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Cassadaga N. Y.,
Jan. 12, 1925

Dear George,

Pa and I are at our usual Sunday occupations - writing letters. We have just finished supper and I am going to write to you & Eva and Pa writes to M. & K. It has been a very cold day quite a change from the fine mild winter days all week. I did not go out this morning but listened in to services. After dinner we started out to go to the doctor's - nothing serious but my rheumatism seems to be growing worse & pains so every night. I thought I'd better see Dr. Van. about it. He gave me an envelope of tablets as per usual. Pa also had his physical exam for insurance company. Before going downtown I called at Berlitz's for Tony had been gone for buttered eggs. I said his mother was sick. She is in bed & I think is very sick - she has been in bed all week & had no doctor but some woman they said a nurse comes every day. His B. told me to get her a doctor but the old man told me not to. I am going over to Monday see the nurse.

Before coming home we called up at
Croyley, the first we have been since the
night you were with us. Mr. C. Walker
Wm. came now but has a bad cough
& numerous other ailments. Humetta
& her family from Cairo were there, also
some of the Shermans, so there was some
confusion. - Last Sunday after-
noon we went calling for I felt so
lonesome I wanted to get out somewhere.
First we called at Ince's & then at
Coopers. - we did not go at night. On
Monday night we went to the school
meetings and again on Friday night.
Few out the first night but a big crowd
the last. They voted to purchase four
one room portable buildings & put them
in a row end to end on school grounds.
I think it a shame they did not decide
to build a new High School with a
gym & auditorium - but all the tight
wads were there to vote for the cheapest
thing. Tuesday night we went to
prayer meeting down to 2nd Church.
This was the week of prayer but that
was the only night we got there. Mr. Dick
Worful lonesome as Brother Ed Reynolds
& wife were there, also the Miller sisters.
Wednesday night we went down to see
the Movie. But colu. of course it was very fine
but most too sad for me; but it was very

instructive to anyone who had never
studied about it. We meant to go to
Melting Thursday night but I guess
I worked too hard that day for I
just came in after supper & had to go
to bed. Pa put new batteries in the radio
& then we couldn't hear a sound, so
he jussed with that all evening &
next day took it to Silas Beatty as
Fred Gleason was mch. of town. The
trouble was with that loose wire & now
it is OK. - heard part of Eastman per-
gram last night, also some from
Ottawa and a new station Col. Ohio.
Grandpa has been drawing wood
this week - pa went out one afternoon
& cut more - we have quite a heap
now - but there's more to get - then I
guess they will get a machine to saw it.
Yesterday afternoon they butchered the
other hog - got Naom & Bennie to help.
I went down & called at Foushkins for
I felt I wanted the walk & air. Pauline
has her wrist bandaged yet but it is
getting better. Grandpa had a
letter from Eva written Monday
night - she was feeling fine she said -
I am anxious to hear how she gets
along this week. She went out to

Mrs Boyd's again on Sunday &
Stayed till Tuesday morning.
He would have a new job - he gets up
at 4.30 & works in cash bar from
4.50 to 6.30 and then he is there for
the day - he says he likes it. He
says he is going to get his money's
worth this term so is taking 20 Euro-
resolved to study for once. W & J
are the same as usual. Had a
fine time at Pierce's - Last Sunday
went to Art Museum in Central Park.
Jessie has full charge of the Candy
Committee now - other girls discharged.
Mr. Mes was called to Professor Cass' wake
as Mother was sick - there was no preaching
Sunday - he returned Tues. but his Mother
died early this morning so he has gone
back again. He preached this A.M.
Carpenters are out to get the \$14.00 for
the repairs - Haven't been here yet - I
have some ammunition ready for them.
Well I must stop now & pen all this
to you - Hope your cold is all better - Re-
ceived both your letters - glad to hear
all is O.K. Take care of yourself,
don't get sick or work too hard.
Dorothy
Hancock's new base no. is 079 Mother.

[Jan. 13, 1925]

Dear Mother:

Very glad to get your letter. I hope your rheumatism is better by now. Do be careful and take care of yourself.

The deed is done and I hope I did right. I paid \$32 for an over coat. It is a dark blue grey, all wool. It isn't so heavy as the one I have but is just as warm I think. So was a \$40 coat.

I paid more for the suit than you told me to but I think when you see it you

wild agree it was alright.
There were no reductions on
serge suits. First he showed
us a \$35 suit. It was very
good but one for \$40 was
so much better (fine material
and feeling 50-70% the best)
that Miss Halim thought
as well as that I was more
than worth the difference
so we bought it. I paid
the \$35 on the two of them
So there is still \$42 to pay.
They are charged to Miss H. and
will be delivered tomorrow.

Tiley has been a rather
free one for things accomplished

I spent over an hour trying
the clothes and then in
paper this morning got some
soap in my eye. It bothered
all day sometimes so much
that I couldn't do anything
else. In going to wash
it with witch hazel now
and go right to bed.

I had a letter from Auntie
tonight with several cross-
word puzzles partially
worked, which she couldn't
finish.

The current last night
was very good. There were
only two of us checking, even

had to do the work of four
and I can assure you we
had to hustle for a while.

I have come to the conclusion
that I better not take anything
next term except financial aid
very sorry to lose the loss
of scholarship but rather
lose it than break down. If
I get thru this term alive
I simply can't keep it up
another. Furthermore
after talking with the Ayres
yesterday I became convinced
of what I have thought for
quite a while (and I find
others thinking likewise) that
outside of financial aid is -

The theory classes are
a joke. We simply put in
time and spend money. So
if you don't object too
seriously I shall register
for piano alone. If you
don't feel you want to pay
for the fuel too together I
can register for 4 weeks at
a time. It would be about
\$72 I think for two lessons
a week and ^{five to six hours}
practice a day ^{for many weeks.} I simply
cannot practice more for a
year or two. Those practicing
won't keep me up at night
as lessons do. Good & simple

must get more sleep from
now on.

Guess I better stop. I hope
nothing I have said will annoy
you. If you haven't understood
write for fuller information.

Hope everyone is well and
not working too hard. Love
to all,

George.

Cassackie N.Y.
Jan. 15/25

Dear George -

As I tried to write much to-
night but will pen just a few words.
Your letter received yesterday was a
stunner - we have ^{not} really rejected it
yet, so are not prepared to give a
decisive answer. It seems too
bad to lose the \$50 when it is abso-
lutely the last help you will receive
from outside. Still we do not want
you to overdo & break down - I think
you were really in better health than
ever & was rejoicing over it - I'm
sure the gym helped - you don't mean
to give that up, do you? It is a problem
if we could be right there and
talk it over with all the pros & cons
it might seem different. I
will enclose the check you re-
quested - it seems an awful price

But we know from experience
what it is to look for a good article
at a low figure. I hope you'll
like your suit, but if you think
your other blue one was a serge
you were mistaken - I think it
was a cheviot or a glenmeal.

Certainly, we cannot run your
affairs very well at such a distance,
so must let you use your own
judgment - I'm sure Mrs. Holman
would advise you to the best of her
ability. By the way, I had such
a nice letter from her this week -
tell her I was glad to get it & ap-
preciate it. This has been a hard
week getting the hatching tinders to
especially as I do not feel up to par -
I fear the doctor's tablets have made
my head worse tho' they have helped
my "rheumatics". Very cold again - pa
wents to woods this afternoon - last
night we packed a box of "cats" for Dor
& a box for Grace & apples, pap, corn, sausage
yulot & honey. Must now pack one for Mr. J.
I made them a nicey box to-day & copied
the list. Eva is living with Miss Bond & the
children.

17 Jan 1925

Dear Mother,

I got a note before Sunday.
Jim said I made a mistake
in the last letter. I should
have said \$37 for \$42. Well
better less than more.

Also I found out that if
I dropped the course I'd have
to get another place to practice
for special students can have only
two hours. So I guess I'll just
drop the University work. I'm
very sorry to but guess I'll
have to.

You will notice my brown parts
in the case. They need some
learning around the cuffs and
I thought you'd love to do it
while we get in singing or
playing or something! Thank
you anyway.

I had a card from Eve saying
she was feeling much better and
staying at Mrs. Boyd's all
the time. I hope she doesn't
have to come home.

I also had a letter from
Miss Morgan thanking me for
the card I sent her.

The performance of Faust
yesterday evening was very good
and I enjoyed it.

It is raining and freezing here
again and very slippery! The
Opera Club was to have a
cosette party tomorrow. I
don't know whether they
will or not. I don't think I'll
go anyhow. I'm just getting
over a cold and don't want
to get more. Besides I have
too much to do. This time
next week the English exam
will be over and I'll be right
glad.

Mr Costes is back again and
started rehearsing the orchestra
this evening. Concerts start
again next week.

Mr Hanson is also going
to conduct a couple of

concerts this year of new
orchestral compositions by
American composers. These
will be free and will be given
in the morning. This is very
good for American composers
since the school pays all their
expenses here to hear their own
works. Next year there will
be a whole series of these concerts.

Well I guess I've said enough
for now. I hope you're all
feeling well and not working
too hard. That's the standard
but I mean it. Love to all
George.

Cossackie, N.Y.,
Jan. 21st 1925

My dear George,

Both your letters were received; so sorry to hear about cutting your thumb but trust it will soon be all right again. It certainly was maribant for the doctor to charge you \$2 especially when it is so hard to get money.

I think you better wear your overcoat some, that is for best, and use the old one for school or to wear anywhere, where it might get rough usage. If I think of it I can find room, I'll send the moth stuff with each this time, if not, next time. Then you can send it home for the summer.

We had a big snow yesterday - feared it was going to be a blizzard, but to-day is beautiful & much warmer, tho' the high winds in the night made quite deep banks in places. Pa laid awake & worried most all night. He did not get home yesterday till after seven, tired out & nervous - I do dread such nights. He started out with the car in the morning & came home shortly after eleven as he could not get up the Brook Dairy Hill. The snow was so deep & the car did not

seems to act right - He did not attempt Kennedy's
hill. Shortly after twelve he & grandpa both went
with the car on the Medway end, getting back at
about 2 but they said it was "rip & tick" to make
it at places. Then pa took Prince & cutter & went
over the hill & around by Cold Spring, stopping
at Park's & get the horse they said he could have.
With the snowing falling & blowing & the thermometer
most to zero, it was a dreadful trip. He left the horse
here & went on to the office with Prince & then on his
way home had to wait at crossing here for a train
over half an hour - that was the climax for he felt
more frozen & worried about the horse. But
he felt better before bed time & immensely en-
joyed the radio program. We were some disap-
pointed not to hear Hughes & the Mary Band, but
the announcer at W.F., N.Y. said the storm had
put the communicating wires out of commission
so they could not broadcast Washington. But
they had a substitute program of music & talks
which was entertaining. At ten W.F. had a fine
Negro quartet - four dark preachers - missionaries of
the Pres. Church South - they sang Negro spirituals
were fully equal to the Hampton quartet we heard
a gain on Sunday night.

You will be surprised Milbur & Jessie are
coming home today, they will get here on the 3.34
Mr. Cookley has been much worse & I guess her
sister wrote Jessie she better come as soon as
possible. Milbur's course was completed on
Saturday but they intended to stay 2 weeks longer.
We sent them a large wooden box of food on
Friday & then on Sat. Mr. Lounsbury & his wife were
coming Wed. On Sunday, Grandpa remarked
that Milbur must be eating all day, & get the cats
used up. They have a beautiful day to travel. You
not heard a word from E. since I last wrote.
Heard a long letter from H. yesterday. He was
sick in bed all day Thurs. - was some scared
I guess, for he thought he had grippe, but was all
O.K. next day. He certainly manages to get out of
some cash - I don't know how he'll ever go to Col-
lege. It is going to be a problem to locate him -
Union is certainly too high priced & he doesn't
want to go to Hope. Some times I wish he could
be with you for he needs some restraining in-
fluence, but Roch. U. is so high too, & he would
probably be a responsibility & care to you.
You already have enough to hamper your
progress. Will have to await developments.

I am feeling much better this week but had a bad time last week. The worst on Sat. Sunday was a fine day & we went down to morning services at 2nd Church. Tony & Tratten spent the afternoon here & I tried to make them happy for a couple of hours. He means to go up to Jessie's folks but didn't. Mr. Soupinkin came at 6 o'clock & staid till 9.30 the men listened to Evening services and I wrote to No. Auntie & Grace. Maucella is so much better, the doctor said she could return to school next semester, but they have just heard the college is quarantined with Scarlet Fever & Diphtheria - so that will be another delay.

We washed Monday & I have four things all ready to send back, but that I wait to-day to see if the pajamas came - I ordered them last week. Haven't received your new book yet but have written about it. I am still reading Fordich's book & will send it next time - I want to read the other one, too. Did you mean me to send "First book in Geology" & "Community Civics" - two old books that laid with four things on parlor table? Most interesting now, so I'll quit Pa took Pa the new house & is going around over the hill & back to dinner & then go to Medway this afternoon. Don't worry about the clothes - I did all right.
Lovingly,
Mother.

[23 Jan. 1925

Dear Mother: Friday.

This is just a note to say everything is alright. Managed to get your letters and have written back the matter. Will try to write a real letter Sunday but have been up late three nights and must go to bed now.

Have just been fixing some overexposed negatives in the photo frames for tomorrow. The sun appeared it would be clear.

Hope everyone is all well. Tell her yours all love to me
Wm J. again. Love to all
George!

Cassachie Ky

Jan. '25/25

Dear George-

Pa has written to Harold so I'll write to you to night Grandpa is listening in to services but pa & I only listened to the opening as it is Christian Science & we don't care to hear it. In fact there is no preaching only reading from the Bible & their book. This afternoon I wrote to Eva and a long letter to Anne M. & her in answer to three from her - I had to review all our days since last Spring. This morning we all went up to attend Communion. Pa & I think we better attend at such times so if we ever do want to take our letters, we will not be treated as Arthur Spoor's wife was & dismissed as not in good standing. Service was held in chapel tho' the church is finished. There were five young folks joined - all Sunday School scholars - pa felt they were his young folks & well he might for they have grown up in S. while he was Supt. - They were Francis Finesdell, Ervin Forman Gene Brant, Isabelle Bailey and Audrey Smith. Mrs. M. did not make any effort to shake hands with

We certainly do miss Sunday School so much - I wonder if we will ever again get located in one. I cannot say I do or ever would feel at home in the 2nd church but I sometimes think it would be preferable to this unsettled condition. We thought W. & J. would come to see us to-day as they have not yet been here, but Etta Spermans told me this morning that they had gone with Widdie & Clifford to their son to see Hazel. I could have cried to think they would run off like that before coming to see ^{us} when we are so lonely for you all. I suppose it is only thoughtlessness. Of course the roads are bad but W. has often walked up street when they were no better. In going to church we had to drive part way in the lots and up near the street will drive right on the sidewalk. Some shoveling will have to be done as the drifts are long & deep. Mr Friday pa made only about 5 miles of his route. Yesterday he did the first lap to Boies & then came in for a lunch at 11. Grandpa then went to Medway & pa over the hills & then back for back around four o'clock.

I wonder if you saw anything of the eclipse. The weather forecast for Western N.Y. was stormy & if it was, you could not see anything. We had a fine clear morning, below zero. The shadow appeared on schedule time and I saw the whole show. Tony came over & we enjoyed it together. I had a busy time from 8 to 10.30 trying to get the dishes washed, keep my feet warm, watch eclipse & listen to the test program over radio. But I could do the last two at the same time for I could watch the sun thro' the glass door as I sat at the radio. It was total here about 25 or 26 seconds & the country presented a weird appearance. Part of the time it was like moonlight but during totality it was rather "creepy" looking. But I wish it might have lasted longer. There were three long special trains full of people went down from Albany, Troy & Schen. to Seneca Falls where the totality was so seen. The roads were bad for autos & I guess many that started got stalled.

Received your letter yesterday & glad to

Hear all is O.K. Four used Japanese
came Friday - they look large but letters
too large than too small. I hope they will
be all right - I'll send in a day or two.

I invited Pauline & Lee ^{working up}
for to-night to hear the Hampton Quartet
but they have company so couldn't
come. - To-day I finished read-
ing your book that you gave me - I think
I find & enjoyed every word of it. This even-
ing I read that condemnation of Goodrich
by Dr. Stratton that is printed in the Church
Calendar Jessie sent from NY. I can't recon-
cile the two - How the author of that book can
be all that he is accused of being that's
wrong. If you don't object I'd like to
read the book, there's so much that is
worth while especially for young people.
I'm going to read you other book & also
paid book that Eva sent. -

Guess I'm out of news so I think I'll
lie down for awhile till the 10 o'clock
program comes on. Hope you
passed all your tests and wish you
success next semester - but don't overdo.
Loveingly
Mother.

Capeville W. Va.
Feb. 1, 1925

My dear boy:-

How the weeks roll by it seems only a day or two since we wrote the last letter, but I'm sure you feel that it's time for another one.

This has been a pleasant Sunday, this morn-
ing your mother and I went down to
the Second Church, they had a good
congregation, and I enjoyed the service.
We have been having some weather the
past week. But after all nothing in
comparison to what it was in the central
part of the state. We had 9 or 10 inches
of snow and it drifted today.

Clubs just reported at the office on Sunday
and yesterday with grandpa's help we
delivered all the mail. It has all the
appearance of snow again tonight.

To illustrate how tired up the roads are
there has no one been past here since
Thursday. However they are keeping the

State roads open with immense flows. They
do very good work indeed, but I wonder
what they would do with all you snow.
Russ Page hasn't any horse and so he
goes where he can with the car and
leaves the rest. Uncle Ed Van Wert is
dead the funeral is tomorrow at two
o'clock. I would like to go but of course
that is impossible. Grandma will go
with John Brown and some others in a
hired car. Wilbur could take them down
but we can't get out of here.

The auto race of White is on the route
calendar for this week. Received word
to witnesses in readiness but have heard
nothing else. We gave them to understand
where Harold was and whether they will
send for Helen him or not I do not know.
I am of the opinion that it will be
put over the time. I suppose tomorrow
morning will bring a letter from Eva
that will tell her fate one way or the
other. I trust she may be able to stay.
We listened to an interesting program last
night from W.B.G. by a promoter of the

that had never been opened. It came after
she had gone to Holland. This afternoon I
was fooling with the radio and changed what
is known as the "grid leak" I don't know whether
I spelled right or not. It made all the
difference in the world and we got W.E.A.T
real plain and lots of other stations as well
There is a new station at Miami Beach
Florida is about the ~~same~~ ^{same} length of N.
Y. and it interferes quite a little.

^{Monday}
^{at 11.} This is as far as you got so I'll finish up.
Beginning to snow again this morning and looks as
if it would all day. I would like to go to the
General on Aunt Helen's account - I always love
so much of her - but there seems to be no way for
me to go - no one says anything about my going
of course I would not bother - if it were good
weather, I'd go on the train. - We heard the last
of the concerts by the Hampton Quaslette last
night - it was great - hope will hear them again
sometime. - I can't reach today as Grandpa
can't help me. Wonder if Miss Leuzinger & I
spoke her of our plan for her to stop in Rock. & please
if she means to, to let you know - but of course we are
hoping, yes, expecting she will stay in Holland. Lovingly,
Mother.

Engineers of the N. E. coasts. The most
of them were test men from the various
colleges in the world. It consisted of
college songs and yells. They also gave
a burlesque on the Radio. After the host
master introduced the Syracuse fellows
~~he~~ he said there was a freak among
them. He was a graduate of the Tufts
but was now an Engineer.

Wilbur is living a very easy life now
he doesn't seem to know just what he
is going to do yet. After you wrote about
talking only plans we wrote to Dr Stanton
about what she thought of you. She re-
ferred it to Mrs Hansen; then you wrote
again wrote Dr Stanton that she wanted
her opinion, so I am enclosing the two
letters to you. Your mother wants them
returned after you have read them.

Well the postal bill looks a little better
than it did, but it's got a tempestuous
voyage yet, but I think will eventually
pass. The other day in cleaning out the
desk we found a letter to Eva from Evelyn.



THIS SIDE OF CARD IS FOR ADDRESS

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

Capeackie Md.

Feb. 5/25

Dear George-

Wish you have
heard from E. She says for
present requires for 2 ^{small}
Hemlock for 15 hrs 3 sub.
German, Ginz. & Chem. Dried
Excellent in lit. - only 100
in Germ. - Check 95: Per. 94
She says with Miss Bough
No more snow this week but
we had used it - beautiful
today. M. J. spent all last
Wed. here - I am feeling very
good this week. Can't track
yesterday. couldn't locate my
mush. Baker - buy some - we
dried last night - had
Drepe on to night - radio
but no fine work - got Portland
Ino. It could not keep it - if
was in Spanish anyway. In-
joyed Bulletin last night.

[8 Feb 1925]

Dear Mother:

I suppose you think I'm long since
dead. Well I'm not. Avely busy
and rather indisposed at times. I'm
feeling fine physically and not
very bad mentally so don't worry
about me until you hear something
worse.

Thank you very much for the
check. Nothing has been said yet.

I wrote to Choulou a few
days ago and received an answer
to-day saying they had no jobs at

present and couldn't tell until
later if there would be any.
I imagine if one were there one
could find work - but don't
know. I shall tell Auntie what
they said and she can write if
she wants to.

You didn't mention leaving
in Manchester last Wednesday
night. There was a big organ
festival on. The Gleason was
there & he didn't play. He is
going to play there in March; the
tenth & eleventh.

Had a wife this was a concert
by the London Slavery Quartet

in Ketham Hall. Tomorrow
night the Philharmonic give
a concert.

Friday night is the annual
Farewell Dance. I am not going
farewell but am going to check.
I was invited to go but refused
and was also offered a ticket
if I would go but it was too
late then to take the girl I wanted
to - so I also refused that. The
tickets being £5 it was a real
nice offer. I shall however make
up for it for I'll probably see
girls a bit that night.

Well there more to say but this
must be sealed, I must study a
little and get to bed. Hope
you're all well and not working
too hard.

Love to all
George.

Catsackie N.Y.
Feb. 8, 1925

Dear George-

After mine but I will try to write you a few lines before going to bed. Have been very lazy today or I would have written before now. We did not go out this morning but attended services at Madison Ave. Reformed Church, Albany. It was very plain and Dr. Locke had a fine sermon. This evening we went down to Second Church. Mr. Ballard had a very good talk on Lincoln but there was a large congregation. It has been quite warm for several days and does seem much like Spring. The snow has melted very much but still there seems to be quantities of it yet. I did an unheard of thing yesterday in yielding to pass perambulations and leaving the work to go on the route with him. I had not been out all week & had asked of sleigh ride to you. He came in to lunch about 10:15 & then I went with him getting back at about 4:15.

Some of the roads are not open yet &
we had to drive in the lot quite a good
deal. The big road machine has
so cleared out the State road, it is
almost bare now. The Commissioner
is using it on the country roads &
will eventually get them all cleared
out. We met it over near Cole's &
I had a good chance to see it
operate - it is some big affair & uses
5 men with it. It made me think of
the pictures I had seen of the big
caterpillars they used in the war.
Haven't seen nor heard from W. &
since they were here. Wednesday. I'm
sure you will glad to hear of his suc-
cess. I do hope she will be able to re-
main till the end of semester. She is
taking German, Trig. & Chem. 5 hrs.
each - She says that is a small program.
She fell asleep in her Chem. lect but
was allowed to take another one on
Friday & she got 95% - 94% in the
German and the only 100% in Geom.
I'm wondering what you have decided.
I'll try to remember to enclose those letters.
I was so pleased with them & want them pre-
served to keep. I first wrote to Dr. Spelling
& she referred the letter to Hausen. Then I
wrote to her again & said she must have

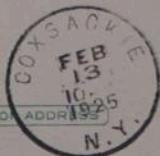
Misunderstood as I wanted her personal opinion. So she wrote again.

This afternoon the radio went dead all of a sudden. Pa could not find out the trouble & we thought it would have to go down town again. But he thought of Harold Cooper who is at his mother's visiting, so he talked to him about it. He said he didn't know much but suggested a few things one was the ear phones - an examination. We found a small nut was loose & this caused all the trouble - even the other ear phones would not work. We found the nut in the rocker & soon had the machine in working order again.

Grandpa said there was a fine sermon to night. Last Monday I got most of the program from W.R.F. of the Good Government Club (Bombers) in N.Y. There was a debate in the Child Labor Amendment led by two prominent men - it was very good - radio audience was asked to send in their votes so I did. We listened in to the Musical Contest but decided it was intended for real musicians - I might win a prize if you could listen in on that.

Friday night we heard a real Dupre
from Panamaker Studio - that was
very fine. Thursday we got the
midweek service from N. J. at 7 p.m.
and at 8.30 a drama from N.Y. They
had widely advertised to give Mrs. M.
of the "Cabbage Patch" but late that day
they were denied the privilege to broad-
cast it as by the party holding the
copyright.

This is quite a radio letter but
I don't know much else these days.
Pa is writing to you & it is time we
went to bed - I am real tired of doing
nothing. Hope to hear good
news from you soon. Try to keep
yourself & Aunt Shady, too, hard and
stay up late. Very much. Plenty of
rest is the best medicine to keep
well - for young folks anyway.
Lovingly,
Mother.



THIS SIDE OF CARD IS FOR ADDRESS

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

Calsackie N.Y.

Feb. 15/25

Dear George.

I have just finished a letter to Eva. and have time to start one to you before evening service. Pa & I went to 2nd Church this morning and it was just pouring when we came home & has been dark & stormy ever since. Mr. Luchly had the car. It did seem good to ride in it again - the snow is disappearing fast. Pa saw a blue bird this week & Tony told me yesterday he saw a robin. -

Meeting is just out so now I continue. It was a very fine service. I was somewhat disappointed yesterday not to hear from any of my "kiddies" and especially not from Auntie either for it is three weeks since she has written. Pa & I have not seen Nor J in 11 days. I hope maybe they would come today but it was too stormy to go out.

It has been rather a bad week, so much fog and rain. Wednesday was the only day I went out. I meant to walk up street but it was showery all day, so Grandpa took me up. I went to the regular meeting of the Missionary Society - had a special meeting with a Valentine feature. Thursday was an awfeday - I listened to a Lincoln program from Washington. Friday night we heard the celebration from N.Y. in honor of 80th birthday of Elisha Root - we had addresses from Secretary of State Hughes, Solicitor General Jas. M. Beck and Elisha Root. - Last night I heard a talk by one of the World Air Flyers about the trip around the World from Detroit. I was asleep on sofa & could not move to hear it.

Have not heard much from E. or K. this week - one short letter from each - I suppose K. was disappointed Thuro. on having such stormy weather for their great celebration. They will go over to Northfield for services & a Friday dinner & amidst the Junior Class to which K. belongs

was to entertain girls from the school.
Nothing out of the ordinary has hap-
pened and I seem to be out of news.
Pa wrote to Anna & is now writing
to Me. Last night I got Eastman
on Radio - it came in very plain
for a while & the announcer was as
clear as N.Y. but it faded & refused
to return. - There certainly is a multitude
of good programs every night - it is im-
possible & tiring to listen to much &
yet at times it seems too bad to miss it.

I wonder what was the trouble with you
when you wrote me last letter - I seemed
to see between the lines that something
was wrong - Were you ailing physically?
Or were you blue & discouraged? It
troubles me if I think anything is
wrong with any of you - I trust
you are feeling better & the clouds, if
there were any have passed away.

Did I ever tell you I really got
started on Astronomy - I have quite an
interesting book on the subject, for though

from the library & have refreshed
my mind on many things that I
learned in High School. - I have
been real lazy this last week - the first
week since you all left last Fall when
I was not rushed with work and felt
well, too. - Your wash arrived yesterday
and I have the clothes soaking &
expect to wash to-morrow. You left
those gray pants (or nearly black) home at
Christmas - do you want me to send
them? They do not seem to need mending.
I hope you have got busy on the
work business - it will not do to get them
in your new clothes. Some nice bright day
couldn't you hang them out (the clothes not
the moths) on Mrs. Bull's line - Sunlight
& fresh air are good destroyers for all insects.
I am enclosing a check - Sorry I did
not have it Saturday & hope there'll be
nothing said. - The Hope College Glee
Club is on an Eastern tour - the clipping E.
sent about it says they will broadcast
from N.Y. next week. - Well we must close
so good night - Lots of love,
Mother.

Just received letter
yesterday



THIS SIDE OF CARD IS FOR ADDRESS

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

Cape Breton, N.S.
Feb. 19/25

Dear Geo,

Mail just received
and nothing from you yet - &
big box to nothing - but just last
letter seemed to indicate you
were in feeling very good -
hope the illness means nothing
except "very busy" but I wish
I could just drop a card - Rec. of
letter from E. yesterday - she
had rather a disappointing
time last week & was intended to
come home but fell ill &
decided to remain. Just re-
ceived a card from H. - he is
alive & kicking as usual. Haven't
seen Peter but I was here to see
you Monday & we took her home.
I am going up to Marguerite this
afternoon & then down to
W. H. - haven't been since last
summer. Grandpa is going up
to Mr. Henshall's funeral - he died
dead in the street Monday night.
Now I hope to get some thing from
you soon. Write if you can
haven't one so. Lovingly, Mother

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Feb. 22, 1925

My dear George:-

We were glad to get your last letter, we had looked long and anxiously for it and wondered what was the matter. Then after we got it we still wondered what was the matter. From the tone of your last two letters it would seem as if things were not going good. While we do not worry (still) very for your welfare in the least we are sure there is nothing serious the matter. Remember that poem of Edgar Guest that I sent you and don't be afraid to confide anything to me. Perhaps it was only a passing cloud, and by this time the sun is shining again. Anyway do not keep us waiting so long, send a postcard if nothing else. It has been a lovely Spring day and the snow is going fast.

I am driving the car just around here and the horses the rest of the way. Grandpa went to church this morning and your mother and I went to the second church; Mr Ballard had a missionary sermon. There was a goodly number out. They have the congregational meeting up street on Thursday of this week. I guess we'll go up and see them before.

It was quite sudden about Mr Lemuel dying. He was angry at some boys for breaking a window and ~~had~~ dropped right down in the street.

I can't imagine what is the matter with Wilbur we haven't seen him in nearly three weeks. The last time he was here he talked of taking ~~the~~ old car and fixing it up. Well he died and I guess he must have lost his head. He maybe got of row about something, but I am sure I do not know what it is. This afternoon we went up to Rales for a little while she is feeling very good, but has had

more bad luck. They were sawing
wood with a buzz saw and in some
way Charlie was hit and his leg
injured badly. I guess it will take
as long as a week to recover.

Yes we listened to the organ recital
from Wauwanesau Studios, it was fine
I heard Dupre, Coumbis, and Palmer
Christian. They said it was Christian's
first appearance in New York.

I have heard no more from the Hope
Glee Club girls. They were to broadcast
from W. H. I. Well I suppose this week
will decide the Postal Bill. What a favor
it has been and it still looks mighty
slim for it to go through. Indeed my
needs this past week and soon the
spring work will be in full swing.
Of course I have a holiday tomorrow
may spend it in the woods as I did
on New Year's Day.

I was interested in a talk from N.Y. by one of the professors of Union College on "What Psychology doesn't teach us" it was very good and bore out just the idea I had. He said one of the main things it didn't teach was a person's character. That is you might be very intelligent but just as Miss Stanton said your success lay in your ability to use the knowledge. Well I seem to be out of news. Trust this letter will find you in better spirits. Your mother is coaxing me to come and hear the 1840's Quartette who are on the air from N.Y. so Good night and be good.

With lots of love,
Father,

Monday morning

Dear Geo - Just a line - Harold wants me to get him an autograph album similar to yours - I haven't tried here to get one but probably couldn't anyway, so I wish you would buy one and send it to Harold and I will pay you for it - I don't know when I will get to Albany - probably not before he returns & he wants it to get autographs there. Raining today so I guess he can't go to the woods they planned. Hope to hear from you soon. Love, Mother.

Cassackie, N.Y.
Mar. 2nd /25

Dear George -

Grandpa & I have just finished a light lunch - we are both ailing a little to-day & not very ambitious - He was not well yesterday and this morning lay on couch but insisted on going out to do chores at noon - unless he feels some better for he is reading the paper now. MARCH certainly brot winter with her - yesterday snow sleet & rain - to-day is clear & cold & the ground covered with ice. Did you feel the earthquake Saturday night? Pa & Grandpa did but I didn't notice it. They were reading in hall & I was putting the cat back in kitchen - Pa said it felt as if some one was trying to pull the chair from under him - first it swayed & then went in a moment swayed the other way & then a weird sensation. In some

Laurens near by it was as severe as to rattle things
I will remember a similar shock when I was
eleven years old. Wonder if you noticed
in Sunday paper that Pres. had signed the
Postal Bill - Pa went alone to church yesterday
A.M. & he came home with a broad smile.
He had been to Frank Norden's to get a letter from
J. that came late on Saturday. H. sent a
postal as a fore-runner & we were expecting
something quite stunning - I received read-
ing it till after dinner. It proved to be only
the appointment & change at not getting
better marks in mid-terms tests. He's slothful
& could not finish in the time given. He
was evidently quite discouraged & said he
would not go to College, but I know he'll
change his mind. I think he has tried
hard this term & that is some satisfaction.

We all enjoyed having W & J. here last week
& were sorry to have them go - I actually cried
as I watched them out of sight riding up
with Grandpa ^{and} they came Monday morning
just for the day but readily remained all
night when I asked them to. We took turns
listening in to the official Washington Ab-
lyation direct from Capitol at Washington.
It was very fine & lasted about 3 hours -
much of it was very fine music by the U.S.
Navy Band, U.S. Marine Band & U.S. Army Band.
On Tues. we went to Albany with our car taking
Mrs. Coonley with us. Main object to look for
phot. so we drove many miles around the city.
Poor M. was sick all day & could eat no dinner.
He had stomach & bowel trouble all week. We
did a little shopping in the afternoon & came
home by way of Elmira & mailed short call on F.

I induced Mr. J. to come home with
me for a visit & I really think they en-
joyed it. No. imagine Mr. C. has
been rather cross lately & it appears
to us that relations between her & Mr.
are rather strained, tho' of course
they do not say anything about it, but
we are not blind. Mr. cleaned the
carbon out of car & ground valves.
also other small jobs when he was
not indoors playing games solving
puzzles or reading. I think they
mean to start house keeping in
Albany if Mr. gets work here & is
going to work too, as he did in N.Y.
He did not get anything definitely
but is going again this week. The
old car he worked on every day for
most 3 weeks was his old Ford -
apparently a total wreck. He wanted
to fix it but Mr. would not give that
so he is gone it to him for nothing - I
think that was kind of bait for us
but it won't work. Milbur spent

some money for new parts and
has it all fixed now - guess he is
going to try to sell it tho' Neis would
like to have him use it to cast
talks on Sundays. We went
to Congregational meeting on Thurs.
just about 2 hrs. late. It was a
very cold night & only 31 voters there.
Neis had everything his own way as
no one said boo on either side -
same officers were elected. We ex-
pected they would try to dump
Cooper but as he is "harmless"
they let him in again. In the
social that followed, Neis a-
voided us entirely & the breach
widened - but others were cordial.
Do you hear anything from
E? Last week she sent us
four pictures - one of herself. She
looks so far & healthy. One of Miss

Boyd, one of Daddy Boyd & one of the house.
She lost several days that week & I'm anx-
ious to hear how she made out this week.
I'm glad you planned to hear the Hope
Club. We expected to over Miss but for
some unknown reason the plans which
have been changed.

Your laundry did not come till this
morning. I don't know whether either of
us will be in shape to wash to-morrow.
I wish it didn't take forever to get back to you.
But I'll hurry it as fast as I can. Let me know
if you want those black pants you left at
the holiday time - I don't see anything
to mend on them. If you don't want
them at all, perhaps I'll give them to W.
if they'll fit him - let me know.

Pa seems to be feeling better - he has been
so anxious about the postal bill & I
know the results will have a good effect
on him - Of course it does not put us
on easy street but \$200 a yr. extra will be
quite a help just now when we need so
much to pay the bills.

That was a queer dream you had about
the radios. Miami does not bother W.F.Y.
so much lately; I think they investigated &
did something about it. There are many
new stations I have read about lately &
so much interference at times that we hear

two, three & four program at same
time, all jumbled up. Something
will eventually have to be done to
eliminate such a state of affairs.
Last night we again enjoyed
a Negro Quartet from N. Y. - this
time it was the Turkey Quartet
from the Institute in Alabama.
While I think of it, I want to ask
you to send back some of the
rubber rings for socks - I also
suggest you purchase a new
case for Wash case - I have a
job to keep it to gether. - The book
I ordered for Sam Christophers never
came. I will get it this some time
or some thing else or give you the
money to buy what you want - Don
about out of material. - Carl went
to N. Y. last week to fire on railroad. Four
days was enough for him. I think was
glad to get him home again. Susie
is miserable w/ diabetes - doctor gives
no hope. Lovingly, Mother.

[3 Mar 1925

Monday,

Dear Father,

Many congratulatory letters, etc.
Very glad you got a raise at last.
I suppose you've already spent
it a thousand different ways.

You must have been having some
winter again. Snowing and blowing
quite realistically out tonight.
I wonder how you felt the
earthquake. Many here did but
not I. I think I was asleep in
a chair at the time.

Tell mother I have bought
Haskell an auto graph album
and will mail it to him. It

cost \$500 so I wasn't expect her
to pay for it before 1975.

I was sorry not to hear the
glee club Thursday night but
I went to the Phethersonian concert
in the afternoon and felt as
bad at night as I didn't
want to venture to any strange
section looking for a church.

Tuesday night I sat reading
the paper at about 8:20 when
I noticed a headline about
a concert I had intended to
go to that night. It was
by the Rochester Symphony
and was free - the eighth
time they have played since
I've been in Roch. and I
had never heard them so
I pumped right up and

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must anywhere. It was just
as poor as I had expected so
was not disappointed.

Business at Mrs. Kallibaux
is much the same. We had 36
to dinner yesterday. One of them
must go to the hospital soon
to have a tumor removed. She
doesn't expect however that it
will be a serious operation.

I am taking care of Miss
May's furrows again this week.

Tues, Aug.

Have just finished reading
Mother's very very new way
letter. Have power to see to
write more. I certainly enjoyed
it.

I hope both she and grandpa
are much better by now. Tell
mother not to worry about the
laundry. I'll buy more clothes
if it doesn't come. She may send
the pants if she wants to. I
probably can use them some time
but she may give them to Wilbur
if she wants to.

I have bought a new car
for laundry so it will be
desp't next time.

Well - this letter is not very
newspaper as I'll stop and get
the school. I have just
come back from "gym".

Love to all,
George

THIS SIDE OF CARD IS FOR ADDRESS



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

Catsackie N.Y.
Mar. 5/25

Dear Pres-

Glad to get your
letter yesterday. Wilbur
could save me Tues.
and helped me wash
so I was able to get few
things done and mailed
Wednesday afternoon.
Hope you receive the case
by Sat - Jimmy it takes 20
cents to go same times.

Grandpa seems to be all
right again - he went to
Albany with Wilbur Wednes-
day - it seems to be too
early for jobs such as he
wants - I heard the whole
program of re-education
from Wash. from 11-2 - did
unending hours of the time.
It was fine. E. seems discouraged
Write her a line. Lovingly,
Mother.

Catsackie, N.Y.

Mar. 8/25

Dear George-

I have just finished a letter to Harold & will begin one to you before church time. We are going to K D K to night, 1st. Pres. N.Y. has a Christian Science meeting out & we do not care for those. It has been real Spring like most all week and to-day unbearably hot in the house. We went down to church this morning. Mr. Ballard has been sick & still has a very bad cold. There is a great deal of illness in town - I heard that about half the high school was out on account of illness.

Mrs. Tompkins is in bed with grippe I hope you will be careful & will not get sick. We have been very fortunate. I am feeling better now & hope to be able to get started at house cleaning this week. Grandpa is better than a week ago but still he does not feel up to par. He is very quiet & has not much appetite.

Pa brought him a bottle yesterday & says
that will brace him up. This
afternoon we started out about 3
going first up to Coonleys - Mr. J. will
subsidize with Clifford & Mildred.
I did not get out of the car; then we
went down to Coopers. Harold & his
family (wife & boys) had just ar-
rived; he is laid off a week & so
comes down to visit work, too, I think.
Milton came down Tuesday & helped
me wash. Next day he & J. & Grandpa
went to Albany & also down to Hudson.
No crossing down this way. He heard
of a battery job but it did not pan out.
If he does not get work soon, pa is
going to have him here here to do some odd
jobs. -

Heave just come from
services - Mr. certainly heard a great
preacher to night. The church must
have been packed for he said the S.S.
room was full also the pastor's study &
many in the basement. It was a
special service for the Society of
Eastern Star; his subject was The Ideal
Woman and his text was about Ruth.
At ten we again hear the Colored Quartet.

Mother came down again Thurs.
afternoon and they cut the old
willow tree down. The roads are
very muddy now - pa used the car
two days but went back to the wagon
yesterday. He is anxious to get at
the spring work which looks up as
a jifaultie job as it always does - so
much that ought to be started at once.
He sowed tomato seeds yesterday &
wants to start the incubator soon.

A letter received Thursday from
Eva gave me the index blues. She has
been much worse again & everyone
seems to think she ought to come home.
So she said she & Miss Day decided to
stick it out till the 16th & that is ap-
proximately the limit, if there is no im-
provement. I do dread the thought
of her having to give up. I fear an aw-
ful reaction when she gets home &
there is so little here to interest her.
However I am trying not to worry
but to trust that the way may yet be
opened for her to fill a place somewhere.
I wrote to her in Jan. about stopping
to see you if she had to come - you better
write her at once & give her full di-

reactions so there will be no misunder-
standing, - that is if you want her &
she wants to, for a day or two. I'll
be sure to let us know when she will
reach Albany & put her in care of the
maid or Conductor. I think probably
some one will meet her at Albany
if it is necessary. Of course this is
all in case she has to come but I
hope & pray she may be better & can
stay. I have not told any one; it
will be a great surprise for folks
think she is getting on fine. She does
look so well in the picture she sent
last week that I can't honestly say
she is sick - I do wish we could find
out the cause & a remedy.

I must close for I'm tired & it is
most late now. - Fred Kallenbach
has bought Jerry Green's farm & his
father & mother are to live with him. ^{fair}
Church repairs are all paid - we among
others have not been solicited - guess Miss
Kitty has shelled out about \$4 or \$500 this
year - her money will keep her here in-
definitely. It is a serious situation. If we
lived in the city I wouldn't care - I'd just
drop it all & join another church. It will
be a hard situation for E. I fear.

Sincerely,
Mother.

[10 Feb. 1925]

Dear Mother:

Very glad to get your letter today. I suppose you wonder if I have deceived you. I really don't know what happened last week but I just didn't get to writing.

We have been having some very warm weather. It hasn't frozen since Friday night. Sunday it was over 70 in the shade. The snow is practically all gone. Now that it's been so warm I do wish spring would come. Robins have been seen a little south of here.

I suppose you'll notice the valentine I'm enclosing.

You didn't say anything about the
White case this time so I presume it
has been fast passed.

I certainly was glad to hear that
Eva is going to stay. She did things
up, didn't she?

I wonder if you saw the
eclipse of the Moon Sunday after-
noon. It was very plain here
but it took a little maneuvering
to get a place to see it for it
was so low in the sky.

Thank you for sending the
letter. I return them herewith.

I don't know what the waiter
wrote me. This letter is so short
and choppy. I might add Saturday
night the organ club had a
party at the Gleason. Games,
roasting, wisecracks etc and a very
good time. I seem to be dried up
exhausted or something so I'll
close and go to bed. Must close
to all, George.

The envelope is too small for the letter. Send next time.

THIS SIDE OF CARD IS FOR ADDRESS



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

Catsackie N.Y.

Mar. 13/25

Dear Geo -
Nothing much to
write about. Mr. F. are
here this week. Dad & W.
are painting house.
Had a letter from E.
She said it was only 3
months till June -
quite a difference from
her other letters - perhaps
she has written to you.
I have heard nothing
from Jim this week but
suppose all is O.K. & you
are so busy. No. wants
to know what is the matter
with you - Grandpa seems
to be feeling better. He went to
Woods for 2 days - 2 years ago
will try to get him for
the machine to send. ~~Wants~~

Cassackie, N.Y.,
March 15/25

Dear George-

Anyone who leads as retired a life as I do, does not have very much to write letters about. Yes, indeed the time is flying and we can scarcely realize Spring is here. Today has been very cold again and in the shade the mud did not thaw. Pa took Jessie and Wilbur home after breakfast this morning. We did not go to church but listened in to a very fine service from Schen. This afternoon we called on Ratie to invite her to supper Tuesday, and then on the Mrs. W. Kallmbeck on Lawrence Ave. Pa is at the radio now & appears to be asleep. He is to write to Harold some time before we retire. Tonight is the last concert by the Darky Quartet & of course we want to hear it. Last Sunday night it was discontinued during the second selection on account of distress signals from some vessel.

It seems so lonesome here again after

having Mr. L. since Tuesday. Wilbur
was in a particularly cherry mood all
week & they both seemed to enjoy being
here. Yesterday it rained heavily all
day, so Mr. Fay did shutters in the Mason
house. If the Mr. does not get work he
is coming again to paint house, proba-
bly on Tuesday. Pa is going to ask
Uncle Geo. & Aunt Annie, also John Bonner
to supper on Tuesday. It will be a
simple affair for I cannot give
as much as when E. could help me.
Last week Wed. Jennie & I went up
to the chapel to attend the annual Mis-
sionary Meeting, also Penny - a - week.
Mr. has beaten himself to a game of rook
& we have actually taught Pa how
to play, so we can play partners.

Grandpa seems to be feeling better.
He had a nice letter from Eva
yesterday. - She did not speak of
coming home except to remind him
it was only 3 mo. till June.

Youn Wash came Friday - I ex-
pect to track to - Morrow but may not be
able to get it ready to send till Wed. an
account of the extra work for company
on Tuesday. P. Morrow night, I
must attend a meeting of the Young
Committee at Mr. Goodwin's.

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You seem wrote what was the
outcome of your talk with the Di-
rector. Do you find your work
as strenuous as last semester?
I am so puzzled about what to do
for Harold for next year but I sup-
pose it will work itself out in due
time. - The whole community
here was shocked on Friday at the
death of Jack G. Chase after a short
illness. Pa says he will miss him
very much. - I seem to be out
of material to write about - nothing
new under the sun. Vils wants to
buy the old car back from W. to use
for "Sunday bus", that is he wants the
Cousins to buy it. R. has offered it
for \$75 which is very cheap as it is in
very good shape now - probably this
Kitty will advance or rather give the
money. She evidently is willing to pay
any deficit now so it does not make
much difference whether anyone pays or not.

Mrs. Tompkins is better again. I stayed
with her several hours on Thursday - she
was in bed & Pauline at school. I also
must again Tuesday for a short while.
Thursday Evening I invited Pauline
up to play room with us.

Do you have organ club meetings
still? There is much organ music
on radio & often as I listen to it,
I wonder if I will ever hear Ges.
playing like it over the air - I
hope so. -

I must stop now - tomorrow - I
attended in to part of evening service
& wrote a letter to E. Hope you are
keeping well - glad to get your card.

Love,
Lorraine, Wash.

[16 Mar. 1925

Thurs. P.M.

Dear Mother:

Well here goes. I haven't much to say so I'll say and be done with it. Then if I have anything else I'll say that.

Sunday P.M.

There! Lucky I wrote that card. Just as I finished writing the above the phone rang and I was called down to hear that someone had left a ticket at the Eastern for me for the concert Thurs. night. I didn't want to miss it so jumped up and rushed to the car and got there about 8:40. It was a wonderful concert. Take Parcell Ginnist and Claire Des Soperans. He was very good but she was wonderful. She has the finest soprano voice I ever heard and she knows how to use it.

Thursday after noon I also heard a fine concert. It was the last matinee of the Philharmonic. The Hanson conducted his newest work "Eternal Light". I did not care much for it. The Gleason played with the orchestra. The rest was also all good. Last night the Kelbaum Quartet and Mendelssohn pianist gave a fine concert in one of the schools in the Terminal section. I was very glad I went.

It has been kind of windy here again about three inches of snow since Thurs. It was fine to-day however, but not so warm.

Tuesday night the organ club is going to have a St. Patrick's party at the school. I must check that night but will run down between times.

I had a long letter from Mrs Dwight last week and one from Dausel the week before. Also a long one from Miss Bisher. She is teaching in

Greenfield. She wished to be remembered to
you all. I also had a lay one from Eva
saying, that she expected to stay till June.
I hope she can hold out.

I went to church as usual this morning.
This afternoon I spent in the City my looking
up some things. I got back about 7:30 and
had a little supper and came back to my
room and undressed. I had been dressed up
all day and that in a rough stiff collar -
my neck was most rawed then.

The sermon this morning was very
interesting. It was by Robert Fitch
Foreign pastor of the 1st Presbyterian
Church and Pres. of Hangchow College (Presb)
Hangchow China. Perhaps you have
heard of him. I liked him very much.

Monday AM. Finding nothing more to say
I stopped last night and will leave Monday.
Hope you're all well and not waiting to hear
from me to all yours.

[Mar 21, 1925]

Dear Mother:

I just received your card. Of course I'm very sorry to hear about Ed. I've just finished a letter telling her what to do if she wants to come. I really think she better stop here for the only train ^{with a maid} from Grand Rapids gets in Albany 5.15 a.m. a rather poor time to meet her unless you get up about three o'clock and went up with the car. I told her she had better come Friday getting here 12.09 a.m. Sat. morning. She could then sleep late Sat morning, and leave here Sun or Mon morning, at 8.51 getting in Albany 1.45 a convenient time for some one to meet her. Miss Halihan has asked to have her stay there tho I wanted

rather have her stay here at Mrs Beckers
if she will let her. She has a vacant room
now but might not want Eva here on account
of Paul. At any rate she will have a
good place to stay. I will probably send you
a telegram because when she gets here it
will be too late to write.

I must close now and go to school.
Still fine weather. Tell grandpa's letter
Love to all,
George.

Cossackie N.Y.
March 22 1925

Dear George:

It's after nine o'clock and have just listened to the services from the First Reformed Church in Albany. They had an oratorio on the death and raising of Jesus' daughter, as a part of the Service, it was very fine. This has been a very nice day, and the roads are nearly dried up, but are so rutty. No one went to church this morning but myself. Your mother has been very nervous for the last few days. They have succeeded in raising all the debt at the Second church.

On Tuesday evening they ^{have} a Jubilee supper and we have been urged very strongly to come. I gave them \$10 I felt that we ought to pay our way. We shall not pledge any definite return for the present. This afternoon we called

at Mabels, the first since you were there. We found her quite miserable from a cold. They have all had colds and it seems the whole neighborhood is the same. Fred Adams (Aunt Bertha's husband) goes to the hospital tomorrow morning for observation, he is in a serious condition. Next Saturday John Bonus goes to the hospital, he has the same trouble that grandpa had. But they handle them differently now and do not use the knife. Johnnie Hubbard's father had a stroke the past week and lies in a critical condition. They certainly do have trouble, I guess the Bonus' heady days are over in this conference at least. This certainly is very cheerful news but so it goes. We packed the file wood yesterday Walbur and Earl helped. We have a large file and now it has to be split up. Walbur thinks he has a job and expects to go to work next week. Of course he may get clipped up on it. He will probably well be down here some this week. We have painted quite a little on

the house and have nearly all the blinds painted. Expect to start the incubator in the morning. Too bad about Eva, we are not sure that she is coming this week. I suppose she hates to get up but I think it is the best thing.

If she would see the things in the right light. There are plenty of places for her in social service work, where she might do a wonderful work.

We have at last succeeded in getting Dr Van Boesum's bill. The total amount since 1918 was \$219.00. We had already paid \$100 and are going to pay \$500 now, so that will leave \$69 yet to pay. It wasn't any larger than we thought it, in fact I wouldn't have been surprised if it had been \$300. We had a good ^{time} _{one} ^{party} _{too} birthday. Uncle George and Aunt Annie were here, also Pauline, Wilbur and ^{and John Bonner.} ~~James~~. We invited Katie but she was unable to

come. He must have received at least
15 cards. Florence sent me exactly like
yours. Wasn't that funny that such a thing
would happen? They are going to continue
the McBride Dues slow just the same.
Well I can't think of any more now and
will leave it ~~at~~ till money.

As usual I must finish up. Ignoripa
has written all there is to tell. Did you ever hear
from Auntie in regard to Chautauqua place?
I haven't had a letter from her in 3 weeks. I
came across a Chautauqua Magazine
in cleaning last week - perhaps you have seen
it, but anyway I will send it with next week
time; you might find some addresses on it to
write to. - I'm wondering who your kind bene-
factor is that gives you such fine treats - or is it a
different one everytime? Were the collars all right?
I put a tifle of starch in them at Jessie's suggestion
for they too stiff? Yes, say so - but we tho't perhaps
they would stay clean longer. - I also put pieces on the
ragged edges. - I am feeling better this morning - Eva's
condition & the church situation are continually on my
mind & tho' I really do not worry, they make me very nervous.
I am going to try to Lenclean some this week. Lovingly Mother

Dear Mother

[Mar 27, 1925]

I hope you'll excuse the pencil. My pen still writes this. I had the misfortune day before yesterday to drop it and break the case. I can never carry it again but it still writes. I have carried it eight years however so I should be satisfied.

We have been having some very fine spring weather with the thermometer at 75° to day.

I heard a rather good performance of Carmen (opera) this afternoon by the Parkette American Opera Co. Tomorrow the Hills Symphony gives its last concert which will also be the last appearance of Mr. Coster until

next year. Saturday afternoon
The Coates conducting class give a
demonstration. There also have
been studying conducting with
him will conduct the Finian
Orchestra in those numbers which
they have been studying. I expect
it will be real interesting. I
have dropped in the class several
times and have found 'em so.

Before I forget it what did
you mean by the sentence "I'm
wondering who your kind benefactor
is that gives you such fine treats."
I didn't know I wrote of any
benefactor, I haven't one any how.
Tell me what you meant if you
can remember. It sounds like
a sentence to a girl rather than
to a boy.

I must thank you particularly
for the fine job on the white

shirt. Also the good job on the
collars. I was wondering whether
you stretched them. It certainly was
a master stroke. Thanks for the
card. It was all gone in less than
24 hours. I just grabbed it up.

Don't let those things get on
your nerves. It's really very foolish.

Well the most important thing
I didn't say. Of course you probably
know it by now myself. I had

a long letter from Eos saying
she wasn't coming till June.

I was very glad to hear she felt
quite a bit better. I sometimes
think it's as well to stay so
close home. I wish she could

have Paul's doctor for a while.
He has done wonders for Paul.

I have been thinking if the
times came right that it would
be nice to have Donald and Eos

has to get her for a few days before
they go home. If Anne Donald
may want to go home with his
father if they go to Ottawa but
I might persuade him to come. I
would like to see & have them
both here together.

Friday All.

Finishing making ^{some} & say I
fell asleep so I'll just finish
now. Hope your much better by
now. Also ^{the} grandpa and father are
feeling well. Don't say if you
would not have this spring.

Love to all,

George

[Apr 3, 1925]

Dear Father:

Glad to receive your card yesterday and
hear that you had a nice outing Sunday. It
wasn't a very nice day here but perhaps
it was in Albany. I went to church as
usual in the morning and in the
afternoon to a Missions meeting in the Y.M.
addressed by a very fine doctor from
Brooklyn. I heard him three times last
year and last Sunday was the second time
this year. He is a delightful speaker.

Last Friday the last concert by the Little
Symphony took place. It was very fine.
The next afternoon the conducting class
gave a recital which was also very fine.

The orchestra is completely composed of young people none over 22 I should say and many as young as 14-15. They really play very well, almost as well as some professional orchestras. The weeks seem kind of blank now with no concerts or games. Des Vades is at the Coctura Theatre this week and if nothing happens I hope to see it.

The sermon Sunday was very good. It was by Mr Schell of the Presb. Board of Missions. He spoke on the Presb. Church and the Present world Problem. The local church was celebrating the fiftieth anniversary of the numerous Missionary Society. What kind of a job has Mithungot and where does he work?

I find nothing more to say in factance to say as I'll say good bye. Don't say if you would too hard. Love to all. Grace.

Catsackie N.Y.

April 5/25

Dear Geo.

Have just finished a letter to Eva, and will write you practically the same. Was so pleased to get your letters yesterday from your "kids". I had to devour them all before I finished getting dinner. - Anna came on the 2.46 & we met her at the train & brought her home to visit with grandpa while we went to the funeral. I saw Helen Griffin down town & she said Donald came Sunday. By the way when do you have vacation? Poor Eva had a hard time with her teeth filling this week. a poor chance for her nerves to get in good shape. Mr. & J. called this afternoon. They came down on the 11 o'clock Quaker night & was going back with their car taking Mr. & Mrs. C. with them for a week's visit. Wilbur works on Central Ave. at a battery station - it's about a mile away. He rides ^{on} the trolley one way at noon. Jessie has not yet

got a job & she said it was a long,
concerning week. N. has secured garage
from on Hudson Av. for the car. So probably
they will keep it up there & come down
often. Mother likes his work & his boss.
I don't know what N. will do when he
gets here; work is not very plenty - pa
tho' he might get him on the State
Road gang, but I guess that has fallen
thru - they don't want many & the old
workers have preference.

Grandpa is feeling very much better.
He seems to be enjoying having Anna
here. They have all been listening in
to the services from Schen - pa just said
it was the best service he has heard on
the radio. He went to church down
town this morning but it is not home
to me and we do miss L. S. so much.
Sometimes I get brooding on the situation
& I can't help crying about it. Last
Monday night we went to Catskill to a
C.-E. Rally where Margaret & B. Corp
with us. It was quite a surprise to the
crowd from up street to see us walking
in. Afterward Trip actually shook hands
with her - the first they have really met since

early in Dec. - Next Sunday is
Confirmation so I suppose we
will all go up street choir. At night he
is to have a pageant for which he has
been rehearsing the young folks for
some time.

I wonder why there was only one
collar in your wash last week. - I did
not return that as it needed mending.
This was a very full busy week & today
I was quite tired out - I lay on the bed
most 2 hours just previous & sufficed
could not sleep but rested. Pa
has Eva's room papered & painted &
I hope he'll get it papered this week
so I can get the room ready for your
to use until his room gets fixed.
Now in regard to that "benefactor" - I
meant the person or persons who
gives you tickets - you have mentioned
several times that some one had
given you tickets for some affair.
No. is coming home Saturday -
maybe he'll go to Milburn & ride down

with them

Guess I'll begin in how to some
music - By the way - we attended
the circus in Madison Square Ny
yesterday from 6 to 7 - I was great.
I heard "zip" the "missing link"
or "what is it" - you know I saw him
there when I was a little girl - the
manager said they had him 50 years.

Monday A.M.

This is another beautiful
morning but still quite chilly.
No more to write of importance
so I'll close as Pa is ready
to go.

Lovingly,
Mother.

On Easter Day

Peace be with you at Easter,
This holy day of days,
When every flower and living thing
Gives unto him the praise.



POST CARD
FOR ADDRESS ONLY

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

Dear Geo.
Hope you are
having such beauti-
ful weather as we are.
Plan to drive to Catskill
this afternoon. Every-
thing unusual here.
Auntie spent Wed. at
Harry's. Grandpa going
one to supper. Hope
all is o.k. with you.
Loveingly, Mother.

Apr. 9/25

Catsackie N.Y.
Apr. 13/25

Dear George:-

I wonder how you are spending your first vacation day - how I wish you could be home. Harold surprised us Saturday morning arriving on that early train before we were out of bed. He looks real well - never saw him so fat - now the problem confronts us what to do about next year. He has a notion to go back in Sept. and complete the work for they wanted him to return Wed. & graduate in the summer. I feel it is too bad he can't do this, but it is really not necessary & would cost so much. His wardrobe is about demolished & needs considerable replenishing at once.

Your nice Easter card received. Thanks for remembering us. - Anna is still here and expected to go this Thurs. but I have asked her to stay over Sunday. Grandpa went up to Florence's yesterday morning - he will probably be home today or tomorrow. I would like to see you

to dinner yesterday and then they took
Harold & Anna to call down at Uncle
Ced's. I did not go out all
day. Have been suffering so with
my back, I got desperate & went
to the doctor's Wednesday night. I
began to fear there was some internal
trouble, but he says not, but diagnosed
it as lumbago - I do not entirely
agree with him but am taking the
medicine & will see what that will
do. I think it has helped a little.
But Sunday I got up with neuritis
in my right shoulder and it was
with great difficulty I managed to
work at all - lying down all afternoon.
Pa and Anna went to morning service
down town and at night Pa took Anna
& Harold up street to introduce the boys
Mr. & Mrs. Fies have been training the young
folks for. They said it was very good.
Last Thurs. we went to Eastkill main-
ly to give Anna an outing. So we did
to a little business. Then we drove
out to Jefferson & saw the display of
plants in Person's Lab House. My
plan to go to Hudson some day this
week. The chickens are hatching

out to-day in the incubator so they will
be an extra care now. Pa does at-
tempt so much extra work but he
thinks he must to meet expenses.
He seems to feel pretty good now &
so does Grandpa but I know they
both try to do too much. The work
up stairs is about half done and
things must just stand still un-
til some seeds get in the cold frame
& other work started. Well, I don't
care much for the one not able to
do much myself and will have
about all I can manage this
week with the wash - it is extra big
this time. I am feeling much
better today but that's best to wait
all to-morrow to do the washing.
I see one of your Union suits is
a bad case and not worth any
more repairs, so I'll not return it.
One shirt is also badly torn - perhaps
I'll fix that & it will go another
time. If you see any bargains in
white shirts like your broadcloth with
attached collar size 14 1/2 in. the one.

The Community - Here was shocked yesterday to hear of the death of Harrie Curtis on Sat. the 1st after 5 da. illness. His father died Thurs. in Rochester and was brought here for burial - funeral from 2nd Church Sunday - Harrie was too sick to be told of his father's death. Only last Sunday Pa had quite a talk with him & Harry scribbled a letter to him. He was apparently in the best of health.

Had a card from Auntie Saturday. She had only Friday & today vacation. She went to Houclair to stay over night & was going to N. Y. Sat. for the rest of the time. Are you making any progress on the Chautauqua idea - time to get busy. Yesterday I enjoyed the Chimes from Grace Church N. Y. also parts of both services from Albany Church.

Must stop now & see about dinner. Anna seems pleased to be here - she is so blue & lovesome and cries often - she is perplexed for the future as she is so nervous & nervous and not real well other - nice - I do feel sorry for her. Hope you will have a real good rest and enjoy your vacation.

Lovingly,
Mother



THIS SIDE OF CARD IS FOR ADDRESS

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

Dear Leo :-

Saturday afternoon.

Received your letter this a.m. also
one from Eva. You certainly are having
a busy week & hope you will not get tired.
This is a beautiful day and this P.M. we
are going to rock some seeds. Geo. Bold is
on the job and has helped quite a little this
week. Have us got in right for him yet - your
mother feels ably fairly well. Yesterday we
all went to the play. Miss says she is going
home Monday but I imagine a little roaring
she would play that a very bright prospect ahead
of the trust this finds you all right
With love
Father

Cassockie N.Y.

Apr. 19/25

Dear George -

So sorry I forgot to mail you a card. I hope you don't not feel dunned at each getting & send word for Friday. We were delighted with your nice long letter - you certainly had a small coffee-cup last week - hope it did not tire you out too much. If you ~~get~~ any of the pictures I'll like to send you. My Eva has not written you when she is busy & now my wife pack of the time. But she writes some time a week and usually very cheerful letters - certainly Mrs. Buegel has been a ~~guardian~~ angel to her.

I think probably now she will stay
till June, as she has stood it thus far -
but she gets much worse. Nina
is still here and talks of leaving to mor-
row tho' she seems to dread taking up
her old life of living alone again. I
had a busy week since last I wrote
and did not feel good either. My medi-
cine is gone now & I must go see Dr.
again I suppose - do not think he has
helped me a particle yet. Friday
we went to Hudson - I did not feel like
it but we wanted to take the trip
while Anna could go with us. I got a
new hat - have worn the other 4 years
also a new dress - that is the goods. I
have mended & cleaned my old coat
& must make that go this season.
Pa bought a suit for route to the
ship and sweater. We intended go-
ing to church this morning but they
could not get the car started - worked
at it till 11 & then gave it up. Mr. J. drove
in soon after & Mr. found the cause &
got it in shape. I had been to dentist
they would not stay but are coming here
for next Sunday as the Couleys are
going to Hudson then visiting. - Do
not tell you what to mail the papers to
I'm any more - I will send her the things
of interest - postage is higher so I will send
you 2 weeks collection in Wash.

Had a long letter from my Auntie
She was quite tired from her 74th
but especially to Greenwood at
Edisto where she spent all after-
noon looking for Uncle Chas's
grave & could not find it. She
was glad to get your card & would
like to get a letter, I guess. Are
you still anticipating going to
Chautauque? Jobs are very scarce
here - guess H. will have to stay
home for a while anyway - I was
hard on him to get broken in last
week. I guess he would like to go to
Hope if P. goes back but that seems
doubtful. Grandpa seems to feel
good & works every day but he tires so
easily. He spent Monday night with
Mr. J. & came home Tuesday. Ranged
well up to church to night. It has been
a very stormy day. In the storm
afternoon some could not be seen
in as roads was disconcerted. Aunt
pma few lines to Auntie you. Hope
Mrs. Holman is better. Love you both.



THIS SIDE OF CARD IS FOR ADDRESS

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

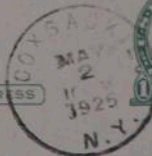
Cashackie, W.V.

Apr. 24/25

Dear George-

Just a line
all ok. Rev. Anna
went home Wed-
nesday - it seems
lonely without
her - Haven't heard
from her this week
but I suppose you
are very busy. Better
I purchase a moth bag
for her good and
coat - that would be
better than to send it
home - they are about
50 C. maybe less. I am
all - I feel better just now.
Love, George

THIS SIDE OF CARD IS FOR ADDRESS



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

Capeachie, Md
May 11/25

Dear Geo-

Hope you received
Mach etc. You will miss
some articles that were not
worth returning - others are
on their last legs - If you have
not sent them for it, do so
as soon as you can - I want
it for his birthday I used my
April weekend yesterday
Karping very hard - He did
not work. He went to Library
& School after dinner - He
went down to dentist - hope
I am thro' this now till fall
I am feeling much better
the day back is not improved
any - This evening was
fall but it started to rain
about 11 - snow soon you
d still warring. I have been
making pills - don't forget that
small book & did you get that
your bag? Better investigate
further about your bag - I
think it would pay for to -
was married. Weather lay over
just for all etc. Love you
Mother.

Cassackie W.V.

May 7/25

My dear George-

You certainly have been neglected lately but it is not because we do not think of you. Life now-a-days is one grand rush and I cannot depend on Pa anymore to write any of the letters for he is in the house only long enough to eat and sleep. Did I tell you Harold has a job on the State road - only four in the gang with Henry Powell as fore. It is considered a political job with little to do & plenty to get and I hope it will not spoil H. There did not seem to be any other job open for him & frankly you this one Mrs. Bert Deen. He does not go till 7.30 or later from home and is back again soon after & gets 3.60 per day. He could help much here after Louis but does not seem inclined to. His major ambition now is to get a license to run a car & for that

and he is spending time & money. I fear he is getting cold just on the college question for he lacks nerve to go thro' an ambiconomical basis & that is probably one he can go on. How ever perhaps he will settle down to business when this business question is settled. As for me he is still a problem unsolved. - (Social environment has seemed to side track him for the present at least.

Well, Earl has kicked over the bucket a-lazy that is he was married on Apr. 29 very quietly - perhaps you received an announcement - Glad to we did not. They are living at James's - Guess Dorothy will find life work on a James - A very different from village life.

We had a full day Sunday. Harold went to S.D. at 10 a.m. & pa went same time down to 2nd - this is the first step in that line - I do not know if he will continue or not but Mr. Ballard made a plea for workers from pulpits previous Sunday. I do not intend to start in that work yet nor any other down there - I still feel as hurt at our treatment up there. I have no heart ever to get deep in any church work again tho' I might feel differently if I moved away to new surroundings. Well then pa returned at 11 & took grandpa & me up to Communion. Just after dinner Jake's folks drove in & after a short call took grandpa over to see Harry & they all staid there to supper. I felt hurt & sorry not to have grandpa here for H's birthday for I had invited Mr. J. & Pauline to supper & made some extra preparations. However I put on a brave front & went thro' the usual program - Fortunately the cake turned out fine & I fixed the candles around it for me. The bellies returned about 7. just as the others were all leaving but they staid only a few minutes. I was some tired & had to take in to evening service & then home but it was indeed our reception day for I just got settled with the carpenter on when Hapell & others & three of the children drove in. When they left at 9.30 I was ready to tumble in.

I had a short letter from Annie this week - She has made up definite plans for the summer. She required how you succeeded in the Chausseaux business - Better write to her again - I'm sure she could help you - I'm want to go. Why keep me in suspense as to whom you went to the Junior dance with?

Weather is still very chilly here & quite cold nights - We are covered with snow again this morning. We have had so much rain the ground is saturated. Our chicken business is on the turn this year - some disease - little ones are dying everyday and the old ones have been going west almost daily ever since last September. A thorough clean out is the only remedy I guess. I feel a lot better since I quit the same bad luck is in store for you. Set part of our own eggs - so bad it is so discouraging & I'm know how depressing to you especially. - I feel better part of that time but work goes so slowly as soon as I hustle a little. I really fight - Guess I'll have to get a clerical job, that's the only work I want. Mine for dinner. So Ady -
Buckley and received some unique. Love you.

Catsackie N.Y.

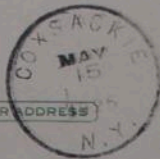
May 10/25

My dear George.

Sunday Evening again and as it is quiet now I'll write a few lines - Grandpa & Pa are listening in to the voice - We all went to church this morning and N. actually went with us down town & sat with us - I was so pleased. There was a large congregation & we received white carnations as we passed out. - I want to thank you for the very appropriate card - it pleased us both so much. I received a novel one (blue) from Mr. Top. Heave not say N. & J. yet but perhaps they come in before Ted time. N. looked for them all afternoon but in vain, so right after supper he started out & said he would return N. it was home in 2 days. It has been a beautiful day but to night looks like rain. I fear a bad wash day to-morrow. Your letter & wash came yesterday; glad to get such a lengthy epistle - We were wondering to day if you had placed the last which one is it this week? Pa wrote four parts to Mrs. N. Yesterday & I hope to have them to return by next week - I think I'll put pencils in the seat, first tho.

Sorry the shirt is too large for No. so I will plumb it
you can get a 14½ and - he would like one with
a collar that buttons down on the shirt, that is the
corner of the collar do. Thank you for your trouble.
Tell me how much you pay for the union suits.
I want to get some for No. & was wondering if you
could get them cheaper than I can. Just a little
I saved on every article helps you know. Eva had
to see a doctor about that stomach trouble & he said
it was a nerve disorder. She expects to leave on June 12th
and will stop to see you I think if you can have Dr.
Hewitt probably write. Pa & I think it would be a good
idea if she could have a consultation with Dr.
Dr. you spoke of & see if he had anything new to offer diff.
cut from dope. I haven't said anything to all about it
yet - do you think Mrs. Dyer would go with her? - Will
No. has his license now - I went with him to Catskill
yesterday to take test & last night he took me down to the
doctor for his first trip as a real chauffeur. Guess Dr. is
rather skeptical at my back besides but seems to think
it is rheumatism and changed the medicine.
Strange it is worse when I lie down but I do manage
to get to sleep, (this I dream awful) & find it still present
when I awake in the morning. So I am not house
cleaning much just now - in fact it takes most of the
morn'g just to get meals & pick up. Friday night we went
to New Baltimore - I had to call on the 3 Dept. of them
in regard to our Y. P. Conference in 2nd church here this
Thursday - It is just for Mine Co. - I delegate from each
school - a frank letter went down by the river at noon
and a banquet at 6 in church - 3 sessions for conference &
addresses - I hope to be on hand at 9.30 if I'm able.
Mr. Lafayette is rather expensive, \$4.00 the least possible -
but we thought of a loan scholarship of \$1.00 & perhaps he
could work. However it is not exactly satisfactory -
Mr. M. spent all afternoon helping our plans & look-
ing over the catalogues we have prepared several times,
but came to no definite conclusion. I am going to
ask you to help us out in one way. If you have a cata-
logue of U. & R. just look over the pages on Expenses &
Scholarships - Now I think if you that No. would
get along at U. & R. & he would not be a burden to you
also if he could get a job & earn board & may get
one of the numerous scholarships we could foot the rest

if the bill provided he was not too extravagant.
I do not want to urge him to go unless he is willing to do his part & not be wasteful in time or money. I could write to Tenn as suggested in Catalogue but it would be more satisfactory if you would go & see him and explain the circumstances - Find out what chance there is for his getting employment or mapped out under heading of "Students employment" and also if he could obtain a scholarship. I wish you would do this as soon as possible. We will probably see in a couple of weeks if we get up to go to Union, what we can do along the same lines there. I hope this is not asking too much of you, but I know you can do it all better than I could by writing, & your position as a student may have some weight. But still of the College employment what chance do you think there would be for him to earn his board? He is such a queer kid - seems to want to go to College & has nothing in his head but "Lafayette" but still, Sam's seem to settle down to business. I think you will both feel better when we get some definite plans for him completed. - I must pen a few lines to Emma now so she'll not be disappointed in Redoubt.
Lots of Love, Mother.



THIS SIDE OF CARD IS FOR ADDRESS

George P. Van Schaack,
257 Park Ave.
Rochester, N.Y.

Capeack, N.Y.

May 15/25

Dear George -

Hope you re-
ceived Mark by this
time and Pauls are
O.K. Apples are all gone
so I can't send any
more. Quite chilly nights
this week - I am rather
lazy today after my
outing yesterday - but we
had a fine conference
this is a very large one -
I wished all day all
my children were with
me - it was such a great
treat of a wholesome
character for young folks -
Hope you are well & happy
Chauvaugna again & hope
you'll be a wonderful help
for you -
Sincerely,
Dorothy

Cassackie N.Y.
May 17, 1925

My dear George-

I suppose you have been very busy all week, that is why we have not heard from you. I am wondering how you are feeling - I hope you will not get as run down as you were last year. I guess poor Wais is in pretty bad shape tho' she says she is not having the spells as often as formerly. A card received yesterday states she is about the same and is up about half the time - Still she is humored so much & I think cannot be so very bad if she gets fishing - said she caught 6 bass one time. But she is very homesick and can hardly wait for the day of departure. Don't wonder if you do not receive letters from her as she says she does not write to anyone except home. I do not think there is any likelihood of her going back next year - I see no use of it.

I had a letter from Grace yesterday - the first since winter. No wonder they have a car as Marcelle has given up college altogether and has a fine position as Secretary in an office in same building with Grace & Mildred. Marcelle runs the car - I don't understand how she could learn if she is so nervous. They

Plan to run up here sometime. Wilby & Jessie
have just gone - they came to supper to night.
Harold went up with them - I imagine he has a
girl - I also imagine it is Esther but I don't know.
Pa let him have the car Friday & go to the High School
dance in School Building - they are having them
now every 2nd Friday. Did I tell you Pa has
bought a new Chev.? He traded quite a while ago
but hasn't got the new one yet - as W. Haas has
any on hand - he went down to Larrytown Wed-
nesday for some but could not get a touring car.
Now this sounds extravagant but Pa is bringing
into consideration Pa that it is good policy to trade
& it would prove cheaper in the end. He was
allowed \$350 for old car - that is \$100 more than he
could get anywhere else - he inquired in Catletts
& Hudson. It is a wonderful thing to Harold &
his main topic is "new car" till Grandpa is sick &
d. -
Well today we attended another funeral
of one of our old friends - Aunt Helen in Athens. I am
so sorry I did not see her again - have been intending
to all Spring but just kept putting it off. She has been
very sick for 3 weeks & died on Thursday. It is just 14
weeks since Uncle Ed died. We called on Ed Paul
who has been very ill again & was sitting up today.

in to the radio service - I did not care for it, for I found that tho' the talk was good, it was only a moral talk. It was from the Unitarian Church - I had never known before just what kind of meeting they had - there was no scripture reading & no prayer except the Lords Prayer but there were moral devices read & responsive readings from a moral book. The talk was based on the Golden Rule. I had to quit listening before it was finished to get dinner for we had to leave here at 1.30 for Athens - Mr. J. Barnes with us. Pa went down to S. S. at 10 a. m. & Harold followed later with the car for church service. He will not go up street he says but will go to morning service down town. So perhaps for the present, Pa will walk over to S. S. & No. 7 I will go to church at 11.

The men are getting along fine with the outdoor work but they put in every minute till dark. Potatoes are all planted & both chicken yards made & many odds & ends done - perhaps some time soon Pa can help me do a little indoors - I keep a going by being careful & not doing much - some days I feel fine but fear to pitch in heavy - Last Monday Grandpa was sick in bed all day but was up next day & even went to Mrs. Noble's funeral. It has been all right ever since but I don't think he does as well as other years & he ought not to. - I must be off now for Jim so tired. Hope you have not forgotten my request. Lovingly, Mother.

Then we went to see Rachel Mauda. She has been visit-
ing her two sisters here on New St. for about 10 days &
got back home last Friday. One of her sisters had a
stroke during that time and is still very bad - the one
from Chicago has come on to take care of her. We
had just been home a few minutes when Volney
Lilus & wife called to arrange for P.H. Linnin Dec. 30.
I guess pa would like to have it here, but I don't dare
to as I am so undependable & no one to help me.

I did attend the Y.P. Conference Thurs. & had a real
enjoyable time. In the morning there were about
twenty-five young folks & ten adults and we all
went down to the beach near Beddell's ice house &
had a frank suttler roast - most of them walked but
I rode with Mr & Mrs. Ballard. Mr. Lilus was not
there but went on a ride that day with his wife &
Miss Kitty & Edward. There were more present in the
afternoon and about fifty or more at banquet.
At the table there was a succession of yells, cheers,
songs etc. and it was a very lively time. The officers
chosen for the day were Eliot Williams Pres., Alice Brandon
V. Pres. Romanus Gudrun, Sec. and Isabelle Eldred Treas. -
After the banquet there was a stereopticon talk on the
summer camps and several good addresses. Pa
came for the evening session.

I did not go to church to-day but Grandpa & Orlina

WADSWORTH NO AID TO PARTY

Cost Republicans the Governorship
and They Will Lose Support if
He Is Renominated

By Rev. George A. Fowler

Acting Superintendent, Western District
Chairman Bradley of the Republican
County Committee has announced his in-
tention of supporting James W. Wads-
worth for re-election to the United States
Senate and urges the organization of
Wadsworth clubs throughout the coun-
ties in Western New York.

It is difficult to see just what the Re-
publicans owe Senator Wadsworth. His
dictatorial policy at the Republican con-
vention held in Rochester, cost the party
the governorship. His attitude on prohi-
bition enforcement made it impossible for
the party to make good on its pledges for
a state enforcement code. He is totally
out of accord with the national adminis-
tration on the enforcement question and
is certainly not backing up President
Coolidge as a supposedly dependable reg-
ular party man ought to.

The Republican party should settle
upon a candidate for the United States
Senate who stands foursquare for the en-
forcement of all law.

Must Nominate Dry

The party, if it hopes to keep the re-
spect and deserve the suffrage of the peo-
ple, must see to it that candidates are put
forward for whom the people can vote
with good conscience. Senator Wads-
worth has forfeited any claim to the vote
of that great proportion of the Republi-
can party in the state which is dry and
which believes in the principle of a
square deal on prohibition enforcement.

One would be foolish to make predic-
tions, but it is fairly safe to say that if
Governor Smith decides to run against
Senator Wadsworth, in case the Senator
is the nominee of the Republican party,
one of two things is apt to happen: there
will either be an independent Republican
candidate, or there will be many a Re-
publican vote registered in the Demo-
cratic column.

It will be futile for the Republican
leaders to talk about party regularity and
bandy about other stock phrases when
their candidate has been decidedly ir-
regular and when everybody knows that
so far as injuring prohibition enforcement
is concerned, a New York Senator by the
name of Al Smith would be a nonentity
in the face of the practically solid Demo-
cratic dry vote of the South.

A BREAK IN THE HOSE



The above cartoon, drawn for the Syracuse Herald by Mr. Lamborn of the Herald staff, is reproduced by permission of that paper which loaned the cut to the American Issue. The announcement of the New York Anti-Saloon League's "War on Wadsworth" as the leading exponent of the wet cause created a sensation in political circles and has given rise to innumerable editorials in which the League is praised, or blamed for its stand, according to the wetness or dryness of the paper, and its political complexion.

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

Cassackie, Ill

May 22/25

My dear Ees.

I can't imagine why we do not hear from you -- perhaps you have written & it has gone astray - not a word now in two weeks - I don't exactly worry but would feel much better if I heard from you. Every thing as usual here - Fall shade very cool tho' Wed. Mosquito warm. I hope you are not run down as you were a year ago - probably for me so busy I do not realize how long it is since you last wrote - I am hoping for some thing from you today. Trust you have heard from E. by now.
Cousinly, Mother.

Catsackie N.Y.
May 24/25

Dear Geo-

The letter that I longed for came at last. No. went downtown last night with some papers for August and brought home the letter - No. we did not get one last week; given that because it. Well you certainly did make up by writing such a long one this time and we all enjoyed reading it, tho' there were a few words we could not understand. The request I referred to was in regard to the college business. Perhaps it would be foolish for H. to go to Hopt. I think Hamilton would be all right but H. is determined to go to Schen. & investigate chances as before. The only reason I have for getting it settled is about room at dorms - also I have read so many times recently that the applications & the accommodations & many are turned away. I don't know what to say about Eva going to the Dr. Of course if he could cure her of that awful affliction it would be worth some money. An inoculation (physical) I do not think at all necessary as she had a thorough one by Dr. Vandusen last Spring. But as you say she might have to stay for treatment & that comes out of the question as present.

Pa wrote to Len about it & she may not be willing to do it & at present I would not urge her. She is physically very much run down, I fear just now but that does not cause the spells, for she was perfectly well when they started again last fall. I think she will recuperate fast when she gets home for I fear she is awfully home sick. Received a card from her yesterday, that she will probably come home next week with some folks that are going to General Signon at Adbury. Had not sound as if she were intending to stop off for she said she'd probably be home on Thursday, 10th. That would be a bad week for you to have her out because of your exams - perhaps she has written to you her plans - she perhaps feels too bad to stay till the 12th or to visit you - I'm sure I can't tell - she is so indefinite & so changeable - she will have to make her own plans - but I am sorry if you cannot see each other at all. I do not think she would be in any shape to go to the commencement anyway - if you have not heard from her definitely, better write to her at once - she wrote she had to send 2¢ to Rochester P.O. to get your love letters.

The three men are listening to radio. We all having a very cold snap - started fire in heater to-day and now it is raining - they carried the tomato plants last night about 1500 of them. If it clears to night & the wind goes down the strawberry blossoms will have a clear call.

- Has been a good angel to Eva and I feel we can never repay her for it. Send the letter back as I want to keep it. -

Pa went to Dr. Van for me today & now I have two new kinds of medicine - I don't believe he knows what ails my back but insists it is not kidney trouble, nor anything internal. I guess it is just something I have to bear with and perhaps some day it will disappear.

I didn't tell you Harold took a load of the Jimmy folks to Lumb's Street on Friday night - The Girl's League repeated their famous play over there & next Friday night appear in the big city of Wilton. Bill Haas has us new saws yet but expects to go down this week for some. Pa is getting anxious as his tires are so poor.

Well, I guess I'll quit & go to bed - Pa & I are listening to radio but Pa is asleep. I have just been engaging the General Electric Baul, while I mended Jim's socks. - Thanks for the shirt - it looks fine but Mo. has not tried it on yet - I permit price some day. Good luck to you in all the races - I guess you feel alright for you have said nothing to the contrary since. I hope to iron your clothes in the morning & get the core mailed Wednesday. Lots of love & kisses
Mother.

made any headway about Chautauqua - Why
don't you write to her about it? - Well, I seem
to be out of material - news is scarce - no one
has died this week that I know of - Old Mr. Webb
had a stroke and will probably not last long.
I guess I'll stop for to night - may add more if I
think of anything before I mail this.

Monday Evening - I'll try to finish up now before going to
bed. The washing today tired me so, I had to lie in bed
most all afternoon. I could not go to Gray's to night &
Pa would not go without me. Howard did not go to work
this morning because it was raining. He went downtown
to see the boat that was to race with the Century, but found
the trip was postponed. Then he helped me with washing. It
cleared by noon, but he did not hear if the men were working
so staid home & fixed rabbit holes. His ear is still some
swollen but I think it is getting better - I did not go to
Dr Van - but I did what I thought was right for him - I guess
it was some kind of poisoning. - Well, the en-
closed letter from Miss Boyd was received today.
I fear Eva is in worse shape than she has let us know
and it would appear that she is in no condition to stop
over with you - Pa thinks she might better make
you a visit later when she is in better shape. We
thought this a very nice letter from Miss B. - She certainly

This past week I did manage to get the spare room & parlor cleaned but I got so tired, I got nervous & was about a week Saturday - I meant to go down to see Dr. last night, but it stormed & I was too tired to get ready. Feel better today, but I see a busy week ahead. Will probably wash & churn to-morrow - Had notice for a ware both on literary program for Grange at night (the time has been changed to 2 + 4th Sundays) we have not been since last Fall & I doubt if we go to-morrow - I'll be too tired & far too busy. Tuesday is the annual District A.S. meeting in New Baltimore - We must go as far as pres. So perhaps the wash will not get away as soon as usual. I am supposed to have charge of W.C.M. on Thurs. (only once a year) but I have made up my mind to send the material with my regrets - B. Cooper is in N.Y. but will probably be home Wed. & she will take charge for me. On Saturday the R.D.'s have picnic at Round Top the home of V. Ellis' mother - that means two days work in one on Friday - Don't see how I can get such, rush, rush.

Had a long letter from Auntie yesterday after a three weeks absence. She has been busy with her annual exhibit - Has only 4 more weeks. I asked her to come home to visit but she did not say only she has not made any definite plans. She asked if you had

Pa and I went down to church this morning & Grandpa went up street - to bad to have to go like this. He did not go out all day. He got up with a swollen lip & sore mouth - looks to me like infection. He wanted to go to the doctor tonight but the latter did not have office hours. Now he has just discovered a breaking out on his arms, so I guess he is in for something. I am poulticing his lips to night with flaxseed. He was here this morning and they both came for a few minutes this afternoon. They were going back to Albany tonight taking M. & W. C. with them. I guess M. is up a tree alright for J. is so disappointed in Albany. Sabre has moved out of Cooley's house as she bought one on Whiskey St. & I just imagine they want for J. to come back & live here. - Will we have 4 rabbits added to the farm stock - Oh yes - we went for them up to Deane's Mills taking H. & Pauline with us. We started about 6.30 so as to get back to Union by 8 to see a musical show of local talent (women) in the Church here. It was very good but I was really not here to thoroughly enjoy it. On Wednesday I went up to our church & helped get the annual donation supper ready - We did not mean to go but Sammie J. asked me to help, so I did. Pa & M. came up to eat but Grandpa would not go. Mr. Miles & family ate & then "skiddooed".

Tuesday morning -

Dear Geo -

I must add a few lines as I forgot to send the letter with you. Feeling better this morning, it is a bright & beautiful day - some warmer tho' it must have frozen last night. I have been enjoying the radio for several periods of time, ever since 7.45 - now a little after nine. Heard the communications between CTR Air plane and the N.Y. Station thro' Pokepie - it is intensely interesting as the Air plane is keeping us posted as to the whereabouts of the Speed boat. It has just passed W. Point, a little ahead of the 20th Cent. Train - At Catekill & Pokepie it was a mile behind. One boat gave out & had to put up at P. - The telephoning has just been transferred to W.P. of N.Y. and I distinctly

heard the announcer
there talking to Capt.
^{W. Cleveland} ~~Cleveland~~ ^{agent} of the ship CTR.
The reply was given
immediately and but
I could not get it all
distinctly owing to the
roaring of the out plane
motor - but what a
wonderful thing it is -
Harold went down
to see the boat & I guess
he was home enough
tho he feared he wasn't.
Pa took him to H^g of hill.
His lips are still swollen
but his nose tho is much
better this morning. I
am going to listen in one
more & then curst wash
dishes (2 lots) & do some
ironing - We plan to go to
New Balt. about 3 -
Lovingly,
Mother.
at Louken - speedboat 5 or
6 miles behind 20th Cent.

[26 May 1925]

Dear Mother:

I was very glad to get your letter this week but quite surprised to hear that you didn't have a letter from me last week. I was sure I wrote quite a sizeable one. Any how I'll try to write a fair one now. I wonder how you are all feeling. Fine - I hope. So grandpa feeling better by now. I suppose there's late I wash all around now. Mrs Beeler is cleaning house too. As bad, Eva is so much worse but a hopeful sign that she doesn't have so many spells. Do you really want her to see Paul's doctor. Mrs Beeler says it would be quite expensive.

(she is intending to ask him what he
would charge - she thinks at least
\$15 for a consultation - \$25 for
an examination and then you
probably couldn't get any satis-
faction without treatment here
in Rochester. He is however a
fine doctor. He has just
been elected pres. of the Association
of Doctors of Epilepsy and
Kindred Diseases.

I have not done much about the
college business but got a new
catalogue and looked over the
scholarships. I don't doubt
H. could get a job here and
might get a scholarship but
I think it would be foolish to
come so far for the U. of R.
Union is by far superior for
his line of work. I wish I
could see you to talk to you

about it. But I will discuss
it with Eva and she can talk
it over with you.

I went to the movie "The Hour" ²
the other day. The play from
which it is taken is by Craze
Wether. It is a mystery play
and a bit exciting. We have
been having some interesting
weather / flying here the
past few days. The Hungarian
an Ace from France is here
for a few days and has been
doing some stunts, more dies
tail spins etc several after-
noons this week. It is
very interesting to watch.

Yesterday I was to have
my boat piano lesson before
the exam next Wed. but
the Anstices was taken sick.

I don't suppose that was I
will have another. We have several
other minor exams next week also -
Ear Training - (Keyboard Harmony
and Hygiene). Then the next week
(Term 1) we have Phy. Ed., Form
and Instruction.

I hope the shirt I sent will
be alright. It was \$1.66. The
underwear that I have costs
\$1.50. I am afraid however that
Harold wouldn't like the knit
kind. The other kind that buttons
on shoulder is made of checked
raincoat I think. I think they
cost only \$1.00 but last only about
1/3 as long. Let me know if you
want me to buy either kind.

The picture of Alack is fine.
He's getting old, isn't he? Give him
my best regards. Thanks very much

for the plants. In evening, that
is not now. The weather is possibly
warm so I find no difficulty
without a net.

I wonder if I wrote I had
a long letter from Esayas, she
would probably come the 12th.
I wrote a letter ~~last~~ right back
and told her to come and
stay indefinitely. At least three
days or more. I haven't heard
from her since but presume
she is catching bass not writing
to bass.

I have just been reading your
letter and will say here don't
complete plans for H too
early. He is changeable you
know and something good
might suddenly appear. I
don't think it necessary to
finish plans till middle of

August and by that time I
may be lame to discuss them
with you. At any rate don't
worry. I'm sure everything will
be alright in the end.

I wonder if I wrote that
Harry Emerson Fordich was
here for Theological Commencement
I didn't try to hear him for
tickets were gone months ahead.

But I'm very glad to say he
is also going to speak at our
own commencement so I
expect to hear him. Eva will
have a chance too if she thinks
it will be alright to go. It
is the morning of the 15th.

I was quite surprised to hear
that you are to have a new
ear but I think it's a fine
idea.

Last night we had an organ club meeting at school. There was election of officers and after wards a few stunts. Some members gave silhouettes (wrong spelling I imagine) (right-by golly - I looked it up). and then we listened to words spelled on pieces - egg baggage etc we had to recognize by ear. We had ice cream and cake for refreshments. The table was decorated for Memorial Day the nearest holiday. Just as we were breaking up - eleven thirty all the lights in the building went out. After much screaming bumping etc they were finally brought on again. A fellow with a Ford coupe asked three of

(2 girls - myself)
of us to ride home. Instead of
going straight home we went
for a ride of about fifteen to
twenty miles out in the country.
What will it be a job?

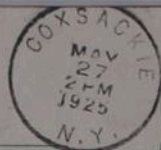
Oh, I nearly forgot to
tell you of my important
stage appearance of last week.
Last Friday night the Senior
class assisted by various members
of other classes gave a show
for the benefit of their senior
annual (I don't know what
the matter with my fingers
but I'll finish this letter by
my fingers hurt). There were
dancing and novelty acts
and then a burlesque of a
scene from Faust - Gounod's
Opera. Men took the women's

parts and vice versa. I took
 the part of a boy and was dressed
 in a duff suit. I was informed
 of my appearance only twenty
 four hours before but they
 said I acquitted myself
 "doggedly". After the show
 there was dancing. They cleared
 about \$125. It costs about
 \$1500 to bring out 300 copies
 of year book. They sell for
 only \$3 a copy.

Seems as if everybody I
 know will be dead when I get
 back. They are dropping like
 fast
 I glad you enjoyed the conference.
 I wonder when the Carrius
 convention will be. I hope
 you can go.

I am very sorry to say I don't
know what your request is. I
have read several letters but can't
find anything that you could
refer to. Tell me again is the
only way I guess. I hope none
of you will work too hard.
Much love to all, Goodnight.

George



THIS SIDE OF CARD IS FOR ADDRESS

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

Wednesday noon
Dear Geo -
Your letter also one from
E. just received. I don't know
just what to say, but do not
think E. is really decided yet
one way or to the other. I course I
do not think she can stand
much excitement or sight-
seeing, but if she can induce to
simplify, I think it would be
well for you both to see each
other if only for a day or two. If
she does stop, be sure to meet the
train - if will probably be late
at night as she wrote it will
reach Albany 5 A.M. Her trunk
can remain at depot & you can
recheck it. She has not really
decided when she comes but
seems to think it will be two or
three days. You will hear from her in
a day or two again. I will write
her to-day. It seems needless to see
the Doctor if she had to remain
there for a day or two. If he comes I
feel a permanent cure money
we no object, but how can we tell
how or what time he will decide to
come.

Catsackie N.Y.
June 1/25

My dear George.

I am wondering if Eva
will be with you when you receive
this. Pa had a card from her to-day
stating if she were well enough she
would leave Grand Rapids on the 5.25
to-day & reach Rochester 9 A.M. to-morrow.
I suppose of course you are to meet her
and I know you will take good care of
her. Be sure to let us know in time
just what train she will reach Albany
on and what day. I will leave it to
the best judgment of both of you. What
how long she stays with you but don't
get her too tired or excited. Perhaps it
may be best to put her in care of the
maid or conductor.

This is our first real hot day and it has

taken the starch right out of us. I guess
had any pep anyway for some time
and I guess this heat won't be likely
to bring it back. I tried to clean the
grout. I all this morning - got it about
half done by noon and will have to
leave it to finish to morrow. We
had a beautiful day Saturday and
we both enjoyed our ride of 54 mi.
Very much! Harold had a holiday
but he would not go with us. He
helped Grandpa weed onions in the
morning and went up to the ball game
& exercises at Sunday afternoon.
at night he took a load of young folks
up to Frank's for Geo. Hubbard. We
tranted Mr. J. to go with us but I did not
feel well & W. worked on his car all day.
Sowe went alone. Got started about
10 going by way of Green's Lake, Leeds
Caird, Purbing & to Round Top.

We passed Fiero's house and had
our picnic about a mile further at
a large boarding house near a stream,
the former home of V. Fitis. There was a
large turnout, about 40 or all with kids.
A threatening thunder storm kept us
near the house so we had lunch on
the porch - the usual goodies with some
nuts & ice-cream, too. We left about 4.30
came home across to Leechold & Green-
ville Centre & so down thro' Dalton. Near
Greenville we stopped & bought 3 more
rabbits for \$6. 2 Belgian Hares & one Aus-
tralian Giant - they weight most 10 lb. each.
It was most 8 when we got in & no supper
yet. So pa cut asparagus & I got a hurried
meal & while he ate, I bunched the aspar.
then he took it down for Aug. We phoned
for it. I did not try to go to church yes-
terday except on the radio but pa did.
In the afternoon we all four went
down to Uncle Geo's on invitation to

Meet the crowd from Pittsfield. We
had a good supper but visiting that
way is very unsatisfactory and we do
feel as if they might come here once.
Mr J. came at night for a while &
M. went to church. We haven't
our screen doors on yet & the flies
are pretty lively to-day. I hope
you got all the lists O.K. and will
have a nice visit with E. - I must
go now & work a little while be-
fore supper - Wish I could get
this mailed, so I'd get it to-morrow.
Lovingly,
Mother.

P.S. Tues. A.M.

Pa says you better buy ticket for
Eva to Catsackie and check her trunk
to Coq. If she is coming with any folks
you know that would put her on train
for Coq. We would not need to meet her
in Albany - but otherwise perhaps it would
be best for me to meet her up there as she might
get confused in changing. Be sure to send love and
details.

shirt \$ 1.66
Album .50
Cash 1.00

\$ 3.16

The cash is in place
of Christmas book
which never came.

[Jun 5, 1925]

Friday morning.

Dear Mother,

I know you are wondering what has happened to me. Well, I have been very busy this week, it being the finishing up, and I have been melting as I suppose you have also. The thermometer has been at 70° all the time with daily risings to 95° and more. It is still very hot this morning but we may get a clearing storm this afternoon.

Monday morning I attended Requiem Mass for Mr Augieras at the French Church. He died Thursday night of peritonitis and pneumonia. I can hardly believe it and haven't really realized it yet. I had a lesson with him only two weeks before. He was sick only a week.

I had expected Eva Tuesday morning but Monday noon I received a telegram saying she was not able to travel. A couple of days later I received a letter saying that she had been somewhat sick since Thursday--nothing very serious, pains and aches with a very bad headache, but she couldn't travel. I do not expect she will come now until the 11th or 12th. It is really a work of

Providence that she didn't get here this week, for I am sure that she is much more comfortable in Holland than she could be here with this terrible heat. I will enclose the letter from Miss Boyd, telling just how Eva is. I think it a very clear letter and was very glad to get it.

Thank you for all the papers, etc. in the last shipment of laundry. They were very interesting. I mailed it again yesterday. The towels are Mrs. Beeler's, which I have been using in gymnasium.

Our year book--The Senior Annual (first edition)--came out Tuesday and we have all had a great time getting autographs. Tomorrow afternoon the school has its annual picnic at the lake. I hope it will be nice but not so hot. I hope to go and stay for supper if I can. I haven't been to the lake yet this year.

Glad you had such a nice time Memorial Day. I surely would have been glad to go with you. I spent the morning helping Miss Holihan recover a settee. I offered to help and then in my usual "perfect" way was more bother than help I guess. The covering had a picture on it and it required a lot of cutting and piecing and sewing to get it to fit. We had dinner at noon so that took up most of the afternoon. I wanted to go out for a stroll or ride to the lake but it got so dark and cloudy that I didn't dare. In the evening Miss Holihan and I went to the Eastman. If you

remember she treated me to a lecture on Evolution this winter so I reciprocated. I think the picture was very poor--The Thundering Herd, Zane Grey--but the comedy, etc. was good. We saw pictures of the race with the Twentieth Century.

Thank you very much for the money--I did not mean that you should pay for the album. Was it satisfactory?

I spent Monday night at one of the graduation recitals; Tuesday evening studying; Wednesday evening with one of my teachers--Mr Tweedy (you have heard me speak of him I think). He has taken a decided liking to me and has been very good to me. He has a charming wife who is only thirty years older than himself. I had a very enjoyable time for it was a very hot night and they have a fine apartment on a quiet, cool street.

Last night I got at letter writing as soon as I could--it is so hot it takes me longer to do my work at night--and wrote to Miss Boyd and Eva. They were both long letters and by the time I had them written it was time for the mail to be collected, so I had to put off this until today. My room was 80° all night but I slept quite well nevertheless. Tonight there is another recital which I am going to.

I can think of nothing more to say just now so I will stop. I have another long letter to write--a business one and I shrink from the task of composing it. After that I must go up to Miss

Hollan's and cut the grass. I spent Monday after-
noon helping her and her brother houseclean and get
the screens up.

I hope your back is much better by now
and that none of you are suffering from the heat.
If I think of more to say I will postscript it.

Lots of love to all.

George.



THIS SIDE OF CARD IS FOR ADDRESS N.Y.

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

Dear Geo. Friday night.
Wonder why we haven't
heard from you this week - Not
ing from E. H. to night says
thought a letter out & she thought
she was with you. Just as well
maybe for it might have been
dreadful hot in the city - all
week - the worst here ever known
for June - Hope it has not ef-
fects on you. Geo had E. has too
many straw backs & in both
had to be disappointed - per-
haps she will feel much better
& weather will be cooler when
she is here next week. Wonder
if she has written you. Pauline
is Salutarian - I gave her a
card of Congratulations. I
have felt pretty good this week
in spite of hot weather. Pa
& Grandpa work out doors in-
cessantly so much to do & soon
it will be strawberry time. I
went swimming before dark
& to night is at C. E. Baum's.
I hope you are well & please
write soon. Lovingly, Mother.

Catsackie N.Y.
June 7/25

Dear George-

To-morrow you will get my card and if I had only mailed till noon yesterday, I would not have sent it as Pa brought home your letter. I am very, very sorry about Mr. Ausgier. How very sudden it was and I'm sure a shock to everyone that knew him & was with him so often. We have been wondering about your pains again & how you came out - we remember how Mr. A. helped you out last year. -

Yes - I feel as you do that it was a providence Eva could not leave last Monday for it was ~~an~~ awful weather to be in the city and it might have had a bad effect on her. What a nice long letter you had from Miss Boyd - surely money never could repay her for her care & kindness to Eva. But I think it revealed to us that Eva is even more than we thought - I can't imagine how such a big strong girl as she was & looked to be in the snapshot she had taken early this Spring, could get so run down & weak. Surely either Miss Boyd has exaggerated or Eva is a good bluffer for she writes such cheerful letters and has not led us to think she was in such bad shape.

I hope she may have gained this past week & will
recover this coming week, so she will be in fit shape
to travel. She will be alright from Holland to Roch.
with the other girls & of course you will meet her and
be as careful of her as I would be. But she ought
to be in some ones care from Roch. to Albany,
as we talked of before she could catch that train
that has a maid & tell the maid or whomever you
send her with, to take her to the ladies waiting room
in Albany if we do not meet the train; but I intend
to meet the train if not delayed if convenient time
for you we will go up with the car, but her trunk
can be checked to Col. so you'll have to buy tickets to
Col. It will be out of the question for her to go
to the Commencement or any place where there is
a crowd or excitement. But sure you'll be wise &
not let her do anything to get her in any worse
shape. Be sure to let us know in time what time train
reaches Albany. I wish it were possible for you
to come home, too, for I do want to see you. You
haven't answered my question as to how you are
feeling, but your letter was so long & interesting I'm
sure you are feeling good. Perhaps the best you can
do for E. will be to let her sleep late & go to bed early
not visit too long a time with the new folks the next.

It is still very hot here but last night was more comfortable so we slept well. Prof Harold had the second attack of poison ivy - it has been very annoying and made him exceedingly cranky for two days. To please him last night we went to Catwells & bought him a new suit a striped hat & new shoes, but to-day he has forgotten them and is still so cross. He looks so awful he would not go out but wanted to go swimming with a crowd of young folks that came for him this afternoon. We did not think he ought to & that has intensified his crossness. He is such a different boy from what he was in April - the Cad. environment has certainly been harmful to him. One day he is all "College" & next he is not going at all, all part all at our wits' ends. It means too much hard work & self denial to us to throw it away on him, unless he buckles down & means business - I feel the greatest mistake we made was not to keep him at Mt. Hermon this term. I hope it will all turn out all right but it is a daily problem what course to take. I really think he is afraid he can't keep up with the work & also he'll have to be too restricted for cash. - This is the first day we have sat on lawn & put hammock up. Wilbur Jennie came this morning but went away before dinner.

Miriam washed the car - pa went to S. H. - no church service as Ballard is down in At. Bay Park attending General Synod. - W. & J. want to make a change - have been looking at houses but I think pa would be foolish to try to help them out while we have so many loads to carry now. Elsie has been with W. J. all week & she has gone on a long trip as chauffeur.

After six & I must get some supper - pa has come over to see if he can find some berries - they will soon be ready to pick for market if it keeps so warm - Haven't had any wheat yet except one pa bought a quart. - Zipp's over and it is just sweltering hot - Hope there will be a change soon. I think the paper said Monday will be cooler - I hope so for we must wash. H. has been raising the Dickcees with the poison again, he is awful - he really cried - now he is soaking vinegar in it. I hope you were able to go to the picnic & had a nice time - Yes the Album was all right & H. seemed pleased with it. Pa is wondering about your "business" letter - We are thinking about sending the wash out again for the summer - I did think E. might help with it but she is in no shape for that I guess. Perhaps the four costs about 75¢. - I was wondering how much more you could have it done on thru the hot weather - Do you think Miss Holman would put it on with her - perhaps you could help her if you stay. This is only an idea - what do you think of it - I suppose you would have to wear good clothes that wouldn't need mending & appear really well so that some one would be interested. Just write to E. now. Lovingly, Mother

[June 9, 1925]

Tuesday morning.

Dear Mother,

Very glad to get your letter this morning. Hope you are getting the same let-up in the weather that we are. It isn't much but it has helped a lot. We had several thunder showers last night and it is several degrees cooler now.

I can't tell yet when I'll send Eva on for if she is quite well I shall keep her a few days. I will, however, let you know in plenty of time. I will try to send her in care of the maid or conductor--that will probably mean a fair tip but that will be better than an accident. I shall be very careful of her and not let her get too tired. I don't think it will be well for her to go to any place indoors.

Now I will answer the question as to my health. Of course I'm feeling fine--I always do and anyhow I wouldn't tell you if I weren't. You would only worry. I thought the heat would get me one or two nights for it was over 80° in my room for several days and nights but it has gone down now. Last Friday morning Miss Holihan wanted me to mow the lawn so I did. It was fearfully hot but I perspired so that I felt much better for the rest of the day. I went to a graduation recital that evening and another one last evening--Mr Mac Arthur,

the blind fellow, played last night and he did much better than I ever heard him do before. All of the recitals are particularly fine this year.

Why do Wilbur and Jessie want a house if J. does not like it in Albany? Harold must get the poison on the road work. It certainly would have made it much worse to go in batheing (is that the correct spelling?).

Last Saturday as I wrote was the day of the school picnic. I had intended to go but when Mr Tweedy and myself found out that there would be no batheing at the beach where the picnic was to be held we decided to go where we could swim. We were going over to the picnic afterward if it was not too late, but we got started sp late that we took a boat ride over to Seabreeze and had something to eat over there. The boat ride was the cheapest thing I have struck in Rochester--only 25¢. It was just at the time the sun was setting and the lake was very beautiful.

As to the "business letter#-- I will tell you about it as soon as I get an answer. Yes I could get my laundry done with Miss Hglihan's--she sends it out but gets a special rate and really gets it done very cheaply. Of course it is not ironed but we could manage that. She is washing a few things for me today for it has been so hot that I have had to change a couple times a day.

I wrote to Eva this morning and told her that I am expecting her Saturday morning. Must close now and get some lunch. Hope you're none of you working too hard. Love to all.

George

[10 Jun 1925]

Wednesday Noon

Dear Geo-

Pa brought home your letter
and also one from Eva - was so glad
to get both. I haven't time to write
much but that I'd better tell you
Eva wrote she leaves Thursday
night so will be in Rochester Friday
morning - you said you expected
her Saturday but probably you
hadn't heard from her yet.

Yes, it is a little cooler here - so
glad to hear you feel good &
hope you will have a good
summer. Pa's waiting as I
trust close. Lovingly Mother-over

P.S.

Be sure to send word of Cui's
safe arrival at once. We will
hear on Saturday.

[June 13, 1935]

Saturday afternoon.

Dear Mother,

I suppose you are wondering how we are getting along. I got a letter from Miss Boyd Tuesday evening that I must go to Buffalo to meet Eva. I was quite surprised and was at first tempted to telegraph that I couldn't come for I really didn't see the reason if the others were coming with her. But the time was so short that I decided not to telegraph and since I didn't dare not go, I went. She was to arrive in Buffalo at 7:15 am so I got up at 3:30 and took the 4:45 train. I got there a half hour before she did so I went for a little walk in Buffalo. When her train did arrive I found out that the others had left her at Niagara Falls so it was very lucky that I did go. We took the train right back and got home about 10:00. She hadn't slept much the night before so she went right to bed and stayed there until this morning. She seems to feel fine today. She got up about 9:00 and about half past ten we went out for a walk to the park. We have just had lunch now and she is lying down again. We will probably go somewhere this afternoon. She looks very good and eats real well.

guess I got it from Eva.

Miss Boyd had bought her ticket only to Buffalo so I had to recheck her trunk right away. This reminds me that I must go down and buy her ticket this afternoon and recheck the trunk again to Coxsackie. We had an invitation to the Glass Day exercises at Cornell yesterday morning. We attended in spirit.

I imagine Eva will leave here Wednesday morning on the 9:36 which gets in Albany 2:50. These times are all Eastern Standard Time. We do not have Daylight Saving here. I wish we did for I like it. Nearly every other place has it.

Well I must close now for I have several things to do before we go out this afternoon.

Hope you're not working too hard. Love to all.

George.