will follow certain
 rules in eating & supple-
 mented by vitamins. I am
 amazed by what I have
 been able to achieve in
 the past few months & my
 dentist is positively amazed.
 If your nerves are strained
 & your eyes troubled &
 you - why not try some
 of suggestions in this
 book. Maybe we can
 get Daw. & Betty to give
 a trial too. They are
 in this winter, has been
 anything but satisfactory.
 Love & whenever you feel
 in the mood - Helen



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Mrs George Van Schwarz,
505 F. Hallia St.
Lakewood Park
D.C.

135 DEER HILL AVENUE
DANBURY, CONNECTICUT

[14 March
1946]

Dear George -

So that you may know as soon as possible how long I plan to stay in Washington, I am replying at once to your letter, with I fear one of my usual warty notes -

If we drive down on the 23rd as you saw, I will stay until Monday the 24th. I hope to find a

quiet room for two or three
dollars a day, I am sure what-
ever you are able to find will
do, either at the Allies, Grace
Dodge or any one of the
smaller hotels.

I am glad if the review
pleased you & I trust it
served you good service.
Walter Little asked if I
tried the bulb before sending
it on, actually I did not
but assume it worked. I
think this controversy easier
to see than the small
review, such as we read
that evening at the Little's,
but I do not think the
reproduction of color is

as satisfactory in the larger
one & while it looks impos-
sible its cost was not great.
I do enjoy sending it to
you.

Now that Dow & Betty
are in a small house of
their own, I sincerely hope
they are more comfortable
& contented, but Dow still
expects to make tracks for
Danbury the minute the
college year closes -

Let me know or not
just as it suits you
about your arrival on

Open the third - you know where
the key is and if I am not
at home when you arrive,
I soon will be -

Affectionately
W. Helms

135 DEER HILL AVENUE
DANBURY, CONNECTICUT

Dear George -

I was relieved when your letter postmarked Washington arrived - I felt fairly sure that you would abide by the decision you made here, but then I did not know what negative ideas might be brought to dissuade you, once you reached home - Which does not mean that I think

you are easily persuaded
person.

I am about to depart for
Boston for a few days visit
& wanted you to know that
I prefer the April 21st date
for my week in Washington
rather than the earlier time
which you suggested - I'll
be delighted to drive down
with you in whatever con-
veyance is available - A
car has always been of
interest to me, and so far
as it takes me where I
wish to go, for objects
to admire, I look elsewhere

Why not look at the picture
of your future work from a
relative angle - Certainly you
are too old to continue in a
profession for which you are
temporarily unsuited, that
would be sheer stupidity. Never
too old to get your teeth into
a project which absorbs your
knowledge will come sud-
denly fast - Forty two
is not beyond one's ability.
I know how much I might
have accomplished had I
gotten wise to myself at
that age -

Why not stop over-
night as you go

Months around the first of
April - I want to hear how
yours are progressing & I'd love
to glimpse of you -

Sincerely
Helen

Dear George -

A stack of unanswered letters is the most bothersome sight imaginable. I am always in a state of nervous tension when faced with the task of reducing the pile and feel disgustingly virtuous when I have accomplished the performance.

Sorry your mail was not sent to you here, I might thus have kept you a week longer - as you may be aware, George I do enjoy having you

in my home - You have
a talent for ^{com}panionship,
a quality which I greatly
prize.

I hope whenever you
have the time and are
so inclined that you
will come to me for a
visit however long or short
you care to make it -

Jaggin dined with
The Luttles on Saturday
last - Eastman had re-
turned the Kodacromes
which Walter made of the
bees and bee formations
& they were exceedingly
beautiful. He acquired

a new viewer which in New York which while it somewhat diminishes the depth of color in the slides is an improvement over the small instrument. If another one is obtainable, I shall send it to you in Washington.

I went into the library to see the display from the Albertus which the News-Limes speaks. The wild flower display was impressive, not because of the numbers of flowers

but because of the color
which remained. were tho
they had been dried & pressed.
This makes me more anxious
to see your collection - This
collection of which I write
came from Shemya island.

Now that the Moon &
possibly the Sun are within
range I am more anxious
than ever to visit Washing-
ton Art galleries, before I
am lured farther afield.

Sincerely

Helena

Wednesday -

The Danbury News-Times

DANBURY, CONN., JAN. 24, 1946

•City and Vicinity

Mrs. Simon Blake, of 48 Main street, has returned from the Danbury hospital where she had been a surgical patient.

"The Perfection of God" will be the subject of the discussion at the meeting in St. Peter's church, tonight, at 7:30 o'clock, of the High School club of St. Peter's parish. The Rev. Francis P. Shea will be the discussion leader.

Ronald A. McLean Jr., son of Mr. and Mrs. Ronald A. McLean, of 31 Farview avenue, has been selected as a member of the production crew for the forthcoming play, "The Inspector General," to be presented shortly at Wesleyan university, Middletown, where he is a junior. A graduate of Deerfield Academy, he is also on the cheer-leading squad at Wesleyan.

A display of souvenirs from the Aleutian Islands has been placed at the Danbury Library. It consists of photographs, tools of bone, ivory and stone, pressed flowers, and other interesting articles collected by Sydney L. Ruggles, who has recently returned to Danbury after one year with the Construction Division, Alaskan Department, and a year and a half with the Northwest Division, Corps of Engineers, U. S. Army.

Nashua, Brooklyn
Maine -
[2 May 1946]

Dear George -

I am sitting in the
Maine sun, without coat or
hat, positively longing to
find myself out of the curly-
body of Louis.

I find that George's school
was closed for the summer, so
that he will be here whenever
you come along, if your plans
work out for Monday that will
be fine -

I must warn you that
there is one fly in the ointment
which will undoubtedly make
you grab your teeth as it
does me. Robert Murray 33 yrs

of age has just been released
from the Navy after 2 years of
service - This is a nice boy, very
nice, but he was a few feet too
bone slaying & it is awful. Do
people who play the trombone ever
play the instrument well, if
so I've never met one. Possibly
it is an instrument which
never sounds musical, however
it is played. Steel yourself
for about an hour's slaying
effects day - (not all in one dose).

Do give Elizabeth my love,
it is certainly fifteen or more
years since our last meeting
but one to have known Elizabeth
means always to be devoted to
her. She is rare -

There is a telephone
here, Sedgwick 36 - I will call
you next to telephone -
Make your part of Maurice
is as delightful as mine -
Affectionately Helen

Monday

(22 May 1946)

Dear George -

A hasty note before
the postman arrives to ask if
you plan to drive to Maine
within the next few weeks -

I have just had a
call from the Murveys, who
telephoned to give me their
birthday greetings and who
"insist that I make them a
visit at once" - George says
that "Spanda has come to
Maine, the violets are in
bloom".

I'd like very much to

make them a weeks visit, but with
the railroads in their present
uncertain state I hesitate to
do so, for fear I'd not be able
to get home -

You spoke of week-end-
ing in Rockland, which would
mean that you would be in
the vicinity of Blue Hill +
Brookland (probably 60 miles or
so) + you might like to come
to the Murveys too - Reg. Murray
spoke of your coming over the
telephone + I am very sure you
would enjoy that family as
much as I feel sure they would
you -

Your present plans may
have nothing to do with
Marie, or you may not -

care to take on a passenger
for the return trip - I would go
one way by train, if train's run,
if not I'll stay home - What do
you say?
Every
believe.

Friday

(31 May 1946)

Dear George -

I do apologize for my stupidity on the evening you called from New Hampshire. As you know my telephone is in the dining room & I was just in the act of seating several guests at the dinner table, before straining plates of food. I attempted to complete the act & still talk with you, so that actually I was successful in neither case - For my guests refused to sit and my conversation with you was positively incoherent -

As my plans are now

I expect to leave for Maine on
either the 6th, 7th or 8th, whenever
I can get a reservation on the
sleepers. I have decided to sleep
away as much of the train trip
as possible, for I do dislike those
jogging Maine trains -

Will you send me post
cards both here & to the
Murrays, giving me your
addresses while in Maine, in
case I need to get in touch
with you - I suggest both
places. For I may have left
here by the time this reaches
you, I have no idea when
you expect to return to
Cossackie, tho I suspect a
few days in advance of

your departure for Maine with your
Mother -

My only delay in leaving
for Maine, or in returning
quickly would be in case Lee
Beer's died - He is still critically
ill, but there is no great
change in his condition - I
expect there would be things
I could do for Cornelia which
no one else could do so easily.
We work in the same way
without much talk or asking
of questions.

I am enclosing Peg Murray's
letter - I must have made you
sound very young & in need
of entertainment - Actually
you may do exactly as you

like at Newburg - Boston & all
day & night if you like to tramp
the woods & even climb a bit, if
you like -

Peg. is taking a group
of High School students into
Boston for a few days, as you
will discover upon reading
the letter enclosed -

It will be good to see
you & hear of your doings
since we last talked -

Affectionately
Helen.



Suffield (owner) She is as
you happy to sell this
house as I am to leave
it. It will not be
placed on the Market
until August or Sept.

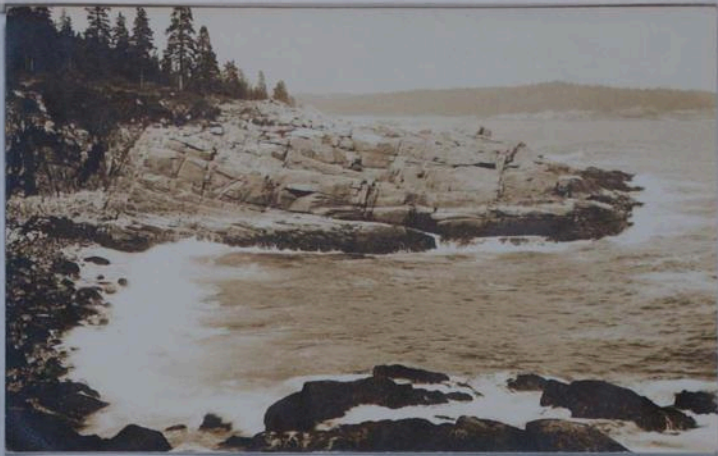
THIS SPACE FOR MESSAGE

I have made an
appointment to look
at a house tomorrow
at your return as
I am delayed as long as was
McCarthy, the morning
Yours will be at the
door - So come along
whenever it suits
you, tho I'll surely
expect you on Sunday.
Hope I didn't give you
too unhappy a break-
fast. But it was a

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THIS SPACE FOR ADDRESS



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Draw show Lamb -
I thank you for
your note + the check -
As I drove into my
yard this noon, a blue
sedan stopped in front
of the house - I thought
for a moment you
had returned, instead
a large black looking
man, sat in it &
stared at the house
for a good half hour,
then drove out - I'd
am found bound &
gagged - look for a
Blue Sedan - have
talked with Marge

[20 July 1946]

The Mill-Pond House
Tonset Bluffs, East Orleans
Massachusetts

my eyes were fixed on the
exterior + had a knife
in my belt + pressed at the
house I could have added to
your grass collection. There
were several which I am
sure are not to be found
in either Maine or Connecti-
cut -

My love to all of you at
11 Larwood Ave. (Marquis but not
Martin included) Have a
good time in Maine + do
try to fit another visit in,
in Danbury before September

16th - There will always be a
room & welcome for you at
135 Deer Hill -
Ever
Delaware.

Saturday

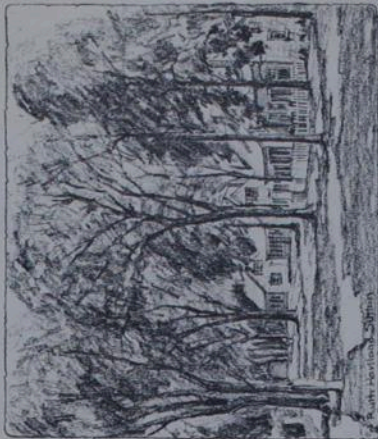
Dear George -

[20 July 1946]

Certainly the pleasant-
est part of my trip to the Lake
was the early morning drive to
Stanford for which I am most
grateful to you, and of all past
Western trips are to be as easy to
travel on as was the Lake Center.
I shall have no further criticisms
of that mode of moving about. Air
conditioning, adjustable seats
and a ^{for smoke} ~~quiet~~ ^{my} ~~car~~ ^{is}
made the trip a marvel of comfort.

We made perfect time. Peggy &
Father & I met me at ~~North~~ ^{North} ~~mouth~~
we had tea, put Father on the
train for Boston and Woodlawn.
Then drove home slowly. For
I did not have my eyes on ^{the}
road but on the ~~gray~~ ^{gray} & weather-
beaten houses, gay gardens &
truly magnificent trees which
line the village streets.

There is greater variety
of color here at Louse & than at



Yarmouth port

Nackawag, many more shades of blue,
green + greenish blue in the
water, a quality which would lend
a painter's fervency, for I paint
loosely. The evenings are unusually
beautiful + yet for me it lacks
the appeal of Maye.

Unwarily, the past few
weeks with you have conditioned
my walking habits - yesterday
as I walked inland over the
moors, instead of "flashing +
blinking" at the horizon

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Friday

[2 Aug 1946]

Dear C.C.

It was reassuring
upon my return yesterday
to find your note + to
know that you will be
here at 13⁵ before the
end of summer.

If there is not some
abatement in the heat
I fear you will burn your-
self. B. ere the Michigan
trip is finished - I have
belonged known it to be
so intense -

My last visit at Orleans
was very pleasant and
unhurried - The Kappels
drove over one afternoon
from Bass River & were
rewarded by one of the
finest views on the Cape -
They were in their usual
gay mood - Theresa asked
(I usually for you & promises
an Hungarian dinner for
us upon your return -)

The Trumans were
aboard on the Cape &
are planning the trip
to the Lakes, but my
heart is not in it.
I prefer to spend the
time here in this house

and enjoy it while I may -
Also I am terribly sad
over Lou Rogers sudden
death. (You remember we
stopped by their Rogers house
in Bridgewater) He was
driving home from Mackinac
alone & I think must have
had a heart attack. For
he struck a tree & died in
the hospital at Hamilton.
Ontario fifteen minutes
after they got him there -
I spent yesterday after-
noon with the Tuttle or
rather with Walter who
was alone when the
news reached him &
was terribly upset. Lou

was a warm person. He had
intellectual & spiritual
integrity besides being
the kindest person I know.
I loved him as I would a
~~the~~ beloved member of
my own family -

It was disappointing
to know that Uncle Arthur
was unable to get a rebate
on the microscope for I
do think you should have
it. It is important for
your work and your eye
sight. If you will send
me the number etc. I have
one other source which
I will try, too I am

not certain of success -
Peggy Murray called
know Mamma yesterday to
insist that I dress up
again at once with a
friend who is leaving
on Monday. I am not
going, I think they are
all worn out up there
The Littles & the Kee Lies
have been there for two
weeks, had a wonderful
time & Helen tells me
that Peggy instead of
putting a thee on the
Gensworth's has been
playing accourbanis
music to Daddy's
~~with~~ violin playing -

I teased her ^{Ray} about it yesterday,
asking her if she was
burning him up to her web,
thereupon to eat him, or
was she simply letting me
down. She had an explosion -
two words she felt was
useful for the listening
telephone public of Brooklyn.
So I shall await a letter
in order to hear what
she is up to. George's
water color arrived this
morning in my room -
Very nice -

The little fields are
here for the week - Two
real estate men are

going thru the route and
this is an incoherent &
badly written letter, but
I wanted to get one off
to you before you started
for Michigan.

Please bring your
music back with you
& do drive carefully. I
hope you found your
Mother improved when
you saw her en route
to Portland & more than
hope that her meeting
with Eva will be a
pleasant one -

Love
Helen

135 Deer Hill Ave
Sambury - Conn
5/21/47

Dear C. C. your concern with
what you write with and on,
amuses me - I do not care in
the least what you use for
materials, just relax. A letter
from Reg. Murray came in
the mail with your letter, it
was written (without apology)
on several kinds + colors of
papers, and in pencil.

I suspect that the
postal departments of various
countries may have had some-
thing to do with the use of
ink rather than pencil
for letter writing. It is more

desirable, requires greater care
to produce & is therefore more
legible - Your neat hand is
unreadable in any medium, while
mine is very nearly impossible
to read in ink and completely
so in pencil.

I am certainly pleased
that your sister is cooperat-
ing with and responding
to the treatment of the new
doctor - She is fortunate to
have found some one in
whom she has confidence.
Many doctors are positively
vicious in their lack of
responsibility to their patients.
I feel that it is often
quite difficult for an in-
telligent person to go along
with them.

I hope your Mother and we
have had a tranquil visit
together + possibly an enjoyable
one.

Betty, Dow + Helen have
been here a couple of times
latey for dinner + in each
instance Helen has been
most amusing, altho some-
what absurd. Stewart + Phew-
hart is visiting them at
the moment. I do not think you
+ he have met. He is an
original person with a keen
mind, says positively shock-
ing things but in a manner
which even Betty accepts
without protest tho she
giggles audibly - often. Wish
you might have been here
last evening, we had a

most hilarious time. Dow is
being worn down by Stewart
however, hope he does not prove
too much for him.

As you know the
Jussays have a way of
taking over any home in
which they live and I am
afraid Marjorie Jussay is
fixing them very strenuous.
Dow acknowledged that they
were worried about her
and yesterday Marjorie called
me to ask if she could have
a talk with me. I shall
try to avoid talking with her
if possible, for I think she
should talk with Betty or
Dow herself. Not expect me
to act as mediator. I she

Situation may clear up when Helen returns to her apartment, which she will, within a day or so - She has been living at 11 Ferris for the past three weeks -

I heard of Elizabeth's proposed visit from Betty only a few days ago - Betty said she had written to Elizabeth but had had no reply - It would be very nice indeed to have her in Danbury for a while -

Poor George, to be swagled over by ones friends is un pardonable. Labor comes; if there is not complete snow -

twice in a relationship it
is worthless to me. I always
go into reverse when I most
want a thing; so Dow +
his "authoritative manner"
was -

I admit I had greatly
counted on a final visit
from you before your teach-
ing commenced. Since I
must vacate this house by
October 1st + have so far
been unable to find a
rent, I fear I'll have no
guest rooms for some
time to come.

The bright side of
the picture however, is

that I shall have money to use
for records + a good recorder,
and I am no longer running
a house. I shall need your
help in selecting the latter +
welcome any suggestions you
may have for records. Cer-
tainly the only means of escape
from this materialistic and
scientific age lies in music.
For me at least, you have
your botanical collections.

It will be good to see
you whenever you appear, as
you know there is always a
place for you at 135. I should
it would not that you is
unable to have you —

Love

H.

Monday.

Tuesday

[21 Aug 1944]

Dear George -

I have been rewarded
more swiftly than I thought
possible & without lifting a
finger or my voice -

Don came in this
afternoon, after having seen
Stewart Rhombert off - He
was considerably worn down
but a couple of cocktails
overcame that hazard - He
had a letter from Dr. Resnick
in his pocket, which said that
"his heart had been in no
way impaired by the past
attacks & recommending
that he take more alcohol".

His object in coming however
was to discuss your visit + to
ask when + if I were willing
to have you? - He + Betty have
decided that no more us to
be put upon Margie Dunsen.
Elizabeth is not coming for
the present at least + we
wonder when you wish to
make your sojourn in Danbury -
You suggested that you
come on the 4th or 8th of Sept.
+ stay thru your birthday
on the 13th - There is a
string quartet concert (the
Quintet) on the 9th - That
however is just a suggestion
if you prefer to come
next week or the first
week in September, it makes

no difference, just so I know
as soon as possible how I may
run up to Mackay for a
week's visit. But that may
be done any time during the
next six weeks, so plan your
visit for your convenience.

Donald asked me to write
you to this effect. Come
along whenever you choose,
wherever that is you will
be welcomed with open arms.

Ever
Helms -

P.S. The New Yorkers solution
to the yogurt problem is
a "yogurt maker" to be
found at Lewis & Cowgare for
some fabulous price. How
would you like one for

[23 May 1945]

135 DEER HILL AVENUE
DANBURY, CONNECTICUT

Dear George -

The plot thickens.
The Littlefields have been
here for several days pack-
ing & getting their possessions.
They leave Friday & have
said they wish to return
on the 27th if left for a
few days.

It will make no
real difference if your
visit coincides with
theirs, except for the

confusion attendant upon
packing -

Would it suit you
to come at the end of this
week, to stay as long as
you will - I have the 4th
of Sept. I hope for the
July quarter stays on
the 4th instead of 9th as
I've first arranged -
I wish you might be here
on your birthday but undoubt-
edly the 3rd may be too near open-
ing of season for you to
do so conveniently. What-
ever your plans to try
to give us a week -

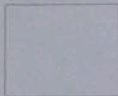
Affairs at 11 Farwood are in
a precarious state, much
more so than Donald realizes
I fear - Margie surely does
not want them there for
the winter - Donald has a
problem with Betty, who
needs nursing home care.

It will be so good
to see you, we are all
anticipating your visit -

I am going to my
sisters for overnight
but will be at home
on Thursday evening
surely, in case you
wish to telephone
Wed #.



[30 Aug 1946]



POST CARD

ADDRESS

Miss George Van Schoon

U.S. P. C. 642

Dear George - Just I can not get you all on, as to P Name, so will enclose this in envelope - Am glad you are able to come out for only a week with three nights. Would you like to bring your Mother with you - I doubt if it would be as much of a change for you, but I should be glad to have her if it would lighten your response -

Monday

[20 Aug 1947]

Dear George -

It was good to have
your letter, altho it confirmed
the apprehension with which I
have struggled since you left, ~~is~~
that ^{is that} you were undoubtedly
having a bad time of it at
home.

I do wish you might
have been spared these weeks
of confusion before your depart-
ure for St. Louis, but I expect
they were inevitable - It is
very nearly impossible to be
objective about one's family, but
you have achieved a certain
detachment from yours, do
continue to cultivate it for
nothing will be achieved if

you become a part of the
family -

If your winter plans were
as clearly developed as are yours
it would be an unhappy situation
all around to have her at
home with your Mother, but
since she has no teaching
plans & it is her own idea,
(I feel sure you did not ask it
of her) I do believe it is the
solution for the time being. Later
you may find a suitable
nursing home. As she ^{with her mother} comes
more childlike she will be less
aware of her surroundings
& less disturbed if they are
strange - If you find car-
ing for your Mother too difficult
she will be more reconciled
to some other solution than

had she not made the attempt.

I'd like to think that my
tyrannical conduct during the
weeks of your stay in Danbury
has made you more able to
cope with things, that you
are feeling less nervous & exhaust-
ed than when you left. - I
thoroughly dislike a management of
work which is certainly
what I was, & with a vengeance,
but time was short, subtlety
was out of the question &
you being the sweet natured
person that you are, bore
it well & I trust to a
purpose - I'd give a good deal
to be on hand during those
first weeks in St Louis, to
see that you give some thought
to food & proper rest - Please,
please find some one to give

were the Retard injections, if
the 3 couples taken by mouth
does not accomplish as would
results - Learn to fib and find
a visiting Nurse if necessary,
refuse to make a trip to St.
Louis in order to tell a
white lie for you.

I too have had a confus-
ing time since you left.
one of my periodic attempts
at rearing the Tallman Family
(the 14 negro children) to rights
and as usual I was only
mildly successful. Their father
was neglected them for several
weeks, there was little or no
food in the house, so that I
after feeding them for three
days called the Probation Officer
to report the case - He will

then, sent the Police to pick up
Sallman. The next thing I knew,
Pauline the mother, + four or five of
the children were weeping + wail-
ing because he had been taken
into the jail. Previously their fury
was so great they had been advocat-
ing his removal from their midst
for life. The funeral however was
breached on Thursday evening. It
was unufferably hot, Charles
Varga had come up from Phila-
delphia to have dinner with me
+ I was to drive him to a train
in So. Norwalk later in the
evening. Several times during
the late afternoon I had had
telephone calls from members
of the Sallmans, asking me

to use my influence to
have their father released, say-
ing that their mother was greatly
upset - I felt it was out of my
hands, since he had been under
Court order for a year to pay
a weekly sum toward the family
support & had done so only when
he found it convenient, therefore I
did nothing. As Charles & I were
during there was a rush of feet on
my porch & a swarm of small
Colored boys entered the room, wep-
ing & imploring that I go bail
to the tune of \$500 to get their
Pop out of jail - I said, "I could
not do that but that I
would talk to the judge
in the morning" I did

not feel that a night alone, in
which to think, would harm him -
He was released the following day
& us being slightly more cooperative
at home: I finally cleared the dining
room & we resumed our meal &
Charles Darga as former wondering
what I do with my days, he is
now convinced that they are not
dull, whatever else they may be.

On Saturday evening, I had
Shutes, Don, Betty & Billy were here
for dinner & I had asked Rheobe
Gallman to come in to do the
dishes - We were having a
series of Thunder showers so I
sent Billy for her & when I
said as they came in, "that I
hoped she had not got wet,"
she replied, "we like this weather
this is good for our business" -
"Business I said"! "yes she

informed me, "we collect worms
+ life bait, we work for a"
extending store on White Street.
Poor tykes, they do their best -

The Shutes came, as a
down town on Saturday afternoon
and left on Monday. We had
a most pleasant time, like
Flora very much and David
+ I always have more to say
than we ever find time in which
to say it - I had the Seweds
+ Betty for dinner on Saturday
evening, on Sunday Dow arrived
as we were having breakfast,
(about 11 A.M.) we made calls
on the Roders + Biggs. Dow +
Betty took them down to see
the new house, which both
Flora + David liked, altho
they wonder if either Dow or
Betty will be able to do the

the work necessary to keep the
place running - David was greatly
concerned by Donald's appearance,
thought he looked very ill indeed +
Betty so frail. I must say Don's color
is ghastly - This side time will
amuse you - Several years ago
Donald told Berrian he was going
to leave all of his music + library
to him, to do as he chose with it
On Sunday evening D + B. had a
long session in the Terrace Place
studio + D informed B. that
"what music he would not
choose was to go to Hamilton
College" - ignoring entirely his
former statement - Berrian did
not mind, except to be disturbed
that Donald's memory is so
unreliable - Peg. Biggs told
me that Don. had given out-
right to Barbara a half
dozen chairs for her house which

now that he + Betty have a house
he was asked how to return - I
do feel unhappy about these
prices of money + only hope
they will not increase - I try
expect to get into the house
by Sept. first but I think it
unlikely -

The trip to Boston +
Wiscasset starts on the
25th + will require about
eight days so I hear. The
Stutes are hoping that Dow
will go up to their camp but
he has not committed himself
as yet -

No I have not found a
house at least within my
means. There is a delightful
brook off our north woods
behind it and a small
pond to the left of it for

twenty three thousand, which is
entirely out of my class, but lovely.
I really believe I shall have to
build in order to get both the
location & simple but compact
type house I so want. I am
being badgered from all sides
by real estate salesmen. Pray
that I keep my head, I may
very well not, once this house
is actually sold -

There is one thing to
be said in favor of this
terrible heat, it has kept me
within my four walls & most
of my friends within theirs,
which was meant time for
reading for me and a peace-
ful interim in which to
gather my scattered forces -
The Paines arrive tomorrow

for a 20 day visit, which I hope
will be a restful one for them
after the heat & noise of Beacon
Street.

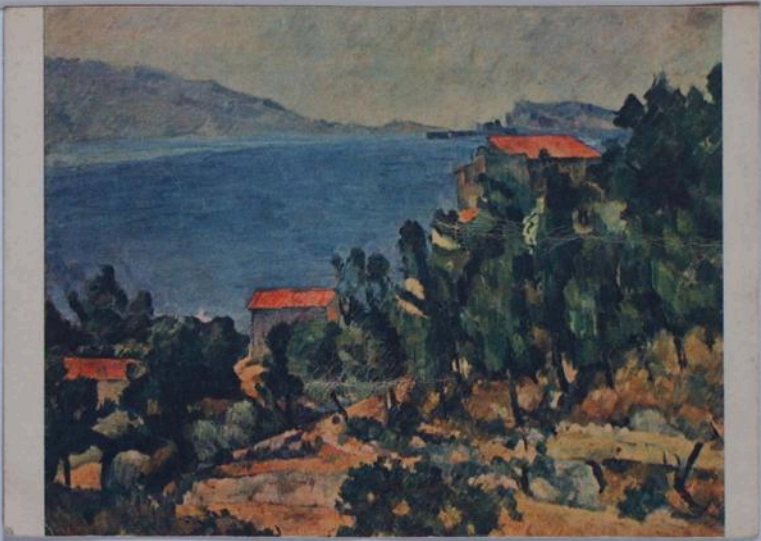
I do not enjoy summer
guests especially when it is
hot, they utterly exhaust me -
I truly think from now on
I'll confine myself ^{from July to Sept.} to the
of B. Van Schick, who never
tires me and is always a joy
to have in the house - ~~It~~
is forever welcome -

I hope your visit will as
it progresses, become less confused
& that you will find time
to enjoy each other -

My love to you George &
my appreciation for all you
have done for me - I did so
enjoy the trip down from

Mama & my glimpse of those
beautiful mountains, I hope
one day soon spend some time
with them —

Ever
Helena.



116 P. CÉZANNE

Mount Marcellino
Marsaglia
Col. des Matres - BRONX, 4^{ème} Div. Imp. - 2^{ème} Bataillon (France)

R. Tito Manin

KONIGS BEI BERLIN

Dear George - This is the day you are to arrive and the songs to start the new job. I hope with all my heart that it will mean an interest-
ing & pleasant year for you. I am still in this throes of house hunting, with no success. I have found a lot in the Clark Board Ridge that suits me perfectly. I am trying to decide whether to have the forwings to build. Will you bear the "Audubon" as my birthday gift to you, my love and best wishes go with it. Expect Peggy to see Monday, but I am not return to New York with her just now. Affectionately Helen.

135 Deer Hill Ave
Danbury - Conn
[1900-1947]

Dear George -

Bless you for your
inability to remember whether
or not you owe or are owed
letters, etc I might not have
received your second letter.
I am thoroughly ashamed to
have allowed weeks to pass
without a word in gratitude
for the letter which you sent
from Duluth - you know that
this home and I have been
happier during your visits than
at any other time, I regret
giving it up, more on your
account than I can say.
I doubt if I shall ever trade
so spacious + comfortable a
house again -

Of all the time searching +
unrewarding observations, have
hunting heads the list - I have
spent weeks following all the
leads available + have found
nothing of use - I hope I
have kept within my price
range when looking, but doubt-
edly there are houses for twenty
thousand or more which I
should have found + viable
but I thought it best to
forego the frustration of looking at them
The possibilities for the
winter presented themselves
& I have finally made my
choice, I hope wisely - My
Aunt, Mrs Joy offered me her
house with maid, (my only
expense to provide myself +
the maid's food) from the

well, but the poor darling
has a trying winter ahead
of her.

Stewart is building
a house on his property
& spends much of his
days superintending
the work. He has become,
or perhaps always was,
so anti Russian or possibly
anti Communist would
be more accurate that all
of his views are affected by
this bias. We had a four
hour argument at "The
Fair City" board meeting
on Tuesday. A person of
Communist leanings had
been proposed as a member
and the organizer. Stewart
had the backing of most

If the board - Jerome Malino
Belly + I were for his admision.
All this Red baiting bothers
me + I believe it unnecessary.
Not everything which is
wrong with the world
can be laid at Russia's
door -

I do hope you are
quite well again, that
you have found a
pleasant place to live
and a restaurant
which serves good food.
Tell me all about it
soon -

My love to you
Helen

Saturday.

first of January² until the middle
of April - That meant putting all
my furniture in storage, & a
search for a place to lay my
head between now & Jan. first &
later on in the Spring. I must
say I was tempted for it is a
sunny & pleasant house & I could
hardly have my meals cooked
for me, for a while at least -
The second choice & the
one which I have accepted
is the apartment on the
third floor at 10 Terrace
Place - It will take much
of my furniture, I will be
able to come & go as I choose,
& I shall not have to
rush into buying a
house or building one -
Just after you were
last here, I found a lot

of an acre ~~or so~~ on Clabboard
Ridge with a delightful view,
a patch of woods on it & much
that suited me, in fact I was
very enthusiastic, Bill Roder
& Bud Biggs found many reasons
why it was impractical
for me, but after talking with
the Artesian Well Driller & Stuart
Gouman I decided to go
ahead - I put a deposit on
it and talked with various
builders about building on
the spring - A day or so
before I planned to buy it
outright I discovered that
the person to whom the
next acre of ground had
been sold was a thoroughly
objectionable person - One

who had three ³ sets of nearly
children from three different wives
& had recently married his fourth -
He was moving into the country
so that he could have bigger
& better parties without disturbing
his present neighbors - I could
not face such a situation so
have withdrawn, regretfully - I
doubt if I believed find another
piece of ground which so
entirely suits me - you would
have approved of it, I know -
Dor & Betty thought it was
beautiful but too inaccessible.
Now I must begin all over
again -

When I read your last
letter, even before I reached
the part which told of your
being in the hospital, I
found myself exclaiming, when

does George get out into the
air & sunshine, surely he does
not spend all of his days under
a roof!! Show that essentially
the work at the Herbarium is
relaxation for you, but you
are or appear to be putting all
of your waking hours into either
class rooms or the Garden, are
you able to walk to and from
the University to your rooms?
(You have not written me of
your living quarters at all) If
so that might take care of
the air & sunlight.

I am not surprised that
some bug has found a home
with you, they are out looking
for homes these days. I have
had one for a tenant for
the past three weeks & he
eats only liquids & cereals.

For a few days⁴ at the beginning
of the week I felt quite myself
but for the past three days I
have had a pain in my
right side which is becom-
ing increasingly painful - I
am now waiting for a telephone
call from Doctor Eckert to say
that he will see me. He intimated
when I spoke with him that
it might be my appendix -
I told him "it simply could
not be at least no operation
could be performed until after
the 31st which is Monday
day for me."

Part of my inability to write
has been due to the number
of guests I have had. There
have been friends or the
little girls staying in the
house from three to five
nights a week for the

past two months - My door bell rang
at 6 A.M. one morning & when I
answered it, Robert Murray greeted
me - He had driven from Nashville
in the Ford & had had several
breakdowns enroute. He was here
for several days, we had a good
time, he brought me up to date
on his & Jane's summer after you
& I left, it grew more & more
gay as ~~the~~ ^{time} went on. He told
me of one remark of Jane's which
amused me thoroughly - He & one of
Jane's roommates (who was a guest
at Nashville) were discussing the
state of the world while Jane
listened without interest, she
finally said, "Yab, yab, Talk
Talk where does it get one!". Robert
in a fury said, "What are
you interested in anyway!".
"Sep," replied Jane. ~~However~~

Peggy, George + Jane have
 been here for two nights, stay-
 ing at Bay Schwab, (since the
 Littlefield beds were sold at
 auction a week ago), and Jane
 entered quite spiritedly into
 all talks. Dasher has revived
 her interests: It was good to
 have the Murveys here, one of
 George's uncles died + they came
 on to the funeral, are returning
 to Washington to-night after a
 foot ball game and are plan-
 ning to return in two
 weeks for another game. I
 should love to have something
 of greater interest than foot-
 ball before making that trek -
 If I am still intact after
 the move I may return with
 them for a visit next time

This is my last sheet of paper &
I have written positively nothing
of consequence. Will you send me
a few lines to tell me what the
results of your hospital tests
were. I must say I am pleased
that you were feeling so much
better before the diarrhea had
descended, once that has cleared
up I trust you will again -

Has Dow written you that
Annie fell & broke her hip on
Monday last & is now in the
hospital. Peg & I were
away for a short trip when
it happened, Uncle Arthur
called me, said he did not
know who to call to help
him; which I thought was
a commentary on Dow, who
is truly becoming less responsible
with each passing day. So
far Annie is getting on very

4 NOV 1947



Dr. George B. Van Swaenick,
Washington University
St Louis
Mo.

Math. Dept.



Dear George - The doctor
thinks I will live & I also
feel that I shall, now that
the morning is over & the
main part of battling is
accomplished - I have
shed some tears which I told
myself Dr. Clark thinks
I have an infection in
the appendix, and after
years of my intestinal troubles
I have returned to my old
habits on this ship for an
18 mos. trip to the S. Seas &
India. I went to Liverpool
to see him off on Sunday
This apartment is very
comfortable & attractive
& best of all I have an
entire bed for guests -
I wish George & Peggy to
be with you tomorrow &
you hope during

This writing paper
situation is
ridiculous, I am
unable to
think of it when I
am down town &
there have been
more immediate
pressing things to
attend to, but I do
want to speak of
Elizabeth - She
was a fine spirit,
I know how truly
devoted you were
to her & she to
you - you gave
her a great deal

of pleasure; she
spoke of you to me
several times during
her visit in Danbury
last spring - I am
glad since she had
to go, that she
went as she did.
It seemed a fitting
& I do say a
peaceful end to
a courageous life.
Elizabeth seemed
to me a person
apart, warm &

of short duration
+ that there are
no ulcers. If
only there were
no nerves to
infect me, this
would be a
pleasant exist-
ence —

Again, my love
Helen.

generous & loving.
But not entirely of
this world -

How Miss Cassatt
will miss her &
her devotion to
third Liberty and
her interest in
all good causes -
But it will be
a better town be-
cause of her -

I am glad that
your business in
the hospital was

10 Lawrence Place
Danbury - Conn

Dear George - [25 Nov 1947]

You are to be again
subjected to one of my
hasty & scatterbrained notes,
not quite in a class with
the few bits of serafim
papers which you last
received, but scarcely better.

I went into New York
on Saturday primarily to
hear ^{the} ~~the~~ ^{Swiss} ~~Swiss~~ ^{Novak}
She had been suggested
for next year's ^{the} ~~the~~ ^{Miss}
Center program, as the

art of first importance +
this was to be her one
New York concert - Daw + Betty
came into the concert too
+ taking an early train +
They arriving just before three.
I was able to do a bit of
shopping, which included
a book for Betty. (one suggest-
ed by Daw) - "A World of
Great Stories", ed by Hayden
+ Cowdrie, priced at \$3.95
I had it sent to her
in your name, with
birthday greetings - I trust
this meets with your
approval - I ~~indeed~~ truly
I was very happy to

to this little crowd for you -

I managed to see a couple
of picture Exhibitions also on
Saturday, a fine group of Mary
Cassatt's paintings at the Wildenstein
and a collection of still lifes by
Cezanne + Chardin + Rembrandt
at the Levy - As always Cezanne
stimulates + pleases me, whatever
his subject + while I admire the
smoothness of Chardin's painting
I find it cold + lifeless by
comparison -

Had I not had Dow + Betty's
opinion to bolster mine, I should
have thought my reaction to
Uroves playing sheer lunacy
so enthusiastic was the
audience + so lyrical, ^{was} the
critics. The program was a
fine one + her technical
capabilities great, but I was
unmoved + unimpressed by

had playing as were Don.
& Betty. I had to rush off
directly after the concert
since I had promised to
spend the weekend in
Padding at the Reefes
where the Murveys were
also we heading so I
had no opportunity to
go into the matter of
whether or not we shall
recommend Novae to
the Musée Center Board.
If we were the only
three people in the
audience who were

unsatisfied is that a
valid reason for with-
holding her from the
Danbury audience. I am
not sure, but I think
you will be, so I'll let
him do the talking to
the Board -

George & Peggy are
here until after Thanks-
giving - Robert & Jane
will spend the day with
them, but in the mean-
time we are dashing
back & forth between
New York - Redding &

Danbury, trying to see a play or
two + The Fables at The Metro-
politan before they leave on
Friday - A week away from
the thickens is all that George
can bear -

I shall not worry about
where you are to stay dur-
ing the holidays, for unless
Nell gets busy in the studio
at Dows, + so far not a
stroke has been done, I
have a feeling you will
at least sleep here + have
your breakfast with me -
even if the rest of your
day is spent in Bethel -
It will be good to have
you here for there is
much to tell over -

My love to you -
Nell



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Musée de Clugny

The Ceramics which I
bought is a disappoint-
ment. It's wrong, also I have
am having a great trouble
over it. Will probably end by
giving it to some one else
as a wedding present. It
belongs to a more modern
setting.

Am writing you with
a borrowed pen on my
lance, so this letter is
even worse than my
usual scribble -

Plans are still in
the making for California
but we are going. I
feel sure - Did the
"Everglades" reach you
Love H.

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Musée de Clugny-Ancenis (1870)

The Todd's have just left
for Washington, for which
Dana says, I fear they will
never return to D. They
both spoke of how much
they enjoyed their evening
with the Todd's. They were very
satisfied with the night. Have
had long letters from all
the friends.

The past week - June is
running a conference
"Action relation to every-
day living". Wants Betty +
Dana's opinion + me to
come up toward the first
of February - Robert with
the three of Evans +
Peg + "Leopold's" new friend
+ "Sally" - they all want
a good holiday.



Dear ~~George~~ ^{John} - I had another
 visit ~~to~~ ^{to} the typesetters
 yesterday, their color is
 not so good - I had cards
 all the printed in France
 are very poor. Carried at
 the R.R.S. the morning you
 left Danbury a couple of
 minutes before the train
 departed, but could not find
 you - I thought I would dit
arrange about the
 place and since I was so
 unsuccessful the first
 time, have been busy a
 terrific theater binge in
 New York for several days
 & had have to stay out
 for we are in the midst of
 another storm. Saw *Autopsy*
 & *Clorotoma*, it is a stunning
 production, intellectually
 absorbing, but ~~not~~ emotion-
 ally stirring. The new



5454. Tapisserie. La dame à la licorne (La Gôûr), France, début du XVIIe siècle.
 Tapestry. The lady and the unicorn (Taste), France, early XVIIth cent.
 Wandteppich. Die Dame und das Einhorn (Das Kasten), Frankreich, Anfang XVII^{tes} Jahrh.
 La Dame del Unicornio. El Gosto.
 La Dama del Unicornio. El gusto.

Musée de Clugny

were as called to Cornell
 fair, Ulric's brightful -
 history looked so like
 P. B. R. it was unbecom. We
 talked with the winds & after -
 ward, he knows there are
 flaws but it is a fine oppor -
 tunity for him, so by you

LES ÉDITIONS NUMES PARIS. PRINTED IN FRANCE.

but not the "Man of Sorrows"
 He at is perfection of
 delicacy, it was good to
 have you for even a short
 visit. I hope, you know
 I want you whenever you
 can come for only a few
 days or weeks. Don't
 make progress with his
 third floor, it will be con -
 to my house will be
 done from now on.



Dr. George Daw Selsbach,
Washington University
St. Louis
Mo.

W. H. S. Sept.



Collage by Max Jaffe, Vienna, Austria.

The Museum which I want
to have after you a
salaried position etc.
but they will eventually
if you do not be con-
tinued at the
University.

Found a letter from
Prof. Murrays son my
nephew from New York
asking me to send the
summers at last year.
Jane to quote say it
going to know her
personality by going to
Salvador with her
with the General Mission
Dewey said I shall miss
her very much but know
she cannot stand
illness - Robert was
in town yesterday



Well Dr. Van Selwicks
so you thought you
could handle your
ability - ~~means~~ writes
a book for you did
you? I am perfectly
delighted with the
outcome of your first
trip now to at Wash-
ington University - if
you are "re-asked" I
do not see how you
can refuse if no one
of the three asks to
I doubt they will all
turn it down. Would it
mean less to achieve
more administrative
work - it is the
gross department of

Needlework Picture
American Needlework Guild, about 1940
The Metropolitan Museum of Art, New York

Printed by Arts



en route to Poughkeepsie
- "I thought he raked all
of his Mid. years". Lucky
was here too has the
leading part in a
Lewellyn play, which
delights him -

Have been to see
Dunster to-day, an ex-
perience which I find
unbearable, but I do feel
that some one of us should
go now & then just to keep
the Institution and its work
means very little to
Dunster - Uncle A. is not
doing well at all, but
wants to appear to be
making progress -

Do let me know the
outcome of the offer I
am glad you have read
it, even tho you refuse -
My love - Helen

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Sunday, March 21st

[194?]

you are right Dr. Van Selsaek
You do owe me a letter and
not less one minute will I
accept a post card answer -
however clearing the post
card. You are however res-
mitted to postpone the lengthy
letter which I am awaiting
with after your two day
trip. I am a Magnanimous
gal -

No, we are not going to
California this year - Corneilus
Beers, who was to do the
driving has not been well
- Lewis, Barber's husband and

has been quite ill, with Corneva
doing the nursing of him. I have
had no energy what so ever for the
past six weeks & felt I could not
face the long trip. I have discovered
that I have low blood pressure,
but lived injections have helped
and I am greatly improved. We
have merely postponed the trip until
next February which is the
time I wished to ^{have} go this year -

Now that Service has come
to Comstock I dislike to leave
for any length of time. Having
survived this horrible winter
& the almost daily trips to
the hospital, which certainly
wore me down, I am more
than willing to wait
a year and start off at a

time when Saurby is deep in
we & snow and I can make
low water to & the sun - I have
killed people who felt they
had to get away from New Eng -
land winters, but this one
has seen too much for me. I
am thankful however, not
to have had to cope with
the shovelling of snow and
leaking roofs - felt at 13⁰
I wish I would have been
a night mare for me!

Ami returned home from
the hospital two weeks ago
& is on the 1st floor front -
he is doing quite well
but Uncle As there is miserable
& will I think have to have
the entire operation repeated -
since they removed the
pad & put him in a

know he has been in constant
pain - Reg + I have been
in California for twelve
weeks, it is almost one foot.
They have so little responsibility
toward the situation. Dow, when
he could, (I know he has not been
well) and I have had to
cope with the buying + some-
times selling of the Dow market-
who are in daily attendance.
It has been most trying -
I think has been responsible
for my levels of gas + for the
California trip -

I have been told by
various people who are in
the West, that there has
been very little bloom in
the desert this year because
of the extreme dryness

all the while that ³ should affect desert
plant life I am unable to say. But
the lack of rain has made life quite
different for Cal. residents as
well as tourists to and as the use
of water is drastically curtailed.

I am leaving on the 10th
for a ten day trip thru Indiana
by motor, en route to visit friends
in Bedford - Frederickburg, to
go into Washington to see
the Lodge + the exhibition of
specimens from Germany which
are being shown at the
National Academy.

Your trip is over, but I
am sure it was a fruitful
and I hope relaxing trip
days - how nice to be with
you. I shall be interested to
know into what area you

went for your field work -
whether you collected grasses
exclusively.

I thought getting thoroughly
intoxicated or lulling my tired
like and travels would shut
out the thoughts which arise
each day over the world situation.
I resort to neither or both -
I really do not know where
I stand, I read, talk and
listen endlessly, but still the
mess goes on - I run as
pathetic even the Sanders
& Stuart have an explana-
tion for his every word &
act - The present policy
in Greece, Turkey and
China of maintaining

reactionary governments in order
to combat Communism is ridic-
ulous + shocking - I was about
face in Palestine more than
shocking and our flirtation
with Houseo Morone. I am
more in sympathy with
Wallace's speeches than any
of the other candidates for
the presidency, but I do
not trust the man's judgment,
he is too impulsive + hazy
in his thinking, the Stephens
attack is fairly typical of
him. As Liberal followers
must have been shocked by
that political attack - The
only lesson on the entire
horizon whom I'd dream of
voting for, for President is
Dawson Grog but at the

present state of deterioration
it will be too late by next fall
to pull ours up the world's chest-
nuts out of the fire -

A letter from Peg Murray
yesterday - Jane has abandoned
the idea of going to Greenville.
She wasn't as good as we thought
+ she didn't want to work in
the clothes depot - She plans to
go to a writer's workshop
this summer - Her narrative writing
teacher thinks she is good enough
to earn her living by the pen -
Peg writes, "Jane was thrilled
by the approval, were delighted -
of course what kind of living
we don't know" Jane has also
been elected her class treasurer,
though to Peggy's horror - since
she has no financial head -
Her mother hopes the class
will have her bowled -

5-
Now, as applying a depressing
chocolate stain to his sweetly
kind walls, was very nearly finished
it and will I expect leave
the next month or so, moving
his studio out of this house.
He + Betty seldom move out
of their own home, I doubt if
he has done any work what-
soever this winter - I am deeply
worried about him -

As you can see this letter
has been over two weeks
in the writing. I was
unable to finish it before
you left, so I have dawdled
over it since.

How are things going
in looks a bit, I hope
reasonably well + will

So continue -

I have just had a
telephone conversation with
Jerome Malin. He said he
thought we ought to end
it on a light note, so told
me this latest yuck at our
President. "I wonder what
-Toussaint's Foreign Policy would
be to-day, if he were
alive?"

My love to you George
dear, it seems ages since
your "looked up" upon
us at Christmas -
Ever
Helen

Saturday

[1 June 1948]

Dear George -

The children are going to the post office, so having collected my notes I will send you a note to say one or two of the things I felt wanted from saying out the telephone.

If you are happy when you reach Massey and enjoy the Murrays we can certainly stay on here for a few days longer than we originally planned. So if you have not already written Elizabeth Webb, you might tell her that we will

call her after you reach Nanking -
to tell her just how we shall be
stopping one or two nights
with her. I'd hate to miss
you here & I do know that
it is difficult to track down
the simplest food these days -

It really makes very little
difference to me when I reach
home, so if you have to wait
until Tuesday the 25th that will
probably work out well -

Only please do not post-
pone your date of arrival at
Brooklyn -

Affectionately
Helena

10 Terrace Place
Danbury - Conn.

[6 June 1948]

Dear George -

I dined with Don
& Betty to-day and in that
way gleaned news of you, of
your Mother's travels to Michigan
and of your proposed plans
for the summer.

I administered a scolding
in my last letter to you and
have since drawn nothing
but a blank, not a word since
New Orleans, you really are
a miserable punier. Not even
a post card has come my way.

Much has gone on of
late, some of which has been
sad & unpleasant -
just after my return

From Des Moines in early April,
Peg Murray called me from New
Haven to say that she had been
summoned by Yale University to
come at once because of Robert's
illness, a severe pleurisy + they
feared tuberculosis, which it has
proved to be and Robert is now
at Gaylord Farms, a Sanatorium
at Wallingford, Conn. It is
about forty miles from here
so I got over recently I was
there yesterday and left quite
encouraged by Robert's appear-
ance + the fact that he is
emotionally relaxed - relieved
to the fact that he must be
there for eight or ten months
at the very least - All the pre-
doctors reported that the fact
tests were better than he had
dared to hope for, a state-
ment which might be un-

Interpreted in several ways - On
the beginning Peggy & George were
crushed as I certainly was, I would
think Robert an especially fine
young man, of whom I am most
proud, & having spent three
years in the Navy, it seems
probable that he must devote several
more years battling to regain his
health - The Murrows have been
back & forth from Tasker, to-
gether & singly - Reg drove down
for Jane on April 14th & they
were here for a couple of
days - Jane sails on June 24th
for England for two months
she has a scholarship in
English at the University
of London & will be gone
for two months - She felt
she ought not to go, when

It was determined that Robert had
L. S. but Peggy felt it would
be hard for Robert to have her
stay on his account, so if she
goes + we shall have a summer
without the young - I am return-
ing to Vashburg with George
+ Peggy after Jane sails, I do
wish you would manage to get
down here on the 22nd or 23rd of
June so that we might all
have a glimpse of you.

Jane has urged me to
come to Maine this month
while she is at home but
I haven't been able to work
it out for I am having
troubles of my own, which
may turn out to be "indolent
fever" I do not think it I had
it at five years of age + only

Dr. Bailey Gets Postponed 90th Birthday Honor

200 Horticulturists of U. S. and Canada Join Tribute to Pioneering Plant Scientist

By John O'Reilly

ITHACA, N. Y., April 29.—The strong, sun-tanned features of Dr. Liberty Hyde Bailey beamed with a kindly expression tonight as the great plant scientist stood to respond to the sentiments expressed by 200 friends, colleagues and horticulturists from the United States and Canada, assembled at a dinner at Cornell University in honor of his ninetieth birthday. The curious thing about the celebration was that it was not Dr. Bailey's ninetieth birthday.

Dr. Bailey's ninetieth birthday occurred on March 15 and the dinner had been planned for then. But on that day Dr. Bailey was out in the West Indian jungles collecting specimens of palm trees. The dinner had to be postponed while the energetic collector dashed from one West Indian island to another by plane.

The palm trees will be added to the 200,000 plant specimens already housed in the Bailey Herbarium, which the scientist founded in 1913 after his retirement as dean of the New York State College of Agriculture at Cornell.

At any given moment Dr. Bailey is apt to dash off to some strange part of the world to collect more plants.

Just Walked Out

Dr. Bailey's achievements are many. He founded America's first college department of horticulture, at the University of Michigan. He joined the Cornell faculty in 1888 and became dean of its College of Agriculture in 1903. Under his guidance the departments of plant pathology, plant physiology, plant breeding and soil technology were formed. He has written and edited more than 100 books, including several definitive plant encyclopedias. He has been honored by nearly every important botanical and horticultural society in the world.

When he became dean he said he would serve ten years. One day in 1913 his office was found to be deserted. He had kept his word and simply walked out. Then he got to work on his plant collection and has been going at a strong pace ever since. It is one thing to list his achievements, but to get a description of the man it is best to go back sixty years when a reporter from "The Detroit Free Press" had returned from a collecting trip with Dr. Bailey along the shores of Lake Huron. The reporter wrote:

"He is a shrewd, scientific man, about thirty years of age. He is out of bed at the most unearthly hours, splashing about in the dew and malaria, bending with his head very close to the earth and gloating over the new and mysterious in nature. He comes back to camp with newly acquired information and a most ravenous appetite."

Old Rocking Chair

This description holds true today, except that Dr. Bailey has started taking short naps in the afternoon. He works in the early hours of the morning and in the evening and dozes after lunch. He refuses to lie down for his naps, but takes them in an old rocking chair in his living room.

Dr. Bailey specializes in blackberries and palms. He has the world's largest collection of blackberry plants. His daughter, Miss Ethel Bailey, who looks after the collection when he is on his collecting jaunts, explained that she had to move the palms down to the lower cases because she thought a man his age shouldn't be climbing ladders. But when her back is turned he climbs up near the ceiling to get at other specimens.

Speakers at tonight's dinner, which was held in the Willard Straight Hall, included university officials and long-time colleagues of the scientist, among them Neal Dow Becker, chairman of the Cornell Board of Trustees; Dean William I. Meyers, of the College of Agriculture; Professor Emeritus Benjamin M. Duggar, of the University of Wisconsin; Professor Emeritus Walter F. Wilcox, an old friend and associate, and Jared Van Wagenen, one of Dr. Bailey's first students at Cornell. Dr. Edmund E. Day, Cornell president, presided.

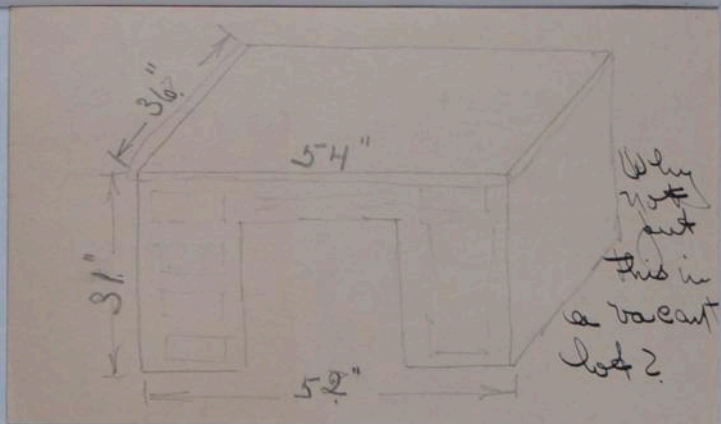
Their speeches were full of anecdotes and Dr. Bailey displayed a remarkable memory for names, places and faces in responding to them.

As part of today's ceremonies, the first Johnny Appleseed medal of the eighty-odd affiliated Men's Garden Club of America was presented to Dr. Bailey this afternoon by E. L. D. Seymour, chairman of the organization's medal committee.



THIS SIDE OF CARD IS FOR ADDRESS

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within the last year have I had
what may be a recurrence of
it - frequent fever & aching
bones - At the moment tests are
being made & I'll know the
results shortly - Whether I'll take
time out for a cure now or wait
until fall is the problem - All
the known methods produce
uncertain results - But having
made one recovery, I am expect-
ing to make another.

Peggy said, when we
first talked of summer plans
that she hoped you would
be at Nashua for several
weeks this summer & I am
sure she still wishes it -
There will be plenty of room
& without the ^{more} children we
should have a quiet & rest-
ful time, but I feel that
if I am to spend two

Months ~~at~~ ~~Washington~~ that it
must be on an ~~intermittent~~ ~~basis~~ -
In the past I have resorted
to all kinds of tricks in order
to pay my way - I think now
with Roberts the fatal expense
that Peggy should be realistic
& accept a regular amount
from me, I've been with
them, but under the present
circumstances I shall not
stay for more than a week
or so unless she does -

Both Billy & Edward Rides
have announced their engage-
ments & Edward is to be
married in September, his
lawyer is transferring from
Wellsley to Vassar since
he has a job in Pough-
keepsie - I like the girls
actually I do not know

either of them well enough to
be enthusiastic -

Dow is improving slowly
but he looks better than he
was for a very long time & I
think Betty is beginning to get
rested after the ordeal -

If you can manage a
few days here I should like
it - There is a more comfort-
able bed in Aunt's room than
when you were last here, she
& Uncle A. are still on the
first floor & will be from
you in a few -

Most of my energy to-day
has gone into argument
against the Mundt-Nipors
bill, ridiculous to legislate
against Communism. But
you never read the papers

do you, so you are not
bothered by the current advice -
ever
(then)

July 2nd -
1947

Dear George -

Ruby was asked
me to write you to say she
hopes you are coming to
Washburn for a visit, but begs
you to excuse her for not
writing herself -

This has been a trying
Spring for her, with many
trips to Wallingford to see
Robert, Jane's departure and
the garden to plant she is
very much behind schedule -
If you could let her

I know about when you plan
to come this way she would
appreciate it, We have
agreed that it would be
pleasant to have one
request at a time rather
than the many which Mrs. Cud-
dell upon the house fast
summer, whether we can
achieve this goal is another
thing -

We have had splendid
weather ever since I arrived
which is a novelty indeed
after Connecticut's miserable
Spring -

My love to Dan + Betty I
will write them soon - George
is fattening his heels to be off
since his mail goes out for

July 15th.
1948

Dear George -

This is not a letter
to be read to the assembled
family, so please do not do
so -

That you have chosen
to eliminate us from your
summer plans has certainly
been a disappointment to
Peggy & George (you may
be as presumptuous as you
like) for me "disappointment"
is far too mild a word.
Mine is a state of dejection
which no amount of
rationalizing dissels, at
last I was stumped, now
I am positively ill.

Had I any idea that you
would not get to Nashua this
summer I should not have
left Genbury when I did, but
have stayed on for at least
a part of your visit, however
evil times ~~your~~ my apart-
ment be same.

Your visits have for me
been the high point in
any year. I have not said
how greatly I anticipated
them, nor how highly I prized
your companionship, since
I felt you shared my feelings;
to a lesser degree to be sure,
also because I did not wish
to overburden you with
my devotion. That I speak
of it now, is proof of the
state to which I am reduced.

I am sure Betty & Donald
want you with them, but if
I were as devoted to you as
they appear to be & are, how -
ing how intensely you have
worked during the past year
I should not make you feel
that your place was in
Bethel & its heart, if the
alternatives were mine -

Never has Norway been
looked cool, sunny days, un-
cluttered & uninterrupted; indes-
cribably beautiful evenings,
with the sky & sea glowing
& reflecting each others colors -
Our days & nights have been
long & large with the
confusion of former years
reduced to a minimum -

We miss the children terribly & have
only wish that Robert & might have
this and, whether than the heat
& humidity of Com. James letters
are truly wonderful, she is
a gifted child -

The trip to Wallingford
is not complicated. Newtown,
Sandy Hook Southberry take
the road marked Waterbury.
follow it for six or eight
miles (maybe more) turn to
right at a sign marked
Middlebury to Newgateville,
to Cheshire, find post office
at Cheshire and take road
just beyond 50 ft from
P.O. to left & continue for
several miles (probably 3
or 4) to Saratoga. Robert
is in the Cheshire

+ will be delighted to see you -
The trip requires about 1 1/4 hours
one way -

Send him our love, also
mine to Dow + Betty -
Love yours,
Helene.

Nashua - Brooklyn
Maine

[4 Aug 1968]

Dear George -

Certainly the determined
way in which I swung
away from the Bethel gas
station last Monday morning
was neither ~~so~~ ^{so} ~~kind~~ ^{kind} & I was
well aware of it, had not
George been so miserably
self-conscious & blundered beside
me, I should have relieved my
do or die expression with a
good laugh if only to bolster
my courage -

As you know we
set out after George had had
a short nap at Pegg. We
made several stops between
Danbury & ^{Quincy} ~~the~~ Hubbard & Soda,
orange juice, a ham & sand-
wich etc. The first 150 miles

were difficult & after that George
wiped at it. I did not let him
out of sight until we reached
Hillsboro N. H. at 6.30 that evening
& only then for the few moments
it took him to wash & change
the disreputable shirt he was
wearing. Once he had eaten
a good dinner I felt more secure
but we climbed several of the
hills of Hillsboro before he was
finally ready for bed. I did
not undress until he was
audibly asleep in the adjoining
room & then I can imagine
with what exhaustion I fell
into bed myself.

The following day went
fairly well but the nearer
we got to Nashua the slower
George drove. He hated to
face Peggy's unfortunately there
was nothing I could say

to encourage him -

Had I written you yesterday I should have said that he was in fine form and would probably not drink again for another five years. This Thursday evening he was in fine form & we went to Bar Harbor with him while he read Milton's *Seydis* to a group of students at the Bar Harbor School of the Ballet. The idea being that they might translate into dance form the ideas & emotions of the poem. It was a good evening & he was the old George, since then we have had evenings at home, reading aloud etc. but last night Peggy invited the Wolfers for dinner, as usual she asked George to mix the drinks, he does not like the W's particularly & before the evening was half over, we all realized that he had been drinking, to-day he is cross

and unable to keep at any one
task for more than a few
moments -

As it is my ^{husband's} way as much
as Robert's I think if he is to
be helped at all that the
regiment will have to be
radically changed in this
household. Peggy is weary
of it all, is worried by Robert's
condition and would like to
be able to lean on George
for a change. If that she will
never be able to do, he goes
to pieces under stress & he too
is terribly unhappy because
Robert does not make greater
progress -

Dans town, I'd like to
be with Betty after you
leave, if not in the house
at least in the town where
I could run errands
for her & get her out

for rides, but at this moment I
do not feel I should leave
Peggy. I must rely on you to
tell me how you think Betty
is and if she is able to
manage without some one
to help her get about.

For me each day the
loss of Donald becomes more
acute. I am only beginning
to sense what the years
ahead will be without
his companionship. How
I shall miss the sound of
his voice rising from
the lower halls at Terrace
Place. He was the only
member of the Tweedy
family whom I ever found
responsive or understand-
ing, even in childhood.
The true fought like

tigers I loved him & missed
his quality, he was different
& interesting and maybe all
other children seem dull -

He and Betty have been
my greatest source of
pleasure during these past
years, with Donald gone
and Betty planning to leave
Danbury will be a lovely
place indeed -

I think of you all
constantly & wish I might
have spent another few
days at least with you
before running back to
Mama -

My dearest love to
you, Betty & Helen -
Devotedly
Helen

Washington to
August 24
[1945]

Dear George -

Since the next half
hour must be spent under the
drier at the hairdresser's. I am
assured of no interruptions.
I have attempted time & again to
get a letter off to you, but the
days are full & invariably when
I decide to write, Peggy ~~there~~
that moment for a cigarette
& talk. Not that I begrudge
her the time, for she has many
problems, the fun that events
have taken here is most
upsetting, but of that later.

I will know what this summer
has cost you and it worries me -
you have had no rest or relaxation
whatsoever, no time to regain your
energy for the winter ahead. I hope
with all my heart that the three
weeks in Duluth will prove ex-
ceedingly peaceful + unchattered +
that you will feel refreshed.

No one else could have
done for Dow + Betty as you
have done - you were very dear to
Dowald + that the last weeks
of his life were comforted
by you surely gave him happiness.
Had you not been with Betty
after Dowald went I am sure
she would have given way to
complete despair. You are a very
great comfort to your friends
George - Interrupted -

George Murray has
just returned from Blue Hill

in a rage² because of a Mrs
Belknap who is supposed to
be the wife of the acting head
of Washington University. He
was believed to have fifty modern
paintings owned by Loomis Shoup-
son who loaned them for a
benefit exhibition - Picasso & Pic-
the affair was called - it was
on the whole a most interest-
ing collection & unusual to
find so well as a group of
pictures outside a large city.
Mrs B. was not a member of
the committee, merely one of the
first to view it and she
demanded that a painting
titled "ripe for" be removed as
obscene. It was painted by Muck
who is a fine artist. I must say
I found it distasteful when
I saw it hanging in the
Shoupson home. But that was
merely my reaction & scarcely

Womans - In any case, Mrs B.
wished such a crowd that the
picture was removed & I suppose
we see things because her anniversary
was successful - Do you know
the lady?

Mrs Ellen Valentine has been
a guest of the Welfers and gave
me news of the Vasches to whom
she is devoted and about whom
she is greatly distressed - They
have been forced to leave their
comfortable apartment and were
unable to find a suitable place
into which to move, so are in a
"miserable hole" according to
Mrs Valentine. She feels that
they are so unsuited to life
in these United States & since
she & her husband are to
be in Europe for a year
or 2. R. B. hopes to find some-
thing which will be more

Satisfactory - has a reputation, gifted
person to stand tall his life in
an unsportsmanlike way as there such
as Rochester is pitiful even if
necessary. Mrs V. spoke of Helen Rogers,
of whom she is very fond but had
this amusing tale to tell. The
Valentines were at a concert
with friends when Helen Rogers
made an entrance. Mrs V. said
"that is Miss Rogers, her mother
was a Rochester" up & spoke one
of the friends, "I am thankful she
(the mother) was not a Buffalo."

As you realize, this letter
was interrupted with a vengeance,
it is now September 4th and I am
at home having been here a
week to-day.

The heat descended upon
Yaskey on 10th and the front
terrace and over 90° in the house -
It went on for days, I put
off my departure from day to
day but finally we left on

Sunday at 6.30 A.M. - reached
Lerava Place at 11 P.M. It was
the ride to end all rides. I never
remembered suffering more from heat
or exhaustion + of course the
apartment was a ~~surprise~~ was
the I had asked to have it given
early that morning.

I was greatly tempted to stay
in Mame another week + come
down with Peggy + George this
week end, since they are here
to meet Jaye, but I had Betty
on my mind and the Dill + ~~the~~
- Rider wedding on the 11th to
make plans for so here I am,
alternately roasting + freezing
so uncomfortable is the weather.
If it were not for my back
wry on which I travel when-
ever possible, I do not think I
could endure this apartment.
If the ~~beds~~ ^{of the next} were not so steep
I should have left here
on several of these past nights

John was moved ⁴ times with Betty - they
now seem to be reconciled to their
life together. I think Helen disliked
quitting the free flow of life in
her own apartment, she is a
completely self-centered creature - en-
joyed her own way of life. Betty has
not as yet made up her mind about
the winter, is thinking of Switzerland
as more comfortable than France
she is beginning to look & act
more rested & relaxed, I try to get
down every other day for a visit
& errands or grocery buying &
since the weather is behind me
I'll make it every day I hope.
Helen called this morning to say
they hated the holiday week
end; Jewel Arthur also intimated
that he would like me to
take him for a drive & I am
due at a family dinner at
the Riders. Somehow it will all
get worked up, but not until
I finish this letter long delayed
to you.

To return to the Murrays, the trip to Maine with George was in no moment considered with later recollections, when he was impossible to handle & which were, to me most humiliating. You have no idea how unwell he falls apart after one drink, after three there is no reason left in him. Whenever there were guests at the house he drank. My reaction was, no guests, but not so Peggy. She expects George to adopt him all to life, to see people drinking around him, to wait for hours for his needs if necessary, in short to act like an adult, which he is not. Emotionally he is an immature person whatever he may be intellectually. These past few years have not been satisfying from a productive angle, by that I do not mean materially but spiritually & intellectually, so

he was tempted to look to you &
Robert, to project himself into their
lives, to find expression from them -
Robert's illness is a terrible blow
to George, more so than to Robert.
Jane has been a great disappointment
to him this summer.
She made arrangements with
a Bangor sailor before she
left to write a weekly column
which she has not done, she
has never mentioned her
work at the University of
London, but has written of
parties in her rooms which
were so noisy that she was
reprimanded by the English
headmistress of the house on
several occasions, of her visits
to bars with a group of Williams
students with whom she seems
to be going about, of the fact that
now that she knows what

stimulating thought + friends could
be she would never spend another
summer at Yarkburg; that she
wished to fly to Maine when
she faulded without stopping
to see Robert etc. etc. Several
reworked a few several of her
letters, "Jane seems to have
gone to see you that she
is on her way, which I
basted to suit out was
not so, that being in a
foreign city + one as histor-
ically interesting + convenient
as London was untopical; +
that two months was a very
short time in which to fit in
everything + that she surely
could not attend classes, visit
see + write for newspapers
+ to the family constantly. But
he was depressed + when he
was, he drinks. Just what

The outcome will be, I cannot say -

Peggy has just telephoned from
Wellington to ask me to come
over for lunch with them
which I cannot do. She says
George is in fine shape, but
she does not feel that Robert
looks as well as he should.

I drove over on Friday to
see him & thought he
seemed in very good spirits,
relaxed & willing to give
whatever time is necessary
to his cure. Of course this
hot weather has not been
easy to bear & he does look
pale, but we are all so
browned by the Maine sun,
since the southwest is striking.

I always manage when
writing you to arrive at the
end of my writing paper, so

that letters to you are on odds &
bits of paper. The two books of paper
which I took to Marie were
quickly used in answering
letters from friends after I
went and altho I re-ordered my
order too more before leaving
Marie, as yet it has not arrived.

Later -

The three Rider boys, Ted Shannon
& their various girls & I have had
a long political discussion &
have all agreed that however
hopeless the Socialist cause,
Woman Shows is our man.
What an ungodly mess the
World is in & no hope of im-
provement until we have no
leaders -

My love to you George,
you are ever in my thoughts -
Helen.

Friday -

[24 Sept 1948]

Dear George -

This is not an answer to your letter. People who immediately answer letters, I find trying. I merely wish to make a few two comments -

I could not possibly vote for Mr. Truman. A man who has had three and one half years in which to establish himself as a leader, but still finds it necessary to rush about the country making inept speeches as to my mind will fit for the

Presidency - Also, of his
social security administrator
Oscar Lundholm whom I met
this summer & with whom
I talked for a straight
two hours is a sample
of the new American choices
to help him run the Gov-
then I am in despair - Ewing
is the absentee land lord
of a western farm from
which he nets \$10,000 a year,
but upon which he cannot
live or run because it
would be "suicide socially
for his wife" - These are his
own words -
The farm bloc is

becoming a nuisance to you - Of
course they will vote for Lounsbury.

Demery is certainly out. My
only course appears to be to
swell the numbers who protest
by voting for Sherman.

If you decide you
can life the debt, I will
gladly make the necessary
arrangements at this end.

Ever
Helen

Sunday

[28 Dec. 1948]

Dear George -

My intention was to write you a long newsy letter, but this is one of those very beautiful days of Indian Summer which urges me to get into the country; so so well I hope I'll find me for the results of the coming election.

Right now I am perched on my back roof with the warmth of sun beating on me & not being soothed by the banging of milk cans from the Riter Dairy. Surely you had been here to help us with

the Memorial which one of
the Music Centers prepared to
accompany the first program
of the seasons concerts - We
labored over it, Betty was entirely
satisfied with it and I myself
think it conveys something of
Donald - We hope not being
to have one lower devoted to
Donald's various compositions,
provided we are able to
find artists capable of playing
& judging them well. It would
have nothing than a book made
of them.

The Szigeti's concert was
excellent, I was not entirely
satisfied by the Beethovens
and the Benjamin Britten I
did not care for at all -
Now that I am more or

Szigeti Violin Recital Is Memorable Occasion

By ROBINA C. CLARK

Violin playing which measured up to every standard of greatness was exhibited by Joseph Szigeti, appearing in the High school auditorium Wednesday night in a recital which inaugurated the Danbury Music Centre's 1948-49 series of professional concerts on a note highly satisfying to the large audience in attendance.

It was an evening of high points, the presence of an artist of Mr. Szigeti's recognized stature alone constituting an "occasion." And in addition to the superb performance which was maintained at top level throughout a generous program and several encores as generously given, the evening was marked by the first performance of any work in this city by the new and much discussed young American composer, Benjamin Britten, best known to the public for his opera, "Peter Grimes" which was a sensation of the Metropolitan Opera company's last season's tour.

The Britten novelty was his Suite, Opus 6, in four movements, an ingeniously contrived, highly stylized work which makes its bid for popular favor by reason of its weirdly fascinating rhythms and strangely insistent mood. Marvin Whitcomb, of the music faculty of Danbury Teachers College, who provided the very helpful program notes for the concert, found the opening March characterized by "pungent wit" and aptly refers to the "heading force" given the short Moto Perpetuo movement by its "subtly contrived cross rhythms and syncopations." The audience caught the excitement of the interplay of the violin and piano in

this portion of the work which quickly reaches a stunning climax, and was aware that a slightly less skilled executant than Joseph Levine, Mr. Szigeti's remarkably gifted accompanist, could easily have brought disaster upon the performance.

Despite the fact that it was probably given the best possible performance last night, and notwithstanding the undoubted originality and ingenuity of the work and Mr. Britten's undoubted gift for giving modern expression to moods and fancies, the piece throughout seemed lacking in the ingratiating qualities which are the prime essentials for musical enjoyment.

Numbered among the highlights of the evening was the appearance on the program, as the opening number of Beethoven's Kreuzer Sonata (A Major, Op. 47), which has not been publicly played in Danbury within the present generation so far as can be recalled, and which was given an unforgettable performance last night. Mr. Szigeti completely encompassed the great work in all its grandeur and richness, its sonority and variety of tone and color. He rose to great heights in giving expression to the intensity and passing of its gorgeous first movement and brought into play the varied facets of his wonderful technique in the variation treatment of the theme of the second movement, and the gay abandon of the final presto movement.

The unaccompanied Paganini Caprice No. 24, was a pyrotechnical display of the artist's amazing technical resources, and the aura of romanticism was most completely invoked in the Schubert Fantasy in C Major, Op. 159. The purity of the sustained opening notes of the latter work had the beauty and transcendent quality of a spirit released from its earthly fetters long to be remembered.

Mr. Szigeti's other offering included the expressive "Largo" by Veracini, his own arrangement of Mompou's "Maidens in the Garden," and to close, the richly patterned and colorful Russian Dance, from Stravinsky's "Petrouchka," arranged by Dushkin. All bore the stamp of the performer's authority, great poise and thoroughly matured artistry. His force and power are balanced by infinite tenderness invoked as the occasion demands, and over all is the sheen of elegance and refinement.

The storm of prolonged applause which greeted the final number, brought Mr. Szigeti back to the stage for encores which included Schubert's "Rondo;" the Dance Menniere, from DeFalla's "Three Cornered Hat," and Debussy's "Minstrels," and finally Bach's "Bouree," an unaccompanied number.

Reference has been made to the skill of Mr. Levine as accompanist. It is worth noting that not even Mr. Szigeti's brilliant performance was able to distract the attention of the listeners from the remarkable things which were going on at the keyboard. His work was of the same exacting quality which is such a notable characteristic of Mr. Szigeti's own artistic equipment, and of the highest merit.

In conclusion it must be noted that the high artistic standard set by last night's concert, was a perfect tribute to the founder of the Music Centre, Donald Tweedy, whose death occurred last summer and who was appropriately memorialized in the program covers which bore his likeness and a fitting tribute, together with a facsimile of the manuscript of his lovely "Benediction." It is a memorial leaflet which will be prized by all members of the Music Centre who feel a deep debt of gratitude to Mr. Tweedy for his many years of devoted service to Danbury.

less reasonable for the choice of
artists for our concert series. I
doubt if I shall ever again
entirely get up & give up to
our enjoyment, may be in
time I'll gain confidence in
my judgment -

Betty & Helen drove to
Wallenford with me on
Friday sat in the car while
I visited with Robert. His
temperature is down & he
looks better, tho he is still
in bed & will be for some
time yet. George & Peggy came
down two weeks ago for Robert's
2nd birthday & stayed off here
with a bunch of girls for Sunday
night & supper. It was good
to see them -

What did you decide

to do about the desk and how
are you. I had got summer was
no preparat^{ion} for a course of
work but you'll see it thru
some how tho here -

My love as always.
Helen

10 Lardner Place
Danbury - Conn
Dec 17 1948

Dear George -

Your not having heard from me was nothing to do with the condition of my heart, it simply means that I have had no time in weeks, which I could actually call my own.

I contracted in a week moment to give a series of lectures for the League of Women Voters on private and public welfare available to citizens of Conn. just as I was well underway

on the project, Jim Beagles
called me to say that he
had told Mr. Stumber, the
Trust Officer at The City
National Bank & Trust
Company of The Danbury
Library to call me about
the distribution of Donald's
books & music. So say
that I was surprised to
to put it mildly - indignation
as a better description
of my feelings - I did think
he should have asked my
permission or at least my
willingness to cooperate.

I talked with Betty
first, hoping that she
would agree to do it,
but she merely said she

"I had not the strength to
take on either that task or
the one of going thru his
files + papers" - I offered to
see that the latter were
brought to her, but she
would have none of it
& complained that she had
not found time to dispose
of the contents of his desk
which I had taken her
some weeks earlier - and
yet she and Helen read
thru or read and are for-
ever enquiring whether I
have read this or that
book, which I most certainly
have not.

Her words were, you
are to have complete

authority and then studied to
dispose of everything. I thank
Heaven you destroyed as
many of the letters from friends
as you did, those could be
burned without funeral,
but the material in the
files was another matter -
I had at least to flick
my eye over each & every
paper to assure myself that
it was of no value. - Stock
certificates turned up
and as I was nearing the
end, the enclosed paper
addressed to you & Berrian
came to light. I had sent
a package of ^{two} letters to
Alice Byron, even before
I found this -
I do believe that every
scrap of paper which I

Donald retained, he preserved,
as well as copies of very
nearly every letter he wrote -
The file and the three drawers
and they close were filled
to the brim.

I cannot begin to tell
you of the papers & documents
destroyed, they covered very nearly
the entire span of Donald's
life - I found it difficult to
dispose of them so much apart
of him, were they.

There is no doubt that
I am resentful and Reg.
Christ by the conditions of
Donald's will, otherwise they
could not have asked me
to assume this task - When
I finally got to the books
and made I went to
see Reg. to tell her that

I did not wish to take on
the responsibility of the
division of those books given
to the Library & to Hamilton
College without her cooperation.
I asked her to write Berridan
to see if he had any letters
from Donald expressing
his wishes about the
material for Hamilton. A
few days after that I found
two type written pages,
listing music & books
marked in red ink, which
Berridan had returned to
Donald six months or
more ago, designating
Hamilton's needs & a
letter saying that they

could use his entire musical
library - On the meantime
several letters from Dowell
to Burdian have come from
Clinton - So Reg. & I made
files of all the books on
music and then called in
the trustees of The Danbury Library
and Mr. Dummer - They read
the Hamilton correspondence
and after some cordial fatigues
agreed that in spite of
the will which left "all
of the books to The Danbury
Library" - Hamilton was to
have whatever it could
use - We are now await-
ing Burdian, who has
written that he will be
down shortly to go over
all the music and to

Choose the books he wishes. If the
Library has already put into
cartons for removal, those
books for their shelves -

I was at Betty's the day
your letter arrived & I say
you would not be intending
this vacation. I feared that
I would be your decision
even before Betty read it
aloud. You would most
certainly have had to stay
in Bethel. What is there
about Betty & Helen that is
so wonderful? Without you
this has not seemed like
Christmas, at all -

Betty has had four days
but on the whole gets about
astonishingly well. She or
Helen run up to Danbury
several times a week out

The boys, they do more shopping
low food than most people
who have a large family. &
take their packages for
Ireland & England to the
post low than to anywhere else
they ask me to. They have
come up here low lunch
when we have asked them -
Betty takes the stairs slowly.
I know they are lonely here
they have made very few
friends during their years
here -

I am amused that
Betty should have said
"I was greatly upset by
the outcome of the
elections -" She & Helen
talk politics day & night,
Helen has never been made

a votes & Betty did not go there
to go to the polls - they are
good clean politicians for whom
I have no use - I could not
bind myself to vote for either
Dewey or Truman, if that is
what the League has more
quintessence in five minutes
than Truman will ever have.
I voted for Norman Thomas
and Chester Bales. I was
revolted by Truman's campaign
speeches - His Cabinet is
composed of men from the
Army and Wall Street -
Stewart Truman says the
greater number are Wall
Streeters, at the Truman
"loathes Wall Street" - He
talked of "keeping farm
prices high & food prices
low" - He wants to repeal

The Left Heartly Act, but said,
"he wanted to send strikers into
The Army -" He has backed for
all he has wanted an independ-
ent government and Greece
+ up to this moment are
and China - As the "Nation"
wrote, "what the people
got by voting him back into
Greece is a continuation
of the Loupass administration"
Some people felt that
since he had done an
almost unworldly thing
to get himself re-elected
that during the week
he spent away from
Washington he had become
an unworldly person. I
wish he had, but I find

It difficult to look ahead to
find more years of the same
thing.

It is too bad to have
waited so long to write that
I have to go on and on.
I have much much more
to say but will leave it
for another time.

I am very pleased with
the Biography of Loxams -
Much as I admire this
saintly person very
little of him as a man
or individual, merely having
studied him in relation
to his Group. I am sure
he will have interest-
ing in himself. I do
thank you -

George & Peggy & Jane were
here for five days at Christmas.
They stayed with friends on
The Merritt Parkway, so that
they might get to Robert &
more easily. They were here
a couple of times for dinner
& had Sunday lunch
with them. They were all
in fine form, George & socially,
Jane slightly disgruntled because
Peggy is persistent in her
dislike of the law, of
serious interest, which she
(Jane) acquired in England
last summer.

Robert is improving.
They have finally moved
him out, which encourages
him. I must drive over
on the next good day.

have so few of them -

The Family here are well
& send their love as do I -

Bellevue

P.S. Will you return this
enclosed parcel of Dors. Id
like Berran to see it -

H.

Received from the
Department of the Interior
the enclosed parcel of
Dors. Id. - and
delivered to the
Department of the Interior

May 18th - 49

Dear George

The sole criticism Donald
ever made of you, was that it
was no fun to write or receive
letters from you, since the inter-
vals between sending & receiving
were so great that one lost
all track of what was last said.

I am as great a culprit
as you, in not writing of late
however I feel I am conferring
a favor, you do not have me
on your conscience & can
devote your time freely to your
~~conscience~~ avocations without
being nagged by unanswered
mail. But that does not
mean that I enjoy these
letterless months.

I never did hear what you
decided to do about the
desk, was it too large for
your present quarters. Betty
has asked me to assure you
that there is now no
immediate necessity to
plan for the piano. Uncle
Arthur has given up the
idea of moving upstairs
this summer, or ever I suspect
unless he installs an elevator
and that I feel sure he
will not do. He does get
about amazingly well
goes to meetings, Rotary
Churches and the movies,
but if he slips on the
second floor he might
miss something which
took place on the first,
he becomes more tyrannical

as he ages - He still uses his crutches while Ann gets about fairly well without hers.

I have had a very good winter, for one thing there was very little ice & snow to curtail my movements, so that whatever I planned I was able to carry out - I find I have less & less interest in the California trip as I should have to take it - Courses, houses, hotels, restaurants & mobs of people are bounding & turning - More and more I need simplicity in all that I do but how to achieve that kind of trip with the friends who are available for travelling purposes, is something I have not been able to solve.

I am going to Maine for part of the summer

since both Jane & Robert will
be at home this summer &
I must not mortgage
the guest room for the
entire two months - Jane
graduates in June, Robert is
to leave the "Law" for a trial
visit at home, for two months.
He has fallen in love with
another patient & I believe
has asked her to marry
him. Peggy & George as well
as the doctor are disturbed
& hope to break it up -
She is a very fine young
woman - Peggy says she is
a "dud" but that she is
letting George handle the
matter, since a son always
thinks of his mother as tight-
ening the silver cord when he
latter speaks of marriage.
I am negotiating with
Peggy for the house and

The corner which the Murray's
own + which they are renovat-
ing partially, with growing
in mud. I'd I can leave
at for the month of July
that will solve several problems.
Frankly, Yakberg has become
too social for my taste, but
as a guest of George + Peggy
I must conform to their plans,
and since I am devoted to
them I cannot gracefully do
otherwise, but many of their friends
are bored + I'd rather be dead
than bored so if the rent is
not too steep I shall take the
house for July + I hope if
you do come East that you
will be able to spend a week
or two with me at Yakberg -

When I get to my planning
to go to Cape Cod for
several weeks in August

I believe Betty refuses to budge
& after many tears & much talk
Helen has decided to go alone.
I think she needs to get away,
she has more energy & is more
sociable than Betty & feels
pained in that house when the
heat is intense. I do not
know how you endure
that upper floor last summer,
for it is even more stifling
than this apartment. I am
sure your exhaustion this
past winter has been due
partially if not entirely
to those weeks in Bethel
last summer -

Lawrence Oliver
"Hauled" I have seen
twice - I was so absorbed
the first time and so

moved by Oliver's reaching of
The Prince's lines, that I
came away in a rage -
The second time I went
here in Danbury with Billy
Rider and found I was
much more objective, the
ghost scene was entirely
gone, the music too
strident and there were
few down angles of which
I was not conscious the
first time, but I still found
Oliver a most moving Hamlet.
Betty & Helen were very
critical of the presentation,
it deviated from the
two previous which they
had seen in the past

and it should not have". John
Berryman's Herbarium is the
only other survivor of
the day I have seen and
that was certainly twenty
five years ago. So that
my memory fails me as
to the points of difference.
In any case I thoroughly
enjoyed this last attempt.

I am enclosing two
newspaper clippings & part
of a letter of Taggys, which
are self explanatory - you
will be interested & surprised
by this last escapade. Else
it is discouraging.

Do write at least
a post card letter, so
that I may have some
idea of your plans &

of your state of mind and
health -

I am delighted that Eva
has had a good year at
Mt. Holyoke - I do pray
that her troubles are over -

My love to you -
 Helen

107 Wallace Place
Danbury - Conn
(1800) 1949

Dear George -

just a line to tell
you that the cians will
soon be on its way to
Reeph.

I consulted them about
shipping; they sent me
to a local trucking
company, which have
affiliations thru out the
United States. Heine said,
"that none of their cians
were sent by freight
& they would advise
against it if it were

you had specified "freight"
I made my initial inquiries
on that basis & found that
it would be at least
\$80. more by freight than by
truck & according to all
reports not nearly so satis-
factory - The carting & crating
charges at this end would
come to \$85, then the freight
(they do not insure against
damage) would amount to
another \$80, with re crating
& carting again at the
other end - By motor van,
it will be a door to door
trip costing \$105.75, with
an eight dollar or insurance
fee, for which I have
arranged with the

insurance company here -

I do hope this meets with
your approval, if it does
not, telegraph me at once
for the Dow will be here
any time between now and
November fourth -

Ralph & I have written
several times about the
matter. He is to pay by
cash or certified check
upon receipt of the
check & he seems satis-
fied with the arrange-
ments.

Betty Helen are well &
are talking about
wintering in California

this week, last week it was
Florence, Italy. It will
probably be Bethel - Conn.

I have attempted to
decipher your writing
in the word after Iover
but all I can make of
it is grave - What
is it since I am sure
it is not that -

I shall write you
an answer to your letter
soon -

My love
Idell

Thursday June 2,
[1947]

Dear George -

Just a line before
you leave St Louis on the
7th to say that until I have
had a talk with Betty alone
which is most difficult to
achieve, I can give you
no answer to the plan
for a week at Yaska ag.

I am afraid the conditions
will be too primitive for
Betty, I expect there will
be running water in the
house but probably no
bathroom. I do not
know if there will be
any way of heating the

house. There is no fireplace
that I do know.

Betty is frail, more so
all the time, she likes civilized
living and does not care for
the out of doors, except as
she rides thru it in an
automobile, never sits out-
side, dislikes fences etc.
etc. Betty is more adaptable
but I honestly do not
think I could face her
as a guest. Perhaps we
shall see. I have asked
Betty to let me know when
Helen is out, so that I
may rush down for a
talk.

George & Peggy arrived
here on the 9th will
return to Miami on
the 15th. They want

me to return to Mackway with
them.

If Betty does not feel she
is up to the Maine trip, then
I shall stay here until you
can get here, but leaving the
evening of June 27 & go to
Maine directly after the 4
of July. If Betty does feel
up to it, I'll go along
with the Reggy & Bowles
then I ~~do~~ suggest that you
make the trip between the
7th & 15th - I had would give
me time to get the house
in order. It is my advice
furniture, with clothes to be
furnished.

I will have an answer
to all this, by the time you
return to St Louis, to wit
us by the 16th. I do hope

That will give you sufficient
time to make your other
arrangements -

It will be good to
see you, certainly -

Love
Helen

10 Ferris Ave. Phoe.
Danbury - Conn
[9 Jan 1950]

Dear George -

I had I not attempt-
ed to be a social butter-
fly as well as a cook dur-
ing the holidays you would
have heard from me
ere this. Also, if I had had
your home address your
Christmas gift would have
reached you by the
twenty fifth, instead of
being buried in the
Sardine's mail. I trust that
it has now been un-
earthed with its accompan-
ing message.

We were very gay here
giving & attending parties.
I saw more of my nephews
than I usually do, for their
Mother was ill with grippe
from Christmas night on, so
I had them for meals when-
ever I was free & most
enjoyable they are. I made
two trips to New York with
Billy, once to watch for
him on his departure & once
to see him sail. There
was much last minute
sewing to be done, which
I was eager to do, so
delighted was I to have
him off for Europe. He
is to be in England
for only a few days with
several weeks for furlough
I hope he will love the trip & go

again & again. He was light-
ing the pipe when he left.
Do away it amounted to nothing.
You know how devoted Dad
to Billy, I am counting on this
trip to do several things for
him.

My chief decision, to be
made within the next twelve
hours, is whether I shall
be at Naskeag this coming
Saturday for Tom's wedding.
It comes at an awkward
time. If I go up Peggy
expects me to stay in
for a week, I shall have
to break the trip both going
& coming by staying over
several nights with friends
in Boston and no one
knows what the weather
will be when one reaches
Bangor, which is where

all guests are to be met -
I whether think I shall say
have a visit in Chicago
date in the spring, which
she has urged me to do,
much as I'd like to see
her married - I am a
coward, too, after the way
George fell apart at the
annoying ~~man~~ party, I
am fearful of his reaction
to the wedding. I wish his
drinking did not make me
positively ill. If Peggy &
the children can take it
in their stride, I should
be able to.

I thank you for
Lillian's letter, "This I do
believe". I have not as
yet been able to read
it, in its entirety, but

I have been unable to resist
dipping into it here and
there. He is one of our few
great men, time & again I have
tried over the treatment he
has received at the hands
of our Congressmen - I had
he is unable to longer
endure it, I do not mind
surrendering. But what are
we to do if the clear think-
ing, fearless public servants
are to be persecuted and
fellowed by the stupidest
of our legislators. I am all
for democratic action until
Senators such as McKellar,
Bridges & Brewster appear;
then education seems too
slow a process and I find
myself wishing to dispose
of them by any means
whatsoever. I had all

of my "Little Considerations" here
two times on Friday evening,
The Rogers, Buggs, Tuttle &
Abow boards (whom you do
not know) thank heaven I
found no more than eight
maybe nine at the most.

They had a wonderful time
discussing the Welfare State.
I put in a word whenever
I was able, but I may as
well have saved my breath.
Yesterday I was at the
Brunnens for luncheon with
some of their friends & it
was like a breath of
fresh air, even tho I could
not agree to all I heard
said. I came away
realizing that the world's
problems are yet to
be solved by Democratic

action, it will need a
damned economy and greater
regimentation than an entirely
free government & people are
willing to concede -

The question of the moment
is whether the Music Center will
continue to offer concerts to
the town people. We had this
past week, "The Deanna - Boy's
Choir," a chorus of twenty to sing
for us. To me it was mediocre
judging & evaluating by a
professional angle. I have heard
from everywhere that it was the
best concert the Music Center
has ever offered. For twelve years
we have been giving them
of the best, they have cared
for only the spectacular -
Why attempt to educate musically
if amusement is all that
is wanted?

Have you made your

plans for the summer as yet -
My schedule is drawing near
to a crash in Wyoming for
a month's riding etc. I want
to see something of Colorado.
Stay with the Beegs for a
week or so & then explore that
country - If I assumed all
expenses for the car & meals
would you care to go on
a light seeing & collecting
(for you) tour, could you fit
it into your plans. I think
about it, there is no hurry -
I am unable to stay in
this apartment during
July & August if I am
ever to see this country I
must begin - the sooner
the better -

My thanks for your
gift & my love -
Helen.

31 Jan 1950?



Dear George -
I am behind my-
self in every thing
I have attempted to
do this Christmas. no
time for shopping
or any thing else -
There is ^{serious}
illness in the ^{East} -
world family. Ruler's
wife has ^{gone} to at
least what appears
to be & with two
children under four
to be cared for & very
little to do with it is
a problem for every
one - I hope to have
the children here after
the New Year -
Your beloved
John & Evelyn have

CHRISTMAS GREETINGS

AND

ALL GOOD WISHES FOR

THE NEW YEAR

given pleasure to so many
of my friends - are a
constant joy to me. The
letters & the Poles boys are
especially appreciated by
your artistic creations.
That you have special talent
for making fine photographs.
George & Peggy were here
for a week and have never
forgotten George to be in
letters form. Robert has
won the Clare Fellowship
(\$6000 of Mellon money) for
study at Cambridge Eng.
It is wonderful only hope
he is able to use it, but
with the frightening state
of the present world situation
there is little prospect
of free flow for young
of old. (Have just found
this out).

in anticipation of
a Medical program
which I wished to hear
I turned on my radio
a few weeks ago just
in time to hear, God
for you Connie Dan
Schaeck you have
way ten dollars. I
continued to listen
& it was constant.
It was a program
called "Hits + Misses"
I discovered. The next
question she made,
I did not join the
jack pot. I was

ambled.

Mum, Bob & The
Baby are here for
~~three~~ weeks, the
child is a husky &
slendid, so unlike Peggy's
Baby who is tiny &
nervous & very alert.

This is no time
to write of my plans
for the future of
a free world - I
have attended
several Security

Council meetings this fall,
The Russians are absolute
rocks of men, no humanity
in them, but no more and
I stone-walled Warren Austin, who
is pompous & stupid. I wish
Bunsche were our representa-
tive on the U. Y.

My dearest love to
you. I shall never cease
to be grateful to you
for last summer's trip.
When I am really low,
I put on the Bachus
Double Concerto & follow
it by looking at the
Colosseum pictures & know
that these are the things
which make life bearable.
Devotedly
Allen

April 29th
[1953]

Dear George —

I have said each
morning for the last ten
days, "I must write to George"
and then have not done so.
I was perhaps unconsciously
awaiting your letter with an
outline of your summer plans.
Now that I have it, I will go
into it later on, in this letter.

Betty & Helen left on
Saturday as planned. Peggy
& I had drove them into
New York & established
them in their state rooms.
A week before they departed
they very nearly cancelled

The trip, after listening to a Fred
Barson broadcast. He predicted
was within a month. They believe
about everything they hear on the
radio + listen for endless hours.
Some one talked them out of
that last decision + they
are actually on their way.

I did not go into New
York to see him off, but
I have had a wretched bout
of the flu, which has recurred
on over a period of five
weeks - as for me, no more
"wonder drugs". I whooped up
the Quinacrin at two
dollars a whoop + finally
rebelled. Penicillin injections
were more effective but leave
one exceedingly debilitated -
However if spring ever comes
to Connecticut I am sure I
shall feel myself. There
are a few birds on the

trees, but day after day of cold
weather does not encourage
them to unfold. I have no memory
of a more disagreeable spring.

Your enthusiasm for
Florida truly interests me. I
have thought of it as the
most deadly of places, swarm-
ing with terrible & hideous
architecture. You probably
saw the real Florida & not
the tourist ridden resorts.

Oliver Byron, a friend of
Dowal's has asked me for
the past two winters to come
to her for a visit & had
I felt I could have both
a summer & a winter
vacation, I should have
gone, for I am ever
truly fond of her.

Theresa Yappel has had
a cerebral hemorrhage &
is in the New York Hospital,
completely paralyzed. I hear
she & Philip had just return-
ed from New Orleans, where
they went when Philip's book
of drawings & descriptions
of the slaves depicted, was
put on sale. It is a fine
piece of work. I am more
impressed by his facility
for writing than for draw-
ing. What the outcome
will be for Theresa, no
one can say.

Now to get down to
summer plans, of which
you seem to have many.
As you know I am
forced to be away from

This apart most during July
& August, because of the
extreme heat. Kay Schwab's plans
have changed & she is uncertain
where she will be this summer.
An elderly aunt has died, left
Kay considerable money, but
also great responsibility in
settling the estate. I have
made up my mind to go
to Colorado or Wyoming
by train if you & I can
work out plans for a trip,
which I do not wish to force
upon you, as I am sure you
know. You need as free &
pleasant a vacation each
summer as it is possible
for you to achieve, in order
to fit you for your winter
work. Anne & Bob Nelson
are to be at Morrie during
July & very early August.

more aspects a baby in Sept.)
I could be with them there
for a couple of weeks, probably,
& so could you I feel sure
if it suited you. As you
see, my plans are nebulous.
I'd like more or less to have
them settled by the middle
of June, if you are able
to work yours out by that
time. A trip of this kind is
not something I do every
day & it will need thought.
I want it to be fun for
you as well as for me.
If you were to feel rushed
it would be an ordeal &
that it must not be -

So or, it is up to
you to decide whether
it is feasible.

My Love. Helen

Walter D. Rader
D. S. Rader
D. S. Rader
MAY 25
6-1950



AIR LETTER

**VIA AIR MAIL
PAR AVION**

Dr. George Van Schoeck
Missouri Botanical Garden
2315
St. Louis Missouri

IF ANYTHING IS ENCLOSED, THIS LETTER
WILL BE SENT BY ORDINARY MAIL

FIRST FOLD

SECOND FOLD

any time and to me - I have a kind
 heart stop over there + look to visit
 the East + Hill of Moutons -
 this is a fine place - I should go out
 at least to the hills - see you to
 California - I see you to
 is that's some - no summer. I have
 the rest of the world of the
 I don't know to write letters
 answers to mine - mostly answers
 love

Dear Lewis -
 Still no final word
 from Anne but will be out by
 this coming Monday - I expect
 to be at Home last two weeks
 and fully am positively going
 to be out before at the
 Mobilgas Hotel on July 1st.
 May I express my pleasure
 to you in St. Louis before I
 depart on 20th. Where shall I
 send it.

Jim + Mary. have worked
 me of very old nights - Colosseum.
 I have shortly when made bones,
 I want to know, do you think
 a folding army cot too cumbersome -
 some to take along? Also will you
 keep strict eye out of any thing
 which you have to add to your
 present equipment - to me. When
 you are in St. Louis, will you
 recall and will you buy for me
 too.

Will you kindly send me
 one or two addresses where
 you may be reached after
 you leave St. Louis.

before you see a shaver. Having been
 able to come Sunday for the past two
 summers from my boat across, I wish
 to show for all the shavers + do not
 wish you to be inconvenienced should
 any thing happen at this end -
 I wish to tell you that I see
 have for a day, but she has a
 job - may be too busy to send

July 20th
[1950]

Dear George

Since I am not still junket-
ing thru the mountains with you, I can
think of no need here to be down here
at Norris, where the days have been warm,
sunny & lazy. There have been no less than
showers, but since I have carried out
most of our activities out of doors and
I am feeling so energetic that I'd like
to ride today a day instead of the
one. But I have so far managed. As
you know I expected to feel tired & horse-
back, but intended to quit my tea & milk
see it thru, instead I have positively
enjoyed it & stay out for a couple of
hours each time & have ridden
three of the trails - I like you &
Bob ride, I like best it is more open
than the others hereabouts. Dave has
my first mount, now I have graduated
to Bingo. Now have I been in this state
or sore, nor have I had but one light
"Monday" since your departure, all the
time & I have it a half dozen in
Meredith's out yesterday -

I that you think of me as a
sabbie, I am convinced. On Monday
evening just as I was going to bed
Bob asked me if I would drive
up the mountain with him the
next morning & bring the car
back, so that I might pick him

up that evening, below Norrie, and the
road to Mere ~~to~~ - Squawed. Do you
think I can drive it? Since you had
said, I better not attempt it, went to
bed - shivered or had night-mares all
night and then minded it not at all
I have done it each morning since -
We have seen one or more deer each
time, the wild flowers are everywhere &
while the mountains are not ^{as} effective
clear as we often encountered on our
trip, it is a fine early morning
drive -

Not even if I embarrassed you,
should I be able to make you under-
stand just what the two weeks trip
through Colorado has meant to me -
I needed badly just such a respite
from the mundane. To travel thru these
wonderful mountains, to eat in the
open as we did, to have the details
of each day so competently handled,
never to feel irritated, but always
relaxed, to be in your companionable
presence, to laugh & to talk - It
was quite perfect, for me without
a flaw - I shall always be eternally
grateful to you Lusia -
If ever you feel you could

hears to take me on again as a passenger
on the same terms. you have only to say
the word.

Have had no word from my family
in Danbury, I should like to know what
the chances are of Uncle Henry, recalled
by the National Guard, I wish he might
be caught up in this Korean affair. He
is the only one of my nephews ~~there~~
reluctant to hang in the service. Not
because I care more for him than for
the others, but he is less suited to the
life. more creative, so that it seems
wasteful to have him so employed.

The Rustons gave a steak dinner
for twelve last evening, the food was
delicious, some of the guests enter-
taining. Two friends of Angus & Bob's
were here for perspective, he was a
Mather, a steward, went out and caught
his first fish & yelled for help to
get it off the hook -

I have written home to expect
me in Chicago on the first
so I shall be back in Connecticut
before I know it, but I shall have
many visions of mountain meadows
& the Rockies to sustain me -

I his papers and several of

are these little best - attractive!

My good wish to Helga + Raymond,
a good trip up the coast to you &
my love & appreciation for our trip.

Wes
Helen [Rider]