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14. O. Rider
10 Terrace Pl.
Danbury - Conn



AIR LETTER

**VIA AIR MAIL
PAR AVION**

Dr. George B. VanSchaack
c/o George Freytag,
La Porte
Colorado

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

FIRST FOLD

SECOND FOLD

Helen O. Rider
10 Terrace Place
Danbury, Connecticut



Sept 27th 1950

Dear George - On
Sept 5 I mailed a
package to you which
I hoped would reach
you on your birth-
day - I shall be dis-
appointed if it did not
- sorry - It was
insured but would take
time to replace. There
is some thing strange
about the way mail
to west here to St Louis
disappears.

Will you send off
the steamer receipt
to me, one of these
days - Betty cannot
ride with out
something over
her head

Gold Brocade, Persian
XVIII Century
The Metropolitan Museum of Art



Dear George -
Now that I have
seen the slides with
a viewer, I am
enraptured - they
are fine photographs
of the - that the

Basel and National
Museum are es-
sentially fine. But
then they are all
wonderful to have.
I shall see as they
out I am looking my-
self's buying them to
I have - If there are
more to come, you make
of "duplicates." Let me
have them I send
me a memo of the
cost please.

I hope your
pictures of individual
flowers were as
successful as
these -

Thanks - my love
Helen.

New York Picture
American (S. S. White) about 1740
The Metropolitan Museum of Art

Printed by Arthur Hays Sulzberger, New York City

Panet House
Inverness - Mass
(2 Sept 1960)

Dear George -

I'll make another attempt to tell you of my joy and appreciation of the trip thru Colorado. I don't if I shall be as successful, as in my first letter, which was written in the shadow of the Rockies.

No previous vacation has ever so renewed me both bodily & spiritually. It was what I had always hoped for, but which also I should not have attempted. For there were no problems or irritations, you anticipated everything, so that I had

day after two days of enjoyment & contentment I shall never forget the beauty & peace of Gothic of the mountain peaks on either side of Silverton - They were enchanted places. That I shall ever again be content with a usual vacation is inconceivable. It was another world & I loved it.

The riding was very well, I was neither frightened, sore or lame. I rode Dante, Superior & Lofay & went out on an average of every other day. I rode all of the trails about the camp up to the water line. Only once was I unable to get a distance from my horse, but another saved my pride by assuring me that in all probability a bear had crossed the trail and no horse is willing to go beyond a recent bear trail.

Thanks to you, the only night watchman I had

to undergo, was when Bob asked
me, "to drive him up to the
Jannel the next morning, bring
the car back alone & pick him
up below the camp in the
evening." I lay ^{in my bed} shivering or dream-
ing of disaster most of the
night, thinking of your warn-
ing that the "road was too"
precarious for me to drive.
Well it was not, I did not
mind it in the least &
brought the car back several
mornings without disaster.
It was a wonderful early
morning drive & always saw
several deer & the mountains
were unusually beautiful at
that hour.

Peg writes that they
are making all the impro-
vements on the Cabin which
we suggested, have taken
off the jewels & are ship-

living the house, having a screen
wall for the double doors at
the dining room end, have
flowers out the most un-
comfortable chairs & ordered
new ones. Plans to build
a patio in the ell at
the north 2 end, have
two doors the garage &
cut away trees so that
the mountains at the upper
end of the valley are visible.
All sound measures, which
will add to the pleasure
of living there. Jim was
ready for action by the time
he reached Colorado.

Whether he & Peg will
move to the Ball's Pond house
is undecided. The heating
alone will cost seven
thousand dollars to install.

and find us not one to spend
money readily, especially as
he + they are not keen about
that house.

I had a very good two
day visit with Jane in
Chicago. Jack wrote saying,
"that Jane would meet me + try
to find, but she was late in
getting to the station so I
went to a hotel near their
apartment + made connect-
ions later with her. Without
exaggeration we had the
most delicious meal prepared
by Jane that I have had
in many a moon - It was
perfection + assembled so
easily + expertly. There were
others quite for dinner + we had
a thoroughly good time. The follow-
ing day Jane + I went out
hunting for the apartment

visited the Field Museum to see
the Malvina ~~off~~ new heads -
met Jack for lunch & then
settled down for an afternoon
of talk. She has noticed in
many ways Jack's influence is
all to the good, (in spite of
Peggy's distaste for him). Jane
has lost her job & she quite
frankly told me it was because
her approach was wrong, that
she was disorganized & slip-
shod in her work as she is
about herself & her home of tin.
Both Jack & her former
employer are working for
her & I like the spirit in
which she accepts their
suggestions, which are
all constructive. She &
Jack have been in Maria
for ^{the past} two weeks, I do hope
every thing has gone well -
George is campaigning at

a great vote. No Democrat
can hope for election in
Maine. But he has left steam
during his campaign &
will take a sizable number
of votes -

My visit with the Todds
comes to an end on Tuesday.
It has been a pleasant two
days, Paul & Gladys are a
stimulating pair, Inuro is
a great spot with excellent
beaches & the country quite
lovely. The Todds are enjoying
their own home, it is becoming
a sizable affair, but they
plan to settle here permanently
by within a few years, if
Paul's books are successful.
Inuro has become a retreat
from the "market place" for
many professional people
who are unable to bear
our present course & two
systems. I think it is a

place you would enjoy.
I shall be anxious to hear
of your trip up the Coast - I
hope it gave you all the
interest & pleasure you
anticipated - This is evident
by the years for travel for
the international situations
grows worse by the minute.
My dearest love to
you George & my appreciation
for the trip and all of your -
self which went into it -
ever
Helen.

Sept. 2 74.



A. Dörner

Dear George - I had labeled
you saw the first visit to the
Wilkes Blunt hole you had
trouble of it. I have not seen
a more distinguished &
beautiful book in many
a month. I should have
remembered you saw it before
I began to read, this note
has been delayed for over
a week.

could not put it down
to take up my pen. It
is delightful. I am
most grateful for it.
I had no idea a
Durer made water colors
as well as etchings
& wood cuts, most
I found this at the
Museum General.

Walter Chudson, Kunst- und
Antiquarische Bibliothek
Zürich
A. 10. 11. 1881. Dr. Chudson
17, Via C. Albertina, Wien
(Kunst- und Antiquarische Bibliothek)
(Antiquarische Bibliothek)



Months ago - 14 ¹⁵⁷⁰⁻¹⁹⁵¹ There are
several papers in
the book by the
color - black & white
Society:
These are by
times in every
year. I wish I
very ill, the expense
is unbelievable even
with hospitalization
I can do what I can
but it will require
thousands of dollars.
What do people who are
not paupers do about
such expense? Do you
think too of that day
in Swinnow when
we were guests to
to this, I felt so ear-
free + I made that

ridiculous "I do not care for
poetry myself" remark: I knew
as we were leaving for the
first time in several days,
we saw a newspaper & the
first intimation of the
Morians were contributed
us. I was horrified and
uneasy instantly but
the situation was simple
then, compared to the
present involvements
& indeed measures which
Washington & Mr. Brothman
have led us to believe are
wise: But why talk of
it, we are responsible
what we have sown -
Do tell me how

[15 Jan 1951]

you found your mother &
Eva when you visited them
at Christmas. I so hope all
is well with the two -

George, I am once
again requesting a
statement for the Kodak
chromes which are a
great pleasure to me
& which we agreed I
was to pay for.

My dearest love to
you and my thanks
for the beautiful book -
Ever
Helen

10 Terrace Place
Sawbury - Cornwall
January 19th
1957

Dear Jessie -

As so often happens
our letters crossed, had I
written at once, as I should
have when your gift arrived,
it would not have been
so. I am still absorbed in
the book & expect to visit
The Botanic & print
Departments of various
libraries & Museums if
life ever becomes less
congested - One phrase
particularly struck me
in describing the over-
grasses, the author speaks

of ones' soul as the mirror
of the infinite Godhead -
Man kind does not seem to
be reflecting that image
at present -

I too am going about
like a "toothless old so +
so" ~~at~~ present - If only
I had swallowed my pride
before going to Colorado
last summer, had those
two teeth extracted, even
tho it left a gaping
hole, I feel sure I should
not have had the embargo
attack which I had white
out ~~to~~ those 2 which kept
me from walking up
the Valley with you that
afternoon. Now do I think
I should have been so

susceptible to drafts. Poor
George I am afraid you
suffered many an hour
long pack of evil breezes
as we drove along.

Sorry you have no
silver tea service to
sell to pay for your
"dentures" awful word -
it seemed the only way
for me at the moment
& mine ^(service) something I
can certainly live with-
out but teeth I must have.

That I should live to
see you with even the
suggestion of a "brown
wind". Let's forget after
it George, the things,
morning & evening draw
in & set the muscles

of your abdomen + you'll
distend with the vulga -
I'll tell you what I told
Anis a month ago when
I was helping her to
buy a couple of dresses -
she wears a 34 at the
shoulders + a 44 at
the waist, a sheer impossibil-
-ity to find. I said, "Ani,
+ suck up your guts." She
looked horrified + then we
exploded with laughter, but
she has been exercising me
daily since then + even
with years of neglect behind
her, the effects are
amazingly her "gigger".
Jean Louis would
quite see is polyneuritis,
a virus infection

which will require a year
anyway to write, if she has
pounds to treat next -

Momentarily we are
having weather in the
forty's & fifty's, not a bad
winter, but February is
still to come -

Thank you for
the cartoon, it is most
telling & I can use it -

Love
Helen.

10 Terrace Place
Danbury, Conn

[13 April 1957]

Dear George,

I know the reason for
your trip East was a real
one, to have you here for
two days, was a gift which
warmed me through and through.

I know you were
in a sense prepared
for your Mother's going, but
to face the reality requires
spiritual strength that
you have always possessed.

Just the return
trip to St. Louis was not
too trying, knowing that
you would be expected.
Sincerely truly in your

returns I intended to tell you
not to feel that a letter to
me was necessary, until you
had every thing agreed, in
hand. Betty & I consider our-
selves your family by adoption
and hope to be treated
as such.

Peg & I went into
to New York on Monday &
headed at once for the
"Old Point Shop" of us,
a delightful place with
very fine prints (all
original). I thought we
found just the right
thing for the Beggs living
room (see lists 1 & 2). But
I could see that Peg
was not entirely satisfied.

After further search we found
at Raymond & Raymond's two
contemporary water colors
about which she was really
enthusiastic, & those we
bought & had framed.

Constance was at the
Print Shop. I doubt if I
should have recognized
her had I not known from
you that she worked there.
Her hair is quite white, which
I thought softened her
features & was becoming.
I spoke to her & we chatted
for a few moments. I did
not speak of you or your
Mother's death. Was that
right -

The only number of

my family to whom I may
safely speak since the
we are their dismissal is
Billy. He & I are in agree-
ment. I think it should have
been done long since. Either
the man has no political
sense whatsoever or he
has ~~done~~ made his state-
ments to the press deliberately.
He may be able militarily
all the more that I question
his backing of Chicago &
considers despotic. For the
first time I feel sorry for
Johnson & the Executive
nest which he has stirred
up. The hay rick the
Republicans will make
of this will be considerable.
As an unreliable Republican
I intend to write to all
the Congressmen who will

listens to me -

I am sorry that you
were not met upon your
arrival last Friday. I left
the Pfeifers at 10 to 9 o'clock
intending to be on hand
when they arrived &
was certainly chagrined to
find you alone on the
platform - even then my
watch must have been
two minutes slow - forgive
me -

My love to you
& George & car. We shall
expect you in June -
Helen.

Friday - April 13th

10 Terrace Place
Danbury, Conn.

14 May 1957

Dear George -

What a pity that
you have to come East at
all in June. Could not
the papers be sent to you
to sign. What kind of
thing is it to come ~~to~~
long distance. You have
so little time for the
trip to Mexico as it is
& it would cut so many
miles off ~~it~~ you could
start from St. Louis rather
than Chicago. Lawyers
always make things sound
more complicated than

They need be.

I saw King Solomon's mine
one evening Feb + week. I
had been with Theresa
Kappel for three days
while Phil's was in New
York & reached home
fairly worn down. The
picture was on for just
one day & that was the
day. I had just about
decided that I did not
have the energy to
get me to Ridgedale
where it was playing when
Billy called. I asked him
if he had seen it, which
he had & he added "it
is really wonderful." So
I pulled myself together

+ went to see it. The photo-
graphy + the native scenes
were very admirable + abso-
lutely beautiful. The first
technicolor movie I have
seen which justified the
use of color. The tale around
which it was woven + the
action were ridiculous,
but to see it again for
the first time I was
especially taken with
the scene when the
native boats were carried
to the river + paddled
into midstream. The
color + the rhythm were
wonderful -

Fively Rider has
a full bright sword

for a year's study in
Paris & sailed on June 15th
for a summer in England.
The draft board deferred
him, too, which I am
grateful - No one will get
more from such a trip
than he - I know you
will be pleased for us
to go -

Are you stopping
by here at all in
June - But surely in
late August or Septem-
ber -

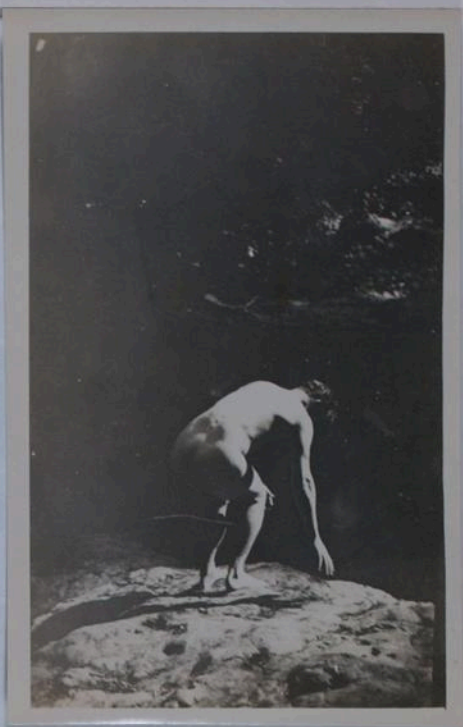
Love

Walter.



Dr. George B. Van Schoeck
2515 Tower Drive
Missouri Botanical
Gardens
St. Louis - Mo







Friday, June 8th
Spring Lake [1957]
New Jersey

Dear George -

I am distressed that your summer plans have been so disrupted and for such ridiculous reasons. That you should be deprived of the Mexican trip is particularly disappointing you needed that after 2 years of teaching Math.

As for your brother Harold's decision to contest your Mother's will, that is inexcusable except that few men can stand out

against a young woman,
if she is also meant & ques-
tioned, then he is truly to be
pitied. I was under the im-
pression that your mother left
everything in trust for your
use, that could not be
so, if you & Willam are
able to offer your shares to
Harold. I hope that you
will not have to spend
the summer in the
vicinity of Cossachie in
order to straighten the
matters.

Florence Lewis & I are
spending a few days
with Michael. Florence
is an old friend of his
& she needs a rest

before going on to Delaware
where she & Windsor (her son)
direct a summer theater.
It was the worst possible
time for me to be away
from home but I knew Florence
would not come without
me. I leave tomorrow in
order to be in New Haven
for Inghys & Robert Murrays
graduation & to get a
glimpse of George & Peggy
who are coming down for
the graduation events.

It was Mary Beegs &
not I who thought the
snap shots should be sent
you - I am certainly no
authority on you in
the matter

The Biggs have offered me
their house after June 25th.
So if you need a couple
of beds, I expect to be able
to supply them. Betty has
an English friend visiting
her for a month or more
& occupying the guest
room.

As far as I have read
I am in complete agree-
ment with Busch & Pendell.
They have hit the cause
much of our troubles on the
rib. But what to do about
it. With the Roman Catholics
fighting tooth & nail against
birth control knowledge
(The Com. Legislature has
just voted down our bill, our
agony with emotional in-
stability increasing in
the young between 18 + 28

so that the services are found
to reject 34 out of every 100 in
London 20 out of 100 throughout
the nation, we certainly
need to do something quick.
I desire to try but my expec-
tation as preached by
the R. C.'s is at the root
of much of our trouble -

I thank you for sending
me this book -

I trust that you will
be relieved of some of
her troubles at the Brook-
line Clinic. Did you
ever suggest to her that
less coffee might help
to reduce the neural
pains.

I shall hope for
a glimpse of you

Good. Love
Helen.

August 7th
[1951]

Dear George -

To quote Peggy -

"Tell George there is no
one we would sooner have
arrive with our ^{my} Leurus."

So come along on the
26th. I may be at Leurus
but am leaving my car
for you to drive to Leurus
will send a couple of
days & then go on to Wame.

I had promise of Cornelia
that I would go to The
Cape with her for five
or six days & then make
my visit to the Jocks

As things worked Mrs Lloyd
could not take us on the
10th of August as we had
hoped, so we are going
on the 21st. If you prefer
not to come to Inverness
I will return to Sandbury
& we will set out from
here. Could you see
Iva as well on our
return from Marie, if
not, why do you not
drive up to see her on
the 26 or 27th & then come
to Cape. Rather a round
about route & if it can
wait until we return I'd
very much like to meet
Iva, after all these years

When you reaches Danbury
come directly to 15 Terrace
place - I will have beds
ready (in case of excessive
heat use the one on
second floor) There will
be food in ice box for
breakfast + lunch +
I'm sure Betty will want
you for dinner. I had
to not mean to tell
her that you will be
there, for you may be
too tired to visit with
her + Helen until you
return from Maine.

I have plans may be
juggled about to suit

our convenience, if you
prefer to set out for
Maine at once rather
than come to Lake, that
we will do. Ihus is
your vacation -

I have had house
to myself for two weeks
with no better thinking
about it than I am here -

Anni has just called
to say she is in trouble
"Arthur has asked for
a muskrat skin & she
has no s. could I please
pass down with some".
I hat Arthur.

Love
H.

[17 Oct 1951]

THE LAWN CLUB
NEW HAVEN, CONNECTICUT

Dear George -

Have not moved to
New Haven but have a
few minutes between committees
of the Conn. Child Welfare
Association which are being
held here. If I do not make
the most of minutes these
days I shall have no friends
left for the usual fall
visit which has begun. Only
last week did I get a note
off to Eva to to ask her
for our luncheon with
her. I should so like to
know what you have

heard from her lately, Do hope
the burgitis condition has
improved, that is one burden
too many for her to carry. The
trips into Springside I could
not possibly be helpful.

I have found it more
difficult than usual to
return to "select very low find-
ment" and only seem to have
achieved some stability this
past week. The weeks of being
with friends during the
summer is a life saver for
me.

I spent only a few
days at Cornet's camp
finally, Michael could
not leave his business
for more than the week
end and it got very cold

THE LAWN CLUB
NEW HAVEN, CONNECTICUT

at that time, even tho we
kept the fire and the
fire place going day & night,
so we called up & came
home.

The day after my return
- before I had breakfast
Billy appeared at my door
with his head swathed
in bandages, assuring me
that he had not set
his head, but had had
an operation on his ears.
Cartilage had been removed
& they are much nearer
his head. He wanted me
to drive up to New York
with him for a visit to
the surgeon & for dinner.

I was ready to stay at home
for just a few minutes
but of course I went &
we had a good visit en-
route. Apparently his
ears have been a cross to
him at least when en-
countered a Strengers. His
his friends never thought
of them. His parents attempt-
ed to have them fixed when
he was a child but were
advised against it. Plastic
surgery has made great
strides in the past few
years. Men must have
to look at their faces longer
when the daily shave
takes place. How do
women are probably
more conscious of their
defects.

THE LAWN CLUB
NEW HAVEN, CONNECTICUT

The result of the operation
is excellent. They is the exact
leaves for France for
six weeks in November.

Had dinner with the
Wilders a few days past.
They asked for you & were
sorry not to have seen
you again. The Browns
are having difficulties with
their work. The clusters
have not shown up &
shortages are arising in
many materials. The Goffs
considered taking the
house but there was no
certainty as to when it

would be wished so they
found a furnished apart-
ment in the borough of
New Jersey. I expect they
for a week and shortly.

Ray Murray wrote that
the Weathers had bought
the property next to
at New Jersey. I don't believe
lay between Robert's labors
& their property. A week
more, and I would
not expect to see it.

No ties have been eaten
since your departure,
discovered that my waist
had expanded ^{disastrously}
I will send you under
separate cover the New Yorker

THE LAWN CLUB
NEW HAVEN, CONNECTICUT

account of the subse-
meeting on the Cape Cod
Shore Front. Paul attended
& said it was well run, this
account hardly bears him
out. Tho it was necessary
to give every faction a
chance to speak -

It was good to have
you here for what seemed
a very short time weeks.
I appreciated being driven
hither & you & your company
no end -

My love,
Helen



THIS SIDE OF CARD IS FOR ADDRESS

Dr. S. B. Van Selsaek
Missouri Botanical Gardens
2215 Jones Grove,
St. Louis
Missouri.

10 Terrace Rd.
Danbury, Conn

Dear George -

I bless you
each time I see
the light over my
knife & it lights,
but not so when
I balance my checking
account, steal
cash my check &
place just a
card as to Eva -

I think about her
very, very often -

Ever
 Helen

[2 Nov 1952]

December 27

1957

Dear Lewis -
You are right,
I did assume that you
were not coming East
during the holidays &
had you been I should
have hoped that you
would kindly announce
your arrival - you
know you are always
a more than welcome
guest - In fact I think
of you more as a
member of the family.

a package arrived from
St. Louis several days
before the 2nd & I put
it with my other gifts -
I then came a card
to say that you were
sending cheese from
Oregon & would I
refrigerate it at
once. So I flew to
open the package &
as we moved that
papers found I was
about to thrust
candle into the
refrigerator - I thought

Some one had made a mistake
not realizing that you
were sending two packages
so I wrote the address and
address to that effect.
You I am awaiting the
cheese, which I am sure
will appear one of these
days. The candles are
lovely. I do thank you
very much and I am sure
the cheese will be delicious.

Your Christmas card
is a beauty. So many
people have spoken of it.
Right now I shall not ask
for an enlargement for the
study walls to not permit
the hanging of many pictures,
but some day I shall
appreciate one, when I
have more space.

Am going in to New
York to-day to hear a recital
by of Stanislaw Dzieduszycki
and Hoff -

Love Helen.

10 Terrace Place
Danbury, Conn
[10 Dec 1957]

Dear George -

I carried a dozen
snap dragons to Helen on
Friday & she was delighted.
Judd's flowers are so
attractive, so I thought
it better to select three
myself & not telephone
the order. They are
also charged to me.
Three dollars.

The Littles invited
Betty, Helen & Popsie
to go to the Mobil
Recreation Center head-
quarters at Mt. Kisco.
I'm busy to expose
them to the ideas

of that "snout". Helen refused
help in descending a flight
of stairs & eventually fell
down them, fracturing her
knee caps in two places -
her legs in splints &
she has been confined
to the house for a month
or more. Whether she will
be able to bend her
knee once the splints
are removed, is doubt-
ful, but she is aver-
aging and will probably
be as spry as ever.

Betty has had a
severe cold & seems
less vital in many
ways, than she did
six months ago -

The Lodges took and
about next in New Jersey,
stayed a week, hated it
and have returned to
Iowa & are putting a
heart in their houses for
years round living. They
were to be here for a
few days just before
I bank & giving out and
a "rough house" Freddy's
knee hit Paul's yard &
knocked his teeth
loose (all of them so
of lady's waste) so the
holiday was spent
with this dentist in
N. Y. His address
is Castle Road - Iowa.
- Love

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Mr. George B. Van Selsack,
2315 Tower Grove,
Missouri Botanical Garden,
St. Louis
Mo.

10 Jewell Place
Danbury, Conn.
[11 Jan 1952]

Dear George -

I do thank you
for the cheese, it arrived
several days after Christmas
and it is delicious, but
I am afraid the whole
transaction is hopelessly
muddled. When the first
notice of the cheese came,
asking me to refrigerate
it, as I wrote you, I
rushed to do so and dis-
covered that it was refriger-
ating candle~~s~~ not cheese -
Since the name of the
shop handling the candles
also was Sangle's, I assum-
ed they had mixed pack-

terribly, but nothing could stop
her - I do wish she could be
at peace, she was only her
desire to do for Uncle G. to
keep her going - she is
no longer physically able
to do for him -

Peg + George were
here for two nights and -
wrote from Chicago to Maine.
They are delighted grand-
parents - everything is going
well with Jane + Laura -
When they reached Sanborn
George could no longer
wait to get home, so it
was the usual hectic
visit. I heard the last
of the Seavitt saga, simply
incredible, then I heard
a card from Peg, when

They reached Nashville, singled
"George", to say that George
had received a lovely, yellow
wool shirt from Brooks Brothers
& she a garter press from
Murray & Scott. She was
furious, since she said it
was George who did all
the shopping & as usual
was forgotten for it.

Peg also enclosed the
clipping about Dr. Soule.
They spent the night in
Portland because of
fog and of course George
brought all local news-
papers. Do you suppose
the event actually took
place on the appointed
day and hour. Some one

must have made a mighty
effort to get the doctor
there on time -

I am on my way
to hospital with things
for and then to New
Milford to get Phil's
Kasell who is leaving
Sanborn for a trip to
Janice of three weeks -
He surely needs it -

My love, I hope your
cold has cleared up. Wish
you need not get them
50 others -

Helen.



PRESENT THE BOAR'S HEAD—Shown above presenting the boar's head to Rev. Ernest O. Kenyon of St. Peter's Episcopal church, Rockland, is Dr. Gilmore Soule, lay leader, third from left. Also shown in their colorful costumes in which they participated in the Christmas festival of the church Sunday evening are, left to right, Warren Hill, Christy Demetri, Dr. Soule, Father Kenyon and Carl Brown, Jr. (Staff photo by F. J. Lowell)

140 Present As Rockland Church Holds Yule Festival, Parish Feast

ROCKLAND, Dec. 31—Members of St. Peter's Episcopal church parish held their first Christmas festival and parish feast Sunday evening in the undercroft of the church with 140 members present.

COLORFUL EVENT

The colorful festival was carried out in the spirit of Yuletide celebrations held in Merry England with many members of the parish dressed in costumes of the Elizabethan era.

The feast also consisted of food famous in old England including the suckling pig, turkey, plum pudding and warm spiced cider dished from the well-known wassail bowl.

The festival started with the blessed sacrament held in the church at 5 p. m. with members then adjourning to the undercroft for supper.

Ceremonies during the feast included the presenting of the Boar's Head to Rev. Ernest O. Kenyon by Dr. Gilmore Soule, lay leader; the wassail bowl procession led by Christy Demetri and Carl Brown, Jr.; and the appearance of King Wenceslas portrayed by Warren Hill. Father Kenyon lighted the traditional Yule candle to start the festivities.

Soloist for one of the carol numbers was Daniel Soule while chef for the affair was Charles McIntosh.

OTHERS IN COSTUME

Others dressed in costume for the feast were Thomas Maffeo, the priest; Tom Vardavoullis, Jan

Addleman, George Achorn, Tom McIntosh, Richard Sayward, Daniel Soule, page boys; Marilyn Keefe, Ellen Sulides, Charlotte Brackett, Betty Adams, Christine Naum, Janice Sulides, Virginia Economy, Christine Roberts, Henrietta Sheffield, Kathleen Achorn, Janice Hutchinson, Sylvia Sulides, waitress.

Following the singing of Christmas carols, toasts were offered by the Rev. E. O. Kenyon, to God and St. Peter; Rev. Tom Akeley of Gardiner, to our ancestors; Rev. Haig Narvesian of Camden, to our bishop; and Rev. John Scott of Orono, to our country.

The chorus was led by Mrs. Alex Vardavoullis with Mrs. Richard Spring as pianist. Included in the chorus were Mrs. Lettie Cross, Mrs. Pauline Bratlett, Mrs. Roy Joyce, Miss Polly Crockett, Mrs. Carl Jensen, Mrs. Arthur Marsh, Mrs. Alan Fisher, Dr. and Mrs. Gilmore Soule, Carlisle Brown, Jr., Raymond Anderson, Richard Spring, Warren Hill and Christy Demetri.

Heading the general committee in charge of the affair was Nathan Farwell, assisted by Charles McIntosh, John Sulides, Mrs. Charles Livingston, Mrs. Lita Vardavoullis and Miss Margaret Buttomer. Other members of the committee were George Robinson, Dr. and Mrs. E. O. Kenyon, Mrs. Lita Vardavoullis, Mrs. Charles Livingston, Mrs. Lita Vardavoullis, Mrs. Margaret Buttomer, Mrs. Lettie Cross, Mrs. Pauline Bratlett, Mrs. Roy Joyce, Miss Polly Crockett, Mrs. Carl Jensen, Mrs. Arthur Marsh, Mrs. Alan Fisher, Dr. and Mrs. Gilmore Soule, Carlisle Brown, Jr., Raymond Anderson, Richard Spring, Warren Hill and Christy Demetri.

[19 June 1952] Friday

Dear George -

As usual I expect our letters will cross but I am going into New York for one night to attend a concert of the Deane's choir in which Billy is singing.

I have returned the below package of cheese to Oregon

In this cold weather
I feel sure it will
keep.

I should like a
reproduction of
the grasses in sizes
14 by 16 if possible.
Not larger, for it
will not fit the
space in which
I intend to use
it.

Amc is about

the same, still some
lung congestion, so they
are unable to operate.
She does not want to
recover, but once a
person is in a hospital
everything possible is
done - Poor Ann, I will
for her sake she could
go now -

The cheese is
delicious, but I have
to watch myself, if I
ate as much as I like
I should be more cog-
nizable, once you
made your report.

Love

Helen

10 Lawrence Pl.
Danbury, Conn.

[12 Feb 1958]

Dear George -


Just a note
before I take off for my
daily visit to Ruth, who
grows weaker each day.
But still hears & sees
all - The doctors think she
has a rectal cancer for
she is thin & bare and
unable to take anything
but liquids - I read her
your note a shortly after
that ordered a bouquet
of some flowers sent
in your name - They
brightened her evening

for a number of days & she
spoke of them & of you
on each of my visits.

Reg & Funi left for
California a week ago
& Bill & Grace for Florida
a week before that - Uncle
A. has gone to see Ann
a couple of times which
is the high spot in her
week - Poor Ann -

I have rec'd news from
The Murrays - Robert is
back in this country
with a recurrence of
t. b. The English food, damp
buildings & climate were
too much for him - He
is at home & in bed
for two months, after

Hope they may separate by the
time. To have him at home
certainly makes it easier for
Peggy & George. Whether it
does for Robert, I do not
know. It is true.

I am enclosing yudd's
bill, but say thank direct.
Also a squib from the
New Yorker which certainly
bolsters your contention
of the generally low I. I.
of the population. It
is a truly scholarly, but
funny 

Love

Alan.



Bas relief Demeter Triptolemos & Kore N.M. Athen

Dear George - you were
a dear to choose
so appropriate a
Valentine for Qui -
She love it & I found
it to her a green & so
that its brightness
would attract her
& remind her of you
wherever her eyes
were turned - She is
fond of her much
does weel as
in days days on
"she" wants to go"
All is well &
Bethel - do not quit
to see them as often
as formerly. But
we talk - My love
to you - Bethel

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10 Terrace Place
Danbury, Conn
[30 April 1950]

Dear George -

The most difficult
part of Ann's illness was her
rebellious. The weeks in the
hospital wore her spirit
and we went through a
daily ritual, the asking,
"why she could not go at
once, why she was being
kept alive" and I attempt-
ing to soothe and at
the same time give an
adequate answer to
her questionings, except
by being with her each
day there was little I
could do for I am no

traces of spiritual strength -
To realize a pain and mental
agony is not within my power -
Aunt's whole life was one
of selflessness but it was
based upon instinct rather
than duties of duty. She was
dear to I love her, that
she understood and was
thereby comforted & hope.

Betty's emphasis upon
"my devotion to Aunt, I found
trying. Smile for eight
of the ten weeks I was the
only member of the family
in Danbury, & naturally
went each day to the
hospital to try to reassure
Aunt. Well I got
up ~~for~~ a couple of
times, the rest of the

period of her illness it was
us to me to give an hour
by hour account of his
daily doings - He was her main
interest to the very last.

We are just getting our
long delayed spring & we
have had a mild winter
but not a particularly
pleasant one, ~~and~~ warmth
& sunshine have been
reluctant to appear.

I spent a week end with
friends in Phila. I had
expected warmth & sun-
shine, but that area was
as retarded as we are we
no shrubs or trees in bloom
or leaf. Usually they
are a full year or two
ahead of us, my friends

supply of the way to the land-
eers

I wanted to take off
some lace after Ann went
but the additional and
come tax which I had to
pay is just about the
amount I need for travel
last year. Then too I have
had + am having a struggle
with the dusts which
will deflate the up the quick
for years to come.

For some time I have
suffered with a more or less
severe pain in my left ear
and jaw + stiff neck. X rays
show that my back teeth
are settling into my jaw
bone, dislodging my teeth +
that I am attempting to

establishes a new point of articulation when chewing of my food - The solutions two partial plates with higher teeth than my own - Did you ever hear of a more wonderful performance - There have been moments when I was eating when I was unable to close my jaw once it was closed - The human frame is wonderful when it works but hell when it does not -

Your two trips East last Spring were such a joy to me, I hoped that for some reason at least one of them might be repeated - Haven't you friends who want to see

Connecticut? What of the
late summer, after your summer
school lessons -

So far I have made
no particular plans but
I do expect to get away
from this about next week
at least a few weeks -
I'm so sure, I doubt
Mame - So I see no
word from Peggy report-
ing progress for Robert -
She has no time for
letters, only a post card
now & then, I feel sure
^{that} once she has anything
encouraging to report
Ray & I will be the first
to hear.

The best love

on Wednesday evening of The
Music Centre Series will be
given by Robert Lofland &
The Mozart Orchestra under
Robert Scholz. It should be
enjoyable, I have not heard
the Orchestra, but Lofland
is a fine musician -

I thank you for your
letter Savage & Co. It
is always good to hear
from you -

Love
Helen.

10 Terrace Place
Dunbury, Conn.

[16 Feb 1953]

Dear George -
Your letter arrived
when I needed it most. I
had been in bed for a
week with a low grade
temperature which I
could not shake. I
think rest was the
answer for me now
again and after a
couple of days of eat-
ing up my eggs and
cutting down off again
for weather's sake -
Lucie is at home &
trying to take on her
household duties, but she
cannot do them with-
out help and even with
very competent help is

not to be heard, so I who
am at least reliable
the hardly consistent any
longer, and going back
to land as land -

A letter from Betty
several days ago told
of burglars entering
their rooms during the
night, took only a
few trunks but they
were surprised that
they had not awakened
Sam yet. Helen positively
shakes the roof top
with her sword; an
express train could
pass thru my bed
room in which she
sleeps without disturb-
ing the inmates -
positively chunder

each morning as I read
The Tribune, but the in-
security which I feel
is manifestly to engender
in Europe - Do not
trust the judgment of
either King or Staley -
But then I do not
trust any of the
present incumbents
in Washington. I did
not agree with much
of the American government
but I did not feel
frightened, nor do
Edward & Mary
Anita are improving
and I will in time
be quite themselves, if
they will do as they
are told - M. W. H. S.

especially is headstrong,
besides being a chain
smoker & coffee drinker -
cup & saucer a day -
We have had a
mild winter also for
which I give thanks -
As you say we may
pay for it in March
but it can not go on
for long then.

What are you
planning for the
Sunday vacation trip -
I hope some thing
interesting & enjoyable -
My love to you

George & Ed

Helen Rider?

The present variety

p.s. Will be glad if you
send the enclosed photographs
about the Corymbe as type
but am in doubt if they



A. Dürer

10 Terrace - Place
Sambury Conn
[Feb. 1954]

Dear George -

Your Valentine is
charming and has greatly
cheered and pleased me - I feel
closer to you and to Betty than
to any of my family or friends,
so that any word from you
warms me. If only it were
possible to meet more frequently,
despite ^{both} your letter writing
is so satisfactory.

At the moment I am
struggling with next year's
contracts for the Music
Centre professional series
and it is a struggle I
assure you - Jewish Protestant
and School holidays have

to be considered, the use of the
high school auditorium is
usually unobtainable on the
dates that the artists we wish
to have are available. I
often wonder why I continue
to do this, I suppose because
of Donald.

My reward and first
choice for the series, is the
Quartetto Italiano - a
superb string quartet. They
have as great if not greater
musicianship than had
the Borzales - Their beauty
and purity of tone is a joy
to hear. They played in St.
Louis in 1957 - Did you
by any chance hear them.
I urge you to hear them
if they do so again -
Betty and Helen are

again up to her, Helen so much
so that she had had her
"bears tested" a carbonyl test.
It is frightening.

I have just returned
from two days in Boston, three
of which I spent with the
Paines, who have aged as
is to be expected, Peggy is
78 years and Father Paine
84, but goes to business
every day & has many busi-
ness engagements. The
remainder of the time I
spent at the Peabody Osteop-
tic Clinic, trying to discover
what ^{causes} the pain in my
back & shoulder - after every
imaginable test, the result
was osteoarthritis of the
Spine, arthrosis, heart, and

Sunshine The only remedies -
I asked if The Sanbury News
Times between me & my guide
to generate heat would do
instead of The Sun. Since
that was the best I could
manage at the moment.
The one enclosing my ^{thing}
to result from the over heat
my were the remarks of
three doctors that my eyes
were, "like a baby"; the best
I have seen in a month - &
remarkable" - so at least
no arterial hardening or
swelling immediately. Also
that my bones were twenty
years younger than my
age - If they were not
I should probably be fall-
ing apart
James Nelson & Eric

have been here for a visit, she
is a most interesting girl &
we are a darling. - I wish Betty
& Helen enthused about them,
wholes they told me about
any of the Bugg's off spring.

I had a dinner party
of twelve for Anne, Peggy
& Dick & every one of my
niece & nephews managed
to get here except Fred
Gould who was on a
So. American Cruise. - It
was a successful party
since many of them had
not met for years.

The Modern Museum
in New York has an ex-
hibition of Indian Art,
primitive jewels as far
as dating, sculpture, ceramics
gold & silver vessels & bronzes

nests and beautifully colored
and woven materials & garments -
you would enjoy it -

Uncle A. is quite well,
Peg. & Jim left with Anne
& live for six weeks in
Florida, but he does not
seem as depressed as
usual without them - Jim
is positively morose until
a few days before leaving
on a trip, then he cheers
up at the thought of
leaving Danbury - I think
Peg. would welcome six
months at home, Jim has
no winter residences -

The temperature regis-
ters 70° here to-day but
that is most unusual,

St Louis, from February thru
May must be delightful -
- after that it sounds grim
to me - Some young I shall
- appear on your doorstep
for a pre- and when I
can no longer hear the
cold of Connecticut.

I love it so, so much
I'd like to write of but
writing does bother my
back & arms -

I often play the records
you left with me &
greatly enjoy them -
My love to you
& George -
Bellevue.

10 Terrace St.
Dunbury, Conn.
[24 May 1954]

Dear George -

I have begun my
birthday by playing the
"Pianissimo", which is more
like the sound produced
by the "Society of Ancient
Instruments" and their
cordons and whistles and
trousers. Why this
organization has been estab-
lished from the cordons and
whistles no idea unless
the result would be too
much for their sensitive
skins. Sounds as a fine

artist and the pieces chosen for
the recording, lovely indeed -
Thank you George, for your
gift.

We have just concluded
the drive for next year's Mendel-
son concert. It went well &
we are assured of two fine
concerts at least. The Italian
String Quartet & Elis. Schwarzkopf.
Also the Boston Pops, which
sold the series. I now have to
choose a pianist for the
concerts - An announcement of the
Pops elicited a wave of joy
from the audience, why we
knock ourselves out at
launching the series each year,
I am wonder -

Berrian Shutes two
daughters were at Betty's

from Mr. Kolyaka was a blessing.
I had your letter, has looked
at it even partially in a
step in the right direction.

Have you accomplished
any more on your book
this winter or do you plan
to devote yourself to it
again this summer. Are
you teaching Summer
School and shall you
come East. There is
always a welcome here,
that I am sure you
know -

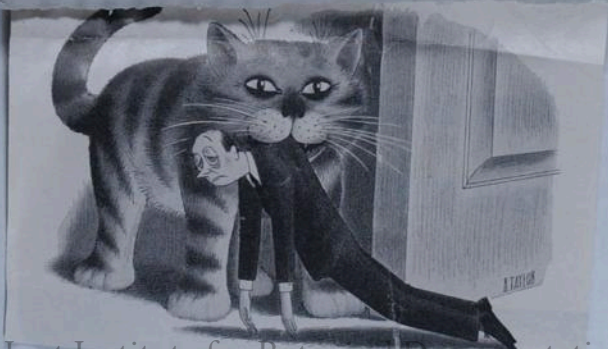
This week we came
us a letter from
regarding book - I have found
it for you

THE SATURDAY E

**America and its railroads
have pushed ahead together**

for lunch on Sunday - Alison
the younger one is marrying
a young Syrian professor
of Phil's City teaching at N.Y.
College for Women. She is so
like Bertha it is amusing.
Margaret the elder is Pat
evating, has a job with
"Radio Free Europe" is intelli-
gent, musical & interested -
I am getting her & Billy
together, they should enjoy
each other.

Herb has a house
of her own, is happy in her
work is most interesting -
To be under ones own roof
seems to me imperative
for West and people - I know
for I require the freedom
& privacy of my own home
Severing connections



on Freddy's bedroom wall - They say
that it is not what he'd like
to have happened to her or
Paul - They are still on the
case with Paul working
on a history between trifactor
Washington -

Jack Becksonot has
given up his position at
Seeds Reelwell & has
enrolled at The Chicago
Theological Seminary.
Peggy writes that "Jack was
a bit of a business man &
only fear of his family kept
him out of seeds so long".
Peg says they have \$4500
in the kitty, not much
but enough for a start
"are sure & that its
wonderful to have Jack

come home + talk about what
he is doing, as he never mention-
ed Sears when he came
home.

Jane is the one who
will bear the brunt of
this change, but she will
do it gladly for Jack and
will be content of whatever
he is content at. She
is a wonderful girl.

Peggy has been slapped
down politically. She ran
again for State Committee woman
and was apparently defeated
in a most underhanded
fashion. I am very sorry
for her as ~~she is~~ ^{she is} ~~one~~ ^{one} ~~of~~ ^{of}
the most intelligent which so
seldom happens in politics
and she needed it
as a personal outlet.

I get the feeling from her
letters that life on Natchez
is grim at times & also she
should accomplish certain
things without George's help.
She is convinced that people
love George and put up
with her because of him.
Actually each one of them
is jealous of the other -
Peggy frankly says she is
of George & while he does
not say so, he is of her -
When one is with them, one
feels their frustration &
disappointment.

This letter has had
many interruptions, just
now Billy has called to
ask me to have dinner
with him and attend
a concert in Westport.

My birthday has been celebrated -
at four different times this
week, I have to be at the
hospital at nine A.M. to-
morrow morning + had planned
to escape in to my bed by
nine this evening - Any way
else I would have turned
down but not Billy.

Did I write you this
one in my previous note,
if so it is good enough
to present -

The Country is the first
man since Samson to
fight an army with the
top bar of an ass - It
is a tragic situation
as well as a hero - China -

Betty + Helen are well,
The kids still not heard
The operation on her
eyes - Love to you

H. E. Fan.





with only one. David
had I have seen. Let
the young people
get right was
The only you
are glad to
a slight pers
faded. I was un-
faded. Helen & Betty
are well but all
mad on the subject
of Communism. In
U.S.A. I am unable
to agree with them
as they exist. Helen
is having an operation
on her legs. I think
I think they
them "put off". I will
write you a post-
card or two
we'll write to you
all that I have
love & greetings for
the New Year. Helen

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THIS SPACE FOR THE ADDRESS

LIANA
MORSET
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Private Stamp
here

10 Jerome Place
Sambury - Conn
[6 Nov. 1954]

Dear George -

How I have neglected
you, along with most of the friends
with whom I see and my tongue
me and writing - I thought of you
on your birthday & then did not
say about it. The truth is
I have lost my drive. I have
temporarily for I am a sorry mess
written it. I find if I do think
of what I have done I am exhaust-
ed - Eight weeks of lying flat
on my back being wanted for
by Lattie (who was angry but
whose chatter almost drove me
mad) left me with the urge
to forget me and my aches
and pains, to see my friends
and to get about the country
side. Since the middle of
September I have concentrated
on having as much time as
my strength permits.

Now however, the Music Centre,
Childrens Aid & Community Chest
drive are upon me, unanswered
letters are troubling my conscience
and I have decided it is
time to face a few facts.

We had The Italian String
Quartet here ten days ago, as
susceptibly playing as I have
heard since The Hongkai, ex-
cept that being a young
group, unpowered, their
instruments are not equal
to their playing, so that
there is a lack of sonority &
beauty which only really
fine instruments can give,
Most of the audience did
not feel the lack however.

As I was transporting them
after the concert I spoke
of the Hongkai, and the
first violin, the only one
who spoke English said,
you, we demoville can
scarcely have heard them.

I laughed + said, "sic vous savez
mon age Monsieur" - I heard them
many many times.

Helen Telfer has had a
really trying summer + fall +
naturally so has Betty - H. has
been ~~very~~ ^{quite} nervous since
her operation, is able to use
her eyes very little, will scarcely
let Betty out of her sight +
for a number of weeks has had
an eruption on her face, which
has been most painful - Now
however she is more or less
healed + is looking for bridge
partners -

Were you pleased by
the election returns I was
at the Harrisman is not a
favorite of mine - Roosevelt's
victory delighted me - I wish
Roosevelt + DeLoach also - I
like Case is in N. Y. +
Newburger in Oregon. ~~Just~~
How Eisenhower will handle
the Congress which this

election has given him very much to
be seen - But I do think the
results have been a great loss for
The McCartyites & I hope Mr.
is hardly censured -

Fred Griswold was married
on Oct. 16th at Pomiseton to
Kendall Archer, they went to
Bermuda on their honeymoon
are now at home in Syracuse.

I hope it will be a success-
ful marriage, I like Kendall, but
as an only child of elderly parents
she has been much indulged -
I had to act in Doty's
place since she was unable
to attend & it was an ordeal,
but I am very fond of Fred &
he wanted it so, it was a
huge church affair, lovely
as a pageant, Rider's two
small daughters were flower
girls & were excellent &
quite stole the show for they
are beautiful & very natural
in their behavior. A

very wedding dinner for 300 guests
was served at the Empire two days
after the ceremony - All utterly
ridiculous but some few do
have to bludge -

Uncle Arthur is failing
perceptibly - is not able to
use his crutches + has a
walker or his wheel chair
also now has three nerves -
I doubt if he reached his
90th birthday or next Sept.

Luisonie Biggs is to be
deceased the first of the
year + Shirley Rider is in
La Rochelle France as
transportation lives on between
the U.S. Army + France, across
his job, The French + Henry
in France -

Have just re read your
last letter - yes we had
accident + misadventure, I
both medical + a personal
accident policy, as did
Michael + the boy who

wand into it was mischance & ^{my} ~~the~~ ^{misadventure} ~~will~~ ^{will} be every day - I hope Michael will recover the cost of his car. Both cars were misused meat. I he fast & heavy showed that my eight ribs had healed & the things long question cleared, but adhesions & my bones & muscles which are a barometer of the weather are still with me - I look & feel like an old worn ball the time.

Michael was unable to return to work for five weeks - I still shudder, inwardly whenever I see a ~~the~~ pale green car approaching from the opposite direction -

I do hope the final part of your summer was a restful one -

My love to you -

Helena

10 Jerrale Pl.
Danbury, Conn
[Sept. 1955 n. 195.]

Dear George -

Greetings and
my love on your birth-
day. If I do not salute
you at the very begin-
ning of my letter, you
may not receive them
until the 15th is well
past since I am deter-
mined to send this, if
I write no more than
the above - I

I do so hope your
visit with Mam & her
was a pleasant &
restful time and

That you went to the
woods for part of it at
least - you needed a
respite from civilization
as do we all -

The summer certainly
fell apart after you left
Dunbar, in fact your
visit was the one happy
time of the past three
months. In spite of
the fact that I was
less than a hostess, but
we went on into that
for I needed you under-
stood. Just having
you here to speak
to & be with was a
joy to me.

Body was with me for
two weeks, getting worse
all the time, until she
herself decided that
she would go to the New
Haven Hospital where they
have an arthritic clinic
which is renowned. But
the heat persisted, she
could not have an air
conditioner, she was
lonely, hurricanes were
predicted etc. etc. so
at the end of ten days
she went home and
they have had a truce
ever since. So - if
however she called
is better, is taking
therapy & seems more
herself than in a long
time. Dr. DeForest of

Then Haven who is the top
specialist in arthritis
said that no one who
takes cortisone over the
years is without that
high blood pressure is
most difficult to deal
with.

Two days after Gody
left & just as I thought
I would hole in and rest
completely for a week,
we had to telephone
for Mary & Jim, for Uncle
A. had had a stroke
and no one felt he
would live for more than
a few hours & after four
weeks he is still here,
fighting for every
breath - Jim was
really from in when

he first returned, he
did not want to be here
and hoped from day to
day that Uncle A. would
go. Now he is resigned.
He is a strong man,
so little beyond travel &
his inces & Aunt's interests
him - Marg. is generally
upset - while Aunt
looking for a place
to live, all the while
been told I could stay
here for six or eight
months after Uncle A.
goes.

Peggy & Jack have
had a son, for which
we are all delighted.
Rider is being trans-
ferred to Dallas, Texas
which pleases him from

The promotion angle &
which saddens me, to
have my little girls
so far away, & this
their most interesting
age is a blow & I as
has always seemed a
horrible place to live,
but the young are
adaptable. - I may ever
get to St. Louis or
of these days enroute
to Texas -

Am finally at home
in my very apartment -
made this would not
have of my leaving far -
went until it was late,
that I appreciate,
but I do need more
solitude, than most
people -

Betty & Helen have come through
the summer very well
they are certainly remarkable.

I saw Sandra for
a moment the other day
she was at her work
trying to keep up with
her children and would
not want to get them
back to school & college.

My love to you
George dear —
Ever
Helen



26 Sept 1957

Dear George
Uncle Arthur died
on Sept 13 I thought
Bette had written
you but discovered
to my throat she
had not - He was
very ill indeed for
a month & therefore
was welcome -
Wag & I went
at night to
Lafayette to get
their car & will re-
turn Oct. 2nd -
Jack & Mrs. Mess where
Bob & Ann are
now living -
Love
Loving Love H.

10431 Camel Drive
Dallas - Texas
[1956?]

Dear George -

When I planned
the trip to Ricketts & jeans
I thought for a fleeting
moment of a stop over
in St. Louis, but decided
that in the school
term you would scarcely
welcome a visitor of
female, so gave it no
more thought.

You do not see
how I can arrange
it without cutting
short my visit with
the Nelsons - when
Anne & Eric were in
Danbury during the

Fall, Eric + I had a great
time to gather, he is a
charming child, whom I had
not previously known - just
before Christmas he, thru
Aunt wrote asking me to
spend Christmas with him
& was very disappointed
when I felt I could not
manage it, when I
learned I was coming here
I wrote to say I would
come for a few days
west of my way North +
to-day I leave for
Jackson -

This trip is being
made by air on a
round trip ticket which
would entail much
red tape to change

and since I want to be
in Danbury by the 21st
when the Bogs leave on
a three months jaunt to
Europe I do not see how
I can re-arrange my plans.
If it were not for this
trip of Peg & Jim I could
most readily do so, but
I am to be in their house
while they are away &
at the time of leaving I
do not want them to
have to go thru the
motions of cleaning the
house, which is always
a chore —

As you know 10 Terrace
Place has been sold — I plan
to keep my apartment
for a time, perhaps
that the overdoes it

of The new owners will not
drive me to distraction
if they do - out I go -

There is so much I'd
like to say to you & so
much of St. Louis & The
Gardens which I should
like to see if & when I
come, that pass over
night stop over would
be no fun at all, so
if I can get my wife
& my Lincolns in order
I should like to try to
come as I said on my p.e.
Sometime the last of
March or in April for
four or five days, probably
the former. Would that time
be convenient in any
way - Monday - Jackson
your note there

when I arrived - Tell me
more of your vacation plans
& whether you had planned
a joint visit with any of
your students or friends for
the latter part of ~~April~~
March, if so I should not
want you to change your
plans for me, but go
ahead with them & let me
come when it is most con-
venient - It might be
fun to drive to Dallas -

Poor Betty - She could
not possibly have made the
trip to N.Y. to the Gals and
concert - We had two of
the coldest days of the
winter on the 24th & 25th of
January, so that even ^{had} ^{she}
been able to juggle
my dates would she have
been able to make the trip
she has been unable to
get to Danbury to the

two music centre concerts
of the winter, both excellent.
A letter last week said
she had not been out of
the house since I left.
Not only does Helen take
more & more out of her
but she is really more
subtle herself - her spirit
reaches out as always but
there is no bodily reserve
to implement it - I
hated to be out of town
at the same time as
Peg & Jim who were in
Colorado, but I left
telephone numbers &
addresses behind with
various people in case
Betty because like Helen
of course is unable to
think anything thru.

I have had a very
happy time in Dallas

I am truly devoted to Peter,
Jean & the children, the
move from the woods & hills
of Long, to the arid flats of
Texas has been difficult.
They love the country &
country living but I feel
sure they will finally
adjust. One of the
children was being very
difficult the morning I
left & the Mother said, "you
just what is the trouble?"
Sobbingly she replied, "I just
don't like Texas" - We laughed
because actually the children
do very well & are happy.

I will write you again
once things are on an even
keel in Fairbury, but I do
want to tell you how
very fine I thought your
Christmas card - practically
a Quaker - Also I am
distressed about W's situation.

That an ethical group such
as Educators are thought
to be, can so treat its
members, seems incredible -
Poor Eva. She really has
a difficult life & I know
how worrisome it is for
you -

One of my reasons for
these winter jaunts which
I am taking is that with
Rider in Texas & Fred in
Cincinnati, more than
ever Sue & I are respon-
sible for Dody's care &
knowing what the best
of summer can do for or to
her, I do not expect to
go very far afield in July
or August -

Am & Bob send
love, as do I -
Helen

24 Garden Ave
Danbury - Conn

March 10 1914

Dear George

I hasten to answer
your letter since plans &
reservations are difficult
to get around the Easter
Season - March 23rd to April
1st or 2nd

I do not feel that I
should take as much time
away from Danbury as the
trip to Dallas would require
if you attending to banking &
business matters for me. On
the other hand you sound as
if you needed a real
vacation away from St Louis,
not having taken one in
some time. So I have
two plans from which
you may choose -
You go to Dallas
during your vacation +

let me come out the week
after Easter - Apr. 2nd or 3rd -
I'm sure you will be teaching
but you would have been
had I come in late from
Dallas in February. Or
let me come on March 22nd
and leave on March 29th or
come March 26 or 27 and leave
on April 2 or 3rd whichever
time I am able to get
reservations - We could
get in a two day trip
somewhere - I really want
you to plan what is
best for you for I know
how hard you work & a
vacation on home ground
is no vacation at all.
If I made the Dallas
trip of fear I should be there
at the time of Jean's parents
visit, also I should ~~not~~
see any of your area, the
Gardens & the University or
surrounding country which is
unknown to me.

I shall love being with
you, I have no earthly right
to take this trip but I am
going to - If there is a
quiet hotel or motel where
I may stay, that will do -
nothing fancy -

Love
#

Thursday

Tuesday
[13 March 1957] ¹⁹⁵⁷

Dear George —

How I wish I had gone down to Betty's before mailing my letter to you yesterday, but I had been there on Wednesday and all was as usual - Betty was taking Helen to oculist to "get her fitted to glasses so she could see better." The upshot of that was that Betty was told there were no glasses that would help H's eyesight that she would be blind in a short time & that her arteries had constricted to such an extent that her mind was affected. I had I have known for some time but could not convince Betty. Now Helen is unable to attend to her personal habits, has to be fed etc. & it is more than Betty can manage - H wanders about at night, disturbs Betty's sleep and the latter is ~~thorough~~ worn down. Was a bad case of syphilis herself -

I was able to get a night nurse who went on last night for first time so that Betty could get some sleep, but what the verdict will be when I get there this morning I have no idea. I really think Betty is not as clear ~~my~~ ^{her} mind as she was and I'm beginning to wonder if she ever really managed her finances astutely. I am seeing Mr. Dunsen at the Bank this morning. Betty informed me yesterday that she was worried about what would happen to Helen if she went first, because Donald's money would stop & she had saved only about \$3,000 to care for Helen, & the income from their own investments was very little - for at least four years I have asked her to take the extra money which D's will stipulated she might have, to care for her & for Helen in case of illness.

She has never done so, saying that she & Helen were here & did not need it - With Uncle A's illness as an example of what nursing care costs, I really do not see how she could be complacent -

I suggest a Nursing Home for Helen but Betty would wage none of it but that is what it is coming to. She can get twenty four hour care for Helen for the same price that the night nurse (practical) charges for night hours a day for week, ie about \$85.00 -

With Pega gone away, I do not see possibly how I can leave with things as they are and I am bitterly disappointed - I have set you anticipated a visit more enthusiastically. A week with you would have been a joy and I needed it, but under the circumstances I could not enjoy it -

You wouldn't consider flying on here, would you

I'll turn over my slight one
way to you gladly, both ways
if Betty had not offered to make
a present to Ruder & Jean of
their living room curtains & drapes
they have ordered but ^{you} which I
can not now let her pay -

What a muddle, if only
I had realized sooner how the
fund lay. I only suggest a trip
to Danbury if it would mean
enough of a change for you -
There is snow on the ground
this morning & the weather
is far from pleasant whereas
in St Louis this time of year
is Sprinkles & lovely - If you
can arrange a yacht with
some of your friends there
I think you should do so -

The Bank has called to
say Mr. Dummer will be away
until Monday which complicates
the situation further - I must
be off to Betty's & will write
again later Love
H

24 February
Danbury - Conn
[10 March 1956]

Dear George -

The dye is east.
I am to leave La Guardia
on the 32nd at 9.10 A.M. arrive
at St. Louis at 12.29. Leave
St. Louis on Wednesday the
28th at 6.30 P.M. arrive N.Y.
11.50 - I may try to do some-
thing about the previous
flight after I reach St.
Louis for that is an un-
godly hour to arrive in
N.Y.

So far I have not
found anyone to drive
me to the air port the
morning I leave. I counted
on Betty who always goes

into New York on Thursday
but that week he is going
on Wednesday - we really must
learn not to count on

Billy - I am doing my best to
rid myself of a virus which
erupts up again & again. I
think I am fine and am,
for four or five days & then
the thing reasserts itself.
Such a nuisance. If
the weather ever stabilizes I
feel sure I shall be all
right.

So much to say, but
it will keep -

I am believed that
you are not disappointed
that we are postponing
the trip to Dallas - Per-
haps another year -
Love Helen

10 Durward Rd
Danbury, Conn

23 Jan 1957

Dear George

I am to make
plans to go to the Canadian
Rockies next summer
to meet you in San Fran-
also I must do so soon.

Also are you interest-
ed in driving to Dall as
during your Easter
vacation & do you want
me as a passenger -
if you do care to make
this trip will you let
me know when you

have your vacation - I
would have done with you
& fly back to New York
from Dallas -

Reder, Jean and children
are to be in Connecticut
the later part of next
August which is probably
the time I should be in
the West, if I could see
them this Spring I should
not so much mind not
seeing them while they are
here -

Betty is doing pretty
well, but the evidence at
is difficult for her -
Love
Katherine

Wednesday

11 April 1957

Dear George -

Your letter reached me here at Michaels where I have been for ten days & very restless it has been. No telephone, no one to visit with between breakfast & dinner, just gardening, bird watching & reading. Tomorrow I return to The Gray -

It's well I did not decide to make the trip to Dallas at this time. Several unexpected claims upon my business have arisen. The dynamo fuse in my car had to be replaced to the tune of \$5.00 & then just after I arrived

here my dental plate broke &
the repair was \$8.00 to say
nothing of the nuisance in-
volved. Also Mrs. Lott, my
present landlady has said
she will need my apartment
in September, that really
does floor me - you know
how disturbed I ~~can~~ get
when I am uncertain about
a place to lay my head -
you witnessed that the
year I had to leave Deer
Hill -

Actually rents in Danbury
are so high that I can
buy a house cheaper than
rent - My present rent which
is very palatially you require
The income tax \$5,000.
Whenever I speak of moving
Betty always says, 'you

know this house is to be
yours, I certainly do want it
or at least the equity in-
volved, but if I buy a house
now she is going to be very
hurt - I am trying with the
idea of putting my fur-
niture in storage & putting my
funds for a year, in between
the times I have to be at
Bodys & the surveys at the
Biggs. Since I can never at
Lebbie place in the summer
I may pack up & get out
by July first.

The weather here has
been abominable, the day we
planned to drive to Baltimore
was foggy & with torrential
rain, so we took the train
from Trenton & had a good
five hours for the museum.

and the cone collector - The latter
was as fine as I had expected
The new building in which it is
house appeared the way I
would to me, simple, fine pro-
portions, light, wonderful woods
used making an excellent back
ground - Hot marble & gilt
to compete with the pictures
The trip to W. interesting I
am making a visit to Peq, the
last of April or early May,
possibly Michael will visit
us there as he would love
the gardens -

Naturally I called Rickes
& Jay after the tornado - They
were safe but the city a
shambles - I do hope you
will see them while you
are in Dallas 10431 Channel
Drive - telephone Hethwood
1-5928 -

I do hope there is really a way of settling your brother as regards your mother's will, ^{once} for all - He has been too, too obstructive.

Betty writes that she has had to be in bed one or more days during my absence, but gets well again, tho' deploring the weather - is glad a storm if it has been!

Do let me know the very best moment you can when that you will manage to get to San Francisco in August as we planned -
My love & a good
trip -
Helen

24 Larwood Ave
Danbury, Conn

[19 Sept 1956]

Dear George -

The arrival of your letter at least convinces me that you are alive, but as for deciphering it, I cannot. Never have you written more illegibly - You & Thers a word but no continuity, the typewriter please from now on.

The section about Boy- olds will I have re-read many times and now think I have it - Two years ago, Horace Shepard of the Music Centre and I discussed the possibility of diverting the money from the expressed purpose of the will &

(make no mistake the wording
or thought is not vague) To
the building of an auditorium
or concert hall. A copy of the
will was given to a reputable
Bridgeport lawyer, both Jim
& the Bank concerning, but
according to this person there
is no way to use the money
other than the stipulation of
the will which is to further
the study & making of music
in Danbury. We cannot use
it to pay artists or organize
concerts except as the persons
or groups trained & educat-
ed musically concertize.
Betty was willing to use her
influence to begin with to
break the will; after she
thought it over she decid-
ed that a concert hall
was not Donald's intention
& so would not go.

Jim really does not want to discuss or think about it - it infuriates him whenever he does.

Dody returned just after you left that day. They had been detained at the drug store while a prescription was filled & was most disappointed not to see you again. She told me where to find a container for the Joe Pie weed & we had it on the porch for several days. She loved it as did I.

By Friday of that week Sue & Val had to rush home with Dean who was running a temperature & felt numb on one side - He recovered in a few days but in the meantime there was no bed for me, so I came home for a

few days after I left + Body had a
very bad time & has been miserable
ever since - I really do not see
how she has the courage to
face the days & probably years
of pain ahead - It almost sick-
ens me to think of her, in fact
it is half my trouble & my cure -

On Friday I asked Maud May
& Betty for tea, Louise brought
them. The yard & garden looked
exceedingly well & Maud ad-
mired them. As we entered
the house, it thundered & with-
in twenty minutes of wind & rain
the place was a shambles -
branches & limbs, trees split
in half the whole ground is
strewn with debris I have
had the tree surgeons & have
done what I could to get the
more dangerous limbs & trees
eared for - I hate to tell
Jim & Pat, & they will be
at home within two weeks

Now, I feel that it is a very serious right
stands to go not in the hands of the
got by the the removal of the
2. I believe it need not
of the Senator Kennedy's
not made of a great many
reproaches that he writes
I have passed upon who have
both in letters & in
bright weather. There the
their constitutions and
in most cases, I believe
of it so doing - just to
this tells me about Kennedy
I am not sure that is whether
he would feel a duty to
the Church rather than
the Constitution & the Country.
I believe you are
I believe that he wishes to
with them and at any time
we think it is worth reading
especially as I believe we
shall have to come to

Having given Bill & Louise
\$5,000 (Mr. Dunser told me the
amount) she decided that she
was unable to afford the
Fisher - Noyes fund.

Have a good year &
let me know if possible
why the San Francisco
conference takes place —

Ive

Heley

10 Terrace Rd
Danbury - Conn
(13 Dec 1956)

Dear George -

Because I have had it in mind to write you about Betty's illness and because these past weeks have been absolutely hectic I can not remember whether I sent you a note or not - I'm not that an admission -

A few days before Thanksgiving I was at Betty's as usual. At some time during the day, she looked really bad. I was searching for a letter from you which she was unable to find, so I never have known what you had to say. The day before Thanksgiving Mr. Reg. Begg went in to see Betty at the house. She & you were going to Hartford for a

two days later she called me to
say Betty was in bed - when I spoke
to Theresa she said it was
just a precaution as Betty was
having guests the next day, the
Hays. The next morning
Theresa called to ask if I
would come down, Betty was un-
able to get up & some one
had to get as fast as I was
trouble & I tried also, for I
wanted to be at the Riders
with Dick who was here
for the day only - However, I went
to Betty, she refused to ^{have} a
doctor & I gave up for that &
the following two days - I then
I called him & got Caroline
and a night nurse, because
Theresa was tired out as
Betty's nights were bad -
Caroline is still there &
will be for a while altho

B. is up & around again, but she has absolutely no sense about herself & well she is by her own will run about doing up packages, shopping etc.

By the way of all this Jim Biggs was operated on for a bladder condition. He is in the New Haven hospital - Peg has been staying in New Haven most of the time for he has been dangerously ill - He is a blue star and altho they gave massive doses of a coagulant before the operation, it did not help, so for a week we were worried sick - Now I do believe he is recovering but he has had a tussle.

To add to all this three days before our scheduled Piatigorsky concert, he became ill & a fast

minute agreement had to be
made - anyone who cares to,
may have this post month
of mine -

I am very comfortable
here in my apartment, the
only drawback is no extra
bedroom, tho I am able to
get one at Delia Behrens
two doors below - after having
the whole second floor here
for nine years for sleeping
purposes I find it cramps
my sleep -

○ Better write me and
let me read your letters to
Betty write ad or other way -
I promise not to mislay
them - Love
H.

Grassy Plain Terrace
Bethel - Conn.

[28 Feb 1957]

Dear George

I hate writing the above address to the one who loved Betty, for it means she is no longer here or will be soon for good - Dear Betty, I do not know whether she would approve of what I have done to the house, it is so full of sunlight with so much of the garden and yard as a part of the house I always felt that she & Helen loved the front of doors but wanted to view it from an enclosed space rather than to be at it. The bowed window at the rear of what was once the dining space makes all the difference in my feeling to the house. I could not have lived in it before -

For a week I have been in the house with a lot & to be able to sit in full sunshine has greatly helped.

Your card & the September cover of
Nature Magazine of the mountains
& the golden aspens taken near
Durang have made me rebellious
that I had none of it this summer
for I certainly needed a change
that events should have conspired
to keep me here thru all of August
& half of September seem unbeliev-
able, but so it was -

Dad's heart attack post-
poned the move to the new
house until August 15th.
I went over on the 14th & must
say that altho Dody was in
one of her worse attacks
the move went smoothly and
during the month I was
there her mental attitude
improved & so far she & Gus
seem to have worked out a
system which is acceptable to
both of them & are not fly-
ing at each other thru the
house. How they will surmount the
house financially I can't
quite see - Any way what

I set out to accomplish was
accomplished & that pleases me.
She has not been made to
feel a monster for having moved -
Dody knows she has to adapt
herself to a changed household
& to Gris, or go to a nursing
home, & Gris that if he barked
at Dody & is rude which he
certainly say be that the whole
thing will blow up & that
the house will have to be
sold to pay for Dody's care -
Of course there will be
bad times when I shall have
to dash over there, but on
the whole it is working so
I guess not being in California
with you was worth it.

Peg & Jim flew home for
a week in August, Jim for
a meeting & Peg because she
did not want to be alone
at Moore - Jim seems quite
well - Peg not very happy
because after keeping her
maid all summer, she

decided to return to her home
in the Virgin Islands -

I had an unhappy time a
few weeks ago when Morris Hastings
called from New York, not know-
ing that Betty was no longer here.
His name was not on the list
of friends which Betty left me
to notify in case of serious ill-
ness or death - So when the
long distance operator asked
for Mrs Tweedy, I said Mrs
Tweedy is no longer here, will
you ask whomever is calling
if he wishes to speak to
Walter Rider - It was then that
I discovered that it was
Morris - So have to tell him
over the telephone was
distressing - He was very upset
& wanted minute details, then
I think that I am not positive that
he said he had to leave
Mexico because of a heart
condition - I expect the altitude
was too much. He is at
the Williden an hotel on
7th Ave & I hope when

next I go in to New York to
see him I wish I might have
written him of Betty, it would
have been easier for us both.

Just this minute Reg. Murray
has called from Plainfield, New
Jersey to ask if they can come
here for over night I'll be
glad to see them. It is
certainly three years since I
last saw them.

There is work to do
now, if I am to feed George -

Do tell me of your trip
when you have time, tho once
you put your toe in St. Louis
there will be no time.

Love
 Helen

Vna Air



Dr. G. B. Van Schaack
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St Louis
Missouri

Jan. 6th 1958

Dear George

Why could you not have come on during the past holidays, it would have saved me so much writing time, if only we could have talked of many matters, now I shall just skip about -

I thank you for the pen, it is my kind of ornament, most jewelry I abhor + pass it on to some one else as soon as decently possible, but this is both ornamental + useful -

I the newspaper clipping about the Luke Dy Trust's wish returned for the Music Centre soap book which I keep - Directly Betty went the Bank began to convert the securities to safer + lower income investments - She received seven or eight

thousand a year from it & with
hers & Helen's own money had an
income of close to \$1000. What
she did with it I have no idea
She certainly did not spend it
on the house which was truly
in a very run down condition
besides being really dirty, I
never thought Betty a particularly
good housekeeper, but she
really let them get away
with everything - as long as needs
were good, Betty was satisfied
Had I known what the house
needed & what it actually cost
to put it in order & run it
I should have sold it at once
to spend more than two thirds
of one's income just to keep
a roof over one's head is
unadvisable - I tried to pin
Betty down to costs but never
could, she may have known
the value of a dollar at
one stage of her life but
she had certainly forgotten
if I have a finger of

want to be able to entertain &
to share it with my friends
otherwise I'd rather sit in one
room & go places - I had certainly
hoped to get away this winter
or spring, but not a chance
unless a miracle takes place -

Billy & Walter Werner have
done a really wonderful job
in organizing & presenting the
program for the new Music
Centre to the Trustees of the
Fund ~~at~~ the City National Bank
so that this year they have
awarded the entire income to
us - Billy in his slow way
has worked hard at all
this -

The envelope of Restor
article & the ^{was} Eisenhower's
will amuse you I am sure.
How Eisenhower can continue
with Dulles & Sherman Adams
is astounding & tragic - what
an unhappy mess -

I heard from Bertram at
Christmas - He & Thora are
both better this year I am

glad to say - Ralph Robbins
did not know Betty had gone
nor did Michael Peters or Alice
Byron - my fault - I'm afraid -
my love to you
Helen

Betty's [Twoody]
Photographs

enclaves letter
sheet of paper

letter

from H. L. Piller

6 Jan 1952



Helen O. Rider
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Bethel, Connecticut 06801

May 1st

Dear George -

It is shocking
that I have not answered
your letter or written you
see this, but my inability
to keep up to my old stand-
ards shocks me daily - that
I am eighty one this month
is brought home to me daily,
I do about one half of what
I plan and need to do, which
wreathens me - I do not see
or hear as well as I do of
and I do not walk well
at all, if I can get an
appointment with you all-
rightest I shall try that
for orthopedic shoes are
no help & ugly as sin.

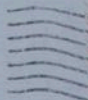
I hope you have settled into
the life in Eugene more
happily than when you
wrote it occurs to me that
you may have chosen the
wrong stage to project to
new people & friends, many
of the young are shallow,
you find them unable to
carry on a sustained con-
versation & the professors
& older men are not interest-
ed in making new friends.
Perhaps they feel that
since you with your
beard & hair are aging
the young ~~and~~ are not
as serious thinkers, maybe
they are just tired of the
life style of the young.
I do not know but

friends are a very important part of our later life, mine matter greatly to me and really keep me going. Some most of them are younger than I, if I were confined to my own age group I'd slit my throat.

The Biggs I see most wife & family. The Nixon regime or the Watergate cannot be mentioned, neither of them is well, Peq. especially looks badly - thin & wrinkled, but they still manage to get about the country. This whole political

scene is frightening &
only emphasizes the feel-
ing of a sense of
Victory and his resolve
from the beginning that
it will come to only
good & honest end. I
cannot believe - he is
a tricky, crooked man
who would sacrifice his
family, the public &
friends to further his
own ends. The only
good to come out of the
investigation, may be
the dismissal of the
Ellsberg trial - who
knows

Do think of you
& George & hope your
new life is pleasant -
Love - Helen



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Dear George -

I feel very guilty whenever I think of the several letters I owe you. Just before your last arrival I had planned to write so here goes.

My thanks go to Peggy Loveface. She had me what I had heard from you & replied more than I deserve. I do think of you often George but each day seems to have more duties & less time in which to accomplish

them.

There was a gathering of The Boggan last Thursday, which seem harder for me to take gracefully as the years progress. They are dear people, wrapped in their own immediate concerns, jostled by taxes but never by poverty, ghettos or problems of welfare. With the exception of Dick Sarface, everyone of them voted for Nixon. Jim has cut off his contribution to Yale because of Brewster's attitude to Dick Yocum etc. etc. I say as much

as I dare without being ²crude
Jim has had a tumor
removed from his face &
is slow in regaining his
strength & even he is
losing her pep. As for mine
it has gone completely.
I live by law and two
often resort to cortisone.

The garden I have
reduced to peonies &
roses & if I am unable
to find better gardening
help than last year may
have to give it up en-
tirely. The boys I am able
to get to help pull up
the plants & leave the
weeds. Actually the
house is getting beyond

me, but I shall hang on
for a while longer.

Last summer while at
The Buggs, I stopped on
my way to dinner in Reading
to check my house & found
everything so out of order
& covered with dust an
electric gadget which reg-
ulated the lights for day &
night, short circuited & smol-
tered, burning the farge window
self, but never bursting into
flame. Why it did not
ignite the draperies or
window shades I've no idea.
It was a horrible mess,
took five men, five
days to clean & three

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weeks of the summer before
it was fireable, but not one
picture, book or piece
of furniture was burned
or even scorched. The
bill was \$1600 - Insurance
covered it. One of my
friends asked if I burst
into tears when I saw it -
Certainly not, there are
too many things going on
in the world to really
make one weep -

I really find the
present National + International
state of affairs almost
unbearable. The war is
horrible & useless, many of
have not yet faced up to -
Murder, riots, strikes, hardships
in the landscape, upon the
young people, it is all
too much for an old

woman to face up to -
Only when I and Lillian
go to music do I get out
of myself and I too had
a wonderful evening a
few weeks ago. Dietrich
Fischer Dieckow in a
program of lieder by
Gustav Mahler, accompan-
ied by Leonard Bernstein,
at Lincoln Center. It was
a haunting evening.
His voice is not a
great voice, but in
the upper register is
beautiful & his use of
it superb - I was truly
hypnotized. The last
concert with Betty which
we took was an even

mg in New York for
 a Fischer-Dieskau ^{concert} Billy
 drove us in - How she
 did enjoy it - I had not
 heard this since - I
 know you do not care
 for singing as you
 do for piano or orchest-
 ral music.

I asked Jesse Walker
 about Les Trovare & he
 agreed with you that
 it a beautiful thing
 when well done - Mielke
 is the conductor of
 the Los Angeles sym-
 phony, is he not & I
 have heard that the
 auditorium is a

very handsome one as
is that whole complex
which cannot be
said of Lincoln Center.
On a simpler evening with
the fountain playing
it has charm, but the
harmonic Hall, the Opera
& the New York State Theatre
are cold & unlovely.

In late October I
spent three or four days
in a friend's apartment
in New York. It was
sunny & warm, I visited
museums & saw friends.
Was unable to get tickets
to any matinee - the
Fazi situation is so
deplorable in the evening
that I never attempt

to see a play.

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You speaks of problems
at the Arboretum, are
they similar to those of
the Gardens? Do not all
institutions have problems?
I hope you are adjust-
ing to this environment
more happily than at
first, but to build new
friendships does take
both time & desire -

Jane Brooks met us
somewhere in your area.
Jack has given up the
Ministry I believe, in which
he was not successful
according to Peggy.
George died in the Spring
& I talked to Jane last

the time, she hoped to
spend the summer at
Washburn with her child-
ren, but Jack was
opposing it. I'm afraid
he's a gifted young
man with a
of limited intelligence
& understanding.

Should you like to
have me return "My
Life with Papers" I was
never sure whether you
loaned or gave it to
me -

My love to you
& George - I'll try to
do better another
time - Helen

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October 1, 1973

Dear Helen,

I think it was one of Donald's favorite sayings: The miller of the gods grind slowly, but they grind exceedingly fine. I have to paraphrase it: The miller of the gods grind slowly, but eventually there's a little flour comes out. After a far too great time I am writing you a letter.

I can remember the reuse of Disney when your parents and Donald passed their seventieth birthdays. Could this ever happen to me, I thought. Well, it finally did, a couple weeks ago, and I must confess I was alternately crushed & elated by it. I

it was a century too early. Certainly the next century looks black, indeed, at least to us who can only see it from today in the light of our own past, and it doesn't look too rosy to those forty, fifty & sixty years younger than we are. But, contrary to most of the depression I have felt these last five years, I'm beginning to feel some hope, although at best I can only express it in Bertrand Russell's words, at the end of his Humanistic Ethics & Politics: Those who are to lead the world out of its troubles will need courage, hope, and love. Whether they will prevail, I do not know; but, beyond all reason, I am unconquerably persuaded that they will.

I think I am now adjusted and shouldn't should any more effort trying to realize it. My present feeling is I'd gladly go through another seventy ^{years}, even with more trauma, if I could only have some of the privileges which the young seem to have found in the piles of junk our own generation created for them. Sexual knowledge & freedom I'd put first, the disease of false & empty, sterile symbols next, and ^{then} their know-how in inexpensive travel would come. ~~next~~. No matter how much longer I shall live I think I shall never lose my resentment (to hate, I guess) for having been launched ^{recently} into the one century of all which ^{has} exercised the most sexual repression in history. ^{It} I used to think I'd been born a century or so before

Hellm. I have had ⁴ a wonderful year
here. I have never imagined, at all, as
experienced, anything like the friendli-
ness I have found here. I have
made friendly acquaintances with
scores of people, I have had friendly
spontaneous greeting on the streets
& campus from scores more whom
I have never seen again, and I
have made genuine friends in
numbers I don't expect ever to
make again after leaving Kille.

The first group shows all ages
from just high-school on up
(high school students speak to
no one older than themselves!);
the second group is mostly made
up of the young (under 25) (I never
fail to marvel at ^{the} vast number
of anonymous ones here who
greet me at my first glance); the
best group naturally the smallest

has ^{very} diminished number of my own
generation, very few from the one
just behind me, but many more
from those 20-30 years old. Some
a day goes by that some one of these
doesn't ^{visit} my house yet, and some day
I may have three or four visitors.
One group of students (5 of last year
living next me, plus two new ones)
~~are~~ is rather compact and include
me (as number 8) in what they call
"the family". They came back on
Sept. 17, having told me in August
that I would be expected for dinner
on the 18th - when one of them
found out that I had had a
birthday the week before, while
they were still not here, they made
the dinner a surprise birthday party,

have too many 'dogs', - but, to my
amazement, again, this has not dis-
tracted me and I have had to take
no 'protective' measures.

I have made many contacts (I would
never adjust to the next 'contact', and
I have followed him) at the University,
especially in the library, where I
now know most of the staff
(of course, they all know me, with
my hair barrow on my back,
my ever present ^{my blue jeans,} farmer's hat or
French beret, and my age!) and
uniformly they have been friendly.

A few of them I have taken into my
confidence regarding my disapproval
of the way the library has been run,
especially their very deplorable
bookbinding practices, and I con-
sidered some or three of them that
I have confidence to say on this

6.
Etc., etc. - I would tell you much
more about them if I could only
see you. Of course I can't do the
full way with them, but it is re-
markable to me how gratefully
the sight of us from a group. I was
absolutely amazed at the birthday
party to realize after being there
three hours that during all that
time they had been playing the
phonos and radio with music none
of which I knew or cared about, but
completely without it having put
me off for a moment.

My area is not entirely quiet - to one
side of me for a block & a half North,
Northwest & Northeast, there are apartment
houses, or alien houses occupied
by somewhat less affluent students.
They are not always quiet, and they

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matter which should be declined to.
On Friday evening I shall meet the
new iteration, by invitation, to
talk with him about the enormous
binding problem here. I think I can
subsequently prepare a report which
may change some practices of her
appropriate study.

I have also joined the local
Sierra Club group of some 40.
I have been for from a prominent
member, but I believe I shall be
just on the executive committee in
a couple of months. Recently I was
asked to become the program chairman
for the three monthly meetings, but
this I declined for now - I am in
more things than I can take care
of.

I have spent considerable energy on
 my house (or rather, on my grounds)
 I have three yards - one in front of
 the house, and a series of two be-
 hind, plus an alley yard, all with
 some 300 feet of fencing, some of
 which I had to repair. With all of
 this there were only eight trees,
 of which three I destroyed as useless
 or dying, and some dozen rhododen-
 drons. By now I have a total of
 some thirty-five to forty trees and
 perhaps a more slender - a few nice
 exotics, but mostly trees usually
 very successful here which will give
 quick shade. The best one is the
 big-leaf maple, very rapidly growing,
 practically impossible to kill, will
 grow up to 14" in diameter - it
 makes a wonderful cool shade. But

peacher.

There are some drawbacks - this is no area to see sail, or beautiful old boats. But there is good scenery, for driving a few miles when it's not too hot - the first summer kept me indoors pretty regularly, but from August first this year we have had good weather.

Two-thirds of my books are stilled packed up - did I really need them? It is interesting to see how passionate attachments can fade without nourishment.

Have had a few visitors - two from Chicago area, one from Holland, a young girl & her friends from St. Louis, and Eva will be coming next week.

I am as busy as a woodpecker (I almost wrote 'whit', and perhaps should have) as for I haven't had much time to

I also have several nice pines, a giant sequoia (which grew from 29" to 51" in the first season) an incense cedar (native), slower growing, and some half dozen European rowan trees which grow rapidly. Next year I can launch on some herbaceous things. In the second backyard I had a small vegetable garden, started too late, but it yielded radishes and beautiful zucchini, promised some good rutabagas & lettuce and if the frost stays off a nice lot of tomatoes. Fruit grows in the valley quite generally, and if one wants to pick ^{it} himself he can always find a place to do so. This week end I shall go out to pick muscat & one other kind of grape at 10. If a friend & I had found marvelous

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rest, after I finish New York Rev of Bo
The Century Magazine, Common Cause,
Environment and the weekly Science
Recently I have read Howard Ellis's
autobiography, and Calder-Mar-
shall's twenty-year later biography
of him. Did you read him in the
20's - 30's - and why didn't I?
But - what a completely aberrant
sexual life he led - almost ^{any} (or more)
amazing than the histories he collected
at in his Studies in Psych. of Sex.

Well my dear, this has been all
about myself, but I have tried to
bring you up to date as you would
question me? I could only see you
now, please write me if yourself.
I hope you had a restful summer
and did not have another miserable
winter. Love greetings to Psy & Jim.
and my love [the photo is
not for
himself]

Bless you, George, and
remember that I love you
ever and always - I'd like
to be here to see the ginkgo
planted. Let me give you the
tree -
Eva