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Catsackie, N.Y.,
Jan. 10, 1924

Dear George-

I know you will be looking for a letter so I'll try to write a few lines before Pa comes in to get the car. He takes the car in the morning, then about 9.30 comes in for the horse & again about 2 for the car. It was very cold Sunday but is mild as Spring to day, sleighing all gone & the roads muddy, but there is still snow enough in the fields to make the landscape white. I am feeling much better and trying to be resigned to the new order of things. Have been taking it easier this past week and am actually interested in reading a story book - the one Pa was reading "Dr. Luke" - it is fine. This is the week of prayer

and we have services every evening. Pat & I
went on Tuesday but Mr. Wier was not there as
he had a bad cold - imagine my disgust at see-
ing & hearing B. Brandon as leader. My plan
to go again to-night - Pa must put up the
tables for the wash sink supper to-morrow at 5
I expect to go up soon after dinner to help
get ready. We must go to the Grange at night
as there is to be installation of officers. I
went up to the Ladies' Miss Meeting yesterday
& then called on Kate & Edith - Eva did not
go to the banquet after all last week. She
had a hard day at school & it was very cold
all day so she came home tired & chilled.
She rested a while & then got ready to go but
felt so bad she gave it up & went to bed. I
thought she was going to be sick but she was
all right next day. She received her
school record from Miss Hoogan on
Tuesday and immediately sent it on
to Hope Col. - I do hope she may be able
to go for I don't know what to do if she is
disappointed in this which seems a last
experiment. - We had a lovely letter
from Mr. Dumont to-day - he heard of
Mebis's marriage & Jo's resignation as Sup't.
While calling on Mr. & Mrs. Nelson in Schec.
where they are staying for the winter. William
& his wife & Martha's family were home for
the holidays and now even Rachel has gone
to N. Y. so he will be alone all winter with
the maid. He received your card but has
lost your address. When you get a chance
send him a few lines - he would be so glad to get it.

It must be a lonely life, he leads in
that secluded spot in winter especi-
ally when the children are all gone -
but he seems happy & contented.
How do the piano lessons & the new
teacher go - all right, I hope. Did the
eggs arrive safely? there were 27 1/2 doz.
Papa & Grandpa both have had colds but
I think the worst is over. Pa got medicine
for Grandpa from Dr. yesterday & I know
it is helping him. He keeps going just
the same about all the time. Pa's
back still troubles him - now he has a
plaster on but it does not help much.
Edith has offered to strap it with adhesive
strips & I'm trying to persuade him to let
her do it. - I have been cleaning this
morning for we expect to go to Albany
Sunday, if fair. Ed sent for a coat to
Wanamakers - but Pa & I do not really
fancy it - if we find something better in
N. we could send this one back. I enclose
a clipping from S.S. Times & one from the Green
that may be of interest. Will keep fingers crossed
also, try to keep well & don't work too hard. Get
in the habit of sleep. Love you all, Mother.

P.S. Pa hasn't come yet so I'll
write a few more lines. I forgot
to tell you about Sunday - Mr.
Reynolds did not show up in
church or S. S. and Mrs. Hallen-
beck the new Assist Supt. was
not there either. Pa wanted
Mr. Hies to conduct but he re-
sisted & pa doing it, so he did.
But came in late. Mr. Hies
said he had not talked to Mr.
Reynolds about it & did not
know whether or no he would
accept. After dinner pa & I
went down & called at Tompkins
and White here Mr. & Mrs. Reynolds
came to call there also. Mr.

visited awhile, but not a word
said about S.S.

Have you written to Auntie to
thank her for the books? I may
better send her a few lines. She
did not get my letter nor your
card we sent to Washington. I
guess she was quite blind at not
hearing from me in so long. When
she got back to Newton there was a
letter from Gay Belle Whitmore
which contained the news of
Milbu's marriage. - Milton & Jessie
were here last Thursday evening
and again Mes. Eve. While we
were to prayer meeting. He & the boys
came home Sunday. Milton took an
alarm clock to borrow for he says it
does not wake him up. I guess he's had
a job to get to work on time. I wish he had
night work home - I think he looks thin.
Enjoyed our visit much. I do love you. ^{With}

Catsackie, N.Y.,

Jan. 17, 1924

Dear George:-

Received your letter this a.
M. When Pa came in to get the horse.
I am so sorry you are so tired - I do
wish you could manage to get to bed
earlier - all the sleep you can get
before midnight will be of great
benefit. I am glad Mrs. Holihans
suggested the raw eggs - they certainly
are good. Do you put sugar & milk
with them? That makes them taste
fine. Raw eggs was the first thing
my mother used to give us when she
thought we needed a brace, but many
people do not like them & will not take
them. Pa has been besieged for eggs
lately, and as he was not sure you
wanted another ~~one~~, soon he has been
selling them. But we will save for

some now - the hens are still laying fine
so I think we can send in about a week -
I will send you a card when we express off.
If you think of it send me the number of street
This is a beautiful Spring day - we have had
a number like them since you were home.
Had a heavy rain yesterday & last night -
perhaps you had snow instead. I hope
you will be able to have the sleigh ride - I
wouldn't mind one myself. I noticed the
ad. about Dupre's recital to be given in Albany
last night - it is nice you could hear him.
Was that one of the course concerts? I'm sorry
your tea & receptions must be on Sundays
not a very good practice, I don't think.
I mailed your wash this morning. I
was not well yesterday - had not slept all
night so I did not get up till 2 o'clock &
then just to iron your clothes so they could
go to-day. I did not return the necktie as
I saw it was very much worn out & was fit
to wear anymore. You will miss that
yellow striped shirt - it was accidentally
badly torn in the wringer. I will try to mend
it, but fear you will not be able to wear
it - perhaps you can use it on the route. So
if you are short of shirts, better buy one or two
more - now is a good time as there are
special sales on. We went to Albany
Saturday & the special sales signs were
prominent every where. Pat Harold got

New suits in Dolans - we struck a
rather fine salesman - he told us
Murray is improving & they expect
him back in the Spring, I bought
a crew hat and we looked at
coats for her but did not see
any as good as she had from
Wahandaker's for the same money.
We got started at 10 o'clock & was
home at 6.30. Harold had to
hurry off for his lesson at 7. He
seems fond of his violin & does not
need any urging to practice and
Wagner told him he was doing fine
& would be able to accompany
you when you return at Easter.
I am glad you had your tooth seen
to for it does not pay to let such a thing
go. I know it is awful expensive but
better economize on something else.

In regard to changing the money to
a bank in Rochester, I will talk to
pa about it - but I don't see the bene-
fit. What interest would you get?
Milton & Jessie were here Tuesday
evening - the Couleys are away
again this week visiting their daughter
near Cairo. Milton asked pa for
his money but I am not in favor
of giving it to him unless he goes
to house-keeping - he says they are
planning to do so in where the Shermans
live. The latter are to move soon.

Pa and Grandpa are over their colds
tho' the latter still coughs especially
nights. But pa's back still bothers
him tho' not as bad as it did. I guess
he will end up by going to the doctor.

Well, Mr. Reynolds appeared at D. S.
last Sunday & took charge - endeavoring
Mr. Mes persuaded him to do it. The

old Ford was ready to take him home
afterward. He certainly hasn't much
 pep - talks so low I could hardly
 understand anything he said. I
 think he is only temporary & the
 is laying low to put Bert on the job later.
 Eva sent her school record to Hope
 & has been accepted as an appli-
 cant for the Freshman class - she
 has also reservations at Tooykes Hall.
 This certainly is fine. We aren't of her -
 Pa or H. - must see her every day. She is doing
 so much better than I thought she could,
 but is very nervous and tired some nights.
 I had word on Tuesday that Uncle
 Charlie is very sick again. I guess
 there is no more news. I yes - we went to
 Athens Sunday made the usual round
 of calls - Rachel, Maudie, Aunt Helen, Uncle
 Ed Van & Pags. All well - they all inquired
 about you. Sorry we did not get home while
 you were here. It is after 11 o'clock & I must get
 some lunch for Grandpa. Lovingly, Mother.

P. S. Well we've had lunch and I
thought of one other thing to tell
you. We bought the spoons
for Wilbur and Jessie in Albany.
They are very nice - 1 dozen
Rogers A. not guaranteed for
25 years. They cost \$3.50 - she
put a card in the box with
your name, Hers & Harold's on.
I will pay the 50¢ of each of
you can pay \$1. You needn't
pay it till you can spare it, Jess.

We all but Grandpa went to
the roast pork supper Friday.
It was attended as well as I sit -

lected and we cleared a little
over \$30 I think. We staid to
prayer meeting afterward and
then pa & I went out to the
Grange - I did not want to go
but pa tho't we ought to as
the new officers were to be in-
stalled & we both were included.
There we had an oyster supper -
too much disipation for me &
had "Katzengarnel" (you know what
that is) on Saturday & had to lie down
part of the morning before going
to Albany - I must get busy, not
finish the ironing & do some mend-
ing. Au revoir - Mother.

Love to all
Jan. 27, 1924

Dear George:-

It seems to be very
tiring to write and I am too lazy to do
it. Now the children are coming home
and I suppose I won't be able to think.

We are wondering why we have not
heard from you last week. We are
having some very cold weather.

Jan. 28 (This is as far as papa got last night, so I'll
finish up. Was very glad to get your postal this
morning for we did not hear a single word from
you all last week. I wonder if you are having
as severe weather as we are. Saturday was very be-
low zero but we had to go to Albany - when we got
there about 2.30 there was a severe snow squall
in progress. We did not want to stay late but were
detained by our trunks so we did not get home
till 7.30 - Grandpa & Harold were some worried.
Nipper got awfully cold but our legs were kept warm
by a lantern under the blanket. Did I tell you the
suit for Tompkins makes and did not fit at all

well after being altered, so he had to return it. We
got him another one at Summers' & that was the only
stone we were in except a few minutes at Miller & Thuesen
to have hands put on Eric's watch. She wants to
write to you herself about our main business so
I'll not tell you now. Eva & I must go again
to-morrow morning and she will stay till Thurs-
day so she does not expect to reach again till
Friday. The men had quite a time with the
car today - they worked with it till 9 o'clock
running up & down the road with Prince pull-
ing but could not start. Then Eva started
out to walk to school & pa telephoned for a
man to come from the garage & pa wanted
en route with a horse. I wanted to telepho-
ne for a taxi for E. but she would not let me. There is
the meanest South wind today, so it is almost
impossible to stay in the kitchen to work. When
the man came he found there was ice on the
tires & fixed it in a few minutes. Yesterday
morning pa had had take a horse to
church & exercise him, so they hitched up
the gray one. He was so fussy standing on
his hind legs just as I wanted to get in the
wagon that I was afraid to go, so they changed
horses & that made us quite late. A very
small compensation owing to extreme

weather and also because Mr. Hills was away
preaching at Leeds & we had a Near East speaker.
He was very good but had such a monotonous
voice it made my head ache. It was too
bad the church was not full to hear his talk
and so get more interested in the very necessary
& important work of this organization. There
were only 4 or 5 people but he got over 20 dollars.
He also spoke a few minutes in S. S. Then he
invited him to New Sept. was not present
neither Assist. nor pastor, so he officiated.
We had quite a joke last week. Mr. Reynolds
thot we ought to have a teachers meeting on
Thurs after prayer meeting, tho' it was not the
regular time, so he urged every member of
the Assn. to be present. There were ten of
us there but he did not show up & said no
reason why, but I imagine he must have self-
fected his car to go for him & it did not. It
has taken him home the two Sundays he was here.
& of course brought him with the other folks they
always come from that section.

Pa & I went to the Grange Friday. He did not
really want to go but I had promised to read
selection & had been asked to furnish sandwiches

There were only 15 out but it was a fairly good meeting. Had an awful wind & snowfall and the hall shook like a leaf - Drenched I was home. Helen & Jessie were here Wednesday

Evening. Eva was here to supper - stopped on her way from school on Thurs. & then they brought her down to the church. Pat & I have not been there yet - Mrs. Mumt & I go the work the Couleys were gone but Bessie was here most the time & of course Ralph too every evening. I really don't care to visit much with you & me.

Did not hear a single word from Auntie last week. Had you got the eggs etc. You be sure to eat all you want. Sorry I cannot wash your clothes tomorrow (haven't got them yet) but as I must go to Albany it will be impossible but will probably do so well day - Will try to return to you sometime Thurs. - If you are so awfully short you must buy more clothes as soon as you can.

Grandpa was not very well last week - spent one day in bed & was very quiet & lost his appetite, but he seems to feel alright again - Was real lively last evening & had us all laughing at his jokes.

Lots of snow yet but no sleighing. The autos spoil that unless the snow is very deep. Must go now & do some work in the kitchen. Lovingly, Mother.

Newton, N. J.,

Feb. 5, 1924

My dear George -

If you have had a letter from Louis you will know why I am here. Uncle Charlie died of apoplexy on Thurs in hospital when he had been only 6 days for treatment for blood poisoning. He has not been real well all winter but no one realized the end was so near. It has been an awful shock and I have been thro' experiences that will be like a terrible night-mare for some time. I came down Sunday & was met at Newhaver by Uncle Frank & Cousin Charlie. Auntie had been there Friday & Saturday but was so broken down she had to

Came home & rest all day Sunday in bed.
She returned to Hoboken Monday. We had
always expected to bury Uncle Charlie
in Riverside Cemetery, Cal. but sister
would not hear of it and was determined
to put him in a plot in Greenwood where
none of our folks have been buried since
I was born. For peace sake, we let
her have her own way in everything, even
to a service in St. Paul's Epis. Church
in N. Y. which was not at all to the wishes
of the rest of us. There was over a hundred
people there - numerous funeral passages
& scriptures were read & prayers
also read by rector, singing "Hear the Word
to thee & Jesus loose your soul by choice
nothing can comfort you said - no formal & cold
& only intended to increase my dislike for
Episcopal service - I do hope you will
take a liking to some other evangelical Church.
At the grave there was a discussion as to
whether the right grave had been dug &
we were delayed most an hour - fortunate
it was a nice mild day but the ground
was cold & damp. Auntie & I quite caught
the last train for Redden, reaching there at 8.
I slept fairly well, the first in several nights.
I was under a strain last week while Evan was
in hospital & felt relieved when she got home.

Had not had doctor's report yet -
Eva went back to school Friday &
Thursday I received 2 telegrams from
Chas. I hardly knew how to leave
home first now but papa & Eva
but thought I ought to & they could
manage one week. I expect to stay here
till Monday. It is very stormy here today
rain snow & sleet making bad
walking - Auntie went to school - I
did not get up till noon.

Hope all is well with you and
that you may never have to go through
such a sad time as this - It is particu-
larly hard because of the suddenness
& no chance to help or comfort him.
He was 57 last Nov. - I saw many old
friends that called I had not seen
in years long before I was married.
Frank was patient & full of life & I remember
Mabel Frank was very high this & is now
herself awful. One letter from Louis, Nott.

Newton N. J.,
Feb. 10, 1924

Dear George-

I received both your letters and was so glad to get them. I am quite concerned about your feet. I fear you have been purchasing shoes too small. I hope the treatments will cure you and you'll have no more trouble. - This town is very interesting to Catskill. I went to school with Auntie Thos. after noon & saw all the wonderful work she accomplishes - the boys were making chairs. She has not exaggerated at all on that line. We have made a number of calls for she wanted to show me off to all her friends. The storm of snow, rain & sleet the middle of the week made such bad walking, it has really been unsafe to go about much. Yesterday we were out after breakfast.

going to the P.O., Y.W.C.A. & bank.
After dinner we went to the library
& then for want of some-
thing better, strolled in the woods.
Last evening we went for a call
again. It was a beautiful winter
day, but this morning found
the ground covered with
snow. We went out to church;
it was a reminder of old times to
me to walk to church in a snow
storm. It has stopped now but
the sky looks as if it might snow
some more. You will think
me very lazy when you hear I
have not been up to breakfast
at all since I came here.
Auntie was determined to humor
me & I needed little coaxing
to stay in bed. The rest &
change has done me good.
Auntie is keeping up bravely
but I fear a reaction when I am gone.

I wish you would write to her soon if you can possibly get time - She feels very sad because you do not. She never got the card you sent her to Washington.

There is a young fellow here 18 yrs. old who has a fine mind. He invited us to his room one evening & we heard parts of programs from Deben. N. Y., Cleveland & Philadelphia. There are only four boarders here. One an old lady & last night a young lady came. She is very nice & is going to be fine company. She tho't I was from here - knew nothing about me, but after dinner to-day read my palms. It is surprising how she struck the truth - She said I'd been married only once, had 4 children, my career was cut off by marriage but I still continued to work, was religious,

saving, intelligent, stubborn,
could fight if necessary, was
given to having the blues, did
considerable worrying, was
a good planner & much more
I've forgotten.

I plan to leave here on 9.11 to-
morrow morning - will probably
go right to Grace's and want to
call on Emma Kubie in the
afternoon - she lives a very short dis-
tance from John St. - Will probably
go home on a morning train on
Tuesday so as to reach here on
3.30 - - Eva is not seriously ill -
in fact as well as ever, but has some
intermittent trouble that must be treated.
She had quite an experience in hospi-
tal. The sun has come out high
& Auntie wants to take me to see
Mrs St. John - We have been there once.
So I'll close hoping to hear from
you soon - don't overdo with your
house duties - the fig's duty is to take
care of your health.
Louisely. Kocher.

Pa will refuse study hereafter - here is my
love now & I send with Wash-
truchamets day.

MYRON B. VAN SCHAACK
COXSACKIE, N. Y.

2/23/24

Dear George -

Your letter received yesterday
day certainly was a great relief to our
minds. That is the longest period I
guess that you have been silent, but I
can't say that I really worried about
you. I must be getting more sensible
or probably more thoughtful. I know your
time is so fully occupied but just a
postal with O.K. on it would reassure
us that nothing was wrong with you -
Don't keep us on the anxious seat so
long again - at least a postal since a
week will mean more to us than you
can imagine. - I hope you took
advantage of your holiday yesterday &
got some needed rest. You certainly

are fortunate in being able to sell your
tickets whenever you want to. I congratu-
late you on your fine averages, they are
indeed a satisfaction to us for it is a
proof that you are making good. I sup-
pose you are in line for a French Prof.
in addition to your other vocations. I
am glad you wrote to Auntie - she
wrote me about it & seemed to appreciate
it so much. - Yes we two are having
real hard winter weather with 10 inches
of snow that fell on Tues. - Today is re-
gularly cold. Harold went on the D.M.
train yesterday morning to Devereaux
to attend the U.P. Conference - there were
to be just 75 delegates from all over the
State. It is a long story how H. happened
to be one - Mr. Niles selected him & H. Woodruff
but he really had no right to & he would have
preferred an election of delegates. Niles collected
money for the expenses of each of the boys

5.25

which pass part of expenses - they all to be
sustained over the year for breakfast
with a big baquet to night - Harold must
be having the time of his life but I wish
he had a better companion. Lillian & Agnes
went with them from 2nd Ch. & Isabella &
Eldred from Hedway. Pat & Eva both
had a holiday yesterday - so had we
I guess - I spent all morning fixing
his fur coat - it was some job & I was
so tired holding it, I went to bed after
dinner & fell asleep. About 3.30 p.m.
Went for a sleigh ride - the first I've had
this year. We drove down town & took eggs to
Wooden & got your letter - then out on the
river up as far as the Public Ice House - the
first time I had ever seen the ice busi-
ness carried on so close - once when
N. & H. were small, Annie took me & the
2 boys for a sleigh ride across the river.
It was just like driving on a road - I guess
you have done it, haven't you?

Then we went down & made a short call at
Coopers & got home to supper at 6.30. Pa.
& Eva & Harold have all had bad
sore throats & colds this week - Eva was
on her sick feet yesterday but is better today.
Harold staid in bed Wed. until 2 P.M.
& took all kinds of remedies - he was so
afraid he'd be sick & could not go for
today. We have been waiting to hear
from Jim about eggs - Pa did not understand
Pa and Jim wanted them for sure. He thought
best not to ship today as it is not safe to have
them en route over Sunday - so he will
send a case on Monday - same price.
Glad to hear Jim feet are improving & hope
Jim'll have no more trouble. - Church
matters grow worse & there is always some-
thing new to irritate. Annual Aid Meeting on
Sat. 7 - I'll be glad when it is over. Part of
Dupel ceiling has fallen - Jim not to blame, but it
annoys me somewhat. - Mr. Ties has proved a good
politician & ought to be in Washington with the best of them.
Evidently he is trying his hand in the electioneering
Society. Well enough, I should have thought so.

Catsackie, N.Y.

Mar. 3, 1924

Dear George-

Pa meant to write to you last night but he first wrote to Mr. Dumont and then it was too late. There is not much news to tell but I know you like to hear from home if only a few lines. We had a beautiful week just past, not a stormy or cloudy day, but it kept quite cold & the slipping was good. Pa took me twice to Clinch to get Eva and that's all I was out doing between the Sundays. On Saturday the girls gave Jessie a party shower - Eva went. Jessie got a number of useful gifts. Eva came home at 6 o'clock & then went down to Pauline's to stay all night, as the latter's parents had gone to Ravena!

Eva + Pauline came up to D. S. & then P. staid to
our house to dinner & supper & then all three
that is the girls & Harold, went to C. E. & Church.
We had piano & violin all afternoon - it pro-
bably would have shocked you but they en-
joyed it. A week ago yesterday Pa & I made
our first call on Wilbur & Jessie. Mr. staid to
supper & spent the evening. I guess they are
planning to go housekeeping but I don't
know how soon - they do not talk & ask no
questions. Jessie showed me a set of
dishes, some silver ware, cushions, quilts etc.
she has been accumulating. They came down
here Friday evening. Harold returned from
Schen. on Sunday in time for C. E. & then he
went up to Canby & came home with
us. I guess they had a fine time & I hope
got some good. Both the boys gave a re-
port in D. S. yesterday & it showed they
had attended the meeting & got some thought
& impressions. - Yesterday just as
Pa & I were about to start for church, we
noticed a deer on the crossing - it was
a fine large doe & finally scampered up
the track. Its the first I've ever seen
around here. It begins to feel like Spring
& I begin to think of house cleaning - how I do
dread it. Pa's box of seeds came this morn-
ing, & now I suppose he will soon sow them.
He sold the incubator & Leo bought a larger
one - a 200 egg size - it has not come yet.

You have never sent the receipts
of last school bills - I don't care
only want you to take care of them.
Did you ever find a collar too small
for you No. 14 among Jones? Harold
had one at holiday time almost new
but it disappeared the same time
you went away. I thought perhaps I
put it with Jones by mistake,
what became of the pictures? Have
them finished & send them on - I
am eager to see them. The latest
news here is Arthur Bell is in jail
again - too bad for the girls - Abigail
Schoenmaker was married Thursday
to a State trooper she met at Dickey
Dauation for the first time Feb. 22.
No. 14 time for so so I'll close & get this
enclosed for mailing. Hope soon to
hear from you & trust you will keep well.
How are the feet? Lovingly, Washier

Carpackie, N.Y.
March 18, 1924

Dear George:

Sorry my letter is late
again this week, but like you I have
been hard to find a minute to write.
Sunday afternoon for and I went out
to Chinal to take the news books etc to the
new press. Arthur Hallenbeck - they had
other company so we staid together
we meant to. On our way home we
called on Katie. Eva & Harold have
been helping Pauline out. I think I
will join her folks went to Pratts Village
Thurs. expecting to return Sunday, but a
heavy snow storm with severe winds
& drifts have prevented their return -
perhaps they will get here today, but I
doubt it. So Pauline & Cyrus Walter
spent Sunday with us and Joe said
he could not write that evening with
all the talk & confusion.

I spent all day yesterday getting ready
for company to supper. Having to
tell Albany Saturday meant some of
the work was left over till Monday.
Iva made the birthday cake then she
got home & she got so nervous over it
I wish I had made it myself. Our
guests included Jess & Albin, Uncle
Geo. & Aunt Annie, Ratie, Pauline
& Cyrus Walter. We could not make
the table long enough so Iva & I did
not sit down with the others. Ratie
brought the decorations, a green
paper rose on a pine stand and a
paper shamrock for each place,
also a large green butterfly, green
flag for the ends of the table &
a green paper basket containing
numbers & comminutions for the
center. After supper the young
folks played rick while Pa & I

Ratie & Aunt Annie all are
Cameo pictures Grandpa &
Uncle Geo. write. Then Ratie
played for an hour about while
they all sang and after considera-
ble persuasion Harold joined
us with the little violin piece
he has learned. After all were
gone this morning, washed &
wiped all the dishes, some job done
I just got the kitchen work done
eleven o'clock - I am tired and
have a big head. - Guess I am
getting too old for Jamborees (is that
spelled correctly?) Grandpa
got 90 cards and yet there are
some folks we forgot to notify. He
was tickled to death & seemed to
enjoy every minute. - What
a wretched day again for our
trip on Saturday - it was a gray day

with some Northwest winds that have
blown for four or five days - It is
still blowing the snow the same thing.
We were able to do a little shopping
but not much after leaving the
doctor's & reached home about 6.30
Eva must go to the hospital again
on Friday to remain till some
time next day. Jessie has consented
to take charge of the school that day.
Pa is still using the horses on
route so does not get home very early.
He expects to use car in a day or
two so he can start in working. He
wants to get some wood from the
High Hill and must soon start in
& paint the parlor for Eugene which
is coming soon to paper it. We
have not sent for the paper yet
but I must do so today. Mrs.
had the greatest time selecting it

From three Catalogues & soon looked
at some in the Cooper Store in
Albany. I tho't we all could be
pleased but Eva does not like
what we do & even pa & I do not agree.
Wish you were here to decide for us.
We shall probably never have to
paper it again for it will not be
used as much as it has been.

Worrell sorry to hear you had found
it necessary to drop French but
hope you will keep in practice &
resume again when you can for
it may be of great service to you some
day if you become proficient
in it. I suppose you want more
egg next Monday - I think Pa is
planning to ship them, is that so?
Glad to hear you get on better &
hope you'll have no more trouble. Yours

all Specialists know how to Charge.
We have a bill for a new pair of \$5-7
Have paid \$25 to the Hospital and
if she continues treatment it will
run up goodness knows where.
We have been discussing Harold's
future - I want to send him to Mt.
Hermon a year; I think the influence
& environment will be the
the making of him. Of course the money
matter, have been of some concern
but I think I shall borrow some more
for that purpose from Auntie. We
have the application & I have fine
to send that as soon as Harold writes
the letter required of him. - Yes, we
had read of that dreadful murder -
no wonder the Community is shocked
& it seems worse to them for know one
of the family. We were shocked to
hear yesterday of the suicide of Rev. Mr.
Hill who preached here just before we were
married.

I was in hopes you could come
home for Easter especially if you
do not mean to come in June. Do
you think you will come for the
graduation? I wish you could do,
these money matters! It's too bad
we always have to stop & count
the cost! Harold has the highest
number of Counts 66's with
Willis Van N. & Alice Brandow
next with 66. If he had only
worked a little harder he would
have outshone them all. He was
quite blue one day when Miss
Korgan announced Willis higher
with 70 but it was a mistake and
she corrected it next day.

Do you stand any show of getting
a Guillard Scholarship next?

feared better inquire about it.
I'm glad you are gaining so fine
in your technique - three years
seems a long time ahead but
it is not so long of course com-
pared with a lifetime. it would
not be if it were not gain for
that money consideration. His
expense of Eva's means we shall
have to help her that much more
I try not to worry, but I am anxious
for you all to have the best chance
you are willing to take & wish I were
able to go out & work & earn something
to help foot the bills. Well, we will
have to trust & do our best. It is home
now I must get some lunch for
Grandpa. See you all that day -
Sincerely,
Mother.

Leedsachie 724.

4-2-1924

Dear George -

This seems to be my
turn to write, but I've rather tried to
might. It has been a very rough day
here. We got up this morning and found
nearly 10 inches of snow and the wind
has been blowing very hard making
quite drifts in some places. Your mother
has been miserable for a couple of days
but she is sitting up in a chair now.
I was just getting ready to paint the car
and now this storm has come to bother.
I suppose it is foolish, but I thought it
might look a little better.

Grandpa is feeling very good, went with
Frank & Mary to Florence last week and
attended a Banquet of the American Legion
as a member of the town Board.

We have quite a nice pile of wood up and
we are waiting for a saw to cut it up.

Have a nice lot of tomato plants started
Also have the incubator running. We got
a new one this year 250 egg size.
and sold the old one. Wilber & Jessie were
here Friday evening, have not seen them
since. Sunday afternoon called on Mr. Hees and
also made a call at - Miss Newell.

I guess maybe my nice short route will
be a thing of the past before long. They now
have a petition to have me deliver the mail
all the way from De Van Stokes to Lorman.
Of course we will do all we can to stop it
It would be an impossibility in the winter.

I really think we will get more money
next year its looks pretty good. Harold
won't know whether he can go ~~to~~ to Mt.
Kennon till July. In your letter to Eva you
spoke of wanting to take one of the summer
courses of course that would be very nice
but it seems to me that you might better
save that money to buy clothes and for

other things. While you have some idea
of the financial problems, yet there is much
that you do not know. Even with breakfast
my this year she will only have about enough
to pay one year of college. We are paying
her doctor bills so she may have further
life. If I could you next year we will
have to get some or all of the money from another
I just simply can't ask grandpa for more
than \$200 a year for you. I expect to help you
next year the same as this, but often that I
don't know ^{what} we can do. You are doing finely
and I do not know what we would do without
what you earn. I am sorry you have to work
so hard. You see even if I should get more
salary and then get the longer route I would
have to slow down with the work at home as
grandpa is getting older all the time. I have
no doubt that there will be a way out but
we certainly will have to figure some, so I
feel that you ought to have out the summer

course for the present. You don't know how
hard it has been for me to write this
but I feel that you must face the facts.
Your mother and I are willing to sacrifice
almost anything for you children.

Thursday Morning. Dear Geo. - Pa did not finish
last night so asked me to close the letter up so it
can be mailed to-day. It is now 10.30 and I have
been hustling since 6.30 to get the house in shape
to live in. You know when mother lies in bed 2 days
and there is no one to do things except Pa in morning
& evenings, everything gets very disorderly and dirty. I
am feeling better, but my head is very light & occasionally
dizzy. I will be all right again in a day or two. Mr. Leigh
has not come yet to paper parlor so our house cleaning is at a
standstill. We have been experiencing winter again after a taste
of spring. I do hope your cold is all better. How are the feet? We do
not know what will be Val. - He has the highest number of counts so far
but with his organ that does not mean highest honor. ^{Eva} Easter week to
have vacation the week after Easter, the same time as Harold. He is quite
tired out but keeps up fine, I think. Pa is tired, too & so nervous - the thought of
having his route extended has worried him so much. ^{See above page}
to-day, but the country roads are bad. Love on route. Now tell me if you can.

[Apr 4, 1934]

Thursday P.M.

Dear Mother,

To get done with the unhappy
part of this letter first I will say
that I was unfortunely and unhappily
parted from \$4.00 today. About
the middle of March I had to have
some new music so not having the
money I have let me charge it on her
account. So today I gave her the
Dues to pay for it. She put it
in her pocket book and that in
her outside coat pocket and
started for Sibley's to buy a veil. When
she got there her pocket book was
gone. She had also stopped in the store
on the way but had not taken it
from her pocket. It was very
evidently taken for it was small

and very easily taken from a pocket
when she wasn't thinking. The biggest
loss however was her ~~mint~~ watch
which was worth about \$50^{and} which
she has been carrying in her pocket
book for some time. I went with her
to the police station and reported
it. The watch was well marked
having her initials and date on it
so that if it turns up in a pawn
shop she will probably get it again.
Of course it may be simply lost
and may turn up that way. Anyway
I wouldn't think of making her
pay the \$45.00 for she was accom-
modating me, as not having the
money now I'm asking you to please
send it as soon as possible. I
hope to be able to pay it back soon.
I sent a money order for the full
amount ^{\$20.00} of the egg this morning.

Now for more pleasant thoughts.
 Mr. Anger (my piano teacher) is
 having a tea for his "preferred"
 pupils on Sunday afternoon. He
 has ten each out of his fifty-two
 pupils and, what ought to make
 you feel good and what thrills
 me, is that I am one of them.
 He says his "preferred" pupils are
 the ones who work hardest. He
 told me today that I had made
 great progress with him. I'm very
 much interested and really do work
 hard. He says I can teach next
 year and can earn about \$20 a week.
 One gets about \$2 an hour.

I would very much like to come
 home for graduation but I don't see
 how I can for I simply can't face
 a three months vacation from

music. Life is to about for that.
So I feel I must go to summer school
for something, if possible for me
to get a job parttime for Miss Kellin
is not sure she will serve meals
this summer. I think I would
take the Wilsons Teachers course
if the Augier as thought it advisable.
I do not think I would take organ
for I have given up organ for a long
time and little spirit & excitement
to anything. However I might take
little church work so that I could
take a job next year for I am sure
when Miss Kellin will give up
her business. She talks quite seriously
of it at times.

At the persons above I have given
up organ lessons for the rest of
the year for I don't get enough accom-
plished in an hour a day with my

present state of hand technique
 to be worth the money. I shall
 continue to practice however and
 will review all that I have done
 so far. He said he would have
 my money refunded from the first
 of March which will be about \$17.00
 and that he would loan me one
 in a while. I don't think I will
 take up regular lessons again unless
 I get more time than I have now
 until I get as good a piano technique
 as I feel ever need and Mr. Burgess
 says I can have that in about
 three years from now. Then when
 I do start I will get lots done
 in a short time.

Miss Cummins has arranged it
 so that I may take the French
 again and get the same credit

as if I had not dropped it. I
seem to be particularly favored in
that respect for the like wouldn't
let anyone else do it. I'm glad I
dropped it though for I feel much
better and can do much more
work on my harmony & history.

I sent the laundry this morning.

I should have got a new cardboard
tubercle but it always slips
my mind till the last morning.

I hope you can fix my pants.
You will notice that one of the
knees is nearly out. If you can
fix that also please fix the
right hand pocket which is quite
loose.

I suppose that you had the
same saw that we had. He had
about 7 inches which is nearly

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all gone now.

Next Wednesday evening Mr Coates
conducts his last concert here
this year. I don't know what we
shall do without him. He is very
fine. He is taking our Philharmonia
to New York next Monday night.
I hope Mrs Swift will see them.
Last night I heard the Cleveland
Symphony which I did like very
much although the critics found
it. They are a bunch of low brade
however and I have no reason
to fault me up in disliking it. The
musical season here is slowly
closing; however there will be
a few more afternoon concerts
and a few choral concerts
among the latter one by the
Bach choir in which I

performed last year. They will
sing Bach's St. Matthew Passion
on the 14th & 15th in two different
churches. I expect to go on
the 15th when they will sing in
St Pauls Episcopal.

On Monday 5 & 6 also the Metropolitan
Opera company is coming but
I don't think I shall go for the
price will probably be high and
I don't like opera anyhow.

Well this has been a long letter
and I'm afraid you tired of the
"technicalities" of it. I shall be
glad to get a letter from you
for it seems a long time since I
have.

Love to all
George.

Catsackie N.Y.,
April 6/24

Dear George-

Was so glad to get your
letter yesterday but sorry to hear
of Florine's loss. I am replying
at once so as to send you the
money you request, tho' I don't
exactly see that it is your duty to
stand the loss - However that is
your own business. I do hope you
will get back of the watch and that
it will be returned. Of course
we were glad to hear you are
one of the "preferred" pupils - we
know you are working hard and
want you to do satisfactory work
and it is gratifying that your
teachers recognize it. Hope you
had a fine time at the Sea.
Also glad to hear of the favor
shown you in your church -
I think it may be of benefit to you
later on to keep up in that subject.

Naturally, we do not understand
your changing about so in your
views - (especially, as does not)
and so were puzzled at your
giving up the reform lessons.
Seems to me if your language was
so deficient, they should have
told you so last year & sought to
improve it then before you had
gone so far. After all your
work these three years we want
you in shape to take an organ-
ization if such an oppor-
tunity offers. I wish it were
possible for you to be home part
of vacation & also keep up your
practice - life is too short to be
parted so from the children.
This has been a quiet place the
last few days - Eva is visiting me
& Clara for the week end - today
Harold went up to Milbun's to
supper. It has rained since before
noon & to night is raining hard.
This is just a taste of our life after
E. & A. So away - I don't think

I am going to like it very much.
Grandpa does not feel well
to-day - he just sits over the heater
& wouldn't eat any supper -
It is one of his cold spells again -
He has been feeling fine lately.
Milburn J. Lane has not been down
this week - the roads are so muddy
he does not like to take the car
& will not go with the horse.
They went to Albany yesterday -
he had his eyes tested & glasses
changed - Has a pain like June's
now. Harold also went to Albany
yesterday with a party from Thompson's.
Friday night we went to Orange
for a change - He had to go with
himself & I nearly had a nervous
collapse before we got past
Ray's Corner on account of
all the cars - I guess I don't
care to go out nights with a horse
any more, especially on the
State road. Eva expected to buy
the Grange but then went to the Morris

Just & didn't get here until time
for "eats" We had an old fashioned
Spelling Match but only a few took
part. I fell down on the simple
word "reservoir" but so did everyone
else including a doctor, minister
& farm bureau manager. I
knew of course how to spell it, but
we were all tired & got rattled.
Pa finished painting the car but
does not intend using it till the
roads dry up some, probably not
for a week. Harold keeps pestering
him to buy a new car and he
means to, but not till June probably.

Next Saturday evening the E. S.
have a banquet. They had a
contest this winter - Harold was
leader of one side & it was the los-
ing side, so he had to plan a treat
for the other side. I have prom-
ised to help in the kitchen & give
chicken. On May 2nd the Grange
have a banquet probably in our
Chapel. I am on that committee too.

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Well Mr. Leigh has not come yet
& so we are at a stand still. But
he promised me last night to
come for sure this week. There is
much talk of the proposed new
route at the upper Landing but it is
quite positive they will not
add it on to Pa's route - that would
be ridiculous; but never the less
he worries about it. in fact he
worries about everything lately.
Mr. Mis has put his foot in it again.
Pa had to give his name as pastor in
the application to Mr. Hermon
& they wrote to him. He sent just
& tried to impress him that he ought
not go there but to go to Hope or Central.
Pa went to see him & explained our
reasons for selecting Mr. Hermon
& that he had him convinced &
then he goes over the same
ground again a day or two after
in the library where Pa met him.
No telling what he will do perhaps

prevent Harold's acceptance.
He certainly is the limit &
it's more & more so & yet these
are people who almost worship
the ground he walks on & are
willing to misuse us to please him,
so it seems. - The money
order was received O.K. & was
spent immediately. Laundry
received yesterday. I spent some
time mending the pants yesterday
afternoon - I did the best I could
but they are about a care - perhaps you
can wear them a little while longer.
Expect to wash to-morrow & if it
does not rain so the clothes will
dry - will try to mail back Tues. I
have some extra socks I forgot to
put in last time.

Can't think of any more news
now & as my head aches guess
I'll quit & soon retire. Must get up early
for we plan to wash before the sun
goes - Grandpa drives down the
Halt Head every day when pauses
horses. Hope this finds you all
OK & well & best for Campbell the
pocket book found ^{full} ^{me} ^{about} ^{the} ^{tea}
pocket book found ^{full} ^{me} ^{about} ^{the} ^{tea}
pocket book found ^{full} ^{me} ^{about} ^{the} ^{tea}

Catsackie, W.V.
April 13th 1924

Dear George -

Sunday night and most
time to go to bed but it just occurred
to me I had not written to you in
a week (How the time flies!) also that
I have not heard from you in
over a week. I suppose this has
been a great day for you as Papa
Sunday always is in the Epis. Church.
I think you wrote there must be some
very special music today. It has
been quite like Spring here so I got
out my light coat & straw hat. The
same ones I have worn three years
& expect to continue. It was chilly
tho' this afternoon & I donned my
winter garments again when Pa & H.
& I went over to see Kabel for a call.
We all went to church this morn-
ing - it was communion. Mrs. Decker
(Dazel Johnson) joined the church &
had her baby baptized.

Last night we attended the Co. E. banquet. It was given by the losing side in a contest & Harold was the leader of the losing side. So we have had "banquet" for breakfast & supper & substituted for about 2 weeks. He was assisted by or rather assisted the following girls B. Hubbard, Alice Jonesdell & M. Spuman. Miss Jonesdell Mrs Hubbard, Margaret, Mary Jansen & myself did the kitchen work. It was a nice spread & every thing went off fine only I got awful tired - I washed all the dishes for about fifty people besides waiting on table. I had & cooked two chickens one of our own & one for Mrs Cooper who was sick & could not do it. Herbert E. brought it over here alone just about noon.

The parlor is papered at last but we have not yet had time to put carpets down nor fix it at all. The window blind Iatched out yesterday but it was a poor latch. The poorest I have ever had & he is quite discouraged.

Pa put in about 300 eggs but hatched
out about 100 & out of 75 that
hatched & had to drown 15 cripples.
Mr. Ties had the nerve to ask Pa
to brood some chickens he had
hatched for the Fair, Harness Home.
Pa does not want to do it & neither
does grandpa but I ^{would not} wonder
if they would take a few.

There is not much news
to write about. Last week's paper
said Donald was home but we have
not seen nor heard a word from
him since Christmas - we think
he was not home. Phil is coming
to-morrow. - The Senior Class
are to have a dance on Apr. 22
it is a great trial to H. that he
cannot dance but I guess he
will find enough to do selling
nickels & lending refreshments.

Miss Boyan is quite put out because
H. plans to go to Mr. Hermon - she
has talked to him about it several
times and I bear she & H. T. Ties

Have put their foot in it. - I find
people would ruin their own
business. However all we can do now
is to wait till we hear from them and
try to persuade H. it is the best move
though he has become unsettled
with the interference. I guess B. Hubbard
is going to Passaic State College in Troy.

Eva has been quite spunky lately
but I will not let any fall - she can
do that herself when she writes. But
she is either on the go or fixing
her clothes to go with - We must
go to see Dr. Vandewer again - he
has advised electrical treatment for
E. - Well I guess I have to stop.

I had to scrounge some news from
you - I'm afraid my well of ink is
at some things he wrote but I guess
not - I think you are too sensitive for
that. Hilda has gone to church
& E. is getting some school work
ready. - She has two Charles Gumples
now - they live at Climax now.

Lovingly,
Mother.

Catsackie, N.Y.

April 27/24

Dear George:

Pa and I have just returned from C. E. meeting - Eva and Harold stayed to Church Service - We began living on new time to-day so it has just become dark - it seems so queer. Every thing in town is going on new time except the village trustees - they said the town was to go on Standard time but the people simply won't do it - schools, churches, ministers all have changed time. Of course Eva must teach on old time to please the China inhabitants. So she will not go till an hour later & get home an hour later. We have not had a very pleasant week for a vacation - so much cloudy & stormy weather and high winds every day. To-day

has been a beautiful Spring day
quite a balmy air but the fog
and wind came up again late this
afternoon and is raging fierce
now. Eva had a hike &
frankfurter roast yesterday for
her S. Class out at Climax &
at night she went for an auto ride.
She is getting rather sporty but I'm
not going to tell any tales on her.
Harold went to the dance Tues.
evening returning at 2.30 and
if he can't dance - says he
must learn some hard be-
fore commencement. There
was a big crowd & they cleared
\$60. Russ has arrived & his re-
ports on the meadows mostly the
time. He is just about as much
wed to his violin as you were to the piano
when you were Lopez. It has been
hard to get him to do much work this
last week. Friday evening
we all went to a public meeting in
M.E. Church of the M.C.V.U. Heard
a fine address by a Roman speaker &
then had a social hour.

That is all I have been out this
week except to the dentist Tues.
I managed to make progress
with house cleaning but the
weather was a handicap & it is
hard to get the help just when I
need it - so many things must
wait till spring gets time & one
thing holds up another. This
week brings a donation supper
in Chapel Wed. & Orange Banquet
Friday. We may not go on Wed.
but I must go Friday as I am
on the committee. I want
Gra & Harold & Hilbert & George
to help as waiters. ^{or} Dailies - they
would not have to pay - but so
far have not had their definite
consent. It is always considered
a swell affair & the tickets are in
demand - only a limited number.
I'm very glad to hear Horne found
her pocket book - it was remarkable
I think in such a big city.
Mrs Clifford asked about for Friday - she

said she had heard you left Lynn-
cus & was working in Rochester. They
have been back from Florida
only 2 weeks. Harold must have
fixed with you all was coming for
Commencement - he says I must
tell you you must come. I am
glad you are so intimate with
Mr. Cresson & I trust he will ad-
vise you for the best. Have you
tried again about the forward
Scholarship? Hadn't you better
investigate that. I will write
Mr. Cresson some time - Am
too tired to write - I wrote a long
letter to Auntie this afternoon &
now it is 9 o'clock. - Pa went
to see Mrs. Wagon about 14. & ex-
plains matters so now she thinks it
is all right - Mr. Miles has said we
must see what he has
written. His wife was called to
Hennepolis yesterday by the illness
of her mother - left all the children
with him & to the mercy of strangers.
I did not return the gray pants

for Pa & I both think they are not
fit for you to wear any more.
If you have no other money
Pa says you can buy a new
pair with that check. I also keep
the old shirt as it was beyond re-
pair. Pa has not heard any-
thing definite yet about the route
addition. But as the trustees have
put a gravel walk all the way up
the river road to Noble St. & then
up Noble St. to Frank Jordan
thinks now there can be village
delivery there. Did you know
the village carriers were Ernest
Parlow & Crow that graduated
with you. I guess he has not done
anything since finishing school.
Did I tell you about the rabbits -
Mrs. bought 9 white ones & brought
them here for H to care for - this was
a little over two weeks before Easter -
Pa sent 7 to N.Y. before Easter & then

doubled the money on them - We
still have 2 old ones & about 18
or 20 babies - The little calf
came on Easter Sunday.
We are glad to have our own
milk again after such a long
time.

Well I suppose you start in
for business again to-morrow -
Let me hear how you spent
your vacation - of course
I'm sure you enjoyed it some.
Did you have that Fair & Am.
pt? I am getting to be an
awful scrawler - can't seem
to write decent any more. Guess
it is because I am always
tired when I write - but if I waited
to be rested I'd never write.
Must close now - hurry for
the printer & then will have
nothing for a while - Hope you
are refreshed after vacation &
will not overdo - Always glad to
get your letters. Lovingly, Mother.

{5 May 1924}

Cassakia 704
Sunday Evening

Dear George:-

I'm like Barney Google to night I've got the "Kebed Kebeds". I'll try writing to you and see if it will cure me. We have had a quiet day your mother, Harold, and I went to Church this A.M. and Eva to Sunday School. It has been pleasant to day but has windy all the time; so we did not get any snow but last night had a thunder storm and quite a rain.

The season is very late and we have done nothing on the ground yet. I have a nice lot of plants in the cold frame and lots of flower plants. The next lot of chickens come off next Sunday, hope to have better luck this time. We managed to get nice pile of wood which is all split and piled up. Last week was quite a busy week for us socially. On Wednesday evening

we had a Donation Supper at the chapel
It was a bad night and not a very
large crowd, made about \$70.

On Friday evening we had our annual
Grange Banquet and it quite an enjoyable
affair only we had to work pretty hard.
Miss Rendell was the entertainer; she did
quite well. So you see you see we had
a busy week. I forgot to say that we
all went to both functions (even grandpa,
Harold and Eva were admitted free for
waiting on table at Banquet.

Harold certainly does very well with his
vegin much better than I expected he would.
If he exhibited as much pep in working he
would be a "star". I forgot to ^{say} that we all
(except Eva) went to Albany Thursday, grandpa
has glasses now and wears them all the
time. The calay question is still in the
balance, but it looks as if we might get
an additional \$300 per year. ~~It~~ The
extension to my route does not look a

P.S. - Mr. J. came to supper Sat. - Mr. had usual birthday cake
but missed you very much. Harold is appalled because
he is getting so old. He has a bad sore throat just now.
Latest news - Pauline has her hair bobbed -

favourable as it ^{did} last week. They refused
to give the village patrons like deliver.
I wouldn't be surprised if they gave it
to me. Of course with the contemplated
name it would mean a salary of over
\$2000. Sorry you tore your coat and
know how badly you felt. Last night
Walter and Jessie came and he too had
torn his brown coat - very badly but your
mother mended it. Your clothes is mending
my stone pants, but really they are
"too good". If you need clothes you ought
to get them for you ^{must} look ~~respectable~~
respectable. Well I guess I'll have to stop.
Harold has come in and they are all talking
and I just can't think, any more. I am glad
you are all right. I'll let your mother
guess in this.

Dear Geo - I don't know as I can add anything
to what pa has written except about our trip to
Albany on Thurs. Harold went to a show and
pa & I went to see Dr Van Der Vor. Then we

had just a little time to do some shopping -
My main purchase was a dress - that is the
goods to make one. I was rather extra-
vagant but as it is for the graduation I must
do something very nice. It is a blue silk Canton
Cape - I did not see anything else cheaper
that I cared for. Harold wants me to
thank you for the ^{also for the} nestle ^{in the yard} he is quite tickled
with it - we it yesterday. He also wants me to urge
you again to come for graduation. - Grandpa
& I expect to wash today - I'll hurry you home
back as soon as possible. Do sorry about your coat
can't it be mended? If too shabby for wear anymore
just forget it - you'll have to have some new clothes.
Dad do lastid well & you have been careful & certainly
had the value out of that suit. - Eva went
riding again yesterday - you certainly will have
to come home to look after her. I wish you
would see if you can buy me a game of Rook. Mr. Lane
learned to play with Prulines game & like it - especially
Harold do's - I can get it from Catalogue for 60¢ but per-
haps you can get it cheaper. Send a notice if you can
or let me know by postal. - We are going to Catskill Saturday.
Must get busy now - so much to do. The August was ^{some}
not getting ready & cleaning up - I haven't got over it yet. ^{Downing} ^{Wolfe}

Catsackie, N.Y.
May 18th, 1924

My dear George -

While it is quiet, I will start a letter to you - Harold has gone to Church (I suppose), Eva is upstairs & the men are outdoors working on the car so it is very quiet here. - When they all come in I will be time to go to bed for it is after eight now. It was pleasant this morning but dark & windy all afternoon with a heavy shower at supper time. - I guess we can hardly go one day without rain tho' I guess we did not have any yesterday. It was the first real balmy clear spring day. We went to Catskill after dinner. - Had several errands & did some shopping did not get home till after seven - we had a feast. - Then went to Wheeler's & then we went to the Landings to do some errands. Pa went to the Ford place & found he could get \$150 for an car & could have a new one for \$280. He had about made up his mind to do make the exchange but he & his boys were here this afternoon & tried to talk him into buying a Star & Harza has tried to help it along. But that means \$200 more. Tho' they claim it is cheaper in the end. But I guess it will be a Ford for grandpa does not favor the other expense. We stopped for a few minutes to see Pa's grandpa in Ohio - he is about as usual - smart as ever & so pleased to see us.

She gave Em a silver chain bracelet of Bartie's & a hair pin. Sometime when you can send her a picture book - she would appreciate it - I feel sorry for her, she is so lonesome - has no company & never goes anywhere.

Friday night 7.2.11. I went to France - I had a de-
lato on Sunday in the Country House the Village -
I expected to go & enjoy hearing the others but that aft-
noon we were asked to take part in places of some
that could not attend - I was unwilling to see
that you had to argue for the Village & I on the opposite
side. We had great fun & thoroughly enjoyed it
only we do not like their old time for they start
so late & we get home early in the morning.
We got your wash last night & I'll try to get it done
to-morrow - I don't see any union suit in it. Did
you mean me to mend the coat vest & shirt - I have
known if you do I'll do my best with them when I get
the time, but not to go back with the clothes. They are in
some sad shape & I fear will hardly be fit to wear.
I don't see how you can go till August. I meant
to ask you before & forgot if you have any money saved
of course, you need not tell me if you don't wish to -
but you don't say anything about it & I just wonder.
We had other callers today - Arthur & Mabel & the ^{James} family
mother & sister - Vera - & one of the little girls - but then did

not come in. Vera asked me when you got thro.
of I told her you had a life job.

The great sensation this week was that Mr. Lins took
Miss Kitty to meet Mrs. Lins at Niagara Falls. They
went in the Valley Night, starting Monday morning
& reaching home again Thurs. night - it rained
most all the time but Miss Kitty told me today it was
a wonderful trip & she seemed no worse for it - of
course it is that she footed the bill.

Pa & I are sleeping up in Auntie's room now for a while.
He cleared our room out & Pa had to do considerable
plastering & now we must wait for it to dry thoroughly
before it can be papered.

Harold had a call
from Auntie recently - she said her school closes
June 13th & intimated she might come up for the
commencement. - Well it is late I guess I'll
finish this to-morrow - to-bed now - I was
cheated out of my nap this afternoon.

Monday noon - I must close this up so Pa can
take it to mail - I have not that of anything else
of interest - Eva is keeping you on a string but don't
fry - he is more struck than she is - Went to the Com.
theater again Sat night after being down that day - I did
not just like it, but least said soonest mended. He is
all right I guess, but not up to her level - Pa is happy as he heard today
the upper landing will have Village delivery so that means

He will not have to run up there - of course this does
not help Klausburg out - I don't know how they
will pacify him. Washing is all done & I'll try to
iron your clothes this afternoon. A good drying day
but awful muddy & real cold. Pa was
really chilled when he came in.

Mother & Jessie were here Saturday Evening.
I forgot to say Pa & I visited them last Tuesday
Evening & enjoyed a radio treat - We heard
an organ recital from Edin plan in Boston
broadcasted thro Springfield - then a talk on
modern drama from Schec. by Dr. Everett
Everett Hale of Union College followed
by a three act Comedy which was very good.
But I would not want to be fed on such
stuff every evening - all right occasionally.
We did not get home till midnight. I fell a-
sleep twice during the last act.

One o'clock whistle blowing & Pa's
eager to go so I must stop.

Trust this finds you well & happy.

Lovingly,

Mother.

Just I could look forward to seeing you
soon - wishes for great success in
your studies.

[Nov 20 1929]

Tuesday,

Dear Mother,

I felt so cross when I came in
I was glad to find a letter from
you. They always make me feel so
good. I suppose you wonder why
I was so cross but it seems as if
everything has bothered me for
the last twenty-four hours. The
last thing was that I had Miss
Belcher send a new shirt for me
to wear to-morrow night. After
she had taken all pains with it
and had it all finished a red
spot appeared just a few inches
below the neck in full view.
So far it has defied all efforts

at removal. But she expects to
get it sent tomorrow. I bought
two shirts yesterday. They are
fine white broad cloth shirts
regularly \$2.85 but reduced to
\$1.60. One of them has a silk
stripe.

The other chief thing to keep
me just now is that I'm going
to the school dance tomorrow
night and all the girls want
a dance. If they knew what
they might get they'd run the
other way. Of course I have
never been to a dance before and
you know I can hardly dance.
Mr. Angiras gave a ticket to
Florence and me so I have to go.
If you get this before then
you can think of me starting

Yes please for the cost and
cost of postage. Don't bother
to press them tho' for they
will get muddled when you send
them back. I am very glad you
sent the grey parts back for
I don't know what I should
do without them. I shall have
to buy a pair tomorrow to go
with the grey coat sometime
before Aug.

Don't regret this weed for
next year. The exams come
the first week in June, so
I still have two weeks to gather
tho' you may be assured I need
it. I felt quite discouraged
the other day at my lesson
but Mr Angiers said "Ah

you will have to pay of
Loraine T. too!

I'm taking French again so I
shall be ready for the Exam. I
still have a great deal of reading
to do for history though.

Please tell me what you think
about my taking on you this
summer. I think I can about
make expenses all right tho I
shall have to borrow the
money to pay at the beginning.
You got for will not have the
addition. Please make Eva tell
me who he is.

What did you decide about the
straw hat. They appeared on the
street today.

Love to all

George.

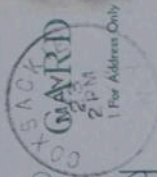
out at the ungodly hour of nine
o'clock. We don't stay late however
for we must be up the next two
nights also. Thursday the young
people have been invited to
go to the Castleman. The Castleman
Dinner is now in the South. And
on Friday night we are going to see
a school pageant on the history of
Mass. Tonight H. Augustine
Smith (who spoke here last
summer and who is head of the
Boston School of Religious Education)
is directing a pageant at one of
the large churches. I wanted to
go but have not got the time,
No I have not saved any money
but have bought a great many
music books which have

helped me a great deal so I
think I have spent the money
worth while.

I wonder if you have written
to Mr Pearson yet. I was talking
to him the other day and he
said he thought it would be
fine for me to study as you
this summer paying special
attention to church planting for
then I could take a position
as soon as one appears, as
soon as I can I want to quit
nursing table for it is getting
on my nerves. If I had a position
and could teach some as I hope to
be able to next year this time
I would get more money for
less time than I do now.

The Boys at Play on the Day of Rest.





George B. Van Schoack
250 Park Ave.
Rocketer.
N.Y.

Dear Les - Glad to get
your letter. How did
you survive the day?
I'm looking a "Cher"
for a change - Beauti-
ful w. and just now.
Will try to write Sunday
& answer your questions.
Don't think we need to leave
Louisville, Mo. yet.

For Correspondence

Box 107, Cantonment, Va.

Essex, N.Y.
May 25, 1924

Dear George It is time to retire but I
will start a letter to you. It has been
a full day and this is the first
minute I've had to myself. I'm
tired. As usual we went to
Church S.S. & I dislike it more
& more every week - I think the
time is drawing near when I'll
quit entirely unless there is a
change soon. I had invited
Ratie & Edith to come to supper
to night, but Ratie was not at
all well today & had to be in bed,
so instead we took Edith for a
long ride out to Fulton & around
Jackass Hollow. Of course you
had to stop at a number of
places & visit awhile with his
old patrons, so it was after six
when we got home. Harold
& Eva went back for C. E. &

Have not yet returned.
Grandpa went over to see
Mrs. Hastings this afternoon
brought back a biography of
one of his ancestors by his name.
Yesterday Pa & Grandpa attended
the funeral of Bessie Cochran
at the home of her sister Mrs.
Cassio now far above Dr. Van
Slyke's. She was a distant relative,
her mother was a Van Schaack.
It has been so rainy & cold all
week till Friday, they have not
been able to do much planting;
Friday was a warm nice day
but yesterday & today are cold &
for thinks it will come very
fast tonight. I suppose you
were surprised to hear Pa had
purchased a Chev. Well it was
hip & buck here for several days
as to what it should be for H. E.
were so opposed to a Ford. You
can imagine there was some
argument till we were all sick

of the word car. Tues. night we
went up to bath it over with Wilbur
& he was all Chev. I insisted
on taking pa out in his car to
teach him. He came again
Wednesday night before they
got back they had been to Mill
Daas & bargained for a car.
Monday P.M. I will try to finish this
now before time to get dinner. Of course
Bill Daas had been here on Monday
& tried to sell a Chev. Min pa & N. Jay
Home Sunday Wednesday night Jake
Van Loan was here to sell an Oldsmobile
for which he is agent here. He came
again next day but he would allow
only \$100 on Ford while pa got \$150 for it.
Will Wilbur went on route with pa
Thurs & it seemed good to have him
home to dinner once more. He was
so rejoiced at being out in the country
Ford Holiday he did not go to work
that afternoon, but went up for Jessie
& brought Lee back & they both helped
the crew set out strawberry plants
& staid to supper. Then we all took a
ride so pa could practice for they
finds a three speed car somewhat
different from a Ford.

Mr Schoonmaker Dory, who had
died very suddenly, last Monday.
Ephie Van Nuyling has been ill all
Spring - she has gone into much con-
sultation & doctors say she can't
live but a very short time. The latest
event that has set the Community
to gossiping is the arrest & approach-
ing trial of Phil Goodwin for slapping
& throwing down one of the little
stroud children - It is a bitter
pill for him & he has offered \$500 to
settle, but I guess they want to see
him imprisoned. Very cold & raw
to-day but cleared bright. I expect
to be very busy planting all week
if it stays clear weather. Evanes
but 3 more weeks. I say she will
tell you about him when she writes -
I think she is tired of him, for we met
him yesterday in the street on his way
here to take her out but she would
not go with him. He comes from ^{China}
& she were younger I don't doubt the
matter myself but I think she must
or rather make to do it herself. I will
write she is to be in Rochester this week
end so you'll see her probably. I will try
to write to Mr. Sears to-day. You will
have to use your own judgment

about the organ³ course this
summer. It seems a good
idea if it would insure your
being able to accept a position
if offered. No doubt Mr. Gleason
is a good one to advise with
if you make a confident of
him & explain matters. I'm
sorry your present work is
getting on your nerves - I know
it must get to be monotonous
but trust you will not cool in
remembering it cannot be
for a great while at the longest.
Sully before long you can do
something in your line to
earn money. -

Edith told me yesterday that
Miss Kitty's income is \$600 per mo.
& yet she lives in D. S. she is doing
her own house cleaning. She
was quite worn out by her 4 days
trip. But would not admit it. Well -
she gets more & more under
Miss' thumb & everybody sees it.

In regard to your straw hat
which I sent last week - I
did not think it looked
very bad & knew I could not
improve it any, for I never
had good luck at cleaning
hats. You can have it done
out there if you think it
necessary. - We are planning
going to R.F.D. picnic on
Friday, once to Praterville - want
Grandpa to go too, but he says
he does not want to. How
are you going to celebrate? I
hope you had a chance yet to
work on your blue coat but
hope to do it some time this
week. My house cleaning operations
must stand still for a while till
you can help some. I got the
hall done last week & put the
new carpet down.
Can you teach music if you do not
take the Teaching Course this summer?
Glad my letters make you feel good
I trust this will cheer you up & be
Compass you in your work.
Love,
Dorothy.



UPPER MAIN ST., Prattsville, N. Y.

Catsackie N.Y.
May 31st

Post Card

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MAY 31 2PM
N.Y.

Dear Gus -

14 - Street, 4th Floor, Square, New York.

This space may be used for communication.

The address to be written here.

Had a wonderful
lunch with
to E. Midham - Mt
Yance down the
gone road - it was
a beautiful day
May 30 night
My, would
Hope you had a
trip to Lonsdale, N.Y.

George B. Van Schock
250 Park Ave.
Rochester,
N.Y.

[June 6, 1924]

Thursday.

Dear Mother:

I'm sorry it's been so long since I wrote but I've been waiting for a letter from you but I guess I'd have to write without one. I reviewed the laundry and papers today. I noticed that Ethel Van Gynsling has passed so soon. Thank you very much for the good job on my coat. I'm quite a few for clothes. My gray pants have gone thru so many I spent considerable time searching the city for another pair to go with my coat. I could not find a thing to even half match. So I have been wearing the black ones with the gray coat. They look dreadful to other. I shall now wear the

blue again but I don't know what
to do ^{with} the this gray coat. I'm afraid
it's - "gone". I had my piano
up on Tuesday afternoon. I played
dreadful but got the grade
I expected. However I'm conditioned
till Tuesday. I don't know
what was the matter for last
Thursday I played very well for
Mr. Augier and he said he
had no fear at all. Will he
take the responsibility of passing
me so I'm not so discouraged
for he says he knows I can do it.
Ethel came to town Tuesday
all and was looking in school
for me that afternoon but
we didn't meet. I heard
about it later and

had a long² talk with her
last night over the telephone.
She went back early this morning.
She will be home Tuesday I
think.

I had a very nice time the
3rd attending two exercises.
We got back about 7:30 that
night. Then Elaine and I went
to Geneva park to see a
fire works demonstration ~~for~~
given by the State ans. The
Park is about 2 minutes from
her house.

The next end of the Fourth
they are planning to go to
Elliottsville taking me along.
Mrs Reynolds sister lives
there. It is a few miles out

of Chautauque. We would
go from here to Buffalo
Thursday night and to Ellipt-
ville on Friday returning Sunday.

Harriet has been given \$40
by some "unknown" friend to
go to Northfield this summer.
She is going the 19th or 20th and
back just in time to go to
Elliptville. She would like
very much to see Eva on her
way back. She suggested
that Eva meet her in Albany
for a few hours on the 2nd
of July. I thought perhaps
if you wished someone
might meet her there the 2nd
and she would stay that
night in Coxsackie. How

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sure she'd be delighted to
but I have said nothing to her
about it for I thought I
would ask you first. Of
course if you couldn't meet
her she'd meet up on the Caspades
that day nevertheless. Anyhow
let me know so I can tell her
what you decide.

We are having an organ
club party at the garden
on the Island Heights this
Saturday night. Saturday
afternoon the school is having
a picnic at Dussard Eastman
Park on Lake Ontario. I should
like to go but am afraid I
can't get off work. However

Pratt is coming Saturday and
if I can see him in time I
shall ask him to read for me.
There is that I should probably be
too late to get a ticket. Pratt
is expecting to stay with me
Saturday night.

The rest of my affairs come
next week. Harmony Monday P.M.,
History of Music Tuesday P.M.,
Ear Training Wed. A.M. and
French still undecided. I
still have quite a lot of reading
and notes copying to do for
history. I have enjoyed the
course very much this term
tho and have done lots of
reading for it. I wish I were
to have the same teacher

next year.

The weather has been so cold so far that I haven't even fully dried yet the 5 mi get here today. I went ~~without~~ an overcoat today for the first. I bought a couple of jackets this week at 1.50. Quite a price but I could get no better ones nearly as good for any less. They are very nice much like my others.

How does pa get along with the new car. Alright I hope.

Yes I suppose I could teach without the teaching course but I know practically nothing about teaching methods and this is especially designed for beginners so I think I shall

take it. The change is, 200.

I got a letter from Donald
a while ago asking me to get him
a job and room. If he knew
how plentiful jobs were and
how idle I am he would have
had more sense. Jobs are very
scarce at least ones that he
could take. I haven't written
him yet but will write him
and tell him that if he wants
one I can only suggest that
he comes to look for one himself.

Well I've written letters for
me as I'll close and do some
more reading. Please answer the
questions if you can in your
next which I hope will be
soon.

Love to all
George.

I forgot to say Harold has
first honor will be Valedictorian
Alice Braudow - Salut -
Miles Van Halseu - History
Ray Martin - Prophecy
B. Hubbard - Bill
Esther Stewart - Charley
Amber.

Dear George -

June 10/24

Sorry you will not get a letter to-day but I have been sick again & Eva had no time to write. Have been in bed, but able to be on the job here tho' I do not feel just rate yet. Last night I addressed Harold's invitations & so I am just writing a short letter to enclose in with the invitation to you. Saturday we went to Albany mainly to get Harold's outfit - we did not get there till 3.30 & most of the stores close 5.30 so we had to hibernate. Bought a blue serge suit & a white pair of pants - this last is ridiculous, but all the boys agreed to dress alike. Also got shirt shoes & straw hat - prices are staggering in fact, people are being literally robbed these days. Eva bought goods for a dress & I got a waist - poor pa got nothing at all for himself for lack of time & money both. We are quite strapped financially at present owing to buying the car - pa did not want to take the money out of bank before July on account of losing the interest - so he managed to scrape it up & paid that much & must still rest next month. I am very sorry for your predicament in the clothes line & will help you out

as soon as we can. You see we tho't
all along you were saving a little each
week & would have at least fear-
ward a suit by summer - Of
course you must have some
thing before long. I hope the blue
coat will last a while with the
dark pants. We were sorry about the
blame but don't worry - You must get
awful nervous but you will have to get
over that. Pa felt sarge's blue over it
for he still feels you have chosen the
wrong profession. Did Mr. Stearns
tell you of any letter to him? I hope
he would be on the lookout for a
Church organ position for you. Have you
made any more attempts in the
Inillard fund? Eva is not yet
settled as to next year. Mr. Perry told her
he would give her a permit to teach
but now all the schools nearby are
supplied with teachers & she does
not want to go where she would have
to board. If he only had told her that
early in the Spring, perhaps she would
have tried to get a school nearby.
I guess Auntie is coming home
next week - She closes school this
Friday & is going to N. Y. for a few
days. I do not know how long
she will stay here - maybe a week or
two or even a month. I told her she
could use the spare room as she
would not have to sleep upstairs.
until she gets a chance to visit us

She wants me to go some where with her but I cannot make any plans on account of the work here. I would expect to work for Uncle Geo. probably from July 1st and then we will be right in the berries season with strawberries - the patch is not as big as last year but berries are much more plentiful. You see we will be very short of help & Eva I will have to pitch in. In regard to Florine of course we would all like to see her if she can arrange to come, but it would be just hello & goodby. I don't see how she expects to get back Thurs. unless to get to Buffalo that night, but probably she has figured it out. Eva says she will try to see her in Albany for a little while, if possible but she would have to jump on a bus or train as pa is too busy to go. If Florine desires she can come down on the train & stay here all night - If Auntie is in the spare room, I guess she would go upstairs for one night. I leave it up to you - of course we would try to make it pleasant for her for your sake.

Mr. Leigh came yesterday & ^{to} opened
my bed room it has been ^{completely}
waiting 4 weeks - I am so tired
being torn up & never settled. To-
day Pa plans to oil kitchen floor
preparatory to painting it. We must
use the dining room for a kitchen
& eat in sitting room for a while.
This is Eva's last week & she is quite
on edge with plans & preparations
for June. Friday - she is not feel-
ing quite so either - rather tired out
& restless. We plan to go see Will & Anna
at Ballston next Sunday if we hear
it is convenient for them & the weather
to fine. Don't know how they are for
we haven't heard since winter. It is
a wonder he has lived this long in his
awful condition.

Pa gets along all right now with car but
we got stalled on S. Pearl St. Sat. night in
an awful mess - I was scared & it got pro-
voked & got out of the car. It is leaning
to run it & does very well - I guess Pa
means to let him run it on the route
with Grandpa, so he can get the rest of
his vacation in. We were somewhat crushed
with the result of the pocket bill - too bad
Pa's. Reload it - We were so sure of an
extra \$300 next year - Grandpa's face is
getting better but it has been awful. I must
keep to churning now - the first this Spring.
Linnisly - to her.

[June 11, 1924]

Dear Mother

Was very glad to receive your
letter today, but very sorry to hear
you have been sick. Don't work too
hard on the housecleaning. Am glad
to hear grandpa's face is some better.
He does have such awful warts.
It's a good thing Coakidge & I
can't have to meet right away
for I'm sure he would receive
anything but civil treatment. If
you haven't already mailed
check for the \$25 don't do so
for I'm sure they will hold the
\$25 till July and any way I
can get everything fixed alright
for Elaine's work is hard &

one of the departments. Anyhow
by that time perhaps I can have
the money lined up. I wish
I didn't have such a bookworm.

I'm very sorry I can't be
there for the commencement,
I want to very much but it's
not possible.

I'm writing this hurriedly so
you'll get it tomorrow. Will
write more later, don't worry
and don't let po. worry.
Everything will come out alright.
Hope you're much better by now.
Grandpa too.

Love to all,

George.

Catskill, N.Y.
June 17/24

My dear George -

I am sorry you will not get a letter to-day; I know you will be disappointed. Both your letters last week were received the same day & I meant to answer at once but we have been so busy & so sporty the last few days that we have just lived in one grand rush. Besides, I wanted to enclose a check & could not do so until we had the money to deposit. Pa will get his check to-day & deposit it, so I will enclose you one. We are glad in your suit & hope it will prove satisfactory. It was very kind

of Miss Holshaw to go with you.
We were glad yesterday to re-
ceive a letter from M. Augeras.
It was very nice & satisfactory. I
shall acknowledge it soon.
Don't get so provoked at Coolidge
that you can't vote for him
next Fall - "Keep Cool & vote for
Coolidge" - It was indeed about
that veto, but he had good
reasons & I believe he is O.K.
Well, I had to go to the Cinema & Home
Ginn Friday to please & to
help Eva, tho' I really did not
have the time. Grandpa took
me out about 10.30 - I had
all the supplies to take. It
was a cloudy morning but
did not rain till after 3,
so all had a good time. He

Union school was there too
between 50 & 60 people and
they had 5-3 quarts of ice cream
& ate it all up - there was loads
of food and Mrs Boehm was
self appointed boss. Eva
had arranged some games
for the children & gave them
prizes for their work - that is
one to each grade. If she had
known sooner ^{that she could teach longer} I think she would
have tried for the school for
another year, or else another one
near by, but its late now. Pa & I
were booked for the Grange that
night but I was so near dead I
could not go & was glad to get to
bed. On Saturday afternoon & Even-
ing we had to attend a S. S. Con-
vention at Medway - Pa is president
& was expected to preside.

Eva was too tired to go, so just father
went taking Mrs Cooper with us -
Mr. Mrs came with a load after
supper for he was booked for an
address. Most midnight when
we got home & had to get up soon
after 5 A.M. to get ready to go to
see Anna at Ballston. We
all went, even Grandpa, & got
started 10 to night - remarkable.
We do not care for Sunday
joy riding especially on the
main road but going so early
the traffic did not bother us &
we got there about 11. Mill is
very bad - is in bed & will probably
never get up again - he looks
awful & is very weak. They were
so glad to see us. Pa took Anna
out for a ride while I cleaned up

the dinner³ We got started back
about 3.30 - found our
way to Glenville after making
several wrong turns & had
a short call with Mr. Drumm.
We came home from Schen.
W. Albamout & over the Hildebergs
to the Camp Pennicall road -
it was a long but beautiful drive.
Just this side of Tommas's we
got out of gas & had to walk
back for some - this was quite
a delay, so it was 10 P.M. when we
got in the house, tired & stiff, having
ridden 168 miles, the longest we
ever did in 1 day. But we were
glad to get home a live - it really
is not safe anymore on the
main roads on Sunday. I
was too worn out Monday to wash
so we did it this morning.

I will try to get Lou's clothes ready
to send back to -morrow. Eva
had to go out to school yester-
day to finish up & did not
get back till after 2 o'clock.
Auntie is in N. Y. this week
& we do not know yet what
day she is coming - not before
Thurs. anyway. In all householding
our cleaning business - The
kitchen is once more neat
& in order & we moved back
there last night. This afternoon
pa is going to work in dining
room & our room.

Harold has just come
home to dinner & is parading
around reciting his speech
so I guess I must stop. Love for pa & ma
Clemmie, Homer.

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THIS SIDE OF CARD IS FOR ADDRESS

George B. Van Schaack,
250 Park Ave.,
Rochester, N.Y.

Wednesday evening June 27/33
Dear Geo
I received your letter
to day - it certainly contained
good news but really we do not
want you to give up the degree
course - even for money - we
were so pleased you had de-
cided to take it. Yes, buy the
sport shirts - we can wait for
anything else you need. I
has gone to the Pleasant Knapp
at the Knappe to night - it is
grand for next - she wished for
you to go with her. We attended
the Commencement last night
it was fine - Harold was one of four
to receive spelling prize - Grace
was Val. & Dickson Val. About
1st Prize - Here is a certificate for you
We learned yesterday that Pa can-
not get the course she needs at
Albany so must go to New York to
summer school which she will
next Monday. She is good with her
We will drive down (30 mi) on
Sunday. Some hustle to get ready
She will leave to day & go to
Catakill to start. Monday, 1st day
beries Tues. - 2nd day, 8 to day.
Lovingly, Mother.

[June 27, 1924]

Dear Mother.

First I will say that if pa has not already mailed a check she need not. I had a long talk with Dr. Stanton yesterday and she advised me not to take the summer course for reasons long and deep which I can better explain when I see you. However she did say I should try to get away from music and take some recreation. She also told me to have a talk with Mr. Gleason today as I did and he said that since she had advised it he would second it. He said he was quite sure I wasn't eating right that I should give up meat and heavy food

which is very bad for a person
with a sedentary occupation and
to drink lots of milk and eat
lots of vegetables. He also said I
must plan on at least three
hours outdoor recreation
every day rain or shine. He
suggested walking and tennis
and if I wanted I could
afford it golf.

So I've decided to give up
the summer course and do
what they say. I shall be able
to earn more money at Halesham
and also have my after noons
off for recreation. While I would
like the golf for I'm crazy
about it and am going out
on the links with Paul Berlin
tomorrow the games are so
long it would make it incon-

at school about a course in
Flow Card writing which she has
been taking. The course is \$4.00
and at the end one saves from
\$1.00 to \$2.00 an hour. Well I guess
I'm skeptical and she is also so
she is having the Chamber of
Commerce investigate it and
if it's alright don't you think
it would be a good idea for
me to take it. I could finish it
by the middle of September.

I sent my laundry to you today.
I wonder if you could try to send
it back a bit early next week so
I would get it before I leave
Thursday afternoon because I
may need some of the things in
it tho' of course I can always
get along. But I can't work
hard once it if you have

nearest. The price really isn't
 very much in comparison. However
 I shall take up tennis I think.
 Paul here plays some and
 Harrie also. Harrie has a net
 and lives about a half a
 mile from the public courts
 so I suppose we shall play quite
 a lot. I think I'll also join the
 "Y" and take the swimming. The
 course is not free as I wrote.
 One must join the organization
 (summer term 4 months \$1) and
 then one gets all privileges. I
 could do that about two
 evenings a week.

Well I suppose your worry
 is now about the organ course.
 Well, I've been talking to a girl

other things to do for I know
you're very busy just now.

You certainly are having some
trouble with the Vic. I'd bet
pa is glad his out of the
superintendent's company is it he? I
wonder how it will all come out—

I wish hope by his going out soon.

Tell Eva that so far as I
know Elaine did not receive her
letter so that's why she hasn't
heard from her.

I wonder how graduation went.
Of course I know Harold did
alright. I'd know that the U.S.'s
are all out maybe some body
else will have a chance at honors.

Tell Eva I'd answer her letter
soon. Remember me to auntie
and tell her to please forgive
me for not writing.

How long shall she stay. Tell her
I think she's trying to avoid me. I
haven't seen her for two years nearly.

We've been having quite some nice
weather for the past two or three
weeks. I hope it will continue.
How are the crops at home
getting along. It hardly seems
warm enough here yet to be
right for lots of things.

Tuesday morning I was invited
to the wedding of the fellow
who has been living with the
Habibans. It was a double
wedding at Corpus Christi Church.
It was alright but of course quite
simple and since it was the
first I had ever seen I can't
compare it with anything.
The party Sunday night wasn't
quite so dry as I had expected.

I stayed till eleven I think. Of course they succeeded in persuading me to play, but as per usual it was quite a farce altho' no one knew it but myself.

Well news is scarce and if you are to get this tomorrow I shall have to stop now.

Love & all
George

Catsackie, N.Y.,

June 29, 1924

Dear George:-

I am so sorry I had to neglect writing to you this last week but I know you understand how fully occupied I have been since Friday I thought I would at least send a card, but did not get a chance. Your letter received yesterday caused me some concern and I want to know just what is the matter. Are you now out with your work? Who is Dr. Stanton? Is she a medical doctor? I know just what you need & I am the best one to give it to you. You need rest & country life for a while & mother's care. Don't you think you better come home? At least do plan to come about August 1st so as to have time enough to get well recuperated for next year's work. You will certainly do better work if you take a

good long rest. Now I mean this seriously; if you will not come at once, do come Aug 1st. Never mind the money, you will lose it, you will make it up later. I do not understand about that \$40 business you wrote about, but for fear it is a fake, anyway I would not consider anything now till you feel up to par again. Does Mr. Beason think you can take an oration position without the summer work? Don't you think you are able to do a practice what Mr. A. you told you to? I am very much concerned about your health + feel that the city is no place for you in summer in your condition.

You can read about the Commencement in the papers - It was the finest in years and a terrifically hot night, loads of kids who made so much noise only those near the platform could hear. Harold was the best speaker and he did very well - really fine - we were indeed proud of him. The Salutatorian was lame; Willis was poor both in comp. & delivery; Warton was silly & longwinded (very tiresome). Erther's was very good. Even the gentleman who made the address was very poor. Harold went to banquet Friday night, but Eva did not go. Harold has been going on route several days last week. On Tues. he had an accident backing into a car in the landing, damages about \$150 -

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Fortunately pa was injured with Geo
Lamb who saw the whole thing &
took immediate charge of the
adjustment. Our car was slightly
hurt on rear fenders. Some ad-
vice was given & I feared it would un-
nerve it for the evening but
he got compromised & went thro'
all right.

There has been berry picking ^{every}
day but I have not had to help
yet. This coming week will be
the big week & pa is dreading it.
Auntie talks of going to Chautau-
qua on Wednesday but she changes
her mind so much, she may
not go this week. She wants to
take in Rochester & spoke of re-
turning that way & seeing you
but that will not be till the last
of Aug. & I hope you'll be home
long before that. She expects to
be here a week or two the latter
part of vacation.

but we do not feel the same about it. She had a card from Holmes. B. Hubbard & A. Braddon are in Utica attending the State C. E. Convention. Next week, A. Fessell & M. Fannous go to Northfield to attend the Missionary Conference. I don't perhaps Auntie would stay here a while & then take me over there but she has her heart set on Chautauque & wants to get there quickly. She has purchased a monument for Uncle Andrew & I guess does not feel like spending much more extra money this summer.

Pa & Eva were our only representatives at Church & S. S. today. I am heartily sick of going up there & expect to stay home frequently when it is warm.

Did you start the summer course Monday
& then give it up Friday? Pa was going to send
you the check this week. Lavender was the
"long & deep" reasons are. Are you very nervous? Take
hypophosphites if you are - two or three bottles will
do wonders for you. We have "lots of meat and
fresh vegetables" right here so you better come home.
Monday morning - Could not finish yes-
terday as Elwood & children came. I was
so nervous last evening I had to get
bed soon after supper tho' I had promised
Auntie to go sailing with her. - This is
a beautiful day & I guess the wash
will dry soon if I get it out. They have
already picked 44 qts berries & pa
is about ready to start now so I'll
have to close. He wants me to tell you
to give him the address of that show
card concern & he will find out
about it from the Rural New Yorker.
But he says so many of those things
are fakes, it is not safe to invest
money in them without inquiry.

We took her ^{last} night to see
Mrs Nelson. This is a fine laid
on her back caused by being
thrown down by an auto. Poor
soul, she looks dreadful & suffers
so much pain.

Thursday evening we went to
Riverside, where I found
Griffin also Mr. Proaghin.
Elwood is coming here
this afternoon. Did you
know Donald has a position in
the library at Ithaca for the
summer?

It is very warm today & the South
wind is blowing fierce - I fear it
will rain to-morrow. I will try to
get your clothes done & sent back
to-morrow night or next morning.
I hope you will have a pleasant
trip & return safely. Poor Eva did
want to go to camp somewhere

This might interest George.

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MR. CHAPMAN
- "HOSANNA" *Wachs*
MR. CORWIN

P.S. Mr Reynolds says for you to
telegraph bye or message as possible
and that if you think J. and Helen
and go to N. Y. that they will go the
other way and reach Cap Wednesday
night. 9.

Saturday P.M.
Dear Mother: [July, 1927]

Fred and Margaret don't
be scared at this letter for
there's nothing scary about
it. I only wanted you
to get it Sunday (if you
do as I hope) so that you
could write back the same
day (Sunday P.M. if possible
mail on up-train) so
that if you special it
I will hear Monday morning.

Now as to the message. Mr
Reynolds heard today that
he must be in New York
next Friday and Saturday.
So they thought that
the four of us might
start Wednesday morning,
reaching N.Y. Thursday
sometime, going then
Pennsylvania and N.J.
Stay in N.J. Friday & Satur-
day and drive to Cap-
Forkie Sunday and stay
with you Sunday night.
Of course I immediately
said that it would

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not so much in need of
the fact of earlier starting
from Rochester that I
could not go, but they
said I could I said I
would think about it
for about a hour I could
think of nothing I was
so surprised. But I
finally remembered that
perhaps I could stay
with the Pierces I
changed of course that
they might all be on
vacation that was

just see that Aunt
Dall would be home.
Do you know? This is
the main part of the
letter. If she is do you
think I should stay there
three nights (Thurs. Fri. Sat.)
If I stayed in Rock.
All Sunday my carfare
and other expenses would
be eleven or twelve dollars
and I would get seven
dollars more money. So
whatever the trip might
cost me over from a
five dollars would be

The actual^{3.} cost of it.
It seems to me that
it would cost about
twenty or fifteen
dollars. If I could not
stay at same place
as Pierce's. Please
write immediately and
let me know what to
say and do. Whether
I could stay there and
whether I had things
if I couldn't stay there.
Als. if you think I could
stay there write them
to that effect and I will
write them if I hear

from you I would think
I ought to get there.
Also let me know, if
I am going, whether the
Reynolds can stay with
us Sunday night.

The Reynolds says he
and I could room together
for \$1.75 each per night,
four nights. Seems to me
meals would be about the
same per day for four days.
I will enclose stamps for
so you can mail a special
back on the evening train.

I received your letter
 today and was glad to hear
 from you again. I wish
 I could answer all
 your questions now but
 being well have to wait
 till I get home because
 explanation would be
 too long to write.

No I have never used the
 flannel sheet so will
 either buy or send it
 now if I have time to
 do so. Otherwise later.

I have used the bed with
 bottle once or twice
 but suppose I really

don't need it if you
think I don't, I

The school opens here on
the 15th so I would have
to come out on the 14th.
Myself could ^{not} even come out
then and meet the girls on
the train here on the 16th
(I should imagine). Of course
this would depend on
what train they might
take.

I have not moved yet
and probably shall not for
I can't find a suitable
room. There are several
at too great price or distance
and a good one but in
a Jewish family though

one would hardly suspect
it unless one were on the
lookout.

I have not been to see
the DCS and had in fact
forgotten about the
whole idea. The girl
who was taking the course
has gone home to Wisconsin
and I shall not see her again
until fall. I have com-
pletely forgotten my
shortbacked and anyhow
will be too busy partici-
cating in piano when I am
home. There is absolutely
no work for typists
for even very good ones
have difficulty in getting

much work.

Nothing of any note has
happened since Wednesday.
Yesterday I took Mrs. Baker
from all the school. The
office gave me the keys to
the whole building!!

I got a card from Mr
Augier the other day.

He is giving concerts in
the South of France.

I hope you get this Sunday
and can send a reply the
same day. Please tell me
what to do for I would
much rather have a definite
reply than a freedom to
choose. It is best to tell me what
you think I better do. R
Please send the letter special!

George

R.S.

Mrs. Holman ^(the one you need) is planning to
take a week's vacation (probably
the last week in August). Half
jokingly she suggested
wanting to see you where
she can sleep and not
see so many people and
wouldn't have to be
carted all over creation.
I really think she would
come if you would let her.
She would want no attention
at all just freedom to
sleep and rest. You wouldn't
have to do anything special
for her for anything would

As a change from her
present life. I cannot
I don't know whether
she would want to pay
anything or not and
whether we should
she would come but
she said I should ask
you. If you would go
to any "travelling" no "would
be the proper answer.
Other wise I don't know.
She has always been very
kind to me and I know
she would enjoy it very
much. I will take the
responsibility of any extra
work she might make.
George.

[July 2, 1934]

Dear Mother:

Glad to get your letter yesterday. Please don't worry about me. I really don't feel at all bad. I just want a change for a while. Dr Stanton is not a medical doctor. She is the ~~the~~ psychologist for the school. I am planning to come home in August but when I don't know - by the 15th anyhow. Of course I can't have an organ position without the summer course but that really is a small matter for one has to spend a great deal of time for very little money. I don't practice the Angeles's track at present. Perhaps after I come home.

I have heard from the Shaw Card Company in Toronto. The

price is \$40 cash or \$50 by installments.
Of course I shall not start it until
I am sure it is all right. The
Chamber of Commerce here are in-
vestigating it but they have not
reported about it yet. The address
is American Show Card Systems,
Ltd. Adams Bldg. Toronto Canada.
I would like it very much if you
would write to the R. N. Y. and
find out about it.

It was very lucky you was in-
sured for the accident would have
been quite a blow. It surely pays
to be insured tho' it hardly looks
so sometimes.

Yes, Donald told me he had the
position in the library. That was
the reason he didn't come to Rochester.

I have at least been able to get
my marks from school. On the
whole they are not bad, pins
being the poorest. History of Maine A.
French A+, Harmony A+, Ear Training

and joins C².

Please don't worry about me. I am not very nervous and am feeling much better already. I've been getting lots of sleep for the past week going to bed about nine o'clock. I also take a cold bath nearly every morning. Soon it will be swimming time and that will give me lots of exercise.

We are going to start sometime tomorrow reaching Buffalo tomorrow night. We will be in Ellicottville Friday night, Salamanca Saturday night and Buffalo again on Sunday night, getting back about noon Monday. Mrs. Kalithon is going to close shop for those three days and both of them are going on a vacation. I hope you will have time to go away Friday. I suppose this is a terribly busy week for all of you tho'.

I wonder who the Democrats

will nominate. They seem to be
having quite a time.

We have been having a great deal of
nice weather lately, the not very
warm. It blew here since last
Sunday, I suppose a remnant of
the tornado.

I went out Friday with Paul
Beeler to the golf links. Altho'
I couldn't play or try any of the
shots because I was having paid
the fees, I enjoyed his playing and
learned a lot. I was quite worn
out and would very much like to
~~start~~ it but do not see the necessary
\$20 or \$25. Anyhow I like it and
may some ~~time~~ years hence take it
up! Its lot of fun tho' it hardly
looks so.

Please don't say if you wish too
hard and don't worry about me.

Love to all
George.

Catsackie, N.Y.

July 5, 1924

Dear George -

You may wonder how I have time to write a letter on Saturday morning - but I am not able to work today, so that I'd write now instead of to-morrow. I had to lie in bed all of yesterday which spoiled the plans we had made for the holiday. Pa promised to take us for a ride & also go see the "Covered Wagon" at the Community Theater in Catskill. I wanted them to go on without me, but Pa & Eva would not. Last night there was a Strawberry Festival at the Church. But Harold was the only one from here that went. Eva is overrun with the work but perhaps I can help some this afternoon. I will be all right again to-morrow I guess. Harold's grandpa are picking berries. They will not last much longer as the weather

is so dry now the small berries are
drying up instead of ripening.

I guess Harold will start working
at Uncle George's next week but he
does not want to, as he has no wheel
to go back & forth with.

Auntie went away on Thursday
and will probably not return till
the middle of August. She went
upon the bus to Albany & expected
to take the Empire State to Buffalo.
She wanted to get off at Rochester
& go see you & stay over the 4th
but I told her you were planning
to go away for a few days. She
did not ask any particulars &
I did not tell her. I have never
mentioned Florida to her
because she would not un-
derstand & would worry about it,
I fear. I suppose it is all right
but some how I feel you are
getting on pretty deep water
for your present position.

I have no fears² but that Horine
is a very nice girl and her folks
very nice people and I appreciate
their kindness to you. You know
I do not approve of Sunday
parties & Sunday picnics, and
of course, I feel an occasional
one will not ruin your life, but
I want you, too, to recognize
they are not just the right thing
& do not get in the habit of
considering them even permissible.
While I am at it, I might remind
you also that I do not approve
games on Sunday even only as a
distress. Harold says I ought
to have been a Puritan & come
over in the Mayflower because
I have such strict views, but
after all I believe the Fourth
Commandment is just as
important as it was in the days
of the Pilgrims.
I hope you may be able to play

Funny for it is an enjoyable game
& good exercise. I probably never
can have that pleasure owing to
my poor feet. Golf, too, no doubt
is great fun, but in your present
circumstances you cannot
indulge; that is some thing you
have to look forward to.

I suppose you are having a won-
derful trip. It is beautiful weather
here and ideal for touring. Funny
you & Auntie would be in Buffalo
the same night & not know it.
She was on her way to Chautauque
& that if she could make con-
nections she might go to Rayville
Thurs. night; if not, start out Sat-
next morning. I hope you will
have no accidents & return safely
Monday. Write as soon as you can.

Your percents were very good. Can
you not expect soon to tutor in
any of those subjects? What
was your idea about the Show
Cards? To do that instead of

other work? Would you be able to
study it at home here? I do not
want anything to interfere with
your coming home & not later
than the middle of Aug. I think
Auntie plans to come back that
way & stop to see you & possibly
if you can arrange it, come
home together. She will probably
write to you from Chautauque &
you be sure to answer as she
thinks it funny she does not
hear from you often.

We are in a grand way here about
Harold. He passed all his papers
& was the only one qualified for a
College entrance diploma. Now
he wants to go to college instead of
to W. Henson. I have written for
& received a catalogue from
Alfred University - which is a Christian
College near Elmira and just about
as reasonable as I hope. He wants to
go there but we all feel a year at W. Henson

First would be a great help. Still
if by any chance he got a scholar-
ship that would mean \$400 which
is not to be sneezed at by such
poor mortals as we feel we are.
Pa lives in a continual stew as to
how he is going to manage and
he works so hard he is tired out.
But Harold is a great ease & I think
maybe he'll feel better when Harold
is gone to Uncle Geo's. Haying
begins next week & I guess he is going
to try to get Milton to help some evening.
I don't maybe Milton would offer to help
some when we are so rushed. Tuesday
he & Jessie came while we were eating
supper. He washed the car and had 24
help him and Jessie lay in the hammock.
Iva had the clothes to wash & I went over
& picked berries with Pa & Grandpa.
Auntie was visiting at Mrs. Finch's then
I had Milton take me & go for her.
Harold wants me to thank you for that
fine gift - he hates to write letters and
hasn't yet acknowledged all his presents.
He is looking forward to your home coming
so you can accompany him. Pa took the
children swimming yesterday. We had the
fun of hearing part of the Conventum dance on
radio 7 evening at Cooper's Hardware. They'll all
be crazy I fear. Glad you are feeling better.
Love, Mother

THIS SIDE OF CARD IS FOR ADDRESS



George B. Van Schaack,
250 Park Ave.,
Rochester, N.Y.

Catskill N.Y.

July 14, 1924

My dear Gw.

I meant to write to
you yesterday but did not
get time to settle down to
it. Since receiving your
letter, I have written for
forty or more minutes,
but that does not help for
any. But I will try to take
time to write in a day or two.
Your letter certainly disappointed
me but it was not entirely
a surprise as I have been
expecting such news
after all you have told me.
However it is an very unusual
continually but it is not going
to make me sick. I am feeling
fine at present & handling the
work, high as ever. You have
received & expect to receive
today. Beautiful weather. I must close.

Catsagick N.Y.
July 16, 1924

Dear George -

It is so hard to get a chance to write and besides just now I would rather talk to you than write. I am quite banged up to night so do not feel quite up to par. Just before supper I went to the barn to help Pa & Grandpa & Hilbur mow away a big load of hay & before we got started I stepped in the hay hole upstairs over the feed room. I did not go down but caught myself and my left arm which is somewhat sore also my whole side & shoulder. Grandpa & Hilbur pulled me out & lay on the floor some time before I felt able to go to the house. Eda came out & took my place. No doubt I will feel some stiff to-morrow. I did not see the whole picture was Lagoneer it but of course I knew I was there.

I will not write much in re-
gard to the matter you write about
as I would rather talk it over with
you. It is the natural result of
being so familiar and perhaps
you are just suited for each other.
But I wish it had not come
so soon - it puts an entirely dif-
ferent aspect on the future. Of
course it must be a long long way
off for it will be some time be-
fore you can support a wife as
Florence has been used to and you
will need all you can earn for
some time to complete your edu-
cation. Long engagements are
all right sometimes but it means
loads of patience & forbearance
for both parties. I will keep you
secret as long as you want me to.
I've guessed it as I would not let
her see the letter as per usual but I
did not tell her she had guessed right.
From what you have told me of
Florence I'm sure she's a true pre-

and I would not have it otherwise
for I feel the very necessity ought
to be for you. Of course I want to
meet her also her parents, but trust
they may be able to come when
Auntie is not here - it would be
better perhaps. She said she
was coming about the middle
of Aug. Do I understand you
are coming with them & then go
out to N.Y.? However it may
be we will be glad to see them
I could put the cot up in the
parlor for Florine & let her folks
have the spare room. We
had a letter from Mr. Dunning
last week - he was attending a
10 day session at Cornell for
rural pastors. He expects to motor to
N.Y. for Rachel about the middle
of Aug & is going to stop with us
over night.

We had a full week last week - Made

straw berry jam & currant jilly - cultivated the Mission Society (15 Ladies) on Wednesday - we had strawberries & cake - on Thursday Eva had her S. S. class here & on Friday she & I went over to Coopers to a W. C. T. U. Luncheon party. - Sunday Evening Jack & I went to see Mrs Nelson who is again laid up owing to an accident - this is her last week in Cascadia as she must break up her home & go to live permanently with her son in Scotia. I wish you would save the papers I sent you that had the account of graduation & Eva's picnic in - or rather cut out those articles for me. When does college open in the fall? I was wondering if Eva could go back with you as far as that. I am dumfounded when I think of getting her & Harold ready to go & then the awful lonesome time to follow. Canned cherries yesterday & now the berries are ready to pick - loads of them too. Too much business. Must be bed now. Love & kisses galore. Mother.

To My Son

Do you know that your soul is of my soul
such a part;
That you seem to be fiber and core of my
heart?
None other can pain me as you, dear, can
do;
None other can please me or praise me as
you.

Remember the world will be quick with
its blame,
If shadow or stain ever darken your
name.
"Like mother, like son," is a saying so
true,
The world will judge largely of mother by
you.

Be yours, then, the task, if task it should
be,
To force the proud world to do homage
to me.
Be sure it will say when its verdict
you've won,
She reaped as she sowed, lo! this is her
son.

—Margaret Johnston Grafflin.

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P.S. -

Dear Geo -

Have just been
balancing up our bank
account and find
the two checks for \$4.50
& \$25.00 we sent you have
not been returned. Have
you used them? If not
why not - If you doubt
need them or want them
return them so I can
get my balance correct.

Mother

[Aug. 6, 1934]

Tuesday P.M.

Dear Mother:

I suppose you're waiting for a letter. Well as I am too but of course its my turn to write. But its so hot here and has been so that whenever I get a chance to sit down I feel no energy to do the hardest thing (I think) that is to write. I haven't written to Mrs Deaigh in — months and planned myself to write to you, her and Auntie this afternoon but when I got all ready I had no paper and no pen to go and get some. But

I got some before supper and
didn't try to write something
now. There is really nothing
going on at all. Everything
very dead and monotonous.

Every day just like the days
before it. We have been having
lots of nice bathing weather
but I haven't been in yet.

I was going to go Friday
but had a cold and then
last night - Flairer her
cousins and myself were
going but it rained. One
played bridge instead -
I mean they did and I tried
to learn.

I went to the Chamber of
Commerce yesterday. They
had no further word about
the Sharp Clark business

but said they thought it
 such was "bunk" because
 they never could supply the
 cost. She advised me (that
 is the woman at the Chamber
 who had charge of the business)
 to go to see the representative
 of the International Correspondence
 Schools about
 their course. She said she
 understood it was very
 good but that they could
 not of course furnish work
 at home. She said she
 was of the opinion that
 there was not so much demand
 forshaw card writers
 However she was quite
 sure the I. C. S. would
 get me a job if I completed
 the course. I did not

go to see them but may do
so yet. It might be that
they could get a partner
for me if there isn't
so much demand. Some
stones might just need a
person for a half-day.

Mrs. Kalihau has said that
if I could get a place to
put her piano I could have
the use of it for taking
care of it. Of course the
only place I could put
it would be my room.
I have made many measure-
ments and find that
it would fit through my
window and fit in my
room if I had it earlier -

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stead I a bid. Mrs. Halibut says
she has a set for me. Mrs.
Beebe is considering letting
me have it. Of course I
wouldn't want it where
I couldn't practice several
hours a day. She hasn't
decided yet whether I
can have it here or not.
It would cost me \$10 to
get it here and probably
\$20 a year to keep lined.
I could probably get in
three hours a day on it
leaving me to be gotten at
school. That would
make the cost just the
same as four hours at
school with the added
advantage of being able to
do reading etc. extra when

I wanted to. If Mrs Beecher
decides not to let me have
it I think I shall look around
for another place. I can
get one so cheap at 4 or
\$4.50. This is of course a
good time to get a room for
many a month and I
do have more time now
than I will again till
next summer.

Miss Haliburn has decided
to let the Pratt come
for the first three
months while in town. Then
he is going to Florida to
College. He says he will
take any room if I
will let him have it for
two dollars. I think that
it is very cheap for him.

but six dollars is not to be
 scoffed at.

I wished very much I could
 have been at Atlantic City
 last week. The National
 Ass. of Organists had their
 convention there. About
 a dozen went from here.
 From all advance signs
 and from a good Home
 got the convention was fine.

Yes the razor I have seems
 to be very satisfactory if
 one is careful with it for
 it is a bit delicate. It
 is a Vale - Anticrop. You
 probably remember I got
 mine from Charles Milliers.
 I can get one here partic-
 ularly as cheap I thinking

Be sure however that I shall be fed & get home to bed & see the
two sheets now but I have enough for six months to do it.
Love to all George.

You want me to try.

I'm glad Harold can go to
the Herman and that he'll
meet me. Also that Eva can
get some girls to go out with.
She certainly will be glad of
that for its a long way
about. What day does she
have to be there. Florine
would love to have her
come a few days earlier
to visit her.

I'm glad you're getting better
from your fall. But truly
can't you sleep better? I
hope you're not worrying.

I would like very much to
come home the 16th but that
is Florine's death day and she
would like to have me stay. She
had already planned to have me
there for dinner the 17th. I
hope you won't mind. You may

Cossackie N.Y.
Aug. 7th 1924

Dear George:

Received your letter to day and I am going to reply at once so you will get it before Sunday. As you say, each day is so much like the previous one and time flies so rapidly, that it there is another week gone almost before we realize it has commenced. It has been very very hot here for three days to day was the worst, but after dinner we had a shower & now the air is some cooler.

Eva represented our family at the S. J. picnic yesterday. Harold intended to go but was stung by a terrible bee on Tuesday & his ear was so swollen he would not go. The picnic was over at Palenville at the foot of the old Otis elevator about 25 miles from here - some ride especially for the kids in a truck. Mr. Reynolds did not go but Mr. Ries was Soc's general manager. He solicited all the money from the men & he estimates it cost nearly \$50 from the expenses Eva told of - Next Wednesday the church have a clam bake & tickets - too rich for us, I guess.

The Congregation are planning to redecorate the interior
of the church & have appointed the deacons a Com-
mittee with the added members, Ed Webb, Frank Johnson,
& Mr. Weber (the first two not even church members),
and Bert Brandow is general Chairman - Florence
this is all Mrs' doings as they allow him to plan
everything. He is taking his vacation this month.
Last Sunday he preached as a supply - no service
next Sunday at all - Mr. Hageman preaches the 17th.
I am sorry, of course, that you are not to come home
the 16th but I am used to going away for others and
probably this is not the first I shall have to relin-
quish you. I shall be so glad to see you when
you do come - you do not want your work returned
next week, do you? While I think of it I want
to ask you if you never use that Flannel Sheet
to either bring or send it, but if you do use it, keep
it. Don't you know yet what day Eastman School Term
find out & let me know - we must soon make ar-
rangements for Eva's trip. It would be fine if
Eva could visit Florence but that will depend on
how she goes. There are several from this vicinity,
(that is Albany, Schenectady & Saratoga) that may
go together - in that case they would probably take
a through train to Grand Rapids. We may go to see
the girl in Albany on Sunday. Auntie has mes-

the president of Hope at Chautauque & got him
interested in Eva. Then yesterday I had a letter
from one of the Prof.'s wives who used to live in
Newton & knew Auntie - she, too, is ready to be
her friend. Today Eva had a letter from a
junior girl who has been appointed her "big
sister" according to the college custom. The
money draws near & we have loads to do yet for both
the children. Harold is not as jubilant as he was
& I fear it is because some of the girls & boys
have teased him about going to a religious
school to please mama - where he will be put
to bed early & not take cold. One of the girls told
Eva this but H. does not know we know it.

Too bad some folks can't be in better business.
Rebecca filled out the blank for his marks.

Wilbur was here Tuesday night with the whole
family - we persuaded him to take a day off & go to
the picnic - he did & took all the folks.

I went on the route to-day with pa - the first
time this year, but it was too hot for comfort.

In regard to the circus business I suppose you
will have to do as you think best but that does
not defer me from giving our views. I hardly
think Mrs. Beiler would or could stand so much
practicing & it would seem too bad to leave her

She has been so good to you & I feel you are so safe with her. Besides even if you got a cat, I think your room is too small - you would be awful crowded. Why does Miss Holihans want to lend you the piano? I should think she'd need it in a boarding house. Why don't you want to practice at school as you have been doing? Also what advantage would it be financially - Pa says not much & he thinks the old way is best all things considered. From the way he talked, he has not much use for the I. C. S. though they may be all right along some lines. Could you not make use of your knowledge of shorthand & type-writing to make some extra money? -

Pa finished at Uncle Cee's yesterday & we were all glad for it was too much for him - He is getting very thin. On Tues. he was almost overcome by the heat in the field. I too, have been thinking about his birthday. I had thought of a rear view mirror for the car but it is so hard for me to get one here. If they are not too high you could get him one - it would be very useful. He wants a ^{spot} light but they, too, are high. If you can buy an auto eye shade to wear under or without a hat - a green one - I will pay you for it - He wants one but just doesn't get it - probably 50¢ or less. Send for his birthday, if you can. I must stop & get supper - very close again & the flies bite so - sign of more rain.

Friday, A.M.

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Could not finish yesterday as we went to prayer meeting & Aid afterwards. The latter was a lively affair and so effected me that I could not close my eyes all night. Harold & Eva did not feel good & one or the other was up most of the time after midnight. Harold got up at five & went down to the other farm but Eva is not up yet tho' she feels better. I think the excessive heat for several days was the cause of their trouble. Today is much cooler - just ideal for a trip. To night for I are going to a Frange picnic - that is instead of the regular meeting we are to eat supper on the grounds where the hall stands. I hope I will get a chance to rest some first for I'm very sleepy. Have just finished baking pies & must hustle dinner for it is now noon.

Eva must be at Hope on Sept 7th. Don't bother about razor as I will order one from Catalogue when I get other things. If you do not use the hot water bottle bring or send it as we have none now - I suppose E. will have to have one, she needs one so often.

Now my dear boy, don't think I'm worrying
about you for I try not to worry about any
thing any more. Of course I can't help
^{think} think of you & Hilbert & the others & most for your
best welfare. I have tried to show you all
the right road & if you deviate I don't see
what I'm to blame. I hope you are feeling
better. - Pa told me this morning to tell
you he would rather you'd buy a second hand
typewriter & maybe if you tried you could
get some work of that kind now that you are
acquainted - you never tried that in Rochester,
did you? Couldn't you arrange to practice
your shorthand some while at home? Any
way Pa says not to sign your name to anything
as the D. C. & Clove are the "devil" if you do &
they are in it for the money & leave no stone un-
turned to get it. I hope you will bring some
music & be able to play - it won't do to refuse
now, you know, if you are requested to do so.
Mr. Dumont & Rachel are to stop here on their
way from N. Y. on the 20th or 21st probably
for overnight. I must hasten now
as pa will soon be here. Write soon and
answer all my questions.

Lovingly, Mother.

[Aug 3, 1921]

Dear Mother: Friday Aug.

I'm sending my laundry to day
You'll probably note quite a
lack of things but I'm washing
my sport shirts and golf socks
and wearing them so much
that I don't get the other
clothes dirty. You'll
probably note that four of
the five pairs of socks are
new. Please return the
can however. You'll
have to stuff it with
paper but I must leave
it to send things home

in. If you can, send one
of the fruits / underwood
some handkerchiefs, and
so I callas back with
it. Don't send the rest of
the stuff.

I wonder why I don't
get a letter.

Love to all,

George.

[Aug 13, 1904]

Dear Mother.

Was very glad to get your telegram and letter. Thank you very much for telling me to go. I hope the Pierces won't mind my staying with them three nights as I just wrote Therselle I wished to.

I hope you are feeling better by now. Please take care yourself. Miss

Helen thanks you very much
for letting her to come but
is not sure she can
come now. She says she
will know soon. If you
want a real definite answer
write me at Pines and I'll
write her for you. There
would be little use in
keeping Anita away if
Miss Hatcher wasn't coming.

We expect to go to Cayahie
in time for supper Sunday
but I will write more
definitely later. We have been
7/3 tomorrow morning and
stay in Stanton tomorrow
night. I mailed a large
package home today.

You better open it when it
comes for them ^{see a couple}
I pants ^{and coat} pants which
sell yet quite wrinkled.

Hoping to see you all
Sunday and love to all

George.

[Sept. 15, 1937]

Monday P.M.

Dear Mother:

I wonder how everything is going. I hope you are much better by now. Please take good care of yourself. I thought all day of Lois getting ready and wonder if she got off alright.

Nothing much happened today. The Angieros isn't back yet so I didn't have the lesson I expected. I saw Mr. Deen and he sent me to the Dean of men at the University. He said he couldn't give me final credit for the course I had done at Syracuse for the classes

I had there were two hour a
week classes and there required
here three hour a week classes.

But he said I need do no
more work in these subjects
(Rhetoric + Italian) but must
take an extra two hour a week
course but since there is no
such thing here I shall have
to take a three hour a week
course and I suppose it
shall be in French. I have yet
to see Mr. See about it and
get it straightened. There
have been several additions
to the course here so that
I don't think I can take
both English + French this
year.

I have not met the director
yet but every one says he is
very nice. He looks a little ill.

He is only 28 years old. He wears a jacket - I suppose to make him look older.

The Halibuts were very glad to see me back and have plenty of work for me. We had twenty three for dinner tonight.

Everything seems to be as noisy here. I suppose it's because I was in the country so long. However the first week went like a dream and seem like so many minutes. I had a lovely time and wished I could have stayed longer. I hope you will all there take good care of yourselves.

With lots of love
George

[Sept 17, 1924]

Wednesday PM.

Dear Teacher,

I was disappointed today not
to hear that you were better but
I suppose you have been so long
since we left that you have had
no time to write. I hope by
the time your call in all
gone. I had a birthday card
from Harold but have heard
nothing from Eva.

The Angieres arrived today
but I have had no lesson yet
and have done little printing
for it takes so long to get
everything straightened out.

I have decided to take English
and Gym this year instead of
French because it comes out
so convenient - twice. I should
be satisfied for I want to
get the third English course
out of the way.

I hope you are all three
well and not worrying too
much. I hope to hear from
you tomorrow.

Love to all

George.

[1932]



THIS SIDE OF CARD IS FOR ADDRESS

George B. Van Schaack,
250 Park Ave.,
Rochester, N.Y.

Catsackie, N.Y.
Sept. 17/24

Dear Geo -
Was glad to get
your card & letter. I was able
to get up Monday by the time
I got in all ready in time.
Donald called at 3 per say
time to help lift truck in the
major. Milton, Jessie, Wanda
up in their car. I had five
other girls to travel with. We
watched the train move out.
I rec'd a letter from
her today but nothing of
I don't worry tho' for I'm
sure all is ok. I guess Hilda
is or has been homesick from
the tone of his letter. My cold
is still bad but I'm able to work
right along. Papilo miserable
but we are both in the fashion
hope for children do not
get it. Auntie had it too. I
write my work today. I will
visit you on Monday till 10
Send love to my father &
Mother.

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THIS SIDE OF CARD IS FOR ADDRESS

George B Van Schaack
250 Park Ave.
Rochester, N.Y.

Wednesday Noon
Dear Geo -
Glad to get
your letter - am
sending the mail
to-day - could not
get all your traps
in this time. Heard
from all the kids
all o.k. Beautiful
weather - grandpa
has fine work made
& he is going this
afternoon too. We
went to Duluth at
11 o'clock last night
Love
Mother

[Sept. 19, 1903]

Wed. evening -

Dear Mother:

This will only be a short letter
for I have a bad cold and
want to go right to bed.

Don't worry however. It is
only in my head. I took
a big dose of castor oil
tonight and am going to
take quinine also.

I found Pratt here
Sunday night because I
had made a mistake in
the date when I wrote

him. He stayed also on Monday
night. Sunday night he stole
all the bed clothes consequently
I got up with a cold. He
smokes incessantly so you
can imagine how the
room smelled. Its getting
aired out slowly. I haven't
had time or ambition to
straighten up yet and tonight
when I went to look for
writing paper etc I couldn't
find none, so I borrowed
from Mrs Beecher.

Everything is getting
started all right at school.

I had a ^{you} or you lesson today
and an organ class lesson and
piano lesson tomorrow.
I practiced for the first
today and I can tell you
it feels good to be back
practicing.

I hope Eva is better
by now. I received the
card yesterday. Don't
worry about me. Im
going right to bed now
and don't expect to get
up till 10:00 about tomorrow
morning.

I have to all
George.

In enclosing the bills. The
time delay is because I take of
the New York. Mr. Wilson
is temporary director of
the school. He may be
permanent but I doubt
it.

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Colesackie, N.Y.
Sept. 21/24

Dear George -

I hope you have not that I have forgotten or neglected you for you & the others are in my mind continually. I think I have missed you more than any time, to day - It does seem as if it is time some of the youngsters walked in. I have been very busy all week trying to catch up so have had really no time to be loquacious. My cold still hangs on & well I guess for some time. But as long as my head does not hurt I can manage to keep going. I cough & raise almost continually & blow my nose, especially mornings. I did not go to church to day for I knew I would cough all thro' the service

as I did at prayer meeting on
Thursday. This afternoon Pa
& I went over to see Ed. Rey-
nolds about R. S. business - Ed.
my wife refused to let me have
the Record book to order the sup-
plies & he hasn't time enough
to make her do it. We had some
plain talking & when we came
away he agreed to try to get it.

Then we went over to see Label
& got home at 6.30. - I must
wash tomorrow as Grandpa
must go next day to help
D. Schoonmaker fill sils.
Had a letter from Auntie
but no time yet to answer it.
Wonder if you have heard from
Eva or Harold. We had a card &
a letter from E. glad she reached
here O.K. - I'm wondering if she
will stand it - that is, I know she
can if she does not run too heavy.

This house was in an aw-
ful shape - every room -
got downstairs cleaned up but
it will take some time to
clean up stairs - I'll have more
than one bon fire.

We are having fine Micromelanos
now - also grapes to-day
too bad we could not have
these things while you were all
home. - I have peaches to can
also plums & blueberries -
did 9 cans of lours on Thurs.
Wm's need as many as usual.
Mama & Jessie were here Tues.
night & Thurs night but not for
long either time. We met them on
State road to-day coming
from the South.

I sent you trash yesterday. The
blue points are still here - do you
want them? I do not see anything
to mend on them.

The pears are barrels but not ripe
enough yet to eat so you can lay
them away for a day or two. I will
send the papers you bet. - tomorrow
& just forward to Eva as soon
as you read... I did not send
literary as I did not know
if you had read or not. If you
haven't answered Auntie's
letter, do so if only by postal to
acknowledge the money -

Grandpa seems to feel better & tries
to be cheerful for he sings as usual.
I must stop now for I must
write to Eva. I have plus her only a
card so you two pa write a letter.

Hope you are settled by now and
in running order. We enjoyed
your visit home very much & regret it
had to be so short. - The books in Wash-
case is for you to read - also for Florence if
she hasn't read it - We sent it to a when
she was in Northfield. Lovingly Mother -

[26 Sept. 1924

Thursday night.

Dear Mother:

I hope you are much better by now. I know it is very hard to get over a cough but it is bad to let one hang on. I was very glad to get a letter and hear that you are up again. But please don't work too hard now.

I am very sorry to say that I shall have to ask for a check of ten or twelve dollars if you can send it. Tuesday I found out that the books for the "Form" class cost about twelve dollars.

I haven't got them yet but
have ordered them. I had hoped
to get along without asking for
any money but this was an
unexpected blow. Luckily this
is the only class that costs so
much tho. I have to buy
quite a little for the other
classes. However I don't
expect I shall have to get
any more for this course
this year.

The English course is very
good but requires hours
and hours in reading. I'm
quite a bit behind already.

I was very glad to get the
wood with pears and cookies.
Thank you very much. The
job on the docks is fine.
Also the sweater & slippers.

As I wrote before send an
 old sweater if you can for
 I should hate to use this
 one so roughly. The blue
 parts you speak of are very
 poor in the right breast
 tho' it is possible sometime
 fixed them you may send
 them if you want to. I might
 read them for a few days
 sometime. I received
 the papers today but have
 no time to read them tonight.
 Yes please send all the letters
 at home where you are then
 with them. I did not read
 them at home.

Tell grandpa I'm glad his feeling
better. I hope he doesn't feel
bad from Tuesday's thunder.

Well I must stop and read again.
I hope both you and pa feel
alright now. Take care of yourself
all of you.

Love to all

George.





POSTCARD
THIS SPACE FOR ADDRESS ONLY

Geo. B. Van Schaack
250 Park Ave.,
Rochester,
N.Y.

PAID
SEP 25
1904

Dear Les. Sept 25/04
I am here attending
Mc. H. Convention.
Glad to get your letter
yesterday. Everything
O.K. at Lame. Feel good
but still cough some.
Grandpa's back & hip
are better. Love you
Mother

Catsackie, N.Y.

Sept 30/21

Dear George -

Your letter received yesterday afternoon. We want to help you out whenever it is necessary and we can possibly do it, so I am enclosing check for the \$25 you want.

I am sending to Catehill & will have it in time to deposit here before this check is returned. We have tried to keep a going without taking much out of our bank account but we are stripped now to the last cent. - I hope the Clania will be as good as you think & that you will derive great benefit from it.

Your wash came yesterday also and we expect to wash today but it is raining hard & has since yesterday afternoon.

so I fear the clothes will not get
dry today, but I will get them
back to you as soon as I can.
Have just been helping J. a
with chairs for walls - some
need to straighten them out.
The roads will be very muddy
today - I suppose this is the
equinoctial. - Have not heard
any more from H or E. but hope
to get something today. G. Toward
wld pa yesterday, they did not get
to Mt. Vernon till Sunday morn-
ing. They did not see H. as he had
just gone to Chapel. - I am
enclosing a bulletin for you to read
and I want you to read it some
time soon - it is interesting & in-
structive & tells you why you should vote.
Sorry to say both candidates for governor
are W's & I in company with thousands
of others will not vote for any W's candi-
date. There is a movement on foot I
think to substitute a dry candidate
he may not be elected, but it would
teach the Republican politicians that
dry Repub. will not stand for W's
candidates. You may be a W or a R.
but be Dry thro' & thro'. This is not a
only good advice. Lovingly
Mother.

Read. [with Sept. 30, 1924]

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"GET OUT THE VOTE" CONFERENCES TO BE HELD IN EVERY COUNTY IN NEW YORK STATE.

This is Presidential year. A Governor for our State is also to be elected. In the final analysis the question of who shall be President and who shall be Governor will be decided not by the good intentions and best wishes of civic sluggards, nor by the scolding and the sulking of disgruntled voters, but by the ballots actually cast on election day.

In recent years there has been a startling and steady decrease in the percentage of people who vote. In 1896, 80 per cent of the eligible voters of the country went to the polls and voted; in 1900, 73 per cent; in 1908, 66 per cent; in 1912, 62 per cent; in 1920, 49 per cent.

At the National election in 1920, according to the United States Census Bureau reports, there were 2,264,873 "ballot slackers" in New York State, that is, men and women who were eligible to register and vote but who failed to do so. Many registered who failed to vote, but many did not even register.

The worst elements in our large cities register and vote in much larger proportion than the splendid native American element of our rural districts. For instance, two years ago at our State election only 5 per cent of the registered voters in greater New York City failed to vote. Tammany rolled up the enormous majority of 479,110 for Al Smith for Governor in that great city; but in the upstate counties—all counties outside of Greater New York City—there were 602,690 registered voters who did not vote. In many upstate counties from 30 to 50 per cent of the registered voters did not vote.

Therefore, in 1922 Governor Smith was elected by 385,945 majority, but that year he received only 135,858 more votes than he did in 1920 when he was defeated for Governor by Nathan L. Miller by 74,066 majority! Thus we see that Governor Smith's big majority in 1922 was not due to his receiving more votes that year than in 1920, but because 602,690 registered upstate voters in 1922 did not vote—a very large proportion of whom if they had voted would doubtless have voted for Governor Miller.

These facts show that the neglect of hundreds of thousands of upstate voters to vote in 1922 caused the defeat of Governor Miller and the election of Al Smith. When only five per cent of the registered voters in Tammany-controlled New York City fail to vote and from 30 to 50 per cent of the registered voters in many of the splendid upstate counties fail to vote, it is easy to see how and why Tammany is coming more and more to rule the whole State. In other words, the large foreign, un-American element of New York City in 1922 decided who should be Governor of New York State, simply because more than 600,000 splendid, sturdy upstate American people did not go to the polls and vote.

For nearly two years the New York Civic League has been giving serious thought to these startling facts and studying how to arouse the "ballot slackers" to a sense of their civic duty so as to get out the largest possible vote at the State and National election of 1924. Various business, civic, patriotic and

Catsackie, N.Y.
Oct. 5, 1924

Dear Geo. -

Will I haven't heard
from you since I last wrote
that I try to be optimistic I think
you are ok. unless I hear the
opposite. Haven't much to
write about so it won't take
long to say it. Did you get the
Claria & how do you like it?
Well, this has certainly been a
beautiful day, Fall as a
day in summer. In fact we here
had wonderful weather ever since
that awful storm last Tuesday.
This is the weather for a trip - I'd
wonder so much like to run you
one but cannot, because.
We went to church & S. & meant

to go for a ride this afternoon
but Jake & family came before we
got ready & staid till 5 o'clock.
Grandpa sent a load of produce
from the garden back with them.
The grapes are ripe now but
no youngsters to enjoy them. It was
the first hail on today - it
was fair but not hot. We
have been drying corn, apples,
elderberries & lima beans.
Grandpa filled the coal bin
this week so now we have enough
for all winter, as we'll probably
burn wood in kitchen. Pa
has been repairing & painting
the cutters & wagons - nothing
like being ready for mud &
snow. I haven't started
house cleaning yet - don't

seem to get ² the time or else
haven't the auction. Had
a card yesterday from Mr.
Winnout that he & Ray
plan to come the first of the
week, so we look for them to -
morrow. Thursday is County
S. S. Convention in Catskill -
Paris on program for afternoon
& we are going down after
luncheon. The annual Miss.
Rally is on Wednesday in Cats -
but I don't believe I'll go.

The Harvest Home has been fore -
poned till the 2nd. The painting
in church is not commenced
yet but the walls & ceiling have
been plastered new. I don't see
how they can get in shape by the
2nd but I should worry!

Tuesday night the men are
invited to meet in chapel & re-
pair the chairs - they need it badly.
This was my suggestion at a
meeting - there is barely a
decent chair to sit on.

Thursday evening as we
were going to meeting we were
not counting down - this
same & mailed with found pay.

Next night we all went up there
I thought I was going to hear the
Melodrama from Schen. But
as per usual the radio was not
working good - too much static.
The best place seemed to be
Pittsburg Mrs W. kept trying to get
something else - he ended up by
starting the graphophone.
Don't know when we'll get one

Pa says we are but there is
so much demand for
money all the time: it is
hard to keep or get ahead.
He certainly got comical
letters from H. He is so
original. Today, all the boys
were going to Northfield to
have a sacred concert
with the girls. I really
think he likes it more than
he will admit. Too bad
he does not get more to eat -
he probably gets enough in
the callous line, but that could
leave a person feeling hungry.
Ma must send him some
more soon. Eva has poured
to her face - she says she does
not mind to now, seems to have enough.

Hope is like all the rest - so many
whā unexpected surprises. But
I am so glad E. is contented &
happy. If she is only sensible
& does not over do & break down.
You want her when you write.
We wonder why we don't get your
bills - tho't they had to be paid by
Oct. 6. - How do lessons go, anyway?
Did you see anything of the Rep.
Conventions? I was disgusted to
think they nominated a Met. - I
do not consider him much better
than Smith - I fear it was more
Smith's reflection as many day Reps
would not vote for either. - Well,
I must close - I've written too.
Write for word to Eva. Don't forget to write
to Auntie but don't forget - Must pen-
ciseal - names ^{Attain} ^{Living} ^{Months}



THIS SIDE OF CARD IS FOR ADDRESS

George B. Van Schaack
250 Park Ave.
Rochester, N.Y.

Capsackie N.Y.

Oct. 9/24

Dear Sep.

I know you are busy but why not just drop a card & say ok. Haven't heard a word since we sent checks. Where are the school bills? I went to Catskill yesterday & I go this afternoon again - I am getting to be some sport but I am not so lonesome when I can go so it's a long winter ahead. Had a telephone message last night that Bill Blt's is dead. I suppose you will go to funeral Saturday morning.
 Lovingly
Marian

[Oct. 8, 1924]

Tuesday 8:15 P.M.

Dear Mother:

Well the first and most important
of a whole line of things I want
to do this evening is to write to
you. I'm sorry it's been so long
but somehow last week seemed
so short that it was gone be-
fore I knew it. Then I decided
to write Sunday but I spent all
my time then reading, enjoyed
lots. I read two - one a
fairly short one "Are you -
Branche?" by Gilbert Burgess
(read it if you have time - its
short and better than mine), the
other a play - then I had

by Rivers, It was quite
long and uninteresting. But
anyhow I've got them read
and that's the chief point.
Now for the next two weeks
I must read "The Return of
the Native" by Hardy. It's
quite a long book and
is yet quite hard to read.
I must also write a report
on it. After that I have to
read either Vanity Fair or
Peckham's - I quite
dread either for Peckham's
is so deep - so I've told
well I've been vaccinated
and suffered no ill effects,
I had it done last Sunday.

There are said to be 47
cases in town as Din had
Din vaccinated. Din
said it's reaching for there
is quite a case. People
here are being vaccinated
by the hundreds.

School was closed yesterday
P.M. for memorial service
for Mr. Pries who died
last Saturday. He was a
teacher in the school and
one of the most famous
cellists in the world. Also
one of the nicest men I ever
saw.

Thank you very much
for sending the money.

Flora went with me
Saturday to get the album.
I think it is very good
and hope to make good
use of it. I have already
had an offer to sell it
so you see I can get my
money back any time.

I succeeded in buying
a sweater from Paul Beale.
He had a used one in very
good condition which he let
me have for \$1.50. I have not
yet had occasion to use it.
I think the "gym" is doing me
good but I hate it as usual.

The class in James D
spoke of as the one in
which we study the

structure of musical compositions and it promises to be very interesting. Our instrumentation class will also be interesting. In that we study the orchestra. The orchestral concerts start next week and we are required to go to all of them.

I have applied for a job to check in ~~the~~ Pelham Hall for the chamber music concerts. I think I will get it and thereby have 15-⁰⁰ fine concert free.

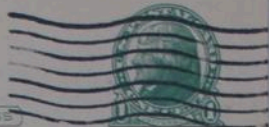
Thank you for the bulletin,
also the address but I read
in the paper that the WCTU
have endorsed Roosevelt.

Is that so or not? I saw
little of the convention
endorsed like to have
gone but was too busy.
L. J. Fallett spoke here
last night and J. W. Davis
will speak here tomorrow.
I do not expect Coolidge
will come here for this
city is very Republican.

You have not received
the bill because I haven't
sent it. It should have
been paid yesterday, but

There is \$50 from the
 scholarship, so I should
 worry. I will send it
 soon tho'. However I
 must first have it
 changed for there is
 no credit for scholarship
 down. I haven't the bill
 for the front's carpet,
 well there is little
 more to say so I stop.

I had a long letter from
 Eva saying she was getting
 along fine but I haven't
 answered it yet. Hope
 everyone is feeling fine
 Don't worry or work too
 hard. Love to all
 George.



THIS SIDE OF CARD IS FOR ADDRESS

Mrs. M. B. Van Schaack,
Cayserie
New York.

Friday P.M. 11.11.11

Dear Mother:

I had received your card
and am sorry you are so
worried. I sent a long
letter Tuesday which you
should have got Wed.

If you didn't, tell me
and I'll write it over
again. I suppose it
got rejected straight. I
have to show my H.S.
certificate in lieu of
having an examination
to get you received the
letter and love to all
George.

Coyssackie, N.Y.

Oct. 13, 1924

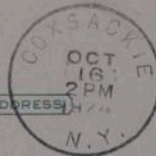
Dear George-

Your letter was received the same day I sent you that postal so my mind was relieved - but don't think I worry. I don't, only just wonder. I saw in the paper about the smallpox epidemic in Rochester, also in Amsterdam. I'm glad you got vaccinated and that it did not make you sick. Yes, it is true that the N.C.P.U. at the State Convention endorsed Roosevelt on account of the law enforcement the Republicans put in the campaign plank. But that is partially a blunder, I fear, and I am not won over & won't be I fear.

The Anti Saloon League sees thru
the scheme and is not afraid to
expose it. I will put the last
copy of the American issue
in + will mark the most im-
portant articles for you to read
if I get time. I consider the
selection of governor a choice
between two evils tho' no doubt
Smith is the worst. I'm glad
you decided to register for I
would not want you to be in
the class of non-voters who this
year will be called slackers.
The pictures are finished and
we will send them this week -
I can put yours in your wash.
Grandpa went up to Ballston
on the noon train Friday and
returned on the 5:10 Saturday.

It must be quite a relief to
Anna and yet she will be
so lonesome. I want her to
come down for a visit but
don't know if she will. I
have been rather sporty this
week going to Catskill twice.
On Wednesday 3 ladies went
with the bus - we got back at
5 o'clock. Next day pa & I
went after dinner - quite a
number went by train. Mr
Brought Mrs Cooper, Margaretta
& Miss Kitty home; Mr. Mies did
not go at all - we don't know why.
I should like to go to Albany for
the State Convention 15, 16, & 17th
but must be glad I can go Friday.
Mr invited Margaretta & Mrs W.
Hallenbeck to visit us - Mrs Cooper
will go Wednesday & sit with us.

Your Wash came yesterday & we
try to do it to-morrow. Will you
be surprised to hear we plan to
attend services in Schenectady
to night - that is just put the car
phones on & listen. Yes, for Lee
actually bought a radio from
Fred Grease - it is only a tube but
looks fine - we have it under
the mantle on a table. Milton came
& helped put up the device yesterday
& after supper they went for the radio
& installed it. First station we got was
Cleveland. Tried to hear N.Y. this after-
noon but it fluctuated & was not
satisfactory. Tuning in comes by ex-
perience. Have you written to Aunt?
Harold went to Greenfield Monday
& to Brattleboro Tues. - some sport.
Now it is dark & time for supper -
Beautiful weather.
Loveingly, Mother.



THIS SIDE OF CARD IS FOR ADDRESS

George B. Van Schaack
250 Park Ave.
Rochester, N.Y.

Cape Actie Oct 16/74

Dear George:

I hope you get
some time to enjoy this
beautiful weather. I
would like to be outdoors
all the time. Have had
some frost so the flower
bed is spoiled, but the
Carnas are just beginning
to bloom. The early frosts
do not hurt them. All
well here & everything. Grand-
pa is anxious to get the
garden produce tended to
for he fears very cold weather
before long. Do you have heat
in your room quite chilly
evenings. Don't take cold.
We enjoy radish very much -
it is quite thrilling to get
new potatoes - it is like a
new toy - a job to leave it alone.
Love
Mother

[Oct. 15, 1929]

Friday P. M.

Dear Mother:

I'll try to write a letter tonight so you'll get it tomorrow. I was glad to get your letter and the laundry with the papers Jim + cake. Also the picture. But most glad and tickled to hear that you have a radio. I know you'll enjoy it lots and from now on will be fine weather for it.

My vaccination worked fine and I had no sickness from it at all. I guess the epidemic has died out here for there have been no new cases since Oct 4.

I haven't read the papers yet
but will try to soon. I suppose
I shall vote for Roosevelt. There
was a very great crowd to
hear him here.

I suppose you have been to
Albany today.

Everything is going all right
here except that I have lots
to do. I'm just finishing
"The Return of the Natives" by
Hardy. It is exceedingly interesting
and I think you might enjoy
reading it. Do try to read
some this winter.

I have been doing quite a
lot of practicing lately and
the Angier as says I have
made as much progress
in one month as there last year.

The Rhetorician gave its
first concert last evening.
It played fine and gave
some good music. All quite
modern however. It was
too long tho, I didn't enjoy
the last part, I was so
sleepy. All the regular
students had free seats. Some
wealthy ones gave them.

Next Monday I am to
check in Kilbourn Hall
and will thereby hear the
concert (Friedrich Lamond
Pianist). I think we also
get a dollar and tips. If
nothing happens I can
do that fifteen times this
year.

I am in great need of a desk
and Miss Halihan has offered
me one but I must have
a cat if I take it. I am
kind of afraid to ask the
Billie to change the bed but
think I will for I do need
a desk very much.

Well I must stop writing if
you get this tomorrow. Yes
I have had heat in my room
since the middle of September.

I hope you are all well and
enjoying the radio.

Let's have to see
George.



THIS SIDE OF CARD IS FOR ADDRESS

George B. Van Schaack,
250 Park Ave.,
Rochester, N.Y.

Dear Geo. Tuesday Morning
Was very glad to get
your letter on Saturday and
would have written you on
Sunday if I had felt well.
Have been laid up three days
but am on the job again this
morning. I will just plenty to
respond to you. Pa has done fine
but I can't hustle much yet
as my head is not very good. Pa
got some medicine from Dr. Holt
but I guess that will fix me up.
Very cold & windy here. The men
are picking up the paper peas - and
the weather is not much better
the cold is much. Pa & I were here
last evening. He is planning to go
to any school for 2 or 3 weeks
nothing to write. Had rather a
blue letter from H. last week. He
had pink eye & could not see
to study - guess he wanted to come
home & they wouldn't let him.
If you get a chance write him &
try to get him to cheer him up if only
a postal. I think he would do it.
I would like something from you if
you wanted to write - you might
be that. She was just at our night
Eva is flower making like a green bay tree
Linnings, & Momet.

[Nov 23, 1904]

Sunday P. M.

Dear Mother:

Received your card yesterday. I can well imagine what took place Wednesday. Well, experience is the best teacher and if it doesn't tell them they'll know all about city life when they leave

N.Y.

Nothing of importance or note has happened here for quite a while. The Opera premiere was very promising. The season started as against 7 First Presbyterian Church to-day with a quartet from Eastern School. They sang five very fine pieces (the same as they gave in New York) I went this morning, and never heard

fine church music.

Thanks very much for the
work on the coast. The cookies
are wonderful. I haven't tasted
anything so good since Sept 14.
Well can't find more to say now
as I'll close and want programs.
Try to hear the recorded numbers.
You'll enjoy them.

Love & a/c,
George.

P.S. - I send good love to your folks. You
will find a few small notes of mine
in the box if you cannot find a card
with name there. I am
yours truly,
J. G.

[Oct. 24, 1924]

Dear Mother,

Glad to get your card yester-
day. I hope you are much better
by now. Don't work so hard.
We too are having some cold
weather but I rather like it
for it gives me pep.

I have a desk at last so
feel that I can get more done
now. So much of my time was
wasted looking for things.

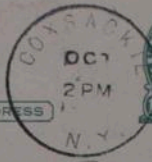
Well I am exploring the
hills this time. Nothing
has been said yet but I guess
I better say that before any-
thing is.

How do you like the radio. I
wonder if you heard the
Russian Show Tuesday. I hope
so far. Don't care it was good.
I hope you'll hear lots of good
music for there is lots
broadcast from N.Y. Try
to hear the on your radio from
Stinner studios in N.Y. They are
excellent. Have you heard
Rocketer. Every one says it's
good. The best times are Tues at 5,
Thurs at 3:30. Also every day at
1:00-1:30, 3-3:30, 5-7 and after-
ward.

Well I had have to stop to go to
school. Hope every one is well.

Love to all
George.

10/5/1907



THIS SIDE OF CARD IS FOR ADDRESS

George B. Van Schaack,
250 Park Ave.,
Rochester N.Y.

Friday Noon -
Dear George -
I wrote to Rose Moe, that
he could come home this
week end - a letter received to-
day from him says he is feeling
better and decided not to come
as next week is less - he is getting
quite sensible. He must go over
to the Hospital Cottage to-morrow
for a rest Sunday and have his
foot litted to; the doctor said
he could cut the nail out.
The harvest home went off an
usual but the main had hardly
not show up. Fannie asked me
to help in the kitchen and as she is
a good friend of ours I said I
would. But I objected and have
suffered for it ever since - must
be very careful. Made about
300 and the net receipts were about
\$175 - If only 25 families had given
what I desire they would have
had more money & no work.
The church looks like the old days
only the ceiling finished. Still been
wet weather - Raisin apples are picked
now comes turnips cabbage & celery.
I must go to bed for the night. It
is night for the night. I must go to bed.
Had been to see the church and more.
Love - Moe

[Nov. 27, 1894]

Friday. P. M.

Dear Mother:

I wonder how you passed yesterday. I thought of you all often and wondered how it seemed at home. You on the whole were more favored than the rest of us for there were three of you.

I staid in bed quite late in the morning for it was my only chance till I got home. Then I had dinner with Halibaus. They had a few boarders which I served. We didn't have turkey, but the duck was

excellent. The rest of the day was chiefly taken up in reading - trying to catch up on English readings. Mrs Beebe asked me down for some sheet and cake about seven o'clock.

This morning I went down to school and practiced three hours. This afternoon I cleaned Mrs. Halibut's piano for her. It was quite a job but not so bad with the vacuum cleaner.

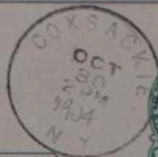
I received the laundry today. Thanks for the cake and apples. Also for the trouble with the cash. I expected you would throw it away.

I received cards from
Harold and Daniel but
had nothing from William
or Eva. Eva has deserted I
guess. I wrote her a long
letter but have heard nothing
since. I hope to write to
several people this week end.

We had a little snow yesterday
and a bit more to-day. It has
been quite winter here for
several days.

Well I will close now and
wrap the papers for Eva.
Hope everyone is well and
not working too hard.

Love to all,
George.



THIS SIDE OF CARD IS FOR ADDRESS

George B. Van Schaack,
250 Park Ave.,
Rochester, N.Y.

Dear Geo. Thurs. Noon.
 The wash case did
 not show up till yesterday.
 I must have your delivery but
 I could not have lent it to
 it any sooner anyway. We
 washed today. I'll return as
 soon as possible but it may
 not be before Feb. Haven't heard
 from Alice yet. but all times
 to O.K. or we would have
 heard. Still be antipiel weather.
 Heard a wonderful address by
 DeFalle the last night from W. H. P.
 Smyrna could get Grimbel's
 Tues. rather hard to get N. Y. We
 did have that station in
 once but it faded away. M.
 heard a Comedy from W. H. P.
 Uncle saw the Miracle told
 me the story. I might expect
 to see the Rep. Kelly from
 Schen. While I do some kind-
 ness for you. The year are busy
 these days with Cab. & Alroy-
 grandpa says its worse than
 keep it a & love - curdouce. We
 have off on all days. Hope
 are ^{all} ^{very} good ^{times} ^{with}
 letters. ^{Love} ^{to} ^{you} ^{all} ^{the} ^{time} ^{with}

Catsackie, N.Y.
Nov. 5th 1924

Dear George

I fear you will be disappointed ~~not~~ to hear from home today, so I will not keep you waiting longer. I received your letter yesterday and I meant to answer last night but was so tired I went to bed early. I listened to the album over radio for a while but it got to be very monotonous & I fell asleep. I'm glad Coolidge is elected and of course Corry Smith is elected. But I felt sure the Republicans had not nominated a strong enough candidate - if he had been a thorough Dry as he ought to have been, I think he could have defeated Smith, but being

so personally, wit and championed
by Radnor. This is about as the
Ocean it left only his promises
for Law enforcement to be any satis-
faction for the Dry & this was not
enough to suit many Dry Democrats.
I hope it will be a lesson to the
Republican leaders. However I
don't think the State or Country is
going to the dogs as the result
of any election & Jones truly will
probably stay in just the same.
Milton left the barrel works on Satur-
day and expects next Monday
to go to the Stewart Unionville
School, Broadway & 57th St.
N.Y. I just hate to see him
go to the big city alone but he feels
confident & independent. I want
him to get a piece for a day or two & see

But he does not want to.
He would say he is coming home
this Saturday but must be back
again by 7 P.M. Monday. He
wants to talk in a serious way
to hear what he has to say. I hope
he has made up his mind that
he wants to do. So after Monday
I want to have any children at
all till Christmas. I do miss
all the children so much, but
I try to be brave and make
the best of circumstances.
Yesterday Pa & I went with Mr. J
over the mail route in the after-
noon just to measure it correctly.
Pa thought he was doing more than
he was paid for but it lacked
just 10 of a mile to be enough
for \$30 per annum more salary.
Yes, we went to Aunt Hattie's on

Sunday - Mr J. W. Left here shortly
after 8 & was back before 6 - spent
most 3 hrs. there & rode 115 mi.
We went by way of Frenchville &
Middleburg the Mayor came home
from there that time I was Camp.
We came back by way of Berne
& Indian Fields. It was a nice
morning but before noon got
cold & windy so we were glad to
put the curtains on the table
& ate it in the woods rather
late in season for such a picnic.
Aunt Hattie is miserable with rheu-
matism & neuralgia but as con-
tented & cheerful as ever. All the boys
were home -

I am glad to get this page
of Radis appointments it is nice
to have to report. So, we heard

Smith, Davis & Casledge on Monday night. It certainly is great. But it seems impossible for us to get Rochester and N. Y. is about as hard tho' we have had just pepers from W.B.F. Broadcasting from distant stations cannot be as strong day times for we rarely can get anything except W.G.Y. before 6 o'clock. I generally manage to sit down to mend during W.G.Y. afternoon programs which consists of a short talk musical selections & sometimes readings & takes about 2 1/2 hours.

I mended all your clothes during the Rep. Radio Rally last Thurs. Eve. but did not notice the moth holes in pants till I was pressing them next day.

To bed, but I did the best I could
mending a number of small holes.
Better put some work halls in the
closet. What did you do about
the overcoat? I'm glad you
have a desk but how do you like
sleeping on a cot? I always think
they are such cold beds for winter.
We have not started house cleaning
yet. I cannot do much without help
& the men spend all the time gathering
& delivering the crops. I suppose we
can do housework later when the
harvest work is thru. Beautiful weather this
week. - We were quite shocked to
learn Friday of the death of Evelyn Williams.
I believe she was buried Saturday. Was
had to go so young, only 22. - I must
stop now & get to work - if I will soon be home.
Loveingly, Mother ^{congratulations on} ^{such great vote.}

Catsackie, N.Y.,
Nov. 10, 1924

Dear George - While you writes to
Eva, I'll pen a few lines to you.
I do not remember when I wrote
last but that doesn't matter.
Nease came home Saturday on
the 5:15 train - Milton met him &
W. J. came to supper & spent the
evening. Nease had a great
deal to tell and his voyage ran
all the time. He looks good &
feels good, too, and I think he
likes the place quite well, but
he is not satisfied because it
isn't college. However after re-
peated discussions, I think he
saw the point & will probably de-
cide to go for 2nd term. His room
mate is not very desirable because
he won't study & that hinders Nease
study hours - but he is a genial fellow

+ tho' he breaks rules repeatedly he
wouldn't squeal on him. He likes all
the teachers except one. He seemed
so glad to get home but if he were here
long he would be like a fish out
of water. We all went up to Wilbur's
to supper & spent the evening on Sat
day. It was Wilbur's last night home
for he left on the 10.18 today on N.Y. &
R.R. Jessie feels awful about it &
Agnes has cried a good deal, but
she must be braver & know it is for
the best. I felt very bad, too, and
we all are going to miss his weekly visits.
Harold left about 9.30 this morning &
he went to Albany on 10 o'clock bus
would reach Greenfield at 3.20 - He
had to be back by 7 & would be by 5
if he made connections. Probably
he would write you & give his impres-
sions of his visit home.

Your mark came Friday but Lane
wasn't home yet to lend to it - 24 -

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feet to reach to ²morrow. I had some mending & pressing to do for Ho. also hunting around for some things he wanted to take - pictures, a rug, a looking glass, etc. He is sorry now he did not continue his violin lessons - he does not practice & so has forgotten much.

It was cold & raw yesterday but beautiful again today - it does not seem as if this weather could last much longer. I hope we may soon get at house cleaning - the vegetables are nearly disposed of but there is corn to husk next, etc.

Well we were delighted on Wednesday evening to hear the Eastman Orchestra & the Organ but could not keep it right thro' - sometimes it was loud & then faded. For the organ first - it was a very long piece & we did not know where it was till we heard the announcement at the end.

We tried again Saturday night but it did not come in. We were unable to get the mail bus to night for had J. W. S. (Simmons N.Y.) very plain but it is useless to try to get anything but W. Y. in the day time.

But I went to France Friday night. They began with an Opler supper & then had a short meeting & program so we got home early, but then we had to hurry. So night we want to hear the Father's & have addresses from Troy after 9.

We started the heater on Saturday but it is really too hot here to-night.

Have not heard from E. since early last week but for had several post cards from her to day to deliver. She certainly is enthusiastic as ever.

I was talking yesterday to Pearl N. Ann Crayon. She said E. married a Catholic & had never come home after as her father did not like it.

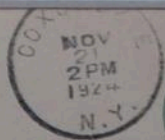
I'm most too tired to write so I'll stop & put in more if I think of it in the morning.
Lovingly, Mother.

Made Whistle from Pig's Tail

When but a boy Eben Tourgee, founder of the New England Conservatory of Music, had a great desire to become a musician, so he asked his father to let him take lessons. His father was a matter-of-fact farmer and could not understand the boy's desire to study music. He seemed to think the project useless and discouraged the boy's idea as foolish. "You can't make a musician out of a farmer's son any more than you can make a whistle out of a pig's tail," the father said; and with that he dropped the matter.

But the boy was not so easily put off. He pondered the matter further and his desire to study music grew. At last there was a pig-killing at the farm. Eben cut off a pig's tail, dried it well, hollowed it, bored holes in it, and placed it to his mouth. There was a shrill sound, a real whistle. He proudly took the

whistle to his father and blew a sharp note into his ear. "See, father," he cried, "I have made a whistle out of a pig's tail." "Why, so you have," exclaimed the surprised father. "Now, can't I take music lessons?" urged the boy. "Well, I s'pose I'll have to let you," laughingly consented the parent.



THIS SIDE OF CARD IS FOR ADDRESS

George B. Van Schaack
250 Park Ave.,
Rochester, N.Y.

Dear Geo. Friday Noon
I want to tell you, Hilroy
has moved to Paris with
him now. They live at 102
West 61 St. - long across
& an alcove with accumbens.
dabius for the last time keeping
the mykura Wed. & W. was to visit
her at G.C. Terminal at 11:15. At 5:15
at 8:30 we had a telegram from W.
that I had not arrived. They
had missed each other in the
crowd but of course we thought
dozens of things that might
have happened. We were in
suspense for several hours
but by telephoning both of them
several times we found out
that she had come to W. by
the Traveler's Aid agent - a lady.
I telephoned to her to find out
the case. Her name is pretty
young & inexperienced to solve
her problem. Life with no
advice I hope but the people see
them next week - now just re-
ceived. You can also letter
from H. She is very disinterested
to Harry - write to him - try to get
made him to go next time. Katharine
W. H.

Catsackie N. Y.
Nov. 23, 1924

Dear George -

Sunday Evening and we have just finished supper - I never wash dishes on Sunday nights anymore. We have several letters to write before Church time, so I'm going to start on one to you. The service I had called to night from W. H. P. is from the Christian Science Church in Lehen. I am not so anxious to go to church there, but still I want to see how they perform - It will be very interesting see, I guess. This afternoon we went out and made three calls - first for a few minutes up to Couleys and then up to Newells and to Ratie's. Did I ever tell you Ratie was living in her new house built just a little side way this side of Newells & directly across the field from Riverside

It is a fine little bungalow but they are not really settled as all the work is not done. A nice place in summer but oh! It will be so lonely in winter, I think Katie seems quite well & looks good. Elise was home and is so far she does not look natural; she has been working on the Mts. all Fall and gained 20 pounds. Did we ever tell you her engagement with Jake was broken?

Wonder if you have heard from Eva lately. She has been admitted to the Darian Society - the one she wanted to get in - she was somewhat excited over it as it seems that is a great event in a Freshman's life there. I am glad she has been invited out for the Thanksgiving holidays. She & Mary Crouch go with two sisters who live in Grand Rapids to their home on Wed. But her last letter had some piece of bad news that is quite a stunner. She has been having toothache & went to a dentist.

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Who examined her teeth & said she has
14 cavities that ought to be filled at once
& one tooth to be pulled - cost \$27.50
Had a long letter yesterday, no Friday,
from Harold - as usual it had several
problems for solution. When he went
back we thought he thought he would re-
turn next term - now he has changed his
mind & wants to go either to Albany or
Catskill & take some subjects for more
pupils' counts. Pa will not hear
of this & is writing him a long letter
now. He is also worried about his
violin for he says he has no time to
practice & has forgotten all he knew.
I have just bought him 2 woolen shirts
& some woolen socks also a pair of
golf stockings to wear with short pants.
I am glad my job on your coat suited
you - it was the best I could do with it. At
first I thought I couldn't do anything un-
less I put in an entire new lining; Or

examining the outside I concluded the
Coat wasn't worth the trouble or expense
so set to work to patch it with what ma-
terial I had on hand. Pa thinks you
will have to have a new coat holiday time.
I am so glad you are to have two
weeks this year - that will be fine. I
wonder if you are going away for Thanksgiv-
ing - Jim Laren's said something about
it. If I knew of any one that was alone
& away from home as you were the first
Thanksgiving in Syracuse, I would write
them to dine with us - its going to be some
sad dinner & yet I suppose it ought to
be a glad one for several reasons. I
sometimes wonder if we ever will all
be together again on Thanksgiving Day -
maybe so - will hope so anyway. Have
had two letters from Jessie - she is so glad
to be down there with Wilbur & Grace they
are getting along all right. They have a
fair sized bed room with an alcove

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containing hot & cold water and a
gas plate for cooking. She does want a
job so much for Milton is away from
9-12, 1-4 and from 7-10 four evenings
a week. The evening work is for only
3 weeks I guess & will shorten his
day term some. I think Auntie
will go see them this week as she
had planned to go to N.Y. to see
Milton. So she could see him several
times - I guess they will be glad to see
any one that is interested in them.
Last Sunday Milton moved & then
went to the Menagerie on Central Park
which is quite near them.

Wonder if you send the papers to Eva.
I had Jessie send her to Harold but
now I get them from Mrs Cooper & forward
to H. You will notice in this weeks
the account of a big fire that burned
all of Arthur Wallenbergs buildings ex-
cept house & garage. It occurred while

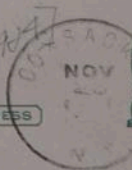
threshing & is only accounted for by sup-
posing a stone or nail struck the side
of the plow & caused a spark that set
the hay mow a fire - no one working there
sawed. It was Monday morning
when it was such extreme weather and
a fine north wind was blowing - Had
the wind been the other way the house ^{would}
have gone too. Poor Mrs. Hallenbeck Laog
cried so much, she looks dreadful. They
were not insured for much but I guess
he has financial backing enough.

Tom wash came yesterday but I can't
do the washing till to-morrow afternoon
as Grandpa wants to plow & Pa will wash when
he gets home. We had a big rain yesterday
& now ^{the ground} it is ready for plowing before it freezes.

I'm going to make a chicken & send it to M. J.
with some clery, jelly, potatoes & a fruit cake.
I must also send Harold's clothes that I bought
for him & some cats to as he never gets enough.

Pa practiced in Auntie's room yesterday - We want to
get all straightened before the holidays. ^{Grandpa} ^{must}

[NOV 28, 1906]



THIS SIDE OF CARD IS FOR ADDRESS

George B. Van Schaack,
250 Park Ave.,
Rochester, N.Y.

Friday Morning.
Dear George -
All your cards re-
ceived - Thanks - Wonder
if you got the wash. I tried
to hustle it off in spite of a
rainy day. Mr. Wauvelled
Saturday, when you were
celebrating. Haven't heard
from E or W. this week -
Auntie invited M. J. to
dine with her yesterday -
some time I guess but it
was nice for them I'm sure.
I listened in to service at
N.Y. 7 p.m. & went to M. E.
at night. Had usual feast
but it was a quiet & home
affair. I hope E. had a
great time. Disagreeable
weather but nice to day.
Gony to try to hear Eastman
to-morrow night. Radio
worked better last night.
Loveingly, Mother.

[Dec 5, 1934]



THIS SIDE OF CARD IS FOR ADDRESS

George B. Van Schaack
250 Park Ave.
Rochester, N.Y.

Dear George -
Friday Noon -
Your letter & clip-
pings received - the
radio sheet is great, only
of course we cannot
always get just what we
want, tho' we are hearing
better since the weather is
cooler. Had Lanning, Mich
several times just as plain
as N.Y. this week. Had a
card from K. to-day - he
expects to come home on
Dec. 18th for 15 days. A
letter from J. this week -
they had a fine time with
Archie on the 27th. This
is Entabering week - making
my head ache to-day. It
looks like more snow
and still stays cold. I am
feeling very good and looking
quite so now for I never know
when I will have to stop
Lanning. Nothin.

Catsackie N.Y.

Dec. 7, 1924

Dear George -

It just struck me but I'm going to write you a few lines before going to bed. I have just finished a letter to Harold while pa wrote to Eva. We have had a full day and are quite tired to - night. Grandpa is listening in to the sermon from N.Y. & pa has just finished him - I listened just to hear them sing the new hymn "America" - it was fine - Mids enjoy the radio so - I don't know what we would have done without it - we all enjoyed a fine concert Friday night given by a choir of 40 voices from Pittsfield broadcasted from N.Y. Last night was a poor night but some nights the air is full & we get no over on this thing at all. Pa & I went to church D. S. as usual. Mr. Reynolds was not in hand neither the vice so Port H. called.

This work is the annual D. S. meeting -
I would rather stay home but pa wants to go -
we have not had a meeting since Sept.
I guess the Fair last week was a big suc-
cess - rumored they cleared \$700. Mr. Tice
had a sermon this morning directed to
hit all who did not help with Fair - A
was some lecture, I tell you - all his
morning sermons lately have been
very scoldy & fault finding - Oh, if we
lived in the city, & had a choice I go else
where, but I don't like the down town
churches any better. After dinner we
went to Ashes - Grandpa, too - called first
at Rachel Nanda's - She is as usual but has
quite a cold - She had other callers - & when
she inquired about you all - it would be nice
to send her a card - she appreciates hear-
ing from her folks she says & she never goes out.
Then we went to see Aunt Helen's Uncle, &
the former is well now but has been very ill
with it is miserable - he is 87 years old & I
I would not be surprised to hear of his death soon.

I got home about 5:30 + after
 supper we packed a bag for
 M. + J. Food is so high in the city,
 I know they will appreciate some
 home products. We put in about
 2 doz. potatoes + the same amt.
 apples - a can of fruit, a piece jam,
 a cake honey, a lb. or more butter,
 3 lbs sausage and some popcorn.
 Your wash came Friday + I ex-
 pect to wash to-morrow so will get it
 off Mrs. if there is not too much
 mending. Mr. Leigh came
 yesterday to paper Auntie's room -
 he will finish to-morrow. Pa is
 putting in new windows - he must
 give the woodwork another coat
 of paint + then paint + varnish the
 floor. I'll be so glad when we get
 settled - it always seems to take us
 so long to do a job + keeps us upset
 till it gets on my nerve. We mean to

paint kitchen floor too & hope to
get straightened out before you get
home. Harold comes on the 18th
& has 15 days - I know you'll have
lots of enjoyment with the radio.
I must go to bed now I'm so tired - it
always makes me so tired to go out
Sunday afternoon - it means a busy
day if you have been to church & S.I.
Do you go to the Pres. church now when
Mr. Gleason plays? You never mention
or a club anymore - don't you belong this
year? - Finish up in the morning.

11:40 Monday - All this washing - I am drying
your hip porch heater as it is drying out down.
Look over enclosed circular - I think this book is
just what you want for he has said if he only
he could afford time & money to take a course
in public speaking. I think you better send for
it for me & I'll give it to him for Christmas - Order
it in your name sent somewhere - I'll pay you - if
you need the money advance at we know by public
letter - I'll send it - I don't dare risk bills & go
don't want you to know so can't send check.
Not necessary I guess I use card but maybe you better
send it - vice your own judgment - too late to get
examination - perhaps you can buy it right in Rock.
You might try. Love, Mother.



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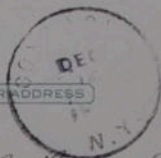
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George B. Van Schaack,
250 Park Ave.,
Rochester, N.Y.

Friday A.M.

Dear George -

Just a line as there is not much news to write. What wild weather we have had again but it looks like snow this morning. I sent the pack Tuesday. It was done in a hurry & maybe not as good as usual. Sorry we could not hear the Can take last night but we were not home and probably could not have heard it if we had been.

Write to Pa - she has not been feeling any well. But is better now. Wish she could come home with you. Lovingly, Mother.

Cayceville N.Y.

12/4/1924

Dear George:-

The wind is blowing wildly outside, but we are cozy and warm. Have just finished supper and will try and write a few lines before the church service. I want to listen in to night, for Rev. Seales of the First P. M. Church of Albany is in the air.

I went down to the Second church this morning, your mother did not care to go out. This P. M. grandpa went down to Mary for a little while and your mother called down at Lempkins. Mack and I

alone and listened in to W.G. at
the Symphony Orchestra, they had
several selections I had never
heard of before and concluded
with a grand from the Opera
"Carmen". Also heard a fine organ
at Providence. Had a letter from
Harold and he said he was
going to start at night and
get here for breakfast on Thurs.
I tried to discourage him and
hope I succeeded as it would be
foolish. Your mother was at
Albany yesterday with Mrs Cooper
at the S.S. conference and also
did some shopping. We had a
letter from Walter the first of
the week. They are doing fine
they say. I guess the Postal Day
Bill is in the Lumber and that
it will be some time if ever
before we get that raised.

Well I suppose next week
this time you will be with us.
We have made fine progress
with the room upstairs and if
nothing happens will be started
at it by the end of the
week. Tomorrow I'm going
to paint the butcher table
and we will live in the
sitting room.

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Grandpa & pa are listening in to the Church services & I'll finish up his letters for he said he didn't know any more to write. I have just written quite a letter to Eva & want to write one or two more. I listened in to the opening of the service - I do enjoy the good singing - it is a rare treat to me. Pa got two new Stations to-day - one at Providence & one at Montreal - they were very plain - but faded occasionally.

Mr. Butler has resigned as janitor and Suman Roberts is acting for the present. Quite a change. - I had a fine birthday tho' it was a stormy morning to start out and it proved a disagreeable day as far as the weather goes. It is inspiring to come in contact with people who are so earnest & eager in religious work - just a contrast to many we have to work with here.

The stores were very crowded & I did
not do much shopping for lack of
time & money both. We came home
on the 6:18 but it was delayed 2 hrs.
at Selkirk on account of a broken
engine, so it was rather a late supper
we had. Pa had a fine ox liver stew
all made & it tasted so good, for I was
tired & hungry. I also found a pack-
age here from my dear boy & want to
thank you for it - I told Pa it was too nice
for me, but I am fond of nice Stationery
Will. I must stop or I'll ^{not} get any more
letters written. We had an an-
nual S. S. meeting Thursday - we'll
tell you about it when you get home. Per-
haps you won't hear from me again un-
less something turns up for me to write about.
So I hope you have a safe & pleasant journey
home - we'll all be so glad to see you.

Lovingly,
Mother.

[1905]

Dear Mother:

Guess you've decided to let me write you a letter. Well I guess I deserve it for not writing in so long. April was quite like May here and now May is quite like April. The past week has been quite cold and there was a little snow yesterday. The past two Sundays however have been very fine and I spent the afternoons of each walking with another fellow. He knows a little about evergreens and since there is a fine collection of them from all over the world at Highland Park (perhaps you remember it - where the reservoir was) he tried to tell me something about them. I like him quite well but he is so deep I frequently have a bad headache after talking to him. He's a junior in Mathematics at the University.

Yes I did miss some things from
the laundry but its no wonder.
All my clothes are going thru amper.
Before I forget it will you please
either get my brown pants fixed
or send them here and I will get
them fixed. Its may be warm
enough soon to wear them. I am
wearing my other brown suit
at present but would like to save
it for next winter. I'm sorry I
didn't send the shirt before but
I didn't get around to it. I am
afraid now that its too big. When
I got to the store I couldn't remember
its size so I bought two fifteens.
If its too ~~small~~ large send
it back for I need another one.
I will buy a smaller one if it
is too large.

The concert last Friday
morning was very interesting.
It was by the Philharmonic
and consisted of orchestral
compositions by American
composers. The compositions
had never been played before.

There were seven selected from
fifty-four submitted. Two were
by members of Eastern Family and
one by a former student. There
were one or two very beautiful
ones and another few from
beautiful but marvellously done.
It was a very interesting program
and I would like to hear more.

I was much interested in the
catalog of Lafayette but why do you
surround such an expensive place
as don't you think it expensive.
Do look however to be a fine
place and I can imagine you
are drawn by the fact that is
strictly Christian and Presbyterian
to that. It is hard to tell from
a catalog however what a place
is. It is so much better to talk
with some one who knows it.

I wonder if you could send
the "Common Sense of Music" (the
green book). I could use it a
little at present.

I suppose you wonder at the scarcity
of news. I do too but I don't know
why there isn't any. I had a chance
to super (carry a spear or something
of that sort) in the Metropolitan
Opera (at the Eastman two days this
week) last night but I was so tired
that I stayed home and went to
bed. I haven't heard from Eva
yet but presume she is as busy as
I. I hope you are all feeling
well. Don't work too hard, even
if there is so much to do. Love
D ad.

George.