



Hunt Institute for Botanical Documentation  
5th Floor, Hunt Library  
Carnegie Mellon University  
4909 Frew Street  
Pittsburgh, PA 15213-3890  
Telephone: 412-268-2434  
Email: [huntinst@andrew.cmu.edu](mailto:huntinst@andrew.cmu.edu)  
Web site: [www.huntbotanical.org](http://www.huntbotanical.org)

The Hunt Institute is committed to making its collections accessible for research. We are pleased to offer this digitized item.

#### *Usage guidelines*

We have provided this low-resolution, digitized version for research purposes. To inquire about publishing any images from this item, please contact the Institute.

#### *Statement on harmful and offensive content*

The Hunt Institute Archives contains hundreds of thousands of pages of historical content, writing and images, created by thousands of individuals connected to the botanical sciences. Due to the wide range of time and social context in which these materials were created, some of the collections contain material that reflect outdated, biased, offensive and possibly violent views, opinions and actions. The Hunt Institute for Botanical Documentation does not endorse the views expressed in these materials, which are inconsistent with our dedication to creating an inclusive, accessible and anti-discriminatory research environment. Archival records are historical documents, and the Hunt Institute keeps such records unaltered to maintain their integrity and to foster accountability for the actions and views of the collections' creators.

Many of the historical collections in the Hunt Institute Archives contain personal correspondence, notes, recollections and opinions, which may contain language, ideas or stereotypes that are offensive or harmful to others. These collections are maintained as records of the individuals involved and do not reflect the views or values of the Hunt Institute for Botanical Documentation or those of Carnegie Mellon University.

#### *About the Institute*

The Hunt Institute for Botanical Documentation, a research division of Carnegie Mellon University, specializes in the history of botany and all aspects of plant science and serves the international scientific community through research and documentation. To this end, the Institute acquires and maintains authoritative collections of books, plant images, manuscripts, portraits and data files, and provides publications and other modes of information service. The Institute meets the reference needs of botanists, biologists, historians, conservationists, librarians, bibliographers and the public at large, especially those concerned with any aspect of the North American flora.

Hunt Institute was dedicated in 1961 as the Rachel McMasters Miller Hunt Botanical Library, an international center for bibliographical research and service in the interests of botany and horticulture, as well as a center for the study of all aspects of the history of the plant sciences. By 1971 the Library's activities had so diversified that the name was changed to Hunt Institute for Botanical Documentation. Growth in collections and research projects led to the establishment of four programmatic departments: Archives, Art, Bibliography and the Library.

[no date]

# VAN SCHAACK AUTO SUPPLY

Complete Tire and Battery Service

WEST COXSACKIE, N. Y.

Telephone 83

Jessie and the baby haven't been here in a long while. She thinks we ought to come often but if she knew how busy we are. Am giving very little time to the floor, in the first place I haven't the time and in the other it worries me too much. There is so much that I would have different but any how that I think the best way is to keep away. Had very good news the wife about grandpa I fear he will never read very much anymore. He gave us about a week ago and hasn't tired it since. But he seems quite natural and was singing as usual tonight. I guess Mrs. Pitty will never get on her feet again. The opposition to Keis is growing stronger even the conservatism is getting down to him. Haven't done anything about a side yet and am rather undecided just what to do. Well I guess I've reached the end of the news. So here goes Love  
Father.



SEIBERLING  
ALL-TREADS

HEAR

The SEIBERLING SINGERS

EVERY TUESDAY EVENING OVER THE RED CHAIN



Reassembly of  $Pu - X$

$Asn + 1 L1$

Some old

21 9 11  
after

→ 11  
→ 110 → board → 64 97.

---

---

[?]  
M. B. VAN SCHAACK  
COXSACKIE, N. Y.

Wednesday Nov 11

Dear George.

Just got home to dinner  
and while I am waiting for it I'll  
write a line. I am just too lazy  
but here goes. The weather is beauti-  
ful now have had several hard  
freezes but didn't hurt much  
around the house. It is again  
very dry, but wonderful weather  
to live in. Wish you might see  
the brilliant coloring of the sumacs  
Grandpa went up to Florence on  
Sunday and returned last night.  
On Monday they took him up to see  
Aunt Hattie, (he found her about

the game. I guess he was glad to  
get-back home again.  
Owing to his being away we did  
not wash until yesterday after-  
noon, but we had a good flume  
to do it. Mrs Beckwith comes to visit  
this afternoon. We had a very in-  
teresting bridge meeting on Monday  
night, but very short passed  
off very nicely. Did not get  
those prices on nets. We decided  
however to purchase a net regardless  
of price. Geo March thinks we  
can get help enough from the  
"fans" in town to get it without  
expense to the bridge. Things have  
gotter down to normal but it seems  
rather strange.

My boy I can't <sup>W. B. BRADY</sup> ~~be~~ <sup>COXSACKIE, N. Y.</sup> to tell you  
how Perry is having you bound. You  
seem to find the one who understands  
me and you especially and help  
is wonderful. You didn't know what  
I meant by "bending" well it just  
means be tolerant and then  
more tolerant.

If nothing happens the Terces are  
coming on Oct-12, and we want to  
go to Pomona at Balcott Center  
the fifth if possible. Had a candidate  
on Sunday, but he has been called  
to Kiskatom. We have been thinking  
of you today as you start your  
New work. I'm wearing my pants  
on the mail route and found a nice

gray sweater to go with them.  
I had your overcoat on the line  
the other day, and it is a week.  
I guess you didn't realize how  
badly it was worn. I was thinking  
if you really need one before  
Christmas. You might have mine  
if it would fit you. By the way  
do you want that brown box pleat  
coat and the old blue sweater any  
more. If not - will give them to the  
Salvation Army. Stu has been duck  
hunting for two days and he said each  
of the boys would get two ducks  
but we haven't seen any yet.  
You forgot to endorse the check so  
I'm sending it and you may keep  
as much as you need. Well I guess  
that's all for this time. Love  
Father

# VAN SCHAACK AUTO SUPPLY

Complete Tire and Battery Service

WEST COXSACKIE, N. Y.

Telephone 83

[1920's]

Thursday Evening

Dear George:

Just a word from a nap  
and find my next job is to write to you.  
This has been a very disagreeable day.  
After two beautiful spring days today has  
rained and dark & its not cold. Begins to  
look and act like spring. Tuesday morning  
we were awakened by the call of a robin  
and he has been here every morning since.  
Jessie and baby were here this afternoon for  
the first since Bessie's sickness. She has  
fully recovered although a bit fretty yet.  
Wilbur came down for supper in his usual  
rush, such a life!

Mr Conroy is very bad and in my opinion  
cannot live very long. It is pitable to see him  
is so miserable and seems to suffer so  
in fact doesn't sleep hardly any now.



SEIBERLING  
ALL-TREADS

HEAR

The SEIBERLING SINGERS

EVERY TUESDAY EVENING OVER THE RED CHAIN



Dr Van Boesen has been real miserable this  
winter in fact was in the hospital for awhile.  
Dr Mott is helping him ~~stop~~ a pleasure to be with  
him. he is the art we had when Jessie was  
sick. Tuesday night the phone rang and  
it was Laura Marsh who informed me that  
you had made Cotsacke famous. I asked  
what you had done and she referred to the 'Four  
List' that was published in the Herald-Tribune.  
Sam Long kept me up and he said she  
couldn't have made more fuss if it had been  
her own boy. By the way I see you are  
too close to the list.

Your pictures come through all right and it is  
certainly fine next best to having you home.  
Also received the St. Patrick's package to day  
very thoughtful of you and will add a nice  
bit to the affair. Everything is progressing  
fine and Hell is the Mass of Curmishers.  
If all come you who are invited there will be  
at least twenty five present. We have it on  
Saturday as I feel he would not like to have  
it on Sunday. You never can tell what you  
will come to in this world, last night Wosten  
and I wrestled with an Federal income tax  
report and believe me it was a fine job. Of course  
it was for the Van Schaas & Auto Supply.

# VAN SCHAACK AUTO SUPPLY

Complete Tire and Battery Service

WEST COXSACKIE, N. Y.

Telephone 83

It must be in by the first of March and then comes the state tax in April. After all the work there is no tax to pay but a return must be made. There is too much detail to business nowadays that there is no wonder they need so many for office work.

The addition to the store is coming on apace and will be a nice garage. They have really done well in selling radios. I have a surprise for you it is definitely settled that we are going to have electric lights. The light co gave us a flat rate of 2.50 per month and will stand all the expense of building lines to the house. We can't imagine what came over them. Of course we had to give the work to Ray Smith. However he is very competent and works quite cheaply and we will be able to get the fixtures all cost or about. He said he would commence work next week, but he is so uncertain. It isn't definitely settled yet whether Swamy will



SEIBERLING  
ALL-TREADS

HEAR

The SEIBERLING SINGERS

EVERY TUESDAY EVENING OVER THE RED CHAIN



be carried on not. The delay is caused by  
the Civil Service end of it. If all is well we  
may commence work on the sixteenth.

Business is dull in the office that is from a financial  
standpoint but the loads have been very heavy  
for the past month, several days I have had to  
carry some up on the hill for the boys.

Had enjoyed reading this winter and seemed to  
have read quite a little, but I'll soon have to  
stop for I am so busy. The only book I'm

reading now is A daughter of the Middle Border  
by Garland. It is very interesting to me.

I notice that three of Hoover's cabinet are Howard  
men. In that list of Honor men I notice the  
name of Perry & ~~Bob~~ Bob 3rd he must be  
a grandson of our Da Cobb of the Reformed  
church. No damn down to the second church  
yet, but what a nice lot of young men we  
have met and listened to. I certainly have a  
great respect for our two theological schools.  
Can it be possible that Eva will pull through  
I do hope so. Well I guess you'll think I'm fully  
awake after this long sleep. I'm almost this  
o'clock so good night.  
Love,  
Father.

MYRON B. VAN SCHAACK  
COXSACKIE, N. Y.

Sept - 28 92

Dear George:

Have just finished supper and your mother and I have started to write to you "kids". With the change to old time the evening seems so long. Particularly as the house seems so quiet. Your mother is keeping up her courage remarkably well. This morning we went to church and Sunday school there was the usual number present and every thing passed off very well. I was going for a ride this afternoon but waited so late that the change of time fooled us.

so we stayed <sup>home</sup>. Your mother did  
not want to go out this evening.  
Grandpa has been feeling very good  
lately but yesterday he felt that he  
quite a little. He did not help  
much. Dory said he wanted him  
to help fill pots but he hasn't told  
him to come yet. Your mother  
had a pleasant day at Gario as  
was a beautiful day. In fact this  
past week has been beautiful  
all the time. This is the kind of  
weather we should have had for  
our trip. I guess Eva is getting  
settled all right. She has had her  
usual ups & downs I guess. She  
says they don't overfeed them and  
I guess that she is glad to eat  
every meal now.

The books are costing like the  
"diepens" and other accidentals bring  
the total to quite a sum.

Harold seems to be getting on all  
right, but he still talks of only  
one term. I think perhaps he will  
change his mind later. He certainly  
does write great letters, the last  
one was fine and very voluminous.  
We just heard to day that one of the  
Miller girls (Lydia Miller) grand nephew  
was over at Mr. Harmon and as ~~some~~  
sick as he can be. We will tell  
Harold to hunt him up, he is from  
Jersey City. Geo. Seward made a trip  
over Northfield way last week and  
we sent him a box of fruit.

It is out of the question to send  
Eva much, even the express rates  
are so high. We will have to send  
her some apples later. The neighbor-  
hood had quite a shock last Monday  
morning to learn that Mrs. Habel  
had died in the night. She had  
not been well for sometime but  
still it was a great surprise,  
she was buried on Wednesday. I  
hardly know what poor Fred will do  
now, everyone is lamenting about it  
but no one will do a thing I suppose.  
There is "weeping and wailing & teeth  
in gnawing for there is no one <sup>left</sup> who  
been denied operators & chauffeur  
licenses. Among the number being  
Charles Matthews, Tony Adams, Roy Shields  
and others.

3

Imagine how Mother must feel about it  
Did anyone tell you Henry had a new  
Dutch Dutch punch, Balloon, Kees etc.  
I am so glad you had such a good  
time when you were home. I want  
it to be always that way. I want  
home to mean everything to you always.  
I too enjoyed your vacation, and come-

MYRON B. VAN SCHAACK  
COXSACKIE, N. Y.

never felt so badly about you going back  
together it is all right, I know when  
you are and feel sure that you will  
always be true to us, and to your God.  
You have a jolly full schedule, take it  
as easy as possible and don't worry.  
I have the faith to believe you will conquer  
in the end. With much love from All  
Your sincerely faith-



ARMY AND NAVY  
 YOUNG MEN'S CHRISTIAN ASSOCIATION  
 "WITH THE COLORS"



510 Greenwood Place  
 Syracuse N. Y.  
 10/4/21.

Dear father,

I guess I'll address this to you for a change.  
 I meant to say in my letter that I owe Mrs. Dwight \$7 for following.

Rail	5.00
Metro name	1.50
Music Tablets.	.40
Postage	.10
	<hr/> 7.00

I thank you for you could pay it there so I wouldn't have to send the money.  
 Went to a piano rental last night by George Smith. He's a young American Pianist who has given up a large class of pupils in Boston to become part of the Faculty here. He plays

To the Writer: Save by Writing on Both Sides of this Paper  
 To the Folks at Home: Save Food, Buy Liberty Bonds and War Savings Stamps.

alright but he acted so sober  
that he sort of spoiled  
things. Sat next of the same  
music teacher last night  
as at Cambrian Revival  
last Thursday. # Been  
getting up pretty well lately  
but yesterday and to-day  
had to be called. Guess  
I'll have to cut out  
some night affairs though  
I haven't gone to much  
but music ones. I  
could go to Farewell here  
tonight for Syracuse in  
Chickie Hunt (missionary) but  
I won't. Also tomorrow  
night to Coeys meeting  
but I guess not. I figured  
out that on Sunday I  
walk 10 miles. Other days  
between 4 and 5.

Well I guess I've said everything  
except that I'll need some  
money this week for I  
have just a little more than  
will pay soap pines +  
board. About \$3 ones.

Your loving son,  
George.

Lansacke N.Y.  
Oct. 6. 1921

Dear George:

Just a few lines to you to night. Your mother is not feeling very well and wants me to do the writing. Now about the board I hardly know what to say. I suppose if you find the food unbearable you'll have to try somewhere else. Of course all this extra expense will make your expenses for the year much heavier. If you tried the \$7.00 place I suppose you could have some crackers and cake with a little just for Sunday night. Perhaps Mrs. Farmer might be able to let you have some milk and you could ~~buy~~ buy crackers and milk. If you want to make the change why I suppose you could try it first awhile. In regard to the Union Suit we don't understand whether it

has to be wool or cotton. It seems to us  
that a medium weight cotton one would  
do. I looked in the catalogue and find  
them run from \$1.35 up. Will enclose the  
pages from Charles William catalogue. You  
better go than as you know what you  
need. I opened a bank account today  
and made a check for \$20.

Am wondering if you have enquired  
about something to do to earn a bit  
more. You see if you were able  
able to earn a dollar or two a week it  
would make a great difference. Then  
you might be able to ride down town  
pines all the way. Walter says that he has  
your two winter suits of underwear in your  
trunk. You need not buy from Charles William  
if you can do as well in the city. I have  
told you to pay but must go to prayer  
meeting. Be good and yours be happy  
Father

10/1/21.

J.P.M.

Please send some  
money if you haven't  
already.

George.

510 Jewwood Pl.  
Syracuse N.Y.  
10/31/21,

Dear father:

Don't let another  
letter or ~~soon~~ <sup>soon</sup> trouble  
you. I just heard from  
the typewriter people.

The price of a machine  
on the installment plan  
is \$82.50, Cash 74.25.

The first payment is \$3  
each of the following  
monthly payments  
\$5. Making \$8 for 1st two  
months. Rent here

is \$4 per month. If  
at any time I should  
decide I didn't  
want the typewriter  
I could send it back  
forfeiting the money  
paid as rental. I  
ought to be able to  
tell in two months  
whether the rent  
would pay me.

The advantage of  
ordering one from  
Chicago would  
be that at the  
end of the two  
months if I  
still wanted it  
the \$8 already paid

would apply on  
the price.

If after ten days I  
shouldn't think the  
machine was worth  
\$20.50 I could send  
it back and have  
the \$3 plus express  
paid back. If you  
want me to send for it  
fill out the back (quantity)  
of the yellow slip  
enclosed.

\$5 per month is 1.25  
per week. I ought to  
make more than  
that. Better let  
me try  
I suppose you

might also fill out  
names of two  
business men as  
references on front  
of sheet,

Have you sent  
any money,

Dont forget to  
return the slip to  
me,

I just got a  
card from auntie  
she's having a  
picnic for her  
boys today

Rain here again  
"as per usual"  
Please answer as  
soon as possible  
Your loving son  
George.

P.S. I wish weather  
would make the  
button holes on the  
collar <sup>(with string)</sup> a little  
longer. If you look  
close you'll see  
pencil dots where  
I want them to go.

Try to match the  
broken button on the  
other collar.

Sorry your glasses  
batter you. Mine  
do a little yet.  
Well I better get  
ready for supper.  
Halla veien tonight  
Lots of fun I suppose

around here  
Think I'll keep  
in, Yours  
with love to all  
George.

Cossack, My.

Nov 2, 1921

My dear boy:-

It's nearly nine o'clock and I'm just sitting down after a strenuous day. Made my usual trip on the route, then Harold and I delivered a load of cabbage in the village. After supper washed the dishes, and took Eva and H. to their respective places of amusement. The Senior class has a Halloween party tonight and Eva is there. Mr. Wier's class has a meeting of some kind with refreshments and H. is there. What the purpose

of the meeting is no one  
knows. After taking them  
up, came home and washed  
and bunched some celery  
for Spabass tomorrow, and  
now I'm writing you the  
we're selling quite a little  
celery and it is very nice.  
Last Friday night went to  
Catskill to Men's Rally. There  
was nearly or quite an  
hundred men from Catskills  
from both churches. The  
Reformed church in Catskill  
have just called a new  
man from Chautauque Co.  
Lewis is young man and very  
intelligent looking.  
Saw Mrs. Bear's to night and  
she said Lewis had received  
a card from you. Donald  
Collen started at A. B. C.

# Here Is Your Rental Installment Order Blank

OFFER No. 2: Rental Installments  
Easy Payments

TYPEWRITER EMPORIUM,  
SHIPMAN-WARD MFG. CO.,  
Shipman Building, Chicago.

Date..... 192.....

Elite Type

Pica Type

(Check type preferred)

Gentlemen:  
Please ship me, in accordance with your Offer No. 2, an Underwood Typewriter, Model No.....  
Value \$....., for which I enclose \$..... to be applied as first payment, and agree to

pay \$5.00 monthly in advance thereafter until I have paid the full value.  
When I have completed payment in this manner the typewriter shall become mine, but until then the title is to remain yours, and all payments are to be considered as rental. If at any time my rental is in arrears, I agree to return the typewriter prepaid on demand.

*Sign With pen and Ink*

Mr., Mrs. or Miss \_\_\_\_\_  
Street and No. \_\_\_\_\_ P. O. \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_  
or R. F. D. No. \_\_\_\_\_  
Shipping Point \_\_\_\_\_ Occupation \_\_\_\_\_ Age \_\_\_\_\_ Married \_\_\_\_\_

The names of two business acquaintances will be sufficient as references

Be sure to enclose  
**FIRST PAYMENT**  
with this order  
You may send more than the required amount of first payment if you desire. Just write with ink the amount you are sending.

FOR OFFICE RECORD ONLY  
Ref. No. \_\_\_\_\_  
Rem. \_\_\_\_\_  
Date. \_\_\_\_\_  
Please do not write in this space

NAMES OF REFERENCES	KIND OF BUSINESS	STREET ADDRESS	CITY	STATE
<i>E. N. Benedict</i>	<i>School Principal</i>	<i>612 1/2 W. Superior</i>	<i>Chicago</i>	<i>Ill.</i>
<i>A. T. Gifford</i>	<i>Retired Merchant</i>	<i>612 1/2 W. Superior</i>	<i>Chicago</i>	<i>Ill.</i>

IF NOT OF LEGAL AGE, SEE OTHER SIDE

OFFER No. 2. EASY PAYMENT PLAN

If You Are Not of Legal Age

Please have the guarantee below signed by either of your parents, your employer, or guardian.

Guarantee

Date..... 192.....

The undersigned, for valuable consideration, herewith guarantees the account of

.....  
with the Typewriter Emporium, and that all the terms of contract will be complied with. If payments are not made as provided, I will agree to take possession of typewriter and return it upon demand to the Typewriter Emporium or pay the value thereof.

Signature of Guarantor M. B. Van Schaack

Relationship to Person ordering Father

Address Coxsackie N.Y.

Occupation Rural Mail Carrier

on the first and is boarding  
on Hamilton St. saw a card  
from him this morning.  
Wilbur said to write and  
tell you he received your  
card, but that he hated  
to write letters. I guess  
he is getting on all right  
only he says he is hungry  
all the time. I sent him  
some honey this week. He  
is quite chummy with the  
two boys in the next room.  
Sunday grandpa and I  
went to Charles Jaycox's  
funeral it was held at Mrs  
Roberts. He was a nephew  
of Anna & Mary. He an en-  
gineer and was scalded  
by scalds. Funny thing when  
I got there I saw Geo Warner

one of the fellows that boards  
at Wolf Manor every summer  
went and spoke to him and  
found he married a sister  
of Charley Jagers wife.  
Look one of those freestone  
tiles up to Whites for an ad  
measurement over an inch ago.  
Now they tell they cant  
adjust and dont send the  
line back. I've telephoned  
three times without success and  
sent Albert after it and  
isn't here yet. Now about the  
piano I hardly know what  
to say you'll have to use  
your own judgement. Of course  
your better use strategy with  
the Farmers and help on the  
right side of them. If you  
thought it could be repaired  
to last any length of time you

might pay something towards  
it as it will cost you more  
than you are now paying  
and then you would have  
to pay to have another one  
purchased in. Of course you  
are on the ground and  
so will know best what  
to do. Now about the typewriter,  
of course it's all rather money  
but perhaps you better get  
one and see what you can  
do. If you only paid for the  
machine it would give you  
practice and that might come  
in good next summer.

By the way Tom Swartout says  
he is coming up next week  
whether he really is or not  
is hard telling. Yours long  
letter

was very interesting but I  
was that only one who could  
decipher all of it. Better  
write a little I plan to  
and then it won't tax our  
brain so much. Well I'm  
tired and guess I'll stop  
writing but going to let your  
mother read this and perhaps  
she will add something.  
Be assured we all think  
of you all the time and miss  
you very much. But don't  
bug as behave yourself -  
will all come out in the wash  
Yours with love  
Father

I have just written to Auntie & am afraid you  
if material also tortured - have been quite busy  
again for a few days - when you get the last week's  
paper from Auntie send to Mrs. Wilbur - your  
brother did not come yesterday - We had come home  
from Albany Sunday - a lot of family - I have not  
been away from the house since Feb. 23 - per-  
haps I'll go to France Friday - I'm for just now  
Lovingly Mother. B. H. Field.

Dear Geo -

Monday Morning.  
[23 Jan 1907]

I do not think I can add much to what pa has written especially, as I feel rather ~~lumpy~~ <sup>lumpy</sup> this morning. I have a very bad cold rather grippy, I fear - did not get up till late and will probably flop down often before night. Perhaps I took more cold Saturday - I had a cold when I got up - mine of us rode in Uncle Geo's big sleigh to the street at 9.30 and Frank here went in two autos to Budico's funeral at 11 o'clock. It was not cold & we had closed cars. We got home about 1 o'clock then I had all the cleaning to do. The boys had Reggie in the house all morning & I could not work except to bake a cake & get dinner. Naturally I have been rather upset over Milbu's performance and had heartache all week. I am glad he went back and hope he will stick it out till April.

I have just written him a letter  
could not advise him much  
when he was here as he would not  
listen. It was a lively week with  
work boys home. Eva did  
not go to-day - I needed her home  
and besides she does not care to  
start in real work till the new  
term begins next week. She goes  
for tests on Wed. & Thurs.

Grandpa went on the flats  
to-day - the roads are badly drifted.  
I wish I might have spent this  
week with you but it could not be.  
I must try to get my feet in better  
shape for travelling about before I  
attempt to do Syracuse. - I thank  
Carrie Nichols of Chicago on Saturday - She  
was glad to hear you had gone to College.

I will enclose 2 checks - one for \$60  
to pay for Semesters - you can pass  
that right in without cashing it.  
The other for \$12 for this week. Your  
trash came this morning but it may not  
get done in several days if I don't feel  
better. I will try to get it back before Sunday.  
Rest up this week & have some good times.  
Love  
Lavinia

Cassackei my.

Jan 22, 1922

Dear George:-

I suppose you think I have forgotten you but don't you believe it. I enjoyed your stay at the holidays very much and also ~~so~~ your music. I wish you were here to night to give us a tune. Ever since you Wilbur was home I suppose you are wondering what happened. On Monday I got a letter that saying that everything was lovely, and the next morning I got one that he was thru up there. In the afternoon I got Knapp on the phone and had a



We have had very good sleighing  
for the past few days. You  
will be surprised to know  
that Binnie Sawpoint is dead.  
Her funeral was held yester-  
day. Grandpa and your mother  
went down with Frank and  
Mary. I hardly know what  
will become of the poor old  
woman now.

Went down this P.M. and had  
my medical exam. Mr Wood  
fell Sunday and broke his  
ankle too bad. By the way  
Chris one of Rachel Mandy's sisters  
also broke her leg the other  
day. Geo Lamb gives up the  
Post Office at the first.  
Saw Mrs. Dwight last night  
she said she had received  
a letter from you also, one  
from Mr. Andrews which she said.

she had forwarded to you  
your mother says to send  
it home as she wants to see  
it so do we all. So glad  
you had the chance to hear  
Grewell. I know you certainly  
enjoyed it. "Bill" is in your  
pocket again you may see  
him before you get this  
Certainly that beats my time.  
Howard Towns wife had a  
little baby boy this A.M.  
We were shocked to hear  
yesterday that Jim Stacy had  
been killed in Holyoke Mass  
where he had gone to help  
Bob Fyfe fill his ice houses.  
They brought his body over today.  
Well I guess I've written all the  
news except that I've bought Henry  
Robinson's horse now and he is  
gone for. Perhaps you won't will  
think of something in the morning.  
None of us went to church tonight  
as it was so rough. Well good night  
Father

# THOUSANDS LISTEN TO FRITZ KREISLER CONCERT BY RADIO

## Syracuse First City to Report Hearing Violinist's Recital At Schenectady.

Besides the hundreds who heard Fritz Kreisler play his violin at the state armory in Schenectady, Saturday night, thousands of others in cities within a radius of 400 miles heard the concert by radio, through an arrangement by members of the Radio club at Union college.

It is estimated that in Schenectady alone approximately 2,000 persons, most of whom are amateur radio operators, heard the concert by means of small radio sets in their homes.

The Radio club announced last night it received a report from Syracuse that the Kreisler concert had been heard there. The club expects to receive similar reports from many other cities within a radius of 400 miles.

According to members of the Union college Radio club, the radio in the college station can send for a distance of 2,500 miles depending on weather conditions. The record so far this year is 1,500 miles, made when a message was received at a station in Iowa.

The apparatus making it possible for thousands of other persons to hear the concert was set up by the Union college Radio club, under the direction of William McCabe, chief engineer of the club.

A very sensitive microphone was attached to a large horn, which was suspended from the stage, where Kreisler played. Wires led off to a room on one side of the auditorium where they were put through two stages of vacuum tube amplification.

After leaving the second stage the current was passed through a step down transformer and was impressed on a landwire of the telephone company. From there the current went to the college station in the electrical laboratory building at Union college, about one mile away from the armory.

At the radio station at Union college, one step of amplification was used. The current was then stepped down again and applied to the terminals of the regular telephone transformer on the college radio phone set. From that point the transmission was carried on in the usual manner on the college set, which uses six 50-watt U-tubes.



THIS SIDE OF CARD IS FOR ADDRESS

Geo B. Van Schoep  
250 Park Ave  
Rochester N.Y.

Tuesday P.M.  
Dear George: - [Sept. 26, 1922]

Glad to get your  
newsy letter. Suppose you were  
surprised to of H. sickness.

It seems some better to day. The  
doctor - felt - encouraged. We have  
Mrs Warren Gale's for nurse. Dont  
worry we all hope for the best. Will  
keep you posted. Love  
Father

Leaves akei, T. D. P.  
Oct 22 1922

Dear George:-

After I received your nice long and nice letter I thought I would write you one in return right away. But I don't know it seems so hard to get started. This has been a beautiful day, but we have been having some very cold weather. It frost very hard for the time of year, and everything is dead and dried up.

Soon the snow will be blowing and we will be in the midst of winter. Went to Sunday School this morning but have not been to church since Harold has been sick. Thought I might go and hear Hubbard he talks on Sunday. This don't know what the matter with his face two Sundays now he has left the class in a rage. The boys are getting down on him. Had ~~had~~ a letter from Anna she had been to Aunt Walter's last Sunday. I guess Celestia has cancer of the stomach and it is only a matter of a little time.

Got a nice long letter from Mr. Judson  
they are all alone again. He invited  
us for the S. S. convention in Sher-  
ectady, but of course we could not  
go. Saw Eda Tolwell this morning  
she is home for a few days.  
I saw by the paper the Mrs Church  
moved to Albany I did not know that  
she was going to live with Mrs D.  
Had a talk with ~~xxx~~ Mrs Doherty  
the other morning she said she had  
a card from you I told her what a  
fine place it is and how nicely you were  
situated. There is nothing doing to the  
Second Church yet they certainly are  
very slow. To know what their is  
a P. E. Convention at Athens perhaps I  
will go down and take Eva. Then on  
Friday night the rural camp is held  
forth down at Pages. It looks as if we  
might get some more money next year  
The Tourist P. M. General has declared in  
favor of equipment maintenance ~~at~~  
and has asked Brown to draft a bill  
to present to Congress at the next  
session of Congress. I only hope that it  
will materialize because it is my fair.

Walter wrote you that Mrs. Gale's had gone  
well we are getting on pretty good so far  
Harold is improving quite rapidly and  
is able to eat quite a variety of  
of food now. He is as he sits up in  
bed now and this afternoon Reggie  
came down for a little while.

Walter is hardly home at all since Corby  
got there can he just stop long enough  
to get his breath and leave some orders  
for his comfort or convenience.

Edith certainly was very nice during  
Harold's sickness and I shall never for-  
get it. She was good help and her advice  
came in very good. Travel is very light  
just here now as the road is closed  
on account of sewer construction.

I don't seem to think of any more to write  
just now and will stop for the present.  
Just got home from church. I don't <sup>know</sup> much  
about music but I'm of the opinion  
that a one manual organ is about  
her speed. Hultand was very good but had  
one of his holiness spells. Eva is just firing  
another bolt of St. Paul's other wrist. I guess  
we must be very impure.

Don't forget to write and don't long letter because  
it's hard work, I know it is for me but we  
like them on this end of the line.  
Trust everything is all right with you  
Yours with love  
Father.

Jan. 30/20.

Dear Father,

Yesterday I got the bill for the next semester which I'm enclosing. The \$18 for extra funds is explained as follows. The Max rate is not a secondary fund sticker and one must pay \$9 a semester extra if one takes majors with the person takes of him, why they didn't say so last fall and why it wasn't charged last fall I don't know. Anyhow I will have to pay the \$9 for last fall and I'd better keep Max rate the rest of the year so will have to pay the \$9 for this semester too. However I shouldn't take the extra to be in pieces for more reasons than one. This pays up all tuition and practice charges for the rest of the year. The bill says payable by Feb 1st but since I got it only last night

would have been having it explained  
this morning they'll hope to write a  
couple of letters for it.

It seems hard to imagine you are  
having such trouble with the roads -  
everything goes on so normal here  
except for a car getting in the street  
eye to some one - while on some  
thing of that kind. Snow again all  
day yesterday.

I had my Latin lesson at last  
this morning which he said was  
very good. He said I'm getting along  
very well now but he hopes I'll  
get along still better.

Hope the bill waits a little for you  
But love  
George.

[Feb. 13, 1923]

Monday P.M.

Dear Father:

I bought a suit this morning,  
I went to Mc Emy at the National  
They were having a half price sale so  
I got a \$55 suit for \$25. I have at  
last got brownish blue as cheap  
as \$25. So you better send \$20 as soon  
as possible.

As ever  
George

Tell mother I have found the shirt I wrote  
about in the other letter.

[30 Mar. 1923]

Thursday, P.M.

Dear father

I suppose you are again  
in the grip of winter. Since  
Sunday here about ten inches  
of snow have fallen here. I know  
nearly everyone wants spring to  
come but for myself I would  
just as soon it would  
stay away a long time yet.

It seems such a very short  
time since I came back in  
January that it doesn't  
seem at all like vacation  
time.

I think I wrote about being  
in St Pauls Parish Church,  
on the 23rd of May in  
Conventum Hall. I suppose  
the men will blossom in

dress suits as you see I'll  
soon break one record and  
start another.

The concert of the new  
Rochester Philharmonic  
was very fine. If only the  
Alexander would stay it  
would soon be one of the  
great orchestras of the country  
but he is going to leave to  
study in Europe.

I expect to leave my organ  
lesson as per usual next  
week because the following  
two weeks the Gleason will  
be away on a concert tour.  
He is going to California.

If you send a blank check  
our when you get this letter  
I think I'll have my eyes  
examined next week for  
they seem to show me more  
and more that I should.

I got the card tonight. I  
wish I had <sup>the afternoon</sup> thought about  
the University catalog for  
I was on the campus. Then  
<sup>only</sup> the second time since Sept.  
I shall try to get it next week.  
They may be holding the  
card waiting for the pub-  
lication of the new one.

I suppose I shall be  
writing again next week for  
the Brecht is going home.

I expect to practice right  
along next week and try to  
compose something nice for  
Dr. Trotter. We have just  
completed all the essentials  
of Harmony which is to  
say we have done here in  
 $3\frac{1}{2}$  yrs what it takes two  
years to do in Germany and  
then not half as well.  
After Easter we start

Analysis and perhaps  
Center point which in  
Japan is practically  
an unknown subject in  
the regular course.

I hope you will  
my next coming home too  
soon. I wish I might  
go as late as, do but the  
time seems so short, since  
last September even, that  
I don't miss the vacation.

With love and best wishes  
for a happy Center for you  
all.

George.

[Sun? 3]  
[1923]

Dear Father,

I guess it's time I wrote to you as well as everyone. I have nothing particular to do today so I feel kind of free. I went to the Third Presbyterian Church this morning. Another fellow and I had planned to go to Burned Earthman Park today if it was nice but it has rained so no go. We had a terrible chumbershower this morning. It lasted about three hours and water fell in buckets. Previous to today we had had twelve consecutive days of sunshine and quite warm. The rain was a relief for everything seemed dirty and dusty.

Over Sunday I took a long walk about seven miles. First to Cobbs Hill then Highland Park and then to Jefferson Valley Park riding house. I have no job yet. I have my name in at the Gas & Electric

Office but I'm afraid I won't get a  
job there. I don't know if I  
wrote that I have a job at present  
in the Sibley Municipal Library here  
at 30¢ an hour. However I haven't  
had anytime to work for over a  
week because of extra work for  
exams and grading req. I might  
be able to work there all summer  
for from six to seven hours a day about  
seven to nine dollars a week. Miss  
Bolton suggested today that  
I might be able to work there  
five hours a day 7-11 AM. and  
waiting on supper for she thinks  
she will lose all her help this  
summer but me. She said she would  
give me nine dollars a week and  
board for all summer, 10-12 wks.  
Summer school exclusive of board  
but including room will cost  
between \$75 and \$100. About the  
same rate as during regular

I got home about 1:30 and slept till 2:10. The next day (Sunday).

swack which will put me in  
third year from next year.

Shall I buy a straw hat? I would  
rather have one than a cap. Is  
\$3 about right price?

Last Saturday night the organ club  
had a meeting at the Hammond  
one of the organs of the Eastern  
Theatre, after the meeting 11:30  
he took us thru the Eastern  
theatre organs. Quite a lot with  
such a bunch. I had gone thru  
the Monday before with the  
Gleason and five others which  
was much better and more in-  
teresting. Last Monday Mr. Gleason  
took a few from the Kilbourn  
Hall organ. I can tell you  
about them better verbally than  
with the pencil.

I spent Recreation Day working  
on my History Note Book for Mr.  
Penny said we must have it in

section. If I go this summer I'll  
 be ready for an organ job that  
 much sooner. Even if I couldn't  
 get any job <sup>except requiring board as Halikau's</sup> during summer school <sup>five weeks</sup>  
 would pay to go and get a full time  
 job after wards. I can't get such  
 a job Mrs Beecher says. I called  
 up the Eastman camera works  
 the other day and they pay \$14.40  
 per week for light factory work  
 (assembling cameras). I could at  
 the same time probably can head  
 at Halikau's. Please let me know  
 what I shall do. We must register  
 this week for next year.

Expect to have two examinations  
 this week Harmony & Friday. That's  
 all I have. Also two more lessons  
 each of organ & piano, Dr Tuttle  
 expects I shall pass the Har. exam  
 which terminates the second year

Friday. After nearly washing  
 my head I find respecting my  
 practice to be told on Friday  
 we could have another race. I  
 still have a little to do on it.  
 I expect this to be a busy week.  
 There's recitals Mon. Wed. & Fri.  
 evenings. A party at school Tues-  
 day evening and one at the  
 Gleasons on Lake & Water's Saturday  
 afternoon and evening. Was also  
 invited to go to the Edinboro  
 tomorrow night but can't  
 go. The fellow who asked me  
 is a friend of Pratt's and seems  
 all of a sudden to have gone  
 crazy over me. He's at the univer-  
 sity but is ~~very~~ <sup>unusually</sup> interested in organ. He is  
 considering building one in  
 which I shall have a part.

I have been paid by the church  
but shall need the extra five for  
retire. I could have had that  
job if I had been advanced and  
but the person would not let me  
take it which was very wise. No  
one wanting time on them till  
you're able to rip things off with  
little practice.

Nothing says a lot about her  
nose but omitted to say what was  
the matter with it. Anyhow I'm  
glad its better. About three weeks  
ago I was struggling with a  
fair sized hard on the back of  
my neck. I took a bottle of Great  
Green Tablets and have had no more.  
Well this is a lengthy epistle  
for me. So I guess I'll stop. May go  
to church this evening. It seems kind  
of nice to have nothing to do but our  
day of it's self. Love to all  
Pearson,



THIS SIDE OF CARD IS FOR ADDRESS

Geo B. Van Schoeck  
250 Park Ave  
Rochester  
N.Y.

7 Home June 17/1923

Dear Bay: your letter received  
and glad to hear you have  
changed your mind. I don't  
understand why the summer course  
is so expensive. Did you include  
board & room in the \$15-02<sup>00</sup>. How  
much money will you want for  
that. We are all well except myself  
I have a bad cold. Let me know  
you get out to get tickets for a benefit  
concert for the Art Society. Yours Father

[June 26, 1923]

Monday P.M.

Dear Father

I guess I'll write this to you. Hope you're feeling better. Drink lots of cold water. Hope Gaudy's carbuncle is nearly gone by now. I thought about you feeling Chamberlain today. Wonder if it was dreadfully hot. Heroscopy had been. Quite a shower tonight and now it's nice and cool. Also a little rain yesterday.

Now for another surprise. Probably this will be more or less pleasant. This morning Miss Kaliban asked me if I would wait on three meals a day (7-9) (12-1:45) (5:45-7:00) for my board and thirteen dollars a week this summer! I course I accepted. The hours make practicing easier and the work is more definite. So I start in tomorrow. I asked her

if she would let that offer hold  
for next year with a little shorter  
hours and little less pay and she  
said yes. Probably about 4 1/2 hrs  
a day for eleven dollars and  
board. I probably would have to  
give up the University work but  
I think I need the money more  
than the degree. Will see how I get  
along this summer.

I had a very nice time last evening.  
I went to church where one of  
the Eastern girls plays. "Mary" Alford  
by name. She took me <sup>to</sup> her home. The  
Eastern girl and her husband  
Anna + Jack goes. Mary Anna and myself  
then set out for a third girls home  
where we visited with her and  
her husband until 10:30. We went  
back to Anna's and when her  
husband came home (they had played  
in the Pica-dilly theatre she, the organ  
and he, the cello) she and I went

be sure of what I want. Let try to  
get it here. If you say I'll do that  
they show in Florida. white sparschits  
leaf and herb. Kullbrens keep them  
clean. They work nearly all the time.  
I haven't been swimming yet tho!  
Jim says to go. However I don't know  
anyone to go with and I hate to go  
alone. Pratt is gone now so I  
have feel swimming. We are going to  
have quite a summer session. nearly  
all the morning practice hours on  
all the organs are hired and a  
great many afternoon hours.  
I think there'll probably be about  
35 or 40 organ students. The lesson  
is also going to take lessons on  
the trumpet! I hope I can  
sometimes take on the clarinet.

I've started to read the Crisis and  
little else will get done outside of  
school and work until that's finished.  
I'll close <sup>don't kill yourself, wanting</sup> <sub>the letter, it doesn't pay.</sub>

to will  
done

out for some cream + sarsaparilla  
and got eleven thirty one sat down  
to Sunday evening lunch. I stayed  
right the awful hour of one but since  
they all talked so fast I could not  
get a chance to state I claim it's  
their fault. I also got myself invited  
to a little theatre party and some of  
Camp Park and I will send (whom  
I do not know) to take place in  
July. Ahem!!!! Hope you've  
swallowed all that.

I'm very glad Eva got the climate  
portion. Tell her not to work too  
hard in Summer school. Don't send  
any more checks unless I write for one  
to pay for school in advance.  
Tell mother she can get the under-  
wear if she wants to. But they knit  
athletic this time. The stuff I have  
seen to be half glue. As she said

Caracas, Venz.

11-25-1923

Dear George:-

They say its my  
time to write. Its after nine  
oclock but Ill write a few  
lines. We woke up this A.M.  
and found a white world  
there was nearly six inches  
of very wet snow. Of course  
it will go away but what  
a mess it will make.

We all went to church but  
hardly there was only 16  
present. We had over 30  
at Sunday school. Harold  
has gone to C.E. this evening.

Last week the fair committee  
had a mens show and  
had a very good program

Albany. The boys went, but  
the ~~rest~~ of us ~~staid~~ home.  
Yesterday ~~your~~ mother was  
in Albany attending a con-  
ference of young people Septs.  
of Sunday School and while  
there had her eyes tested  
and got new glasses she  
needed them very badly.  
Grandpa was in Catskill yester-  
day at an auction and bought  
a good top wagon for \$15.00  
you I needed a new top  
and they cost over \$20 now  
so it was cheaper to buy a  
second hand wagon than buy  
a new top. I am looking  
forward to my change of  
route this week. So bad that  
I have to lose my Christmas  
money but such is life. Am  
Thursday night Wally Swantout

# TWO CARS WRECKED ON THE ATHENS ROAD

CRASHED INTO CONCRETE ROAD  
SIGN, CLIMBED BANK AND  
BURNED UP

Last evening two Coxsackie young men, Wallace Swartwout, in his Chevrolet car, and Ralph Johnson, in his Star car, were coming toward Catskill when, about 7:15 p. m. their cars collided at the curve this side of Athens, both cars being wrecked and afterward burned up. William Swartwout, brother of Wallace, was in the car with him.

The collision took place at the point about 150 feet from the schoolhouse where a concrete post bore the sign, "Dangerous Curve Ahead." One or both cars collided with the sign, the concrete post being cut off and the steel reinforcing rods turn out. Both cars then climbed a four-foot bank on the west of the road and came to a stop each side of a telegraph pole, the heads of the cars lying in a different direction. It was a matter of speculation by those who witnessed this result as to how the cars could have climbed the nearly perpendicular bank and taken the positions they were in. The opinion was general that the cars must have been going at a high rate of speed or they could not have climb the bank. It is said that Wm. Swartwout had his hand smashed, losing a finger, his brother's face was cut up. There were said to be four or five other young men in the cars, but no other injuries are reported. Dr. Goodrich of this village, attended to Swartwout injuries.

The accident naturally attracted a crowd, and some half hour or more afterward the gasoline which had been scattered on the ground took fire and the cars one after another were set ablaze and their tanks exploded. It is probable somebody smoking cigar or cigarette was responsible for the fire.

The cars lay in Henry Richter's orchard after the accident. Mr. Richter, who conducts a butcher shop in Catskill, and whose house was a couple of hundred feet away, told a Daily Mail representative this morning that, shortly after he heard a noise on the road that was hardly noticeable, two young men called at his door and asked him if he had a telephone. As he had not, he directed them to a neighbor's. Later, when Mrs. Richter saw the blaze and thought the schoolhouse was on fire, Mr. Richter went to the scene of the accident. Tires and accessories of the cars were scattered about, and to save the property he gathered up an armful and took it to his house. Returning for more, he found all loose parts had disappeared. Mrs. Richter, however, had noticed two young men who stopped in a sedan car take up the loose parts and put them in the sedan. Mr. Richter took the number of the sedan, and when the owners of the cars returned the would-be thieves were compelled to deliver up their loot.

The Daily Mail is informed that the Swartwout car, in passing Johnson's car, which was off the concrete, locked wheels and dragged the Johnson car up the bank.

and Ralph Jansen had an  
auto accident both cars were  
completely wrecked and in  
the end burned. My Wallops  
car was a new Chevrolet  
I will enclose a clipping of  
the accident taken from  
the Daily Mail. Wilbur keeps  
telling his mother that he is  
going to married the first  
of the year. I wouldn't be  
surprised if he did. Herb  
Hooper is so he walks some  
with the aid of crutches.  
Rae Townsend is miserable  
again and is quite discour-  
aged. I don't know what the  
poor girl will do. Mrs Hoag  
has given up the organ and  
now we have no one but  
Miss Brandon

Our village delivery service  
starts Jan 16<sup>th</sup>. We do not  
know you will be the carrier  
yet. I am glad you are  
going to have such a pleasant  
time Shanghai. Of course  
I wish you might be home  
but realize that is im-  
possible. However I'm counting  
the days till the holidays  
when you will be home  
for a few days. We have  
our work in very good shape  
just a little plowing  
to do yet. We have the beehouse  
all done but a few finishing  
touches. We have the chickens  
all in and they are starting to  
lay nicely. We get from 12 to  
16 eggs a day. Harold has but  
one day of school this week. Will  
this sleep full and I guess I'll  
~~stop~~ Love of love Father.

Covsackie N.Y.

Feb. 6, 1922

Dear George :-

I wonder what you think has become of us. I suppose ere this that your mother has written to you. I would have written before but I supposed she would. Uncle Charlie died Thursday and your mother went down to the funeral which was held on Monday. She left here on the 2.46 train Sunday after the funeral she went with Auntie to Newton to stay till next Monday or Tuesday. Received your ~~letter~~ letter and the Moby Aids. Today will forward the letter to your mother. We shipped another care of eggs today, hope they will reach you all right.

The buses certainly do lay fairly nearly two days every day. We have been having the most peculiar weather since Monday. There has been some sleet most of the time the ground is covered so thick that I went

with a sleigh today and it was fine sleighing.  
Tonight it has cleared and seems as if it  
would be colder. We had quite a recreation  
this week, as Sunday Flash went away and  
did not return till Tuesday, we all thought  
he was gone for good. But he came back  
much the worse for wear. It will take  
him quite a while to recuperate.

Arnold is certainly doing real well with  
his violin, not that he is so accomplished  
but he sticks to it very good. He is ~~now~~  
practising now. You speak of the outcome  
of Eoad's examination well you know as much  
as anyone, the doctor was to write but  
has not yet. It was an expensive job as  
far as it will cost between 60 & 70 dollars  
just for the examination. I tell you are lucky  
you are well for if you wasn't we would  
find a hard time getting along. The doctor  
thought possibly he might want Coa for  
Sunday. Anyone that could write a letter here  
has got to have nerves of iron.

Harold is practicing and Eva is correcting papers and scolding between times, so you can imagine the situation here.

I have found my route so much easier than the old one I take the car around town and then the horse out back and get home between two and three o'clock.

We had our congregational meeting last week and re-elected Uncle George and Everett Elders, and Arthur Halliburton & Bert Deane Deacons. Michael Brock was elected Elder in place of John Nelson. Mr Nelson is very bad and probably won't last long. Wilbur and Jessie come about once a week but haven't been here this week. I am enclosing the check for tuition. Well I don't seem to be able to think of any more to write. With lots of love  
Father.

[Apr. 23, 1924]

Tuesday P.M.

Dear Father:

I have just received Mother's card  
I'm very glad to get it and it makes  
me feel so good that I'm sitting  
right down to write a letter to you.

We certainly are having some  
weather for Easter time. The sun  
shines for about ten minutes  
each morning and then it gets  
ready to rain all day long finally  
succeeding about 5 o'clock. Just  
right about two inches of snow  
fell preceded and followed by  
rain but everything was gone  
by this morning!

I hope you haven't worried  
about what you wrote in

your letter to me. I understand  
perfectly. I don't know yet what I  
shall do this summer. I shall  
talk about it with both Mr Angier  
and Mr Gleason. Of course I shall  
have to practice all summer  
at least two hours a day, for to  
give up for three months would  
be to lose nearly all I have  
gained with Mr Angier. I  
was thinking of doing the practicing  
and taking just the teaching  
course which costs but \$12 and  
three hours a week. For you  
know Mr Angier says I can  
teach by about next January  
and get \$2 an hour. The argon  
will have to wait for a while.  
I wish you would write (not  
to Mr Wilson) to Mr Gleason

and ask him <sup>2.</sup> to explain my  
position to you. He is very  
interested in me and I know  
he would be glad to explain  
everything if you asked for a  
full explanation telling him  
that you did not understand  
the why & wherefore. He spends  
a great deal of time every week  
explaining such matters and  
has it down to a science. The  
Anglicans would also be glad to  
tell you what I'm doing in finance.

I'm quite sure that I can  
keep the job at two halves  
for the summer if they speak of  
it the other day. Of course I  
would like to be home but

I could get no job there except  
to help you and that would  
not havee with my hands.  
I know it sounds silly but  
it's so. Anyhow please don't  
worry about the future for it  
will come out alright. I hope  
Mr. Nic + Miss Keegan will cool  
off and let Harold alone. They  
certainly have their nerve with them.

Flavine's watch was found on  
the street. It was not stolen but  
lost. It was advertised in the  
paper the next morning and everything  
was returned. I have not cashed  
the check and do not expect to.

Don't worry about the proposed  
addition to your route. I hope  
you won't get it but if you do  
you probably won't collapse

with it as very sorry. I'm  
sorry the eggs didn't hatch better  
after all your trouble and expense.

Tell mother that she did a fine  
job on the pants. I hope she saw  
the tears in the gray ones. I shall  
have to start wearing that suit  
soon. I think clothes are a bit  
cheaper here but have bought  
nothing - only looked in the  
windows.

I shall receive a report of the  
tea at the Angier's next I  
get home for there are some  
things I could not explain in a  
letter. Last Friday Mr Pearson  
took Mary Alward & I and  
myself out to lunch. He's a  
great sport and we had a fine  
time. After lunch we all

went to church for a while.

I'm glad to hear the preacher is  
progressing. It takes you weeks to  
get anyone to do things here as they  
do here else I guess. I hope the  
house cleaning is most over now.

Tell mother not to wear herself  
out without for it has to be  
done a year next fall anyhow!

Eva was wise to take a week  
off. I suppose the dance is taking  
place tonight.

I received a box of candy from  
Auntie today. I must write her a  
letter although she has never answered  
my other one.

I hope this finds you all  
well. I hope Grandpa and Mother are  
feeling better again, don't work too hard  
and don't worry. Everything will  
come out alright.

Love to all, George.

[June 11, 1929]

Tuesday.

Dear Father

I have packed my clothes  
freight by bringing to suit. I expected  
to see you but he told August  
but one store had a call on him  
so that he had to leave with  
me to day to look at the suit.

I bought a brown one, coat pants  
and knicker for \$28. It was reduced  
from \$35. I think it is a bargain for  
it is virtually two pair of pants  
and knicker for \$28. I  
have found a little more to buy it  
but will have to have \$25 to get it.

I thought I would get a letter  
from you today but will send this  
any day. I just heard from  
Donald that he is engaged for  
library work till July 1 so

will not be upset away. Had  
Lansbury from yesterday & history  
today.

I'm very angry at Coolidge as I  
suppose you are. He's a nut.

Hope everything is alright.  
Love to all  
George.

[Sept. 23, 1924]

Thursday night.

Dear father.

I suppose everything is all right at home but I would like to hear so. Of course I know there are so many to write to now that it's hard to get around to all of them. I guess will have to start round-robin letters. I hope mother is all well by now, and yourself also for I think winter would you had a cold. I had one last week but feel alright now. Has grandpa's back?

I have had a couple of cards from Harold and one from Eva but that is all. Eva wrote Florine

that she was getting settled and  
that everything was alright but  
that she felt quite "green".

School is pretty nearly  
started again after much  
confusion. I had a chat  
in the view with Mr. Hanson,  
our new director, this morning  
and like him very much. He  
is very young, only 28. I  
had a physical exam Friday  
P.M. and the doctor said he  
found my general condition  
good. However he said I am  
farsighted and will have to  
see him again. I shall try  
if he tries to make me change  
my glasses. Gym starts  
tomorrow morning. I am  
late it but I suppose it

2

will be good for me especially  
in view of the fact that I  
have so much work this year.  
I had to buy a pair of gym  
shoes and a pair of khaki  
trousers. I must also have  
an old sweater. If there  
is any around here that  
you would think suitable  
please send it for I  
think my good one is too  
good.

We had our first English  
Class this morning. I like  
the professor but I am  
worned he is very nervous  
and wants the work,  
which is no inconsiderable  
amount, done and done on

time. We must read four novels  
this year besides a thousand and  
one other things.

I looked at my good suit Sunday  
and found moths in it. However  
they have only eaten three small  
holes on the inside of the legs.

I also found moths in my  
overcoat but no holes. I shall  
send that home down to be fixed.

I suppose you remember me  
speaking of Miss Niles, the  
fat lady and Mr Raymond  
the sherry man who live  
down at Mrs Beecher's. They are  
to be married in Buffalo to-  
morrow. So Mrs Beecher will  
lose them. It is quite  
ridiculously funny and I  
understand very well altho  
it is said they were engaged

a great many years ago.

I got part of my bill today but having the part for the practice. I expect the whole bill with scholarship rebate will be \$75 for this term. It doesn't have to be paid until October 6.

What did "Bill" say about the car?

I want to tell you a join that I had a lovely time while I was home and wish it could have been longer. I hope you are all well. Some one please write soon and say everything is ok.  
Love to all  
George.

Longsaker's W.P.

10-26-24

Dear George:

I have just a minute to write you a few lines before the radio persons, I haven't decided whether we will listen in to Pittsburg or Schenectady. I haven't had much luck with distant stations yet. No trouble to get W.B.M., W.D., N.A., W.B.C. and W.H.G.P. have had many others but sometimes they are been very hard to get.

New York and Rochester.  
7 however it is fine the Sunday  
concerts W.G.E. has a  
Symphony Orchestra that is  
fine after P.M. sleep <sup>planned</sup> during  
others she studied movement  
of Beethoven's 4<sup>th</sup> Symphony.  
Jan mother is sick again  
has been laid up since yesterday  
day morning. We have been  
giving her attention a life  
she worked in the kitchen  
at 7 Barbost (Borne). Also we  
were in a little play on  
dialogue for Climp, Mary  
The subtitled Echo Garage  
at New Baltimore on Friday  
night. We had a nice  
time but it is too much  
for old folks.

The Harvest Home was the usual success, but the management was fierce. De Gowan was at but the principal speaker a Dr Dawson of Brooklyn did not show up and we had no explanation why.

I have been having quite a correspondence with Harold he had "pink eye" and was quite blue and then he got an injury to his nail which was quite bad & he wrote he had visions of C. Cookidge and every thing. So we told him he could come home for a few days, but second thought he decided to stay until later and yesterday he was going to have the operation.

By the way you ought to  
write him if only a word  
I had a long letter from Eve  
she seems to be getting on  
all right. If she only does  
not try to do too much  
and break down. I am  
so glad she is making  
it go. By the way Faggel  
says he was 12<sup>th</sup> in the  
intelligence test in a class  
of 200 rating 172.

I see by the paper that Mrs  
Dwight was here last week  
but did not see her. Beatrice  
Hubbard was home today.  
She says she feels it hard.  
Last Sunday we were going  
to Aunt Walker's and your  
mother was sick and today

3  
we were going and again we  
were disappointed. Walbur and  
Jessie were in freedom last  
night and to day. Heard pa  
and I went to church this AM  
Walbur is thinking quite remarkably  
of going to an auto school.  
He had an idea of going  
to Kansas City but upon in-  
quiry there the Rural found  
they were not reliable.  
They recommend the Stewart  
Auto School of New York.  
The Stewarts he would like to  
speculate in battery work.  
We are very busy have a  
lot of stuff to throw out. It has  
rained very slowly this fall  
But I guess we will get  
out of the most of it.

This coming Tuesday night  
we have the good fortune to  
hear Dr Samuel Jevence  
of our missionary board  
one of the brightest men  
in missionary work at day.  
We hope gave a report of  
the State S. S. convention at  
Albany the 9th. it was very  
good indeed. Will send you  
the check and bills and  
you can pay it. I guess  
we can make it go with  
out asking grandpa for  
any money just now. He  
bought the coal so I'd rather  
not just now. The service  
is got over it's a bad night  
too much static although  
my eye was good.

4  
We heard Election Winder  
at Albany at the S. S. con-  
vention pretty smart fellow  
but I imagine from his talk  
he is a modernist. A friend  
of his a Dr. Petty also spoke  
on the job of being a "Dad"  
he preached the first sermon  
in the old Baptist church at  
Rochester before it was torn  
down. The new young people's  
superintendent is S. S. Work  
is Miss Duck who has been  
doing work in Lawrence's  
church. She looks and acts  
like Grace Van Schaack.

Roy Swadlow was married this  
past week to Dorothy Holaday  
Jake Flausburg has sold  
his place and I suppose

they will live in town.  
Well I guess I've written  
about all the news I think  
of any in the morning  
will put it in.

Monday 9.11.

Your mother is some  
what better; We did not  
receive your wash it  
probably will be quite a  
few days before you  
get it back. Your mother  
and grandpa had a caller  
this AM, Joe Smith the  
fellow who used to work  
for grandpa. Beautiful  
here ~~the~~ ~~is~~ to day I guess  
you'll need an interpreter  
to read this Much love  
Father

Leopoldville N.Y.

Nov 16, 1924

My Dear Kings:-

I'm billed to write two paternal letters tonight. I say night but it's only five o'clock and it's as dark as pitch. We are having a wind and rain squall just now. This has been a typical Nov. day, nature has put on her dress - some blue and every thing seems drab like. However inside the home it is quite the reverse. We have the heater started and it is warm and cozy. We have been listening to some fine music by the Symphony Orchestra of N.Y.

Among other numbers they  
played the 1<sup>st</sup> part of the  
subject supplied by Keesboom  
I might tell you what the  
others were but can't spell  
their names by the phonetic  
system. Last night we had  
the Musical Comedy "Margie"  
from the 44<sup>th</sup> St. Theater.

It was plain but could not  
understand the conversations  
very well. I thought it was  
pretty crazy and so went  
to bed. I had had only a  
card from Harold since he  
went back I suppose we  
will get a letter the first  
of the week. I have an idea  
he will be more contented  
from now on. I guess Wilbur  
is getting more used to his  
new environment. He said

it was like the "Desert of Sahara"  
the first day or so. Next week he  
contemplated going to England  
that is right in the same line  
and will check his course.

I wonder what he has been  
doing to day I bet it has been  
a long one. Eva seems perfectly  
contented and her first studies  
were fine. From 86 to 96  
in the several studies.

Next week she is up for trial  
for not wearing her green  
ribbon; she says she will have  
to get a lawyer and come  
witnesses and that it will be  
great fun. Your mother and I  
were at church and S. S. stir-  
att. We this had a very "poddie"  
sermon on the subject of  
"Do we need another Christ."  
I guess things arent going

suit him by all accounts. The  
decorating committee have shown  
excellent taste(?) in the selection  
of a color scheme.

There are panels between each  
window of a light yellow color  
in fact there is a series of  
panels around the whole room.  
Even set or screen back of the  
gallery and two back of the organ.  
I imagine how the organ looks  
with those yellow panels back  
of it. But such is life.

We are pretty well pleased  
with the vegetables and  
had good luck in disposing  
of them. Now we wait to flow  
but it is very dry I guess  
"It aint going to rain no mo."  
We received your overcoat all  
right, but am surprised to see  
how worn it is. No wonder

if it would be a good thing  
to buy a new one some time  
this winter say in February for  
the next winter. We can talk about  
that at Christmas time. If Harold  
stays at Mt Hermon this winter  
I don't think I will buy him a  
new one, might rather buy  
him a new one in the spring.  
There is something I've been going  
to write you for some time but  
were to the S. S. convention.  
We heard Prof Aitken speak  
there. He is the director of  
Religious Education in Boston  
University. One of his addresses  
had to do with the various  
phases of religious education  
Under the head of church musical  
direction he said that this  
position was one of the coming  
things. That at the present

time he could place 25  
musical directors at salaries  
of 84000 and better. I would  
like to have talked with him  
but the time was limited and  
he was so busy. But one thing  
is sure he is an authority and  
knows what she is talking about.  
Well this quite a long epistle  
and I guess I'm about through  
your mother is being a good  
sport and we are getting on  
fine tho we are lame of  
course. I had a letter from Anna  
yesterday, and she thinks she  
won't be down this winter unless  
we go and get her, which is very  
doubtful. I am enclosing several  
poems by Edgar Guest the one  
entitled If I were sending my  
son afar I want you to especially  
read and then send to Harold and  
be in turn to Wilbur. Love Father

Catsacker N.Y.

Nov 30 1924

Dear George:

Well I suppose you are counting the days till the holidays. How the time flies it seems only a little while since you all went away. We received your letter yesterday always glad to get a word from any of you. Have had no word from M<sup>r</sup> & M<sup>s</sup> in a week except a card from Auntie saying that they dined with the Mrs. Shanks going. Eva is having a great time in Grand Rapids. The way she is getting on is a great source of pleasure to me. Poor Wendell has had a nervous

breakdown. They have to give  
her a regular course of treatment  
Too bad for its means a lot  
of expense if nothing else.

Well Harold has finally decided  
to stay at Mt Hermon till spring  
A wise decision I think and  
that he will never regret

We had a great time on Thurs  
day. I guess its the great  
day of the fall term. He wrote  
that he was full and tired.

Frank Woods was married  
this afternoon and will be  
gone till Wednesday.

Mrs Loupkins and Pauline are  
here now and while I am writing  
are listening to a sermon from  
W. G. M. We had some good stuff  
this week. Last night bedtime  
we had the Princeton Gee Club  
then W. G. M., W. J. J. and W. R. C.

We listened a while but were too tired so went to bed. I listened to an organ recital by Dr Frank Sils Rogers from St. Peter's Church Albany at five o'clock. You always said I would appreciate good music if I heard enough of it and I believe you are right. I don't enjoy the Orchestras at W. G. S. R. D. & A and W. B. J. they have very good programs.

We are showing quite winter here now. About 12 inches of snow but no frost in the ground. Well the next few days will decide if the Postal workers get their raise. You know

it is unfunded business and  
it still can be passed over  
the President's veto. Let's hope  
that they do it. Oh by the  
way did you ever look for  
the Franklin Institute that  
we talked about.

Here is where I stopped last night  
Have just finished dinner, we  
are having a regular winter  
day here. Everything is all  
right here this A. M. No word  
from Wilbur yet this morning  
Well I can't think of any more  
now Lots of love  
Father.

[1925?]

Dear Father,

Well I'll say this theatrical business  
isn't what it cracked up to be. Barri-  
ng the primary remuneration, the novel  
experience and good general information  
acquired I'm heartily sick of it. Yes,  
I'm appearing regularly twice a day,  
where? Kilbourn Hall. When? All this  
week. In what? Prologue to Siegfried  
a special movie. The picture is <sup>an</sup> German  
production being shown here for the first  
time in America. The prologue takes  
one of the scenes from the picture  
and presents it in pantomime. I  
am one of four soldiers who  
stand across the front of the  
stage. At the end of the prologue  
I and another (even the order) open

gates at the rear which disclose  
the screen. We also have to close  
them at the end of the picture. We  
have rather elaborate costumes and  
have to do considerable face painting.  
We had several minor rehearsals  
last week. Our Saturday night  
from 9:30 to 12:30. We spent all Sunday  
morning until 2:00 getting ready and  
had the first show at 6:00. We  
spent all yesterday morning having  
our pictures taken in different  
poses. They will probably be  
published all over the country.  
We also are expecting to have  
colored masks today some time  
soon. Same Class!

Last night after the show I went  
over to the theater and the head usher  
let me in to the midnight show. It  
is given once a year for the benefit  
of disabled actors and cousins of the  
best vaudeville acts playing in  
the city that week. It begins at  
12:00 and is out at three. I enjoyed

Tell mother I remember of being  
given only two tickets and they were  
from two different people. I just  
happened to get them.

I hope mother is much better by  
now. Tell her not to worry and  
not to work too hard. I'm sure  
you have had a nice visit with  
Anna and are also very glad to  
have Harold back again. I read  
a while ago about an interesting college  
in Ohio and out of curiosity wrote  
for a catalog. I shall send you  
it in a couple of days. Harold might  
be interested.

Earlier wasn't particularly fine  
day. I went to First Presbyterian in  
the morning and spent most of  
afternoon and evening straightening  
and cleaning my room. Mrs. Beeler  
asked me down to supper.

Our winter this between prologue +  
epilogue and must stop now to get dressed  
again. Hope you're all feeling well and  
not working too hard. Remember me to  
Anna. Love to all. George.

it very much for I haven't seen  
any vaudeville for three years.  
There was a fine clown act  
and a good jazz orchestra. The  
best act was an elephant act. Three  
baby elephants performed and  
really were fine. I overslept  
as a consequence this morning  
but we are having so little work  
this week at the boarding house that  
it didn't matter. Miss Holman has been  
in the hospital since the 5<sup>th</sup>. She is  
getting along bright and expects to be  
back by Sunday.

I was surprised to learn that Donald  
was home. I had intended asking  
him here for this week but when I  
found I had a job I gave it up. Per-  
haps I'll have him a few days this  
summer - I don't know.

I wonder how Eva is. I  
haven't heard from her in three  
weeks.

[Jan 9, 1935]

Dear Father:

Its an ill wind that blows  
no one some good. So my  
ill wind blows you felt  
a letter. My ill wind its cutting  
my thumb. It was quite late  
this morning and I was in a  
hurry getting my lunch. Well  
she kept slipping and cut a  
bit in the end of my thumb.  
It didn't hurt much and  
really wouldn't be a bad cut  
for one who wasn't a  
printer. I held it in  
the printer for a few minutes  
and then went to school

for I couldn't miss the last  
English class this term. But  
I thought a better done a  
doctor fix it up for I  
didn't want to take any  
chances and I want to  
to heal as soon as possible  
So this noon I went to a  
doctor on Vick Pk & who  
fixed it so I can practice  
in a day or two. He charged  
two dollars and asked me  
to come back in four days. I  
suppose I'll have to go but will  
see later.

I was going to send the  
five dollars I had this time  
but can't now for I haven't  
caught up yet from January

first. I have some money  
but have put that away to  
save it. I started in early  
to come but it seems some-  
thing always happens. Perhaps  
I'm glad to be something really  
for a while a time.

I hope you don't think I  
paid too much for the clothes  
I really think I did not.  
Mrs. Holman wants me to  
wear the overcoat but I  
think it would be foolish.  
Shall I send it home or keep  
it here. Mother hasn't sent  
any more balls yet. If she  
doesn't want to I'll buy some.  
We have had quite a little  
more snow than days with some.

nice cold weather.

This week is a particularly  
busy one. Tomorrow night  
Mr Gleason and Mrs. B. Jones  
(Harper) give a recital (at  
which I cheer) and I suppose  
a rehearsal tomorrow morning.  
Wednesday evening Kreisler  
plays here and I asked Mr. Glitten  
the head usher yesterday if  
he could get a little music for  
me so I could hear him and  
he said "go", and Thursday  
night is the first concert  
of the Philharmonic under  
Coates. The Leonard will play  
that night the concert by  
Kerst that we heard once

the radio from the Waldorf  
Astoria I think. So you  
see I have a big week. Further  
more Wednesday morning is  
the English exam and sometime  
this week the gym exam.  
I believe I shall have to  
drop the gym too. I'm going  
to have a talk with the dean  
next week if possible.

I received Evi's picture  
last Saturday and she now  
graces my desk.

Tell mother not to worry about  
my health. That's all right only  
I'd like to sleep a little more and  
practice a little more. I gained  
five pounds over Christmas.

Write a lot for me. How is  
mother now. I hope by this time  
her head and rheumatism  
are better.

I talked this morning to  
the girl I spoke of at home, who  
is doing religious work. She says  
perhaps that is the way of telling  
Eos not to go to be a foreign  
nursewoman. She says her  
work is with children after  
school and at other hours  
calling on parents. She says she  
is well paid but didn't say  
what she got.

Well that is enough for now, I  
have a class shortly and  
must do some right hand  
practice anyhow. I went to the  
Orchestra rehearsal this morning.  
They are really a liberal musical education  
for the school. Love to all. George.

[Feb 23, 1905]

Dear Father,

I suppose you are having a holiday to day, I so am I. It surely is a rainy one. It has been quite like spring here for the past two weeks and to day more so than ever. It has rained just about twelve hours. I do hope we will have an early spring for once.

I have hardly got over the effects of the formal dance last Friday night. I got there about nine and was on duty till three. It was quite hard work for a while but the rest of the time I spent looking out on the scenery etc. There was another fellow with me and the time really

few feet. No left the building  
at exactly three, I was very tired  
the next morning but after noon,  
less I felt much better but did not  
have pep enough to do much work  
that day.

Yesterday as usual I went to  
the First Presbyterians. In the  
afternoon I went to a church on  
the other side of the city where  
the American Guild of the Parents  
were holding a supper service.  
One of the girls from school  
played and played much better  
than the rest.

Thursday night Hope College  
Jazz Club is going to sing in  
Briarwood Reformed Church. If  
nothing happens I expect to go.  
Perhaps I shall meet some of them

afterward.

I was glad to get the laundry Saturday. I called Mrs Beeler up in the afternoon to see if it had come for if it hadn't I should have had to buy a shirt and some socks. I really need them anyway but I hang as long as possible.

Tell Mother I have bought some moth balls and put them in the clothes chest. They are very strong and I think will have some effect.

I had a funny dream last night. I thought I was home listening on radio and suddenly something came on very loudly that I couldn't shut off. Then

it was assumed to be Wig M,  
I immediately said it must be  
Miami. I think you wrote  
Miami was such a loud station.  
But right after it was assumed  
to be the new station in W.F.C.  
Great in the paper yesterday  
there was to be a new one started  
yesterday. I did not notice the  
letters however.

Since I have been writing  
this it has stopped raining, and  
the sun is coming out. I  
guess it'll be a nice day after  
all. Perhaps I'll go for a  
walk this P.M. Must go down-  
town now on a couple of errands.  
Hope you're all well. Take  
care of yourselves. Be careful  
of your indigestion  
Love to all yours.

Cassack, N.Y.  
Sept 29 1925

My dear boy :-

There was joy in the Van Schaack household when we received your letter with the good news. Eva said it was most like one of the boys becoming President. Any how we were mighty glad and I know how you must have felt when you saw your name written there. The P.M. said Well I'm proud of him too. Your mother arrived home safely Saturday night and Jess & Walcutt were here to supper on Sunday. Eva expects to up to see them tomorrow and stay till Sunday. I guess they expect to go up to Clifford & Medford to the Cobleskill

Fair on Wednesday, but Eva will  
do some right fixing in Albany.  
Loving are going punch the  
punch here. We picked the  
Kieffer pears last week and  
to day we banded them.

We must pick the winter  
apples soon. There is an ex-  
ecutive committee meeting of  
the county S. S. Association on  
Wednesday I may go down.  
Saw Rebecca in Sunday school  
yesterday and she was so  
curious to hear how you came  
there, so I called up and  
talked with Anna to night.  
Also saw Allen and he seemed  
very much interested and said  
perhaps he would see you  
to day. Someone tried to burn  
the new theater the other night.  
Well I guess I'm out of news. I want  
to tell you again how much I en-  
joyed having you home this summer.  
With love to <sup>your</sup> <sup>mother</sup> <sup>and</sup> <sup>father</sup>

[Oct 1935]

Tuesday -

Dear Father:

I suppose you're all wondering what's happened to me. Nothing.

All packages and the letter we received. I called Stanley up on Friday night and the package hadn't come yet. On Saturday I called again and

whoever answered the  
phone said it had and  
that I could get it  
if I called. I went  
right over and after  
walking about a mile  
along Beacon St. found  
the number but couldn't  
get my way to the door.  
I walked around four  
a time and returned but  
with the same luck. So  
I came back here and

called again the next  
day and finally got them.

I have bought a map  
and street & car guide and  
find everything about  
the system O.K. after  
you understand it.

Sunday night Stanley  
took me out with a couple  
of other fellows to Newton-  
ville to the home of one  
of the other fellows. He  
played and one of them

sang and I guess every-  
body was happy. As you  
know on Monday occurred  
two of the exams. I have  
two more Thursday and  
Physics laboratory on  
Friday morning.

I have got to move  
this week sometime,  
somewhere. The woman  
wants the room unless  
I'll promise to take it  
for a year, which I

2  
course I want so don't  
write or send anything  
until you hear of new address.  
I must be out by Saturday  
night. Too bad she couldn't  
make it Monday for by  
that time I'd know what  
I should have to do. The  
"y" is examined all the  
time so I guess there's  
no change there.

I found my pen shortly  
after I wrote before.  
I had however left

my receipt for exam  
fee home but they let  
me in without it. Several  
had done the same.  
There are about 250-300  
taking the exam.

I must go out now  
and get something to eat  
again. One can eat here  
quite cheaply but I hate  
jumping around and I  
hope soon to get in a boarding  
house. Love to all  
George.

November 29, 1925.

Dear Father:

Guess its time to write  
you all and you in particular.  
There's so much to be said  
that I don't know where  
to commence so I'll  
say its been a fine day.  
It 20° out now and has  
been rather cold all day.

did in the reds. It was  
a real victory for us for  
we had lost so many  
james this season and Jack  
had won so many that  
we expected to be swamped  
under.

I was back at the S. K  
Club for the first three days  
of this week and now have  
a permanent job as waiter  
at a place called the Cantina  
hisso Coffee Cup.

It makes me feel fine,  
Lewman.

The list of my marks has  
at last arrived and they  
(the marks) are as follows:  
Math - A; Physics - A; Engineering  
30 (Mechanical Drawing) - B;  
English - B; French - C.

I have a scholarship application  
blank and will send it on soon  
for you to sign. It goes rather  
intimately into my affairs but

I can't help that.

I suppose you know that  
Yale and Harvard played a  
the game last week. It was  
a gorgeous day and the  
stadium was packed. The  
game was both exciting  
and nerve-racking. We  
expected Yale to score several  
times and then when she  
failed you should have heard  
the yelling - perhaps you

I do not like it a bit and  
 the boy is poor. I have to  
 be there nearly four hours  
 a day—(noon and night) and  
 get only my two meals. Aside  
 from that it is quite near  
 racting for the people evidently  
 don't know how to run such  
 a place and all as slow  
 I nearly go nuts here. I  
 shall stay there for the present  
 unless it gets on my nerves

I met Max Perry a "fotted"  
man my size. He disappeared  
as soon as the singing started.  
Here's one of the head professors  
in Landscape Gardening.

The apples are dandy. I'm  
eating one now. Tell Eva  
the sandy is also "sweet."

Did you hear Coolidge  
the other night - at the Chamber  
of Commerce of N. Y. State? I

too much - I get something  
better.

I have also a pupil in  
Mathematics - the same  
week that I'm taking. He  
comes once a week for an  
hour. He is a friend of Miss  
Hays - a not dumb fellow  
but more or less lazy. On  
Wednesday afternoon his  
mother called up to ask me  
over for dinner on Thursday.

Although I had intended to do on  
Thursday I was glad to  
go and had a good time.  
His father is a rather prominent  
ear, nose and throat doctor  
about here. One side or the  
other (I don't know which) is  
a direct descendant of  
one of the Pilgrims.

Last Friday night I  
was again at Mrs Pray's  
(She is a friend of the Tweedy)  
and we had another "Feiz".

did. I had never heard  
him before and enjoyed the  
speech very much.

We certainly have lots of  
books with the counts. I  
suppose Eva and perhaps  
Mather will have to go  
as witnesses.

Monday morning.

I shall have to close this  
now. Tell Eva I shall write her  
in the near future. Love to all  
George.

[1936]

Sunday, P. M.

Dear Father:

Something tells me that its  
time I wrote something to Cassadie.  
Isn't that so? It really mystifies  
me to see how busy they keep  
us here. I was out only once  
last week and that was to an  
engineering meeting which was  
over early. The talk was on  
Industrial Safety and was quite  
interesting. It was illustrated

want to go to another city with-  
out leaving her there for a call.

The coming week promises to  
be rather busy. I shall have  
three exams, French, Physics,  
and Drawing. The two latter  
come regularly every two weeks  
but the French is the April  
month exam. The schedule for  
the final exams in June was  
published yesterday. I was  
a bit disappointed for I  
had expected to be there then  
about the 5<sup>th</sup> of June. My  
last exam will not be until

with lantern slides and some objects which had figured in industrial accidents, such as a piece of wood which struck a man and killed him, a piece of clothing, the largest thing left of a man who handled dynamite rather carelessly, and so forth.

We had three free club rehearsals this past week in preparation for a mass meeting Wednesday. President Lowell is to be there and since

he is quite a musician we must show up well. Our first public appearance will be over N. B. Z on the evening of April 13. You will probably be able to hear it, will you not?

I got my courage enough last Sunday to call up De Eaton (the fourth one of the Squares which Mr. Tweedy wanted me to look up) but he wasn't home. I'm too busy today and next Sunday I must call on Mrs. Gray. When I was there a week ago Friday she gave me such an urgent invitation that I don't

the 16<sup>th</sup>. That may make it  
rather best for a heat just.

I wonder if you are having any  
spring weather. We have spring  
one day and winter the next. It  
has snowed several times lately,  
an inch <sup>or more</sup> yesterday. It is very  
warm and nice <sup>today</sup>, however. I  
went to chapel this morning and  
heard a very good sermon by  
Dr. Soares of Chicago Theological  
Seminary. He preached last Sunday  
also, and I think that sermon  
was the best I ever heard.

Mother asks if I think my  
skirt is one of the best broad-  
cloth. Tell her I know  
nothing about. Good ones cost  
\$4 and \$5. These pass very well  
however.

I have little more to say but  
there are three items which may  
interest you. The first is that  
I received a letter from the  
Dean yesterday saying that  
the committee had voted to  
recommend me to the  
President and Fellows for

a scholarship of four hundred  
dollars for the present academic  
year. That I believe is equivalent  
to saying that I shall receive one.

The second thing is that I  
have not been working at the  
Freeman Hall since the first  
week I was there. The work made  
me so nervous that I couldn't  
sleep. I went to the doctor and  
he said he found nothing the  
matter with me except that  
I was piled up on table waiting  
and that the only cure ~~for~~ was  
to stop it. I have however continued

To leave my meals there.

The third item has to ~~do~~ do with  
my plans for the future. You know  
me to firm rather unstable plan  
do not take too serious by what I say.  
However if things should come to pass  
as I plan and in the meantime  
something should happen to prevent  
either if you know even knowing what  
I plan I should be sorry for not  
having told you. It seems to me  
at present that I shall never be  
satisfied until I become a teacher,  
probably of Chemistry.  
This ~~is~~ <sup>will</sup> ~~be~~ <sup>is</sup> enough for now.  
Love to all. George.

Sunday Jan. 3/26.

Dear Father

I need a few lines to tell  
you all what a lovely time  
I had this vacation. I only  
wish it could have been  
longer.

The Tweedys are not  
staying at Mrs Prays so it is  
just as well I didn't get here  
earlier. Yesterday we went  
up to see Beacon Hill

and in the afternoon to  
the Fine Arts Museum.

I am going over now to  
meet them at the Childrens  
Museum where they are  
seeing Mr & Mrs Saunders.  
Then after dinner we  
go to the concert.

Did you see Landon  
the other night? Miss Hays  
was very much excited  
over it.

I hope Mother is feeling  
better. She certainly had some  
scare.

I think I left my shaving  
strap on the (kitchen window  
(by the sink). Could you send  
it right away? I have to buy  
a new one. Also the brown  
runt as soon as possible  
so that I can get it cleaned  
and sewing to repair.  
Love to all  
George



THIS SIDE OF CARD IS FOR ADDRESS

Mrs. M. B. Van Schoack  
Coxsackie  
New York.

Saturday Morning.

Dear Mother.

Arrived safe at 11:10. The Tweedy  
met me and we came right over  
to Cambridge. They are not staying at  
Mrs. Pray's and neither does the  
Lanning class meet today. We are going  
to Mrs. Gardner's museum this  
even. Love to all - George.

Address -  
Alfred. N. Y.  
Box 247.

[10 Feb. 1926]

Wed - 1 P. M.

Dear folks: -

Thru a mis-information I  
just missed the morning  
bus and had to wait until  
5:15 P. M. for one - Had I known  
I could have taken one to  
Alfred Station and a taxi from  
there but that bus had Wellsville  
on it so I didn't know - Well  
I met a nice lady in the bus who  
had her son carry my suitcase  
up to the Brick for me and  
she came, too and introduced

me to the meeting - Helen  
had started to meet me but  
missed us - There are two other  
new girls but I haven't met them.  
Helen is alright I guess - a  
seventh day baptist - There are  
only three of those in the Brick  
and the other two are room mates -  
I'm wondering whether she can  
stand two Sundays a week !!!  
She reminds me of Ellen Smith in  
a way but I can't say she is  
pretty as Aunt Susan said -  
She is about my size - a bit  
shorter perhaps -

I shall regret this afternoon.  
Since I had only 26 hours left  
I may have to conform to

freshman regulations and wear a cap  
and black stockings and all the other  
foulness - I hope not - Once is all right  
but I'd just as soon be excused -

There is an alcove for the dresses  
and trunks - two cots - a table and some  
ancient chairs - In fact all the ~~chairs~~  
furniture is ancient and well kicked up.  
My trunk hasn't come tho I sent the  
check so I suppose it hasn't arrived  
at the station yet -

I had to have dinner in Hamill and  
spent the time wandering around and  
in the library which was heavenly quiet.

Break fast is cafeteria style but no  
chairs - The meal itself is not as  
nice as at Vassar but more comfortable.

Well I must go and register -

She writes more later - I've hardly  
called yet - Haven't seen the dream -  
Went to Westinghouse fell in love with the  
professor so did Lattie that - The Eng teacher  
is here but I have to save her because  
she is Helen's cousin and anyway I  
have to have her -

Good-bye and send love to all.  
Eva.

The Campus is beautiful - especially near the train.

10 Feb 1926

Wednesday evening

Dear Father

Your letter and mother's were  
gladly received tonight. Thank  
you and parents for the bond.  
I hope I shan't get you in jail.

I certainly can let you  
have the money. \$37.50 if it  
belongs to you anyway. I shall  
have no more University bills  
until April 30 and can now get  
back the \$50 deposit. Further  
more I may get a scholarship.

something. She said she was  
going away this week and that  
she would like to have me have  
the symphony seats for this  
Saturday night. I was delighted  
for Saturday night Symphonies  
are reserved for those who  
apply years ahead.

I am writing a note to Eva  
at Cassachie for you'll have  
her address before I shall.

I have dropped  
swimming and "gone out  
for track". Can you

I have all my marks now  
and they are as follows.

English	B
French	B
Physics	A
Mathematics	A
Drawing	A-

I succeeded in raising my  
drawing and French marks  
one grade each. My paper in  
math was perfect and the one  
in physics nearly so.

I had quite a vacation  
last week. I spent considerable  
time with Verbaak, reading

talking and playing chess. We  
had planned to go to Bunker  
Hill, the Navy Yard and  
Lexington but the storm came  
too soon. It was quite a storm  
the worst in several years.

We have just had its sequel  
today. We have not however  
had such cold weather as  
you have.

I called up Mrs Pray ~~today~~  
the other day to thank her for  
trying to get me on the phone  
in order to give me a ticket to

imagine it? I got back  
to also, so its more fun. We  
have to run every afternoon.  
So far we have had to run  
a mile straight each afternoon  
on an outside track. It will  
take more time but I think it  
will do me loads of good.

I must stop now and mail  
these ~~two~~ and then a little more.  
I have started Calculus at last.  
This will bring revision to teachers

miss.

With love to your all  
George.

P.S. Don't work too hard getting  
the mail around.

G.

Mr. Tweedy of Yale wants preach  
at Hamilton to-day.

Bossackie N.H.

Feb 20, 1926

Dear George:-

Well here it is  
Sunday night again and  
you, mother and I are  
at our old trade. She is  
writing to F. and will  
pay you a few lines.

Wilbur and Jessi have  
just left; they are going  
up on the midnight train.

They gave us a little sur-  
prise by walking in this  
afternoon. Although we did  
think he might have a  
holiday tomorrow. But he  
has to work this week more

over. The Auto-show is on  
up there and Weber has  
an exhibit of accessories.  
He has invented a shock  
absorber that Wilbur thinks  
really has merit. So Wilbur  
has to demonstrate cunning  
until it's over and back.

He pretends he doesn't like  
it but I guess he does  
all right. The snow was  
a long time in coming but  
is making up for lost time.  
The roads are just getting  
open nicely and to night  
it is beginning to snow.

Well tomorrow is a holiday  
but will find plenty to do.  
We want to butcher the  
last pig. Wilbur will have  
half of it this time.

The hens have <sup>2</sup> never laid  
any better than they have  
this winter. We get from  
40 to 50 eggs a day. The  
Loupkins left so very sud-  
denly on Friday; we didn't  
expect them to leave so  
soon. But I guess Frank  
was determined to go. I sup-  
pose the house will be  
vacant now. Since the  
snow came we have been  
leading a different life and  
have you out very little.

The Second church has a  
supper on Wednesday to which  
we may go if we feel permitted.  
They certainly do have the  
activities down there some-  
thing nearly every night.  
I was the only one who went

to church this A. M. we had  
a Mr Davidson, a Sunday School  
worker from Albany who  
bawled the whole service  
Mr Ballard being away.  
He is one of the smartest  
laymen I ever saw; many  
thought him a minister  
but he is a lawyer by  
profession. What a wonderful  
opportunity he has for doing  
good. You mother said  
some thinking that Edith and  
her husband were coming to  
dinner. She told grandpa  
that they were coming but  
did not show up. About the  
insurance matter I will  
investigate it soon; it seems  
to me the rate is very low  
I'm wondering if it is reliable.  
Eva's letters still seem to be  
cheerful and perhaps she will

3  
full than all right. Harold  
is a problem, and certainly  
keeps one guessing. He wrote  
one very unsatisfactory letter  
last week and I was quite  
disgusted. Then next day  
I received another one  
in answer to one I had  
written him on Sunday.  
The last one was really  
quite good and had a tone  
of optimism. They are ex-  
pecting a baby down to  
Earl's most any time now.  
Maybe then know for all I  
know. Have been doing some  
reading but not as much  
as when I used the car it  
makes me more tired to  
use a horse. We are both  
reading "So Beg" now and then

I am reading a book on  
blennies left called ~~Sixty~~  
"Living in Laurents". Well  
my reading days will soon  
be over for Spring is not  
very far away despite all  
the snow. Soon be time  
to start the incubator and  
seeds. You havent said any  
thing about what you were  
going to do Easter. Do you  
prefer to come home? So  
Mr Tweedy is going to Europe  
Thank you for the check it  
made me smile when I thought  
how it would make some won-  
der how you could do it. By  
the way Berlinsky is making  
me a lot of coat. Well they need  
a lot of milk so I thought it  
it would be a good way to  
pay. Well I said I was going to  
be busy but I havent much to do  
Father

[Apr. 13, 1906]

Sunday evening.

Dear Father:

From mother's letter I gathered that there is more or less work to be done at home. Of course if I could be of any assistance or could go on the route for your next week I should be very glad to come home. Trust dear a card and say so and I'll be

Leave Saturday night probably.

We have had a couple of very nice days since I wrote. There was a beautiful sunset tonight and it will probably be nice tomorrow.

I heard Bishop Anderson the Methodist Bishop, this morning. He's a regular Methodist. I thought him rather boring.

I have been comparing the summer courses at M. I. T. and Harvard and find that

the one at Harvard will cost me the same for six weeks as five at M. I. T. Furthermore I would get credit for a half course and would also be free of taking an exam in September, which I might not be if I took the M. I. T. one.

I'm wondering how much more you'd want me home from July 6 to Aug. 14 than from Aug. 9 - Sept. 10. If of course I shall be home during the summer.

If you want me to come home  
this week don't send the laundry  
back.

Love to all,

Geo.

[Apr 16, 1926]

Friday 2 P.M.

Dear Father

I suppose you are wondering why you didn't hear from me this morning. The reasons are several. I got mother's letter yesterday noon but somehow or other it slipped my mind to go to the office before work. I got excused from Saturday classes. Then last night when I heard

that the dining halls  
would be closed during  
vacation I decided to ask  
Frank to come with me.

I had not asked him before  
because I could not bring  
him and I thought he  
probably shouldn't feel  
like spending that much  
money. But now the  
difference will only be

a few dollars. So he will  
come with me.

I hope you won't get  
excited and go thru a lot of  
preparation. I told him that  
I was coming home to work  
and that consequently he would  
be alone quite a bit. Unless  
Mother thinks otherwise I  
believe the room over the  
sitting room will be best for  
us. There are two beds in it  
are there not?

We shall not be able to come  
until Sunday for he has  
considerable laboratory work to  
do tomorrow morning which must  
be done before sunset. We  
shall leave here at 10 o'clock and  
be home on the 6:15 unless  
there is a 5:15. I think there is  
not. I am sorry to disappoint  
Milhem. He wrote me a very  
cordial invitation.

I hope this will not inconvenience  
any of you. With love to all  
George.

Sunday Aug 1 / 26.

Dear Father:

Just for a change I'd  
address this to you tho'  
probably all of you would  
like to hear what has become  
of me.

It just occurs to me  
that it is Wilbur's birthday.  
Well I shall send him a  
late card tomorrow.

study folk dancing at the  
Summer school.

I just talked to his cousin  
on the phone and he has asked  
me to come up this afternoon.  
Charles (Frank's roommate) and  
I went to the 1st Unitarian  
Church this morning. It is the  
oldest congregation in Cambridge,  
you know. The church is very  
nice, very plain, and restful, but  
oh, the minister, I hope I shall  
never hear him again. Dr Crocker -  
you may have heard of him - he

I have not been ill as you  
might have expected. Just  
busy. Even the very hot  
weather did not bother  
me much. I have not been  
unable to sleep any night  
yet. I suppose by now  
everything is coming along  
much better. We have had a  
great deal of rain and everything  
looks fresh again.

I had a letter from Mr. Tweedy  
Friday. It was written from the  
Hague. He said many  
interesting things about

Holland, among them that  
he saw many Dutch gentlemen  
who made him think much of  
me! He said he looked our  
name up in the directory  
and found many families  
who spell their name ai  
and pronounce it i and  
one family with aa who  
pronounce it like s in hat.  
I think that by now he is in  
England again - probably in  
Cambridge where he is going to

writes quite a bit and is quite well known.

I was up to see Miss Hayes a few minutes yesterday afternoon. She was just back from a week on the Cape and is planning to go away again soon.

Just before bed, one of my roommates and I went up to the Observatory to a lecture on the summer sky. The lecture was like all other astronomical lectures a mass of names and

stars. After the lecture we  
had a look at the moon thru  
the telescope which is not  
a very large one. The observatory  
is quite old - built in 1846 -  
and is now used for little  
more than a laboratory for  
observed astronomy in college.  
They have a couple of other  
larger observatories elsewhere.

The moon somewhat disappoints  
me. It looked just like  
the pictures. They had planned

to show us Saturn, but it  
was too cloudy.

I was quite surprised the  
other evening after talking  
to a man who said he was <sup>an</sup> ~~an~~  
from California and after my  
wondering if he was a musician  
(for what reason I don't know)  
to have him say he taught music  
when I asked him what he taught.  
He knew a couple of people at  
Evanston and several others.  
The Tuesday has told me about.

He had been to the school  
and was very much interested  
in whatever I could tell him  
about it. He loaned me  
a book which I haven't been  
able to return yet. He  
got a telegram the next day and  
hasn't been seen since. Which  
he has gone back to California  
or not I wonder.

I wonder if you have heard  
from the Goldschmidt. I wrote  
him promptly. I hope you are  
all well and not worrying <sup>too much</sup>  
because I haven't written <sup>him</sup> <sup>in a long time</sup> <sup>George.</sup>

[Sep. 29, 1926]

Wednesday Morning.

Dear Father

I just a few lines to tell  
you how everything is. I  
was duly registered on Monday  
and got everything fixed up. My  
new adviser, Dr. Kallen, changed  
my course a little but for  
the better I think. I shall  
have four classes on Thu. Wed.  
and Fri coming straight from

glad to get rid of it and was  
just a bit pined. I suppose  
I should have come Saturday  
to take it away. We brought  
it over in a taxi for only  
45¢ much cheaper than to  
have it carted. It looked like  
a hot bus come lost itself in  
this large room.

I wish I might pass over  
the next few days in a second.  
It will be nothing but walk  
around and spend money - half  
of which get my goat.

nine till one. On the other day  
just one class at 12. I shall  
of course have twelve to  
fifteen hours laboratory  
work besides.

We haven't found an  
eating place yet but must  
do so soon for I have had  
no digestion since arriving -  
I cannot eat in a cafeteria.

Monday afternoon we  
went over to Miss Hays to  
get my stuff. She was right

Well I had a fine time  
have this summer and  
thank you all for it.

Love to all  
George.

P.S. My trunk was delivered  
O.K. Even carried right up  
to the room which is unusual.  
There was a strong  
aroma of apples  
on opening it.