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Dec. 30/36

M. B. VAN SCHAAK
COXSACKIE, NEW YORK

Dear George and Thibeth -
Was very glad to get both letters
from you - maybe I acknowledge G's
when I wrote but so much has trans-
pired lately, I can't remember. Eva
planned to go back Monday, then Tues.,
then this A.M. but she is still here. Per-
haps she'll go this afternoon but proba-
bly not till to-morrow - It is raining
to-day and we are washing. Eva's
cold is much better but just enough
lingers to endanger taking more if she
is not careful. On the whole I think
she is much better than when she came
home but she has to lead such a hectic
life & seems worried about her work &
her future, that she dreads going back.

As usual she has passed with sewing & sewing continually but if that amuses her, all right. I fear she has been drinking too much coffee - she seems very nervous. She made a mistake not to go to the hospital to be checked up on so is anxious to get back for that reason. Her eyes were very bad yesterday & it made her particularly nervous. Pa has given up & fears she will never be any better, but somehow she has pulled out of every emergency & I think in time, she will out of this one. At least the typewriter is packed & ready & she is -
Packed to Baltimore

Yesterday received a box of fruit from Florida - oranges, grape fruit & tangerines - yes and some tangerines. I took some up to Wilbur - he was quite sick in bed yesterday & had doctor. It was a jumpy condition but he is out of bed today.

M. B. VAN SCHAACK
COXSACKIE, NEW YORK

They were all here to-^{supper} Sunday
and he seemed all right then. I
think I told you he is going to Glens
Falls - we really feel it will be a better
business than the garage, but naturally
I hate to lose him for so far - it will leave
us here without any one of you. Jessie's
mother does not know it yet & J. hates to
tell her.

Mr. B. G. Townsend passed away Sat.
Poor Robbie & Maime Kane had a hard
life all fall & are nearly worn out. We
called them on Monday - the funeral
was Tues. morning so we could not go.
You see I am using some of Pa's

new paper just to sample it - think
I'll send for a box for myself.

To-morrow I expect Mrs. Delp to
come to visit us for a few days. She
has been & is now up to her brother's
in Stanton Hill. She seems quite
smart now & probably when she
returns home will start in to work again.
I hope you have written to Annie Lett
Kee - she is anxious to know if you re-
ceived the money. We sent her a box of
apples & jelly & had a very profuse "thanks
you" letter. Pa & I think you might better not say
anything about returning the money - it might
only offend her & she was glad to do it for her
sake tho' I know she needs all the money she
has or can get. - Had a nice letter from D. Moody
when you write to him tell him we appreciated
it very much. Now I must say about dinner.
Love, Mother.

940 Maple Place
St. Louis, Mo.
January 11, 1937

Dear Mother & Father,

I know you are beginning to wonder where my letter is. I had intended to get you some word yesterday but it slipped my mind until too late. I hope that you have spent a pleasant beginning for the new year and that it will be a happy one for you.

You will note that we are still in St. Louis, although we had planned to leave this morning. The reason is that Elsie which has been in bed with

Today and this week we have had spinach grown within a few miles of here. The warm weather has made it unnecessary to run furnaces very hard so that there has not been as much smoke as there would have been otherwise.

Elizabeth's two brothers arrived today before Christmas so that there was quite a crowd here that week-end. While they were here a friend took us for a drive around the city as I got to see quite a bit of it. And on Sunday another friend took us for a ride in the country to the west and north of the city. At our point we got out and walked down to the shore of the Missouri. At this time of year it is not very muddy

a bad cold. She has not been up since Tuesday and still has a slight temperature. She will not be able to go back to Rochester until some time next week. But I shall leave tomorrow morning on the 9:15 train. I shall reach Cleveland tomorrow evening and shall stay the night there, going on to Rochester on Sunday. I have telegraphed Harold that we have had to cancel our plans to see him & Marge this time. We shall probably be able to go early in February.

St. Louis has done very well by us in the way of weather. A great deal of the time it has been like the 'sunny south' - so they tell me. The sun has shone a great deal and the air has been warm and healthy. I even saw a dandelion in bloom

and looked to be quite a placid stream. But across the river I could see the flats, extending five miles, over which the river will flood within a few months. On the way back we went through one of the two large filtration plants which supply the water for the city. This one carries many acres, the water being taken from the river, and after having been mixed with quick lime and copperas, passed through settling basins and filter beds. It comes out crystal clear. The sediment in the settling basins reaches a depth of twenty-four feet during the year.

On Tuesday Mr. Dungan took me for a long walk down to the south side of the city, ending with a tour of the Andersen Beach

Brewery - the largest in the world.
and probably the largest single
industry in St. Louis. On
Wednesday he took me to the
Harvard Club luncheon. There
was a large crowd, only one
of whom I knew - a fellow from
Illinois who had been one
of my advisers the last year
I was in Cambridge. Yesterday
I went over to the Maternity
Hospital to see Sam Talley's
wife - she had borne a baby
daughter that morning. I
could not see Sam, however,
for he has recently been
transferred from St. Louis
to Houston, Texas. And
this afternoon I went for a
long walk in Forest Park
with a young man who lives

Mr. Kee. I have not written him yet, but would like to as soon as I hear from you.

It is just midnight, and I must get to bed, for it will be early rising tomorrow - my late sleeping days are over now until the winter term days the first part of February.

I hope you are both well and determined to keep so. With our love,

George.

in an apartment upstairs. We had set out to see the Liddell trophies, but found the place closed, so we went on to the Zoo. It was the first I had been in a large zoo for many years. The one here is quite notable and compares favorably with that in Bronx Park.

I am glad that Eva was able to come home and be with you. I hope that when she left she was rescued from the cold. I am glad too that Wilbur has found a way of getting out of his hard business into something that will probably pay him as much with less worry.

You didn't say anything in your letter about the question I asked you regarding Annie

Catspach, W.V.

Jan. 5, 1937

Dear George -

Glad to get your card to-day and hope you are feeling quite - w. after the long trip. Dad also glad of the card. Sunday & our yesterday, telling of his safe arrival in Baltimore. Had a card & a letter from her to day. I wish I could feel sure she would not get in such an awful thing state - affairs as she was in when she came home - she was like an entirely different girl from the one that came back. Poor girl has great handicaps and I fear she always will have. I'm glad to see you so good & patient with her - I hope she will always have a good friend in you for she may not have any one else in Lewis to come to care for her or look after her.

I'm sure you will soon see a doctor
and find out if G. Perceval has
or is going up - You must not ne-
glect this condition for it is very
important to keep track of it.

To-day is cloudy & snow after a
few very nice days in spite of the
big snow storm! We had no trouble
Monday except going to East Durham
roads cleared fine & also sanded.
Have managed to keep busy all
week and gradually cleaning up
desk work that has accumulated
for some time. Pa went to Catehill
Thursday to a S. C. Club at Farm Bureau.
He was quite tired out after figuring so
much & slept sound all evening. Now
he has gone to fix the dynamo, phone &
then I'm going with him up street
to clinical. John (the) ^{the} called last
evening on phone to apologize for not taking
about the telegram. He checked it to make
it P. down town & then accepted it. We
thought in first the same for the message
but I thought to get paid money back.
Now I must get ready to go with Pa.
Our address in Ferrisville will be 1111 1/2 W. 11th.
I'm sorry we have to go soon but can't help it.
Love, Mother.

P.S. In enclosing check as I
promised - we're off now - but
if we get in a hole maybe I'll
have to borrow again.

Walter

Catsackie, N. Y.,
Jan. 7, 1937

Dear George.

We are wondering if Elizabeth
has been able to return home. Was
very sorry she was ill but how fortunate
that she was with her mother and
could be well cared for. Your letter
was received Thursday and I would
have written before but I, too, have
been laid aside a few days. I
tried for a week to get the best of a
cold that seemed to be hanging
around me; even staid indoors
all day Sunday because it was
raining. Was miserable next day
and Tues. & Wed staid in bed.
The cold was similar to what I had
last year when Dr. W. W. Wood said
it was acute sinus. So I knew what
to do and he got me some tablets -
the pain in my head was almost
unbearable. Have been around
most of to-day but do not feel
very peppy - it is good tho' to

Have my head feeling so much better.
We had talked of going to Syracuse this
week end to a Deputies Meeting - had
not fully decided either way, but my
illness settled the question - I did
not seem very wise for several reasons.
Have not heard from Mrs. H. since
Mr. returned - I hope they are not ill.
There is a great deal of illness in town
but mostly colds in one form or another.
I hope you will be extra careful & escape
being sick this winter. Wilbur is
still miserable with a cold but is
on the go here & there every day trying
to see his property & business. He has
been to Glen Falls twice this week &
has rented a store there to start in busi-
ness. We will miss them so much
for me will be lonelier than ever.
To-day was rainy and icy but we got
around safely by putting chains on.
New Paris Bay was like Spring. The house
I were alone for the first time - the house
was too big & lonely to stay here, so we
had an early lunch & then went for a
long ride making 2 calls in Fishkill
and Easton. I hope I'll leave June for
soon. Glad you had a nice time in St. Louis.
Love, Mother.

WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 15, 1910

Finch-O'Brien Rites Take Place

THE marriage of Miss Veronica O'Brien, daughter of the late Mr. and Mrs. John O'Brien of Granville, to Daniel Morgan Finch, son of Mrs. James E. Hafter of Peyster Street and the late Lawrence Colfax Finch of Elwood, Ind., took place Monday morning in the rectory of St. James' Church. The Rev. Father Grady officiated at the ceremony, which was attended by only the immediate families.

The bride wore a princess gown of olympic blue velvet with matching Mary Stuart cap and carried an arm bouquet of gardenias and lilies of the valley. Miss Margaret Starr of Saranac Lake, the maid of honor, wore a wood rose velvet frock with matching hat and carried African daisies.

Francis Ahearn of Mohawk, a college classmate of the bridegroom, was best man.

Following the ceremony there was a wedding breakfast at the DeWitt Clinton Hotel. Mr. Finch and his bride left on a wedding trip, wearing a black wool ensemble trimmed with Persian lamb and a black hat trimmed with blue crepe. Mr. and Mrs. Finch will live in Ravena upon their return.

The bride is a graduate of State College and Cornell University. She is a member of the faculty of Coxsackie High School. Mr. Finch attended the Irving School at Tarrytown and was graduated from Centenary College in Shreveport, La. He received his master's degree from the Louisiana State University at Baton Rouge. He is a member of Theta Kappa Nu Fraternity and is on the faculty of the Clinton Heights High School and is football coach at the Coxsackie High School.



THIS SIDE OF CARD IS FOR ADDRESS

Myron B. Van Schoate
Coxsackie
New York

7:30 P.M.
Thursday -

Packed here at
7:24 and shall take
Car to 606 Samuel St.

I left N.Y. at 4:30.
Just before ^{flight to} boarding
the 12:30 I decided to
go to the Hayden Planetarium.
I had my first solo
ride on the subway
and enjoyed my
second visit at the
planetarium. Many
thanks for seeing me
of - Love to you & Mother.
Eva

Caspachic N. P.

Jan. 13, 1937

Dear George -

Have just finished writing to Harold and Pa says he'll write to Eva. The time seems to fly so rapidly the end of the week is here before we know it. Have been out only twice since Sunday and yet have had no chance to write to your children. Have spent some time Monday finishing up my work at Grange Sec. I wanted to have all the books in shape for the new Sec. to start the year's record. I still have to write the yearly report to be given at next meeting but have all the data & notes ready to arrange. I was ushered out with the gift of a Parker fountain pen meant to use it to-night but we did not seem to be able to draw the ink up & there were no directions. The point must be changed but for it writes too coarse.

Pa did his metallation work in fine shape & had many compliments. I expect to have a similar job at a new juvenile orange before many weeks but I will not attempt to learn it by heart as he did. He thinks you are very duly concerned about his health for he really feels very good, he says. He has had a cold, not very severe & laughed it, too, but has not got the best of it. However he expects soon to see Dr. for an examination. He still has those headaches & nearly every night or early morning. Falls asleep readily when he sits down to read. I do not know how he can find out the cause for these 2 things.

Weather has been fair but very cold all week. Had a light snow last night but clear & sunny part time to-day. I

have been wondering if Mrs. Wells has the sunshing she expected this month.

We washed to-day and it took us all morning & we spent the afternoon in pesting.

Last Sunday the new pastor preached and last evening he called Lee. He is quite young & this is his first charge, but he is married & has a son 7 yrs. He & wife were in Freshman class at Hope the year Eva did graduate work there.

I suppose Eva has told you she is engaged on that research job for 4 months & will be on the payroll of the "U. S. Industrial Alcohol Co."

I opened your package from Switzerland for we concluded

It was a calendar. The pictures
were so nice & that you ought
to have them even if you do
not need the calendar - they
are worth saving.

There is nothing new to write
about - Bob is getting more &
more respectable & I don't
believe pa would give him
away now. We have him in
the house a good deal & he be-
haves quite well. I sometimes
go to the mail box & he barks along
too. Now I must write to
Auntie - have sent her only 2
postals since Christmas.
Hope you have attended to the
blood pressure & will keep well.

Love,

W. S. H.

Catsackie, N. Y.

Jan. 14, 1937

Dear George and Elisabeth,

Last week our letters crossed each other and may do so again. It was nice to hear from you and I hope you are both keeping well. We have had some beautiful, Spring weather - Very unseasonable and to day it has been rainy, dark and foggy. There seems to be so much illness around and no wonder with such weather. I have been feeling very good most of the time this week, tho' some cold still lingers in my head. Saturday we went out to call on Mrs Delp who is very ill at her brother's home on Stanton Hill. Sunday morning we had a beautiful snow storm, but it was not at all cold. The country looked so nice, all cleaned up - the flakes lay just where they fell on every branch and twig of trees & bush. I did not go

to church but when pa came home
we went to have dinner at Mrs.
Charles Moore down on the Yonkers
Road back of West Ashuts. There
were ten of us at the table - in-
cluding Floyd Miller & wife and
the Brandows. We had a nice
dinner and a nice visit in a
very nice home, but we do not
care for such affairs very often
on Sunday - Was glad to get
home at 6 and rest all evening.
Had a letter to-day from Eva
and I was so glad to get it for
it was a week ago Monday she
last wrote & was not getting very
well then. She has been to hospital
twice and had diet reduced as she
was too heavy - Her cold prevented
the insulin from being effective.
A short letter from May arrived
of their health, happiness and
busy life for both. Mr. Murphy
visited them last week.
Most every body here by now

knows that Ribbun is going to Glass
Falls. I wish he could have a
little vacation first in which to
recuperate - he has a bad cough
and really feels good. I hope
the change will be beneficial to
him - that is the only consolation
I have at their going - even tho'
I see him seldom, I know he is
near by.

To-night is the annual Con-
gregational meeting. We did not
have to go for several reasons
and I guess we're both better
off up at home & will feel
better than if we had gone. Mr.
Bosch leaves the last day of
January and unless my mom
who will manage things then -
there seems to be no one compe-
tent. Hope we get some one
who can build up the church.
To-morrow we must go to

Catchhill - I ought to have gone ^{last} week to dentist but could not because I was ill. We will probably stop in at hospital - there are several there whom we know. Mrs. Steward has been there a couple of weeks; she had a cancer operation and is getting along fine.

Do not hear much from Auntie but guess she is all right.

We are having a time trying to train Bob to lie down & be good - he wants to play every minute - but he does improve some - at present he is asleep near the desk. - Pa was going to write to - night but he doesn't seem to have pep for anything evening - he starts to read & is asleep in no time. - I am reading a book on Japan also the one on China you loaned me - trying also to catch up on the numerous magazines here. This was wash day & it was a job to dry enough clothes for us to iron. Hope Mother

285 Oxford Street
Rochester, N.Y.
January 15, 1937.

Dear Mother & Father,

Glad to get your letter last Saturday,
and hope that since you wrote it you
have fully recovered from your
cold. It has been very treacherous
weather for colds - frequent rain, more
than I ever saw in Rochester in January
before. Elizabeth has recovered alright
and is feeling quite well now. I have
had traces of a cold for ten days, but
have kept it at bay until now I
feel fairly sure it will not develop.

of the department for dinner. The occasion was the making out of a midyear exam for a course we have together. It was a long fight to get the exam substantial enough - his every third sentence was - But now, George, can't we find something easy for the boys?

I spoke yesterday at the colloquium for the third and last time. I had covered only one half of what I had intended, but we all agreed it was time to have a change of scene. I shall be glad to be released of the preparation.

Tonight and tomorrow night are big times in Danbury - Danced is putting on a production of Gilbert and Sullivan's Mikado. He thinks he has a good set of singers and expects the show to go to well. I

I do think that Adex helps to keep a cold down, and at four dollars a season it is worth it.

Not very much exciting has happened here since I wrote last. We were at an evening tea - just tea, but at 7:30 instead of 4:30 - last Sunday at the gates - I had expected it would be pretty awful, but it turned out not so bad, since I fell in with some men from the medical school - I always find medical men willing to talk about medicine and that always interests me. Tonight I go to the math club and tomorrow evening there is a math department dinner at the Natheys - that will undoubtedly be a bore. Last Saturday evening we had Prof. Lang - and

hope that it will - at least as well as
the one last May. I wish I could look
in there tomorrow night.

We heard yesterday that napkins
sent Elizabeth before Christmas
had eventually reached Mrs. George J.
Van Scharck in New York. Considering
that the package was correctly
addressed it seems rather stupid
of the post office here to forward
it to New York. I took the
occasion to write George J. and
thank him for rerouting the letter
to me from the university which
was forwarded to him last spring.

This must be all for now. I do hope
that you are both well again and
will keep so. With our love
George.

MRS. M. B. VAN SCHAACK
ELMSHADE
COXSACKIE, NEW YORK

June 16/37

My dear George-

Eva told us all to-day-
Of course I am grieved but I love
You and want You to come home as
soon as you can. My heart aches
for both of You and I am hoping
and praying that your separation
is not permanent. I know nothing
about the cause but whatever it
may be, there must be a cure for it.
I am too full to write much - it has
been a hard day for me and I
am trying to look at it and take it
as best I can. It is so sorry, too,

and may write to you - he has not
done any writing yet. He seems
to gain slowly now but we do not
think the route has hurt him any.
He rests most all afternoon and
it would be a very long day for him
if he did not go away in the morning.
I went with him Mon. & Tues. & Eva today.
He plans to go to hospital for 2 days as
soon after July, if as the Dr. thinks best.
We are looking forward to your home
coming and want to make your
stay here as pleasant as possible. Be
fore Eva told me, I was wishing I could
go out & help you but knew I could not
leave Pa now. Besides I would only be
an extra care when you are so busy.
I hope Auntie will have a voyage before
you come. She goes home for every afternoon.
Let me know if I can do anything for you
I love to love from Mother

1-1 [came with June 6, 93
letter from Mother]

Your note came on Friday. I
~~would have very~~ ~~have answered~~
~~it directly,~~ but it troubled me
deeply. ~~and~~ An immediate emotional
response to it would have been
easier to write than a more
considered one, ^{but} I have chosen the
latter because I must not lead
you astray by statements open
to interpretations other than I
intend. Some of ~~what~~ ^{the things} I shall
say will be hard for you to ~~read~~ ^{hear} -
but I must say them, and you
must believe that I say them
with a strong conviction that
they are true and that my love
for you is best served by my
saying them now.

has suffered, and that is sufficient
cause that you should do.
But you must ^{not} suffer for any other
reason, that is, on your own
account. You have not erred and
you must not feel a sense of
having done so. And I am certain
you can protect yourself from
this kind of distress by reliance
on the strength and quality of
your love for me, ~~and~~ ^{and} ~~with~~ ^{my}
~~best~~ you ~~cannot~~ ^{need not} believe, of course,
that I can do no wrong, but
you cannot believe that I act
roughly knowingly and willfully -
you cannot help believing that
I act as best I know how to
secure the eventual happiness
of all concerned. It is my desperate
need that your love for me will
enable you to resist this, and I

First let me assure you that
your letter brought me a great
sense of relief - to some extent, of
course, because the disclosure had
been made, but chiefly because of
the way you received it. You
realize, certainly, that I have
been dreadfully unhappy for
months, and ~~not~~ ^{by no means} the least
cause of distress has been the
knowledge of the grief that you
would feel. ~~I never doubted~~
~~your sentiment here for me~~ I
am desiring you a very much blessed
a blessing that I devoutly wish
you could ~~have~~ ^{be} spared, and
I would certainly ~~have~~ spared
you ~~and~~ ^{your} ~~there~~ ^{and} any
possibility of doing so. You will
suffer, of course, - there is no help
for it - one whom you dearly love

* I earnestly hope that you
were not hurt by having the
news come first from Eva
rather than from me. For a long
time I clung to the ideal that
it should be I who should
tell you, and I still believe
that theoretically the ideal is
sound in certain cases. But my
concern over your distress was
so great that I am sure now
it was kinder to you that I
should not be the one to speak
to you first - you have been
spared my own distress when
to hear your own was enough,
am reassured by
* ~~that I see in your letter evidence~~
that the ^{may} ~~truth~~ be so.

~~You say while that I can back
you out.~~

I hope too that you do not feel hurt at my having reached my decision without seeking your counsel. To have asked your advice would have been at most an empty courtesy. I found myself in a situation which, I think, I very well understood, but which, I am ^{almost} certain, I would have been powerless to make you understand. Even now I can see nothing to be gained for any of us by a laborious attempt to make the causes & results seem rational. There is really only one thing to be said, and I am the only one who can say it with true knowledge - my marriage was a complete mistake, undertaken with hope, but without either

These last two weeks you will
 have known me what ^{the} ~~the~~
 right course to be, my feelings
 during that time are too eloquent
 testimony too eloquent to be
 denied. You must spare
 yourselves the inevitable
 disillusionment of any hope
 that the separation is not
 permanent, - and spare yourselves
 and me the pain of futile
 argument.

mutual deep love or mutual under-
 standing of hearts and minds. I
 know now only too well that it
 never had any foundation on
 which happiness could be built.
 There is ~~one~~ and only one remedy, I
 am certain, - permanent separation.
~~I know~~ that at first you ^{may} in-
 stinctively resist this finality. I
 cannot ask you not to deplore
 its necessity, but I must ask
 you to realize that ~~only~~ I can
~~know~~ act rightly only if I act
 according to my own conviction -
 to do anything else is to betray
 myself, and that you cannot want
 me to do. I am absolutely con-
 vinced of the rightness of my
 action, not only for myself, but
 for Elizabeth as well. ~~Even had~~
~~I had been convinced before,~~

I want to go on with a few remarks of a general character, - remarks which ought to have been made long years since, which must be made now. You must have realized for years that ~~that~~ the relationship between you and me has been growing more and more strange as each new turn in my life has come. There has ^{been} growing up between us a barrier, more and more impenetrable at each stage. ~~It is an unnatural thing which I have deplored and which I should have long since tried to destroy.~~ I refuse to make any allotment of blame for its growth, - that is not important - what is important is that the existence and character of this

I, for my part, ought to have
~~asked~~ asked three many years ~~ago~~
 on my belief in what I ^{have} written
 down. I chose rather to try to
 shield you from the knowledge
 that I was changing, chose to
 try to wear a false cloak
 when I was with you, rather
 than frankly to show ~~you~~ my-
 self as I had become ^{and} rely
 on your love to make you
 understand. I feared hurting you
 so much ~~that~~ I in this ^{and that} little
 thing ~~and that little~~ that
 I came carelessly to the
 situation of having to hurt
 you by almost complete
 closeness.

you love me, but not because
 you are in any respect responsible.
 You ^{are} ~~are~~ responsible for giving me
 the best you ^{know} ~~can~~ so long as I
~~was~~ ^{was} with you and dependent
^{-and that you did-} upon you, but you simply can-
 not assume responsibility for
 what life gives me, - that is
 beyond your control - you are
 guiltless if life's blows are
 so strong as to batter away
 some of the ideas and ideals
 which you thought you had
 firmly implanted. The joy
 in your handicraft comes
 not from having it remain
 unchanged, but from having
 it so well fashioned ~~that~~
 it can meet ~~the~~ life and the
~~changes~~ changes imposed by life

barrier should be ³²²realized. There
is here no ~~any~~ essential question
of love, - I don't doubt your
love for me, nor mine for you.

But there is a question of
what I might call intellectual
attitude of love. As I see it,
whether you nor I have been
willing to let ~~our~~ parental
and filial love play their roles.

Parents cannot live the lives of
their children - you have not
tried, I admit, to live my life,
but have you felt, or at least I
have believed you have felt, a
responsibility for my life
which you cannot in justice
to yourselves assume. You
may justly feel pain when I
act in ~~some~~ ways which bring
me unhappiness, - pain, because

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This is an unenviable state to which I devoutly wish there may be an end. I want to be able to come home and be happy there, and to feel that while I'm there you too are happy. And that can only come about if this barrier is broken, - I don't know how to break it, except by frankly admitting its past existence and by firmly resolving that it shall cease to exist. I am counting on you to help bring this to pass.

I have written at such length that I might say as much as I think can be said. I am not going to ask you to feel that you can't talk with me - only

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To ask you to realize that I
am sincere, and to try to see
that talking is essentially futile.
If you will only just come me
you will find that you can
bear what has to be borne,
and I can assure ^{you} that if you
will, I too can bear it.

I shall write ~~a letter~~ again
~~no~~ ^{any} news ~~and~~ and my plans later
this week.

With every wish that you
may understand, and with much,
much love,

George.

Jan. 21/37

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COXSACKIE, NEW YORK

Dear George and Elisabeth: -

Was very glad to get your letter on Saturday. That was a cold but clear day and we have not seen the sun since. Snow and rain Sunday; dark and raw Monday; rain all day Tues. yesterday cloudy all morning snow in afternoon & heavy rain all night. To-day it rained till late this afternoon but no sun came out. It is a very queer winter and reports of the floods sound very disastrous.

I am feeling quite well again but begin to irk at having to be in doors so much. Friday was a miserable day (no sun) some rain but we had to go to Catskill to dentist. On our way down we stopped in hospital to see Mrs. Nicard; she is doing fine and looked fat and well - jolly as ever. All

our way home we stopped to see Janet
and Aunt Bertha. They live in an im-
mense house just south of Hansen's
green houses. I fear Janet will not be
able always to keep it all in such apple
pie order. I seldom go out on Saturday
afternoon, but it was so beautiful, I took
the opportunity to make some calls. Pa
went to see Anna Spoor, Mrs. Anthony
and Mrs Van Dyke while I called on
Miss Terry, Amy Passons & Mrs Hopkins
all of them confined by illness. Miss
Terry is going to the Old Ladies Home next
month. I suppose it is the best move
for her, but she will miss her friends
and we will miss her. After doing
some shopping and going to Library,
we went to see Mabel before coming
home - I had not been to see her in over a year.

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Aside from going to church Sunday morning we staid home reading and resting till bed time.

I think I told you once your books were insured and we thought they were. Pa told Frank Worden to attend to it. Recently he met pa on street & told him he could not insure them because we had no insurance in his Company. So on Monday we drove up to see Chas. Brouk and had him insure them in the New Baltimore Ins. Co. and we have the policy in vault. I enclose the slip he sent for charges - it is \$1.50 & per. 40. The insurance is for \$4.00 for 5 years; of course in case of fire, this will be

assessments but they are never very big.
Since then I have not been out of the house.
Yesterday Pa went to Albany with Wilbur.
It was wretched weather + roads had an
account of storm, so they had to drive
very slowly - it was a long day for me.
I am reading quite a good deal and
take plenty of rest, but I cannot get
over the awful lonely feeling. If
I felt able to entertain more I would
do so, but shrink from the extra steps
and work it would mean. Pa
seems perfectly satisfied to just
rest and snooze when he is in the
house - he does not require much
much reading for he falls asleep
soon after he settles down. Of
course, I spend considerable time
at the desk for there are always letters

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to write or reports of some kind to
"make out and accounts to keep."
This week I have been reading Pearl
Buck's book about her mother, "The
Edile". It is very interesting - I finished
it to-night - but also very sad. I wonder
why some women must live
it so hard who have sacrificed so
much and do so much good. When
I can get hold of it, I want to read the
story of her father, "Lighting Angel".
Have caught up on most of the magazines.
Yesterday I listened to quite a good
deal of the inauguration, I could visu-
alize the crowds & decorations & heard
more than most of the people that stood

there in the pouring rain - no doubt
many of them will suffer for it.

Bobby continues to lead problems - He is
so rough and so willful & has provoked
me & Kate by destructive actions - I
do hope he will grow up soon and be
gin to behave.

I had not heard from Annie in a long
time until to-day - I really thought she
must be ill, but I shuted my self against
worrying about her, for I cannot afford
to bear the consequences of such attacks.
However, I was glad to get a letter from
her to-day - she seems to be well and
as usual meeting many people and
seeing the sights.

I am glad Elisabeth is all well again
and I hope you both will steer clear of
any more illness for miles. Guess this
is all for now - when are you get to Buffalo?
Love,
Mother.

285 Oxford St.
Rochester, New York
January 22, 1937.

Dear Mother & Father,

It seems scarcely possible that it is a week since I last wrote you, although quite a bit has happened in it. This has been the last week before the midyear examination period, so that there have been odds & ends to clear up. One of the instructors was sick so I had an extra class two days. All day Tuesday I prepared exams for a fellow from Hornell who was taking qualifying exams given by the school. I spent the

Church and was largely attended.
The car which struck her was driven
by a sixteen year old girl alone,
except for a sister twelve years
old. A clear case of illegal driving,
but I haven't heard that anything
is to be done about it. Her father
is prominent and fairly influential.

I had a short letter from Eva today.
She said she was feeling much better
and that her eyes were behaving.
Dr. Johnson has returned, but is in
bad health and unable to teach,
having had jaundice ever since
he has been away.

I had also a letter from Donald
today. The performances last
week apparently went very well.
But the public response was

time making out an exam for one
of my classes. On Tuesday evening
we were at a rental in Kitbourne
Hall, and last evening at a
symphony concert in the Eastman
Theater.

As I wrote you there was a department
dinner at the Parkway last Saturday
evening. At about 5:30 that evening
Mrs. Gale, the wife of the dean and head
of the department, was struck down
by an automobile in East Avenue.
She was taken to the hospital and
found to have several broken
bones but her condition was not
considered serious and we had the
dinner without the Gales. But
Mrs. Gale died the next evening from
internal bleeding. The funeral was
on Wednesday in St. Paul's Episcopal

very disappointing. The prices of the seats had been reduced to the 'popular' level, but without drawing sufficient audiences to make the receipts for two evenings as large as for one evening last spring.

We have classes tomorrow for the last time until February 10th. I am looking forward to using these two weeks to get caught up on sleep and correspondence. In particular I must get some time out for next year. That in itself is a several days' job.

I hope that you are keeping well and that Mother is feeling better - can't you persuade him to take a few weeks off before opening in glass Falls. I hope so. With our love
George

I hope you and Myron may
have a period of rest,
after the strenuous labors
of the past months.

Yesterday was almost rainy
day. My brother went to see
it back evening. He said
about 25 present, five or six
men.

Now I must close.
Don't worry. Best regards
to Myron.

Take good care of your
self. Still love to you
Dew

Sincerely your friend,
Arthur J. McKee

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Sarah, Miss Hall, and my-
self were together, you
three ladies sang a very
sweet song. I never heard
it before, I never heard it
since. I am writing to
you to see if you can make
me a copy. My clue is very
poor, but I think it said
"Sing me a song at twilight."
I hope you may be able
to recall the song.

I did not send out any New
Year greeting cards but I
sent book marks in-
stead. So many deaths and
so much illness, the
book marks would prob-
ably bring some comfort thro
the Scriptural selections.

I have used up a dozen
and could use a dozen
more.

Monday Jan 11, 1937.

My dear Lillian,

I had a letter from George saying he and his wife had received the money order. That was a relief of money for I had sent out four (4) money orders for the same amount, all to young men who were getting married, your two sons, and two off a Baltimore suburb, the two being sons of the only daughter of my nearest and dearest school girl friends. Both were good. Quates of Johns Hopkins. One wanted to study law but his father

needed him in the busi-
ness with him. Robert, the
youngest son, majored in French
(got a position in a priv-
vate school outside of Cal-
ifornia). The next year he went
to New England and took a
position to teach French
and Mathematics. He
married a teacher of White
Plains last June. 5

George wrote me a friend-
ly little letter. I feel as if I
have gotten acquainted with
him. I have a Kodak,
I hope I may have a snap-
shot of him and his wife.

Dearest you and Myron
are proud of your daughter
first-in-law.

One summer when you

285 Oxford St.
Rochester, N. Y.
January 29, 1937.

Dear Mother & Father,

I am sorry that today has slipped by without my getting my customary letter off to you. We are having vacation, whatever that may mean - I am busier than usual. I got up rather late and have been scurrying ever since. I went downtown directly after breakfast to get new license plates. I had put off from day to day and didn't care to wait until tomorrow when I knew there would be a grand rush. There was a wait as it was, but they were putting them

Had a review section and a planning
engagement and have spent sometime
looking up colleges. I had word last
week that I am not to be reappointed.
The dean of the faculty wrote that
he had heard only good of my work,
but that the department was to be
reorganized and there would be no
room for me. So that's that. I'm not
worrying yet.

We had a letter from Harold this week
asking us to visit him and Marge over
the week end of February 7th. Again dates
close, however, for I have two midyear
exams coming off on the 6th and shall
have to spend all of that week-end correcting.
For the grades have to be ready on Monday.
It is a stupid arrangement, but it seems
to be the custom here.

through at a good clip. That with some
shopping took until lunch and then
I had to go out to the university to
head office hours - this is not exactly
a vacation-only exam period. Then
after, it being such a fine day, Elizabeth
& I went for a long walk in Highland
Park. We have had a succession of
glorious days with full sun and
fairly warm air and this was the first
one I had been able to take advantage
of. And tonight we break tradition
of four months by going to the
movies. I go about once every few
months to convince myself that
they are still bad, and I was not
disappointed this evening. They are
cleaver than they used to be but
they are still pretty stupid.

Most of the rest of this week has gone
at the university - lectures at least. I

Glad to get your good letter last week,
and especially to hear that you are
back well again. I do hope you will be
able to keep so. We seem to keep well -
I have lost all trace of a cold without
having actually succumbed.

I hope you are not having too much
trouble with Bob. He must be growing
to be quite a dog now. I am anxious to
see him. Tell him he must get on
his good behavior by spring.

Thank you for looking after the insurance
I enclose check to cover the policy fee.

How is Wilbur? I hope that he is
sufficiently better so that you are not
worrying about him.

With our love.

George.

Catskill N. Y.,

Jan 24/37

Dear Geo. & Elizabeth:-

How the winter is flying and really, no real winter weather for this month. Yesterday was quite cold and we looked for snow to-day but it is a beautiful spring day. We were sorry to hear of the sudden death of your new friend, Mrs. Call. Too bad. There are not more rigid traffic laws for the carless in our State. There is nothing much new here to tell about. This is, I suppose, Wilbur's last work here to have garage open, but he is away most every day to either Albany, Schenectady or somewhere else. I have invited them here for dinner Sunday & will have a roast chicken. Do not know just when they leave nor if they have an apartment yet, but he expects to open the new store Feb. 18th.

Sunday will be Rev. Bosch's last here and he is being feasted at our home or another every day. For more than one reason, I did not feel it best to invite him here.

On Wed. we took Miss Terry over to see
Minta Pawella (John B's sister). Miss Terry
is leaving in a day or two now to live in
the Old Ladies' Home in Catskill. Mrs.
Telf is still very miserable but is at
home now. We called there Wed. but
she had gone to Dr. Shoemaker for a
treatment (first), so I have not seen
her since Jan. 2nd - she is quite dis-
couraged & I don't wonder.

James Townsend died suddenly last
Friday night. It certainly relieved
the tension for Maxine & Robbie &
I've been told she left her property to
Robbie.

Sunday was a very nice day & rainy
too after dinner. We went to church but
had to leave our car at Milton's to leave back's
field. So we walked down to Townsend's.
I understand that Katie is going to
play the organ in church - I'm glad
if she can only stand it with all
her other work & arrangements.
Tuesday, Pat & I "stepped out" for a
change - I did not care to but he
wanted me to go with him. The

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occasion was the general meet-
ing and banquet of the N. Y. S. Agri-
cultural Society in Albany. Pa
has been several other years but
I never went with him - we were
the only ones from this county.
The meeting was in the new office
building & the banquet in the
Witt-Clinton Hotel. About 400 were
at the tables. It was the largest
& most aristocratic banquet I
ever went to & I guess one is enough
for me. Assist. Sec. of Agriculture
Wilson Spake & said nothing. Mr.
Lehman had a good address on
the milk problem, but as I never
liked him, I can't get enthused over
anything he says or does. Then there
were 10 Century farmers awarded
certificates - this was very interesting.
I was interested in one named
Alfred Booth in Orange Co. - some-
time maybe I'll look him up.

Haven't heard from Eva this
week but she was feeling very
well last week. I am wonder-
ing if you are going to Buffalo
next week end. How bad you are
so far away so you can't sleep
in on us for a "visit" or a "week".
Well, next year maybe we'll
be able to sleep in on all of you.
When Pa gives up, we'll have no
special bits in this place and
probably our "wanderlust"
will be intensified if we
only have our health. I had
an attack of neuroindigestion
a few days but feel better. Must
go to Dr. soon to be checked up.
Dr. Van H. left for Florida yes-
terday but his wife did not go.
Now I must get dinner. Hope
you are feeling fine & will get a
good rest next week. Love, Mother.

Caspachie, W.V.

Feb. 5, 1937

Dear George & Elisabeth-

We are having a snow storm to-day after a fair week. Sunday it snowed & rained all day but has been clear since. We went to church - it was Rev. Bosch's last day in town. Had Mr. J. family here for dinner & left 10 P.M. I got a capon all ready to roast Sat. night & cooked it before going to church. I have not been very peppy this week and intended every day to go see Dr. W. G. but this has not seemed to be any appropriate time - he has no office hrs. in the afternoon. Dr. Van being South, leaves all to the other Dr. & he is rushed to death. The plan to go down tonight if not too stormy. I am not ill, but need a little more lying up & checking up. I rest frequently & sleep in bed once or twice. Well, 9 o'clock. We had a very good play at the Hall 7.30. night and it was a relief to see some thing funny for a change. It was most very weather & about the fiercest North wind we ever had. Consequently the 2 north radiators up stairs froze and the one in the bedroom cracked & leaked thru the ceiling. Some times Rea was here in afternoon & is coming again to-day to finish up. We find it much easier to heat downstairs alone and fear we have used an unnecessary lot of coal this winter. Last Saturday Pa broke the his set of teeth & that was the beginning of a series of trivial annoyances that has kept up all week. Bob helped it along by trying to destroy the new cot bed. Press & yesterday a pipe in water tank burst & so we had to turn off the water. We are living now with faucets of water & it is not very convenient. Rea will no doubt fix us up this afternoon & all will be O.K. I hope. Pa felt good yesterday when he got word that all was over.

Milbur has rented his garage and today his girls
have gone to Glen Falls to look for an apartment.
Business will begin next week sometime if the
stock of goods arrives. I can't seem to write or
spell to-day - guess I'm hurrying too much.

We were very sorry to hear you are not to be
re-appointed, but have no doubts you'll get a
position somewhere - I trust it may be nearer
home. Don't worry, anyway. I know from ex-
perience that doesn't pay. For God you
couldn't go to Buffalo this week end. We have
not heard from them in over a week. When Mary
was here last she insisted that I go out there as soon
as the weather is settled, for a visit. I thought then I
might do so, but now that W. & J. will not be here I
would not leave pa. alone, unless it were necessary.
He will miss Milbur more than any one, for he
saw him most every day & was used to calling on
him for help in time of emergency.

Last night we had an Officers Meeting of the Young
Men's - there were 13 came. I did not feel equal
to bother much with refreshments, so we had soft
corn, nut meats & apples. The corn was very good.
The best we've had in a long time.

Your letter arrived Monday and we were very
glad to get it. I hope you have had plenty of chance
to rest this week and will feel in good shape to start
in again on Wed. I have the same feeling about
Maries that you do especially the preliminary shows. The
last one we went to was Romana last fall - it was very
fine but the first show was a disgraceful presentation
of life in a wife. My night club - I had to keep my eyes
shut part of the time & the house was about 2/3 full of
children. I forgot to tell you Milbur is feeling much better -
he thinks it was "Pursue" helped him - a bottle Ray bought for him.
Perhaps Digitized by the Plant Institute for Botanical Documentation

P.S. Forgot to say if you want a chicken
anytime let me know, we'll send one.
It might be nice sometime when you
expect company. I'll clean it if you
want me to - don't mind that - only let
me know if you want it cut up to boil
or just cleaned to roast.

285 Oxford St.
Rochester, N.Y.
February 12, 1937

Dear Mother & Father,

The past week has been very hectic. My last two exams came last Saturday morning. The grades had to be ready on Monday so that I spent a week-end of making papers. On Monday came a meeting of instructors to pass on cases of probation & dropping. And then the second term started on Wednesday. At short notice I had to prepare a long set of notes for my class to be mimeographed over this week-end. That took three

On Tuesday afternoon I attended a chamber music class of Mr. Vasa. He had previously asked me to come on any Tuesday afternoon that I wanted to. His students played very well - it was their last rehearsal before broadcasting yesterday afternoon.

I hope that all of the major and minor annoyances you wrote of in your last letter have been cleared up since then. It seems that you do have an undue share of plumbing trouble. You seem to have had colder weather than we, - I doubt that it has been down so low here since early in December. And of late we have had some very beautiful days - today was warm and sunny

solid evenings. Yesterday afternoon there was held the first annual university convocation. We all put on our caps & gowns and paraded into the Eastman Theatre preceded by trumpeters and accompanied by organ music. The stage was filled with the school orchestra and the dignitaries and the hall with faculty, students and public. The orchestra played very well two very bad pieces of music, after which Pres. Valentine delivered a long address. It was a fairly good talk on universities in general and Rochester in particular. I wish that I could believe his remarks would have some early effect on the students.

with quite a feeling of spring in the air.

I suppose that Milburn has chafed in Glens Falls. I am glad that he found something to make him feel better. I know you will miss him of course, but Glens Falls isn't so far away but that you can go up there once in a while on a Sunday.

Spring vacation begins six weeks from last evening. We shall come to Coxsack for at least a few days, although I think we shall spend part of the ten days in New York and Verona with Elsie's mother & sister.

Many thanks for the offer of a chicken. We would be glad indeed to have one any time but had to put you to the trouble of cleaning it - I'm sure neither of us could. So send one whenever it is most convenient, it makes little difference at this end. Of course, I should like it cooked.

Hope that you are both feeling well. Love from us both, George.

Feb. 12, 1937

MRS. M. B. VAN SCHAACK
ELMSHADE
COXSACKIE, NEW YORK

Dear George and Elizabeth

I wonder if you are having a holiday to-day - it is a beautiful day for those who have. Well it is the same as any day for mail is carried as usual but we may go out for a ride and a call or two this afternoon. There will be a supper in Chapel at 6 and we'll end up there, probably. Yesterday was fair but a strong north wind and quite chilly. Pa went to Albany to take Mrs. Deep to Dr. Dodge for some ex-rays - Mr. Dod and Jerry (Steve's wife) went, too. Dr. Mr. Wade has been afraid of some bone infection so now I hope they will get at the bottom of her trouble - she has been flat on her back most of time since New Year's. The community has been shocked by the untimely deaths this week of the wives of the two coal dealers, Thomas Barber. Strange, too, that the

third one, Goodwin, is also ill and very bad
just now. Dr. W. made is most kind, will
self visit all the illness in town & no one to as-
sist him. I was down here Sat. night for
a complete check up. Nothing at all the mat-
ter except need of a little toning up. So I'm
taking a tonic. Dr. Van H. will be home in
another week & then Dr. W. goes for an ocean
trip & rest. I do not know why I feel so
depressed - probably not enough work to do, but I
do manage to keep occupied one way or
another most of time. I am convinced I do
not get oxygen enough - maybe if I could be
out in air more, I'd feel better. This morn-
ing after I washed dishes, I wrapped up &
went out to clean up the debris that Bob
has carted on the lawn from all over the
neighborhood - tin cans, bottles, boxes, rags,
papers, sticks, etc. - Pa has been talking
of doing it, but does not get the time. It
is surprising how many spring like
days we have but in between rain & wind
but no excessive cold. Monday was icy & rain
all day - the roads were very dangerous. Walter

went to Lewis Falls - I don't know if he
is back yet, but will be some time today.
Jessie went up with him last Friday.

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and they hired a seven room apartment
in a 2 story corner house - private en-
trance. Guess Jessie will find it some
trouble to keep clean. Mrs. Cooley & Florence
all going up with them Sunday for a
few weeks anyway. Last Sunday we
stopped there after church & were pressed
to stay to dinner.

We have not decided just what to do on
Washington's Birthday - maybe the weather will
settle that if it is a bad day. We would like
to go away for the week end but it means
having some one to look after things place,
and also the danger of bad weather to re-
turn, even were to fair on Saturday.
Have not heard from Annie since
Jan 27 but I suppose she is so busy
exploring the country. No news from
your folks in 12 days but I know time
passes so rapidly for you & your days are so full.

was last was per assuring but nothing now in over a week. She did send a half dozen roses from the greenhouse but they had drooped & were really revived.

Do not hear much from Buffalo - did have a few lines from Marge last week - she was expecting a visit from her mother. Your letter gave the account of the Van Schaack accession in the paper, sent you. Last week's edition had two more accounts with fuller information - I'll save for you.

Now I must pen a few lines to H.H. & then get lunch. Hope you are both well and having some rest and recreation in the midst of your busy life.

Lane,
Worces.

Feb. 18/1937

MRS. M. B. VAN SCHAACK
ELMSHADE
GOXSACKIE, NEW YORK

Dear George & Elizabeth -

What wonderful weather we are having - to-day is just like Spring - only 18° this morning but now above freezing. I have been out dozens times to call Bob from our neighbors across lot, but he would not come - when he finally did after 1 1/2 hrs. I locked him in barn. Guess that is we are trying to have a nice dog so near neighbors & on such a travelled road. We have tried to make him mind, but he is like a very smart but very naughty child.

To-day is Melba's opening in Glens Falls. Their family went up on Saturday night - they were all here for dinner & supper and all night, leaving Sunday night after a 7 o'clock breakfast. It was pouring rain and very foggy, but they reached there at 11. Their address is 21 Harrison St. - W. will have an office in the house & has Florence there

So as to get the old business all cleared up &
the new started in shape. There will be little
real book keeping as I must be strictly cash
So no real need of a steady book keeper. How-
ever may try to get a job & live with them.
Mrs Couley also works with them for an in-
definite stay. If they were alone, we might
have planned to go up over the week end
but under the circumstances thought best
not to. Were we sure of good roads & fine
weather, we would go to Denia but it could
be very bad to come back, so that is ruled out.
Guess we'll stay home in my Lane so often.
It is hard to go very far on Sunday on account
of the S. School. We have not had any
very cold weather but that one night that the
radiation froze - too bad the heat wasn't turned
on up there, for it has caused us no end of
trouble & it is not over yet. To control the
upstairs heating, we are to have a tank put
up in the passage way - more expense. I
have never liked so about being indoors
so much in winter and if I can manage

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I want to be somewhere next year when
I can sit out doors more, for I can-
not walk very far. I am feeling
better since I saw the doctor but do not
get much sleep. Wilbur's studies quite
upset me and only time will remedy
that. It has been hard to get adjusted to
the new conditions all fall & winter and
now the old "all gone" feeling is present
again.

Tuesday Evening we had company
to supper & called later in evening. I
paid an old social debt to Mrs. W. H.
Hallenbeck & husband for several
years ago they entertained us. It is
not very easy for me to attempt such
a thing alone, so I cannot do it often,

though we do like to have company, especially now that we are alone so much. Wonder if you have heard from Ma lately. The poor child is certainly hampered in her work - now Dr. Johnson is in hospital & Dr. Crouch will not be there this year & there is no one else to help her out. I hope she does not get discouraged - she says she is not.

Auntie has moved to Daytona Beach but I have no real address so cannot write to her. Had a short letter Thursday after 3 weeks of silence.

Today we are going to handle that awful big bear of a report of the telephone Co. for the P. Service Com. - it is equal to an income tax report - we have been reading it since Jan. 1 & now it must be sent in a few days. You certainly have been kept busy. I am waiting to hear when you are going to Suffolk to send the chicken to each of you. The 2nd is the end of Harold's 6 mo. trial - I am anxious to know how it will end. - Love, Mother.

285 Oxford St.
Rochester, N.Y.
February 25, 1937.

Dear Mother & Father,

It was good to get your letter last week. end and I have meant to answer it for days. Time flies by so quickly and there is so much to do. I have been working off and on since the middle of January getting ready to send out a bunch of applications and still have a lot of it yet to do.

I have calculated the data on about 75 places for each of Eva and me, and sent off her list just this afternoon. I think I shall try about forty of them first. I have had many summaries typed, but must now write the letters. Eva is typing her summaries, but I have advised her to give it up

to do so if need be.

Washington's birthday was the only single holiday this term. Rochester looked like a fairy-land that morning, for one night there had been several inches of wet snow which clung to everything. In the afternoon we attended an illustrated lecture at the University on 'Friends we Fore do Cannot See' - about bacteria. It was intended chiefly for high school students, but there were many adults there, and it was not beneath their interest.

The preceding day had been very spring-like. We went out to Demand-Eastman Park and did quite a bit of walking. The sun was shining, the grass somewhat green, and many of the hedges showing signs of spring.

On Friday evening we heard a very fine lecture by Dr. Chotwell of Columbia, and innumerable peace organizations, on 'Is Neutralty a Safe Policy?'. He spoke for nearly two hours, but I could

and have them mimeographed.

She, poor dear, has another fearful blow in Dr. Johnson's death. I don't think his death will mean the loss of her degree to her, but I do fear that she will not get her degree this year. I had a letter from her this afternoon in which she said that Dr. Livingstone had been appointed head of the department pro tempore and that he had issued a statement that no degrees would be granted in the department this year. Whether he will hold to that I don't know. I think Dr. Couch would recommend to him that Eva be granted a degree this year, but, of course, Dr. Couch is not a member of the J.-H. Faculty, merely a visiting lecturer from time to time. It will do us good to worry - matters will work themselves out there as they will, regardless of our concern. And much as I dread seeing Eva have to face this additional disappointment I feel quite sure that she is strong enough

have set for another two. He outlined the history of neutrality, showing how it was formerly a device to secure rights in trade during war, but has latterly become a device for ensuring security against entrance into war. He discussed the various proposals before Congress and told where in he agreed with them. And he ended with a plea for the League of Nations, pointing out it is futile to sit back and say it is all a failure - it has taken six hundred years to get a semblance of civil justice, we can't expect to develop international justice in eighteen years.

We have no plans for going to Buffalo. We have heard no word from there since we had to decline the last invitation. Had I thought in time I would have asked H. M. here for last Monday, although it may be that H. had to work.

I am glad that you are feeling better. Mother and I hope that you will soon recover from the upset of Wilbur's going.

All for now. Tonight we hear a lecture in the Cochran Theater on 'Health Hazards of Modern Life'.
With our love, George.

Feb. 25, 1937

MRS. M. B. VAN SCHAACK
ELMSHADE
COXSACKIE, NEW YORK

Dear George and Elisabeth -

Maybe you sent a letter last week but it has not arrived yet. Suppose Eva wrote you about Dr. Johnson's death. She is all at sea now as to just what effect that will have on her prospects. I had a letter to day from her - she has been laid up again with a bad cold. Have it heard from Buffalo in about 2 weeks - such busy folks as all your children are these days but I remember well the time when it was just about impossible for me to get time to write friendly letters. I hope you are both keeping well. We had such beautiful weather and even this morning it was like Spring. I left the dinner dishes & went down town with Pa after dinner but when

we started from P.P. I had clouded up and in a few minutes was snowing - we drove up the Harbush Road and ran into quite a storm. Now there are several inches of snow but it has stopped, tho' it is a mild night otherwise.

We staid home all day Monday - did not plan to go anywhere & I was just as well for it was not a very nice day - we did go to Grand at night. Pa has had a return of his former cold - in fact, I guess he really never got over it - so he went to Dr. Van Monday & is not taking 2 kinds of medicine. He gets out part of time and keeps going. Chicken business has slumped so now eggs are $\frac{1}{3}$ less in price & feed is more 500 babies are coming on Apr. 10th so they old ones will be sold soon. I will send the chicken to you about Tuesday - will drop a card. I just took the last of my dope but it has failed to give me any relief tho' I think it did help a little. I ought to be planning the house cleaning & doing preliminary preparations but I just can't get started is on the way home left to-day for home. Mrs. Delp is still very ill - we are quite worried about her. ^{None} Mother.

March 12/37

MRS. M. B. VAN SCHAACK
ELMSHADE
COXSACKIE, NEW YORK

Dear George and Robert,

I was very glad to get Fi's letter last week - meant to answer on Sunday but did not and this week has flown like a bird. Sunday was such a beautiful, clear tho' cold day, we drove over to Pittsfield after S. L. Had dinner in a restaurant before going to see Jennie. She was so glad to hear us - have not seen her since she was in hospital last Aug. We also called on Kilton Miller & wife - the Mason Hospital this morn'g for same kind of operation / a Rad. They had a great loss in Jan. when their eldest girl committed suicide in N. Y. Pa has not felt at all well this week but I think it is only the result of a nervous

straw on Thursday. He is on the job as usual
but lies down a good deal when home.
However, he feels better to day & is going to
Calhoun this afternoon to a S. C. Conv. Meet.
He is again Chairman but does not do any-
thing in the real working line as he did
last year. I suppose he must have
these ailments subside and so must I to
a certain extent, as long as we are able.
Auntie is liable to roll in any minute
as she left Baltimore Wednesday - a card
yesterday said she'd be here by Friday night.
Pa made fire in her house yesterday & this
afternoon if she has not yet arrived.
& I will go there to have things arranged.
Have had some very cold weather but today
is quite spring like. Bob is still very rough
and he tires me, pumping on me - he'll knock
Auntie over if he gets a chance. I keep him
in lobby most of time when Pa is away. Hope
you are both well & will soon have some real
trusset for a position. Row, Mother.

285 Oxford Street
Rochester, N. Y.
March 12, 1937.

Dear Mother & Father,

I meant to get a note in with Elisabeth's letter last week to thank you for the chicken. It was a fine bird and we very much enjoyed it. As Elisabeth probably wrote you we had a young couple in to share it with us, and they seemed to enjoy it too. I had quite a struggle carving it, not because it was tough but because I forgot to sharpen the knife ahead of time. But I finally got it hacked into edible pieces without too much embarrassment.

Life has been very busy of late, and particularly this week. On Tuesday evening Dr. Seidel took us out for dinner after which we all went to

in Cleveland, and Stevens in Halakau -
neither place expects any vacancy. So
I am beginning to make a list of places
where I shall not teach next year!

The University here is in a state of
uproar and uproar. The president has
fired a whole group of instructors,
some of them full professors of fairly
long standing. The faculty wives
call it 'the Reign of Terror'. On the
whole it seems to be a rather unwise
way to go about changing matters,
especially since to fire all of the
incompetent instructors would be
to fire half the faculty. And some
of the most incompetent have been
reappointed. All in all, I am glad I
am getting out. The spirit in the math
department is very bad, the elders
hating the youngsters and vice versa.

I dropped in to see the Halakaus for
a few minutes the other evening.
They are carrying on as usual though I
don't know how they do it. Their

Mr. Vasio recital in Kilbourn Hall. It
was a good recital and he played very
well. I went back stage during the
intermission to see him and found
him quite sick with a bad cold. He
had had it only a day and was quite
determined not to give up until the
recital was over. He has been in bed
since then, but I believe he is re-
covering.

Last night we were at a symphony
concert, one of the chief numbers being
a musical setting for chorus and
orchestra of the story of David.
Parts of it were quite beautiful and
it was all effective. Thought we go
to Kilbourn Hall again to a graduation
recital in which some of Mr. Vasio's pupils
will play. And tomorrow evening we
are invited out to dinner.

So you see we are quite busy. I have been
giving exams and must give more next
week. And I have been trying to get
letters of application off. I sent twenty
nine on Wednesday and have a dozen
more ready to send. I have already
had replies from two Western Reserve

mother who has lived with them for years seems gradually to be losing his mind and has become a great care to them.

It is income tax time again and I have just got the return ready to mail. It was a little more complicated this year because of the joint return, but the tax was less because of the extra exemption. Now I am wondering if there is a state tax.

I had a letter from Eva recently - just a note to thank me for the names of colleges etc which I had looked up for her. She seems to be trying bravely to keep up her courage, but she is having a hard time. I've a good notion to get down to Balkinore during the vacation and cheer her up.

We have been having wretched weather - quite a lot of snow and some pretty cold nights - then sleet etc. Now winter than we had in January and February. With an love,
George.

March 16/37

MRS. M. B. VAN SCHAACK
ELMSHADE
COXSACKIE, NEW YORK

Dear George-

Maudie & Jan, too, are having this blizzard. It snowed all day yesterday & all night, too. There were quite drifts north of house and near barn, so pa had some shoveling to do. He made the first track thro' here to the street. I phoned a few minutes ago that he was taking Sherman with him to Medford. He had to pull out on State road south of the farm. But weather is wild & sun is trying hard to peep thro' - had a few little squalls this AM.

Auntie arrived Friday night - pa made nice in her house day before - I was there all Friday afternoon with Margarella & left at 5:15 just before they drove in. She is already mourning because she came home so early - I have not had found out just the real reason for her early return, but it will come out some time. She was to be here to day while the Ward went to Long Pine on business - She wants to leave for good as soon

as a new one arrives - no prospect yet.
I was glad to hear you had thought of going
to see Eva - it would do her so much good. I
have looked forward to your coming home so
much, but would be willing to sacrifice your visit
for her. You could stop here on your way back
to Rochester. I just looked at map to see the
shortest way W. D. Allinson would be from
Syracuse (Route 11) to Scranton, to Reading (6 1/2) to
D. B. She writes very good letters home but I
know she tries to hide from us her real troubles
and problems.

Am wondering what H. heard yesterday - He
last wrote the 15th it would probably bring a pair.
I do not think I wrote when he forgot to put
trials in coffee pot & missed the limit. Fitzpatrick
admits it can be fixed but would not tell us
where as he wanted to sell a new one. If you
can find out a place in Rochester you could
take it back with you. Nothing on the pot reveals
where or by whom made - it just says "Mirox
Aluminum Made in U.S.A." Maybe you remember where you
bought it.
The family drove in Sunday at 2.30 - they brought
Mrs. C. & Therese home to stay. I got a dinner & then they
left at 4.15 - We plan to go up Sat. Allium of Mead's etc.
Has Elisabeth the book first? I can't get it but would
like to read it. Love to you both, Mother.

Mar. 18/37

MRS. M. B. VAN SCHAACK
ELM SHADE
COXSACKIE, NEW YORK

Dear Geo. & Elisabeth -

Have just written to G.
and to H. M. - so just a few lines to
you both as I may not have time to
morrow. Auntie was here to-day
from 8 AM to 8 PM so you will
know my head spins from listening
to all the writer's activities. The bear
went to Hudson on business - to seek
a new job. She seems to be competent
and has been kind & patient but must
be tired. Auntie seems about same
as ever only perhaps even more for-
getful. I have repeated to her infor-
mation several times to-day on various
subjects. The sun has shown all

day and the snow has stilled but is
an awful mess yet. Pa did entire route
but is very tired after the 3 days experi-
ences. Sherman was here today to
clean hen houses & shovel snow.
We plan to go to Glen Falls Sat.
if weather is good & roads clear.
Next week we could not go & Apr. 3
is Telephone Meet. & on the 10th we
expect the arrival of 500 baby chicks.
So it is this week end or not at all for
some time.

H. has heard nothing yet about
a raise & Igner is pasted blue. But
there is so much trouble everywhere we
all ought to be glad we are as well off
as we are. Terrible tragedy the explosion
that killed hundreds of children to-day.
Wondering if you have any more replies
to your applications - I'm sure the right
one will appear sooner or later.
Love to you both, Mother.

March 19, 1937

Dear Mother & Father,

Glad to get your letter this week. I hope that you have not found the post week too trying because of the storm. Possibly it was not so bad with you as here. It was a regular blizzard here for nearly two days, with fifteen inches of snow - the heaviest storm in six years. But the streets were kept open so one could get about with a car. It turned warm as soon as the storm was over and the snow has been disappearing very fast here since - but the street is marvelous.

I am glad that you will not be too disappointed if we go to see Eva instead of coming to Coxsackie. For we are now planning to do so. In fact we

I know very little of the latter - it is at
Temple University. The former is not
too good, but it is possible, and
the constitution seems to be fairly
good. I am also on the list of a job
in Detroit and one in Wisconsin.
The last one is quite good but I
think out of my class - for one thing
it is in a teacher's college and that
almost automatically exclude me.
I have sent out about three dozen
letters and had replies to about
two thirds. Two of the above jobs
came that way. I may still hear
something from the other dozen
places.

You write every one in a while that
Father is so tired or that he doesn't
feel so well. Why in the name of Heaven
doesn't he stop working so hard? He
simply must - you want starve
on the prairie, but you want get
the prairie if you don't stop working
so hard.

shall probably not go to Elizabeth's
relative either but simply make a
southern trip, going to Philadelphia
Baltimore and Washington, and possibly
further. The further would probably
mean taking Eva down to see Dr
Coulter in Chapel Hill, North Carolina.
I don't know whether we shall manage
that but I should like to. I had a
letter from Eva just a day or two
ago, and I am afraid she is quite dis-
couraged. I shall try to have a talk
with Dr Hainsworth. And I think it
would do Eva good to see Dr. Coulter.
He has written her that he is willing
to keep her, but when or how she
doesn't know.

I am terribly sorry to disappoint
you for I know how you have counted
on our coming. Besides seeing Eva I
have a couple of other matters down
there for I am applying for two jobs,
one in Washington at Gray, Washington
University, and one in Philadelphia.

I am sorry that you have had trouble with the coffee-pot. I could probably undertake to get it fixed if I had it. But if you are in Albany you could try there. It was bought at either Myers or Whittney's.

Elizabeth is not sure of the name of the book you mention, nor has she been able to find it since you wrote.

Last Saturday afternoon we were invited out to play bridge, and were out again in the evening to dinner. I took some music along, for there was a good piano where we went and I enjoyed playing it. On Wednesday evening we heard a lecture in the Eastman Theatre by H. P. Fairchild of Town Hall. I was disappointed for it was quite poor. The subject was 'The Child and the Family in a Changing World'; - it consisted mostly of platitudes. Last evening we heard the last symphony concert for the season. This afternoon Elizabeth spoke before the current events club in a debate on the court proposal - she is speaking against it. I hope this finds you both well. With love,
Lore, Gray.

Mar. 23, 1937

MRS. M. B. VAN SCHAACK
ELMSHADE
COXSACKIE, NEW YORK

Dear George and Elizabeth,

I am writing early in the week. So you'll be sure to get the letter before you start on trip. I cannot tell you how sorry I am that you are not coming home, but I am glad you decided to go see Eva. Perhaps you can help her in some way and at least, you will cheer her up. Please keep me posted with an occasional card. I am glad you had so many replies to your applications and I trust you may get just the right appointment, only not too far away.

We are having colder weather but very fair now for three days. Saturdays

was ideal in the morning but before noon
it was raining. However we left at 2 for
Slem Falls - it rained hard till we left
Albany then the roads were dry to Ball-
ston when it began to snow. We made a
short call on Anna who was all alone
and sick enough to be in bed. By the time
we reached G. F. (6 P.M.) it was snowing
very hard and we were glad to get indoors.
Had a short delay in Saratoga taking a
wrong turn and in trying to get back
thru a narrow street was crowded by a
truck and caught on a parked car.
It was raining hard then and pa had
to hunt up a garage to get a man to help
us out of difficulty. Wilbur's family
are nicely located in residential
section - upper flat 2 story house with
private entrance. They have loads of rooms,
Kitchen, Dining, Living, 3 Bedrooms, Bathroom.

and a large front room Wilbur has for
his own. Where the desk, telephone, safe,
filing cabinets, MRS. M. B. VAN SCHAACK
ELMSHAW
COXSACKIE, NEW YORK everything is
modern and spotless, but it keeps Jessie
busy all the time. We went to a flower
exhibit Sunday afternoon in the green-
houses on same street. Left for home
just before five after going down to see
the store. Reached home at 7 & then got
a supper & to bed. Have not felt like
much here 2 days but just tired.
Pa wants me to tell you he does not
work much but rests a great deal.
We are both taking train but I do not
feel as jumpy as last week.
I have plenty of work waiting to be done
but it will have to wait till later. Have
not seen Auntie since she was here on
Thursday last. She is no more a new

Waid then when she came home and the present one is getting very uneasy to go home. They went to Panama to-day to try to get Mrs. Halenbeck but she would not come even for a few days.

Pa has the Radio in and I cannot concentrate any longer.

Hope you have a lovely and profitable trip with no bad weather or roads and will return safely. I wonder if there is a possibility of your going back thro' here, so you could stop over. Probably that will depend on how much time you have left. I will think of you all the time and look for frequent postals.

Love to you both, Mother.

285 Oxford St.

Rochester, N.Y.

March 24, 1937.

Dear Mother and Father

Spring seems to be coming reluctantly. It was nice yesterday, the snow nearly gone, and we thought the worst was over. But it clouded up this afternoon and now it is howling outside like January. It is snowing some though not like a blizzard. We are still planning to start out tomorrow morning, if the going is safe. I suspect that it will be by noon, and we probably won't get off much before that for I have morning classes.

We shall go to New York first, for I must attend the meetings of the American Mathematical Society there on Friday and Saturday. I had thought they were to be in the middle of April. But Prof. Thylan of George Washington would me that he was to be there

the curriculum is terrible, and I hope that I shan't be reduced to taking that position. Of other jobs I have heard nothing - I still have eleven letters outstanding. When I return from the vacation I shall write some more.

We have not been out much these last few days. Last evening we went to the Eckman Theater to hear a concert by the school orchestra. Some very nice here the school orchestra has improved greatly - it is really a very respectable organization. On Sunday evening Swell brought in a friend who had been in our class at Harvard. I had known him only by sight. He teaches philosophy at Smith. He spent quite a bit of time agitating over the state of the University of Rochester.

I thought of you last week-end and hoped that you had been able to go to Glen Falls. Sunday was beautiful here, and just it was so with you. How do you like the new work?

this week-end and would like to see me. And of course there will be several other people there whom I should see.

I do not know just when we shall visit Baltimore - I wrote Eva to expect us when she saw us. We shall stay over in Philadelphia. I am to see the department head there at Temple University. I do not think, however, that I shall be able to do any business with him - he has written that she ^{man} whom he expected to advise will probably stay on another year.

I have heard several times from Payne University in Detroit. The chairman there would like to have a talk with me. But he does not offer to pay my expenses, nor can he give me any assurance that I have a vacantly good chance of being appointed, should I satisfy him on the score of personality.

I have heard nothing of the job in Botany - The salary is good, but

I hope he has more time for rest and recreation.

I had the car all checked over yesterday - in particular, having the steering gear and front wheel bearings fixed - so that I don't think you need have undue worry about us.

If we don't have a letter from you tomorrow morning we shall look for something in Baltimore.

We are sorry, indeed, not to be able to get to you this vacation, and hope that Easter won't be too gloomy. We shall be thinking of you with our love,

George.

P.S. Thursday morning. It has snowed a little during the night and is snowing a little now, - but we shall set out and take it easy. We may have to stop for the night before reaching New York. Your letter has come - shall keep you posted.

G.



THIS SIDE OF CARD IS FOR ADDRESS

Mrs. M. B. Van Schaek
Catskill
New York

Friday afternoon

Dear Mother,

Have just come from
the afternoon meeting.
Saw a good many people
I knew and met some
others.

We had quite a trip down.
It seemed pretty hard as
far as Wadsworth. They stopped
but could hang. South
of there there was little
snow, but considerable
ice on the road. Had
supper in Wadsworth at 8,
still about 90 miles from
New York. After that we
had some try to drive
through tunnel, reached here
at 11:30. ^{and had sleep} ~~and had sleep~~ ^{and had sleep} ~~and had sleep~~
now then, time gone.

606 Somerset Rd.
Baltimore, Maryland
April 1, 1937.

Dear Mother & Father,

We have been here several days, but Eva has had so much for us to do that I haven't had a minute to write. We have just come in from a long ride out to the north - including a circuit of Loch Raven reservoir - it is not as large as Ashokan, but quite as beautiful. We have been having beautiful weather with almost cloudless skies - and the air is quite warm - I have been able to get along without a top-coat. It is quite springlike - the forsythia is out, and the flowering shrubs are coming out.

As you observe we have not gone

let her think we are worrying. All in all she seems to be quite well, and I think there is no reason to be anxious about her health. I shall see one of her doctors, if possible before we leave and get his word on her condition.

We have met several of her friends - Rex at the college, who succeeded her as assistant to Dr. Johnson. He is a very nice fellow and a good friend to Eva. And we made quite a cast on Mrs. Massolman. She is a fine woman and Eva is foremost in having her for so close a friend. We also met Clemons, and are taking her out for dinner tonight. She is apparently very fond of Eva and I know she will keep track of her and step in if necessary. She has invited us over for breakfast tomorrow morning.

We spent yesterday in Washington, taking Eva with us. We stopped at the University of Maryland, and at George Washington University for

down to North Carolina. Eva feels that it would be a great mistake to 'bother' Dr. Couch at this time; - he is very busy working on something of his own, and Eva says she would have to see him for several days if she had nothing written to show him. I have had a long talk with her and think I understand the situation here. It is not very pleasant - a mixture of hate and ambition - and I don't know what will come out of it. But I am fairly certain there is nothing to be done except to let matters work themselves out as they will. I know we can count on Eva to do her part. If she fails then it will be the university's fault. And if she does, it will not necessarily be the end of her degree - for I feel sure she can go elsewhere for a year and present her work there for a degree. We must not worry over

a few minutes each. At neither place did Eva find any possible opening, although at the former the department head, was very nice to her. She was seen an intimate friend of the Johnson. I saw Prof. Taylor of G. V. I. and found that he does not want me - he didn't like my looks, was I his - and that is that. We saw a great deal of Washington, mostly from the car. It is a marvelous city, but dreadfully full of ugliness - it is harrowing to drive through, if one is looking for scenery & views. Also - with a I shall go down again tomorrow, and visit a few of the buildings. I think Eva will stay here & wait.

On the trip down from New York we had lunch in Lancaster, and spent some time in Philadelphia. I called on Prof. Stokes of Temple Univ. & quite liked him and I think he did me. He still thinks he may have a vacancy - I hope so.

See for now. We shall probably leave here Saturday morning and make the trip to Rochester in two days - it is too long for me. With our love, George.

Apr. 3/37

MRS. M. B. VAN SCHAACK
ELMSHADE
COXSACKIE, NEW YORK

Dear George-

Was very glad to get your letter this
noon - have looked for a card every day. Of
course, I thought you were on a trip, I did
not know you were going to stay in Bath.
or I would have written before. I did write
to Eva yesterday - maybe you saw the letter
this AM before you left. I am glad to hear
you think Eva is physically in good con-
dition and hope her mental anxiety will
not pull her down. We are sorry for the
unfortunate conditions which have arisen
but are trying not to worry about it. As
much as possible, I must throw off worry
for as soon as I start that, I am affected
in several ways. Dr. W. Madison's medi-
cine has given me considerable relief, but
I must not exercise it too much for

I do not want to get so listless again as I was
for so long. In case you did not see
Eva's letter this am, I'll repeat that H.
and M. surprised us last Sat. at 3 AM,
driving each with their small wife.
We saw little of them as they had so many
places to call. They left Sun. at 3:15. We for
Rusland. Had a card from H. - he
arrived in B. at 12:30. It was good to have
some of you home for Easter - we all went
to church in AM. Auntie will have a new
woman then - one with a car & a dog - you
can imagine the outcome. - Mrs. Van Dyke
was buried Thurs. - The Develos clipping
Monday evening we were out calling & had a
fine game of manopoly. Wed. we called
on Mrs. Dolson Hospital - conditions are the same
tho' she felt better & was very cheerful. Tues we
made 2 calls at Wednesdays & Saturday we
went to Albany. Pa had his eyes tested - we both
got new hats. I also bought shoes & gloves & a
few small articles. Home heard not a word from G. F.
this week. Glad you could visit - Washington - I want
to go again some time. Love to you both, Mother.

Woman, 82, Is Found Dead In Burning Room

Florence Van Dyck Dies From Suffocation at Home in Coxsackie

Mrs. Florence Van Dyck, Coxsackie's 84-year-old storekeeper, American Railway Express agent, and widow of the village postmaster under the presidency of Grover Cleveland, died from suffocation Monday morning in a fire that swept the apartment which she occupied alone.

Firemen found her body lying in the doorway between the bedroom and living room. A scorched electric heating pad was found immersed in a pail of water near the bed, according to Fire Chief Henry McGuigan.

Although a coroner's verdict has not yet been issued, Chief McGuigan expressed belief the aged woman died as the result of smoke that filled the apartment. He said she had suffered no burns.

"The heating pad she had been using apparently set fire to the bed," he said. "We found the pad in a pail of water, indicating she had tried to extinguish the fire herself."

A native of Coxsackie, Mrs. Van Dyck in recent years had operated a department store in addition to her being agent for the American Railway Express. Chief McGuigan said she was active and had been at her place of business Sunday night.

She is survived by three cousins, Mrs. William Brady and Mrs. Charles Fisher, both of Coxsackie, and W. Platt Fisher of Catskill.

Mrs. Van Dyck was born Jan. 30, 1855, a daughter of John H. and Elizabeth Fisher Clow.

Funeral services were held from the Second Reformed Church Thursday afternoon. Rev. Howard Schade officiating, assisted by Rev. Samuel P. Clifton of Providence, R. I., a former pastor of the church. Interment was in Furwood Cemetery, Stuyvesant. The consistory of the church acted as bearers.



THIS SIDE OF CARD IS FOR ADDRESS

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

Monday P.M.

Dear Mother,

We reached here last evening at about seven, having covered 31.5 miles yesterday, and 110 on Saturday. We didn't get away from Baltimore until after four o'clock. Eva had been out on a field trip that morning and stayed over to have lunch with her. It was two before she returned and then with some hepatics to put for us. We left her seemingly feeling quite good and with pep to go on.

We came by way of Herringburg, Milchester, Tavunda and Elmira. The distance would have been 50 miles had we not followed the Susquehanna so far. But the alluvial soil with it. With our loads, George.

Catsackie N. L.,
April 9/37

Dear George & Elisabeth -

Can you imagine me writing before 8 A.M. - we finished breakfast early but dishes are not washed. Was very glad to hear of your trip home and safe arrival. It was fine to see Congress in session even if they were not very orderly. I enclose cartoons which must have been taken the day you were there - I think of what you wrote when I saw it - I had a nice letter from Eva - she did so appreciate having you and I'm sure it did her good.

Weather is not very spring like yet tho' it was quite warm on Tues. Monday & yesterday were cloudy, chilly and some rain and Wed. Tho' fair, was very windy and it was not a day here. Wilbur & family were in town Sunday but we did not see them till 4.30 & they staid till after supper. W. said business had picked up very much in a week. I haven't heard a word from U. or H. since they were here except a card when H. arrived in B.

Pa and I were on the Utlr. Monday night - it was official visit to Jewell Grange for the County officers - we took 7 other frame apples with us. The fog was thick going up the Utlr. but cleared away before we returned. It is a pleasure to occasionally meet Grange people outside of Chinay Grange - we know the faults of the latter too well. Yesterday we accepted an invitation to a luncheon & meeting at Auburn Grange in Utlr. Co. - it is near Kaatzbaum. Pa fortunately got home early & we were able to leave here at 11.30. There were folks there from Sullivan, Orange, Dutchess Cos. - Mr & Mrs Floyd Miller were the only others invited from this Co. At 5.30 we crossed the river at Saugerties & drove to the Poultry farm near Hudson for our 500 baby chicks - reached home 9 o'clock to eight. Auntie called Wed. with her new maid & the cute Pekinese dog. The woman is about 40 well educated, polite & competent but can hold up her end of the talk as fast as Auntie. I do not expect she will stay any longer than ^{today}. He called on Mrs. Vesp. Wed. She is still on her back in hospital waiting for the doctors to make next move and they talk of first draining & then a body cast. Old Mr. Stone (92) was being furo. Now I must get to work. Hope you are both rested from your trip & will some time have some encouraging news about a new position - Love, Mother.

April 15, 1937.

Dear Mother & Father,

How the time passes - I have been intending for days to get a letter off to you, but there is always so much to do and so much going on. This week we are having a series of three lectures on the Supreme Court - yesterday afternoon, this afternoon and tomorrow evening. We have just come from the second one. They are being given by Prof. Corwin of Princeton University, who recently came out in support of the President's proposal. The subject of the one yesterday was the standpoint from which the Court views the constitution, - the conclusion being that they interpret it according to their own social and political ideas. The lecture today was a detailed history of judicial review. Tomorrow evening the lecturer will take up the President's proposal

And on Monday evening after a talk by Dr. Scitell, at the psychology colloquium we were asked out to have some ice cream at a famous ice-cream parlor - Mazzy. Our host was a friend of Dr. Scitell's - Dr. Hertzberg, a mathematician who works at Kodak - a Jew who was expelled from Germany. I have known him all year but Elizabeth had ^{not} met him before, nor I his wife. They have asked us to their home this coming Sunday evening. I read going, for while I don't dislike the man, I don't know how to get on with him. Aside from mathematics, mysticism & chess, his talk is just patter - and regardless of what he talks about I can't understand what he says.

The job situation seems to be about the same, except that I have had more replies and now know of more places where there are no vacancies. Prof. Gale was in Chicago last week-end and saw the man from Wayne. He says he thinks I am one of a few who are being considered but that he didn't see much evidence that I am likely to be appointed. Dr. Scitell & I are seriously thinking of starting a chicken farm. It is true he has been reappointed here, but

itself. He is clearly a very learned authority, but not a good speaker, or rather a good reader, for he reads his lectures. He talks very fast and so frequently misplaces emphasis that it is difficult to follow him. I think he would have done better to say a little less a little more clearly.

Last Saturday evening we attended the reunion - a rather infrequent occurrence. The picture was one from England, 'The ghost goes West'. I reckon that it is not likely to get near where you could see it, for it is not very popular. But I am sorry you won't see it for it is very good. It is a satire on ^{two hundred years ago} present day America. It shows how a ghost is condemned to haunt a castle in Scotland. The castle goes to rack & ruin and in the present is bought by an American business man - a chain store owner. He brings it to America and sets it up in Florida, using the housewarming as a big advertising ploy over the radio. It is very amusing and does hit the radio right and left.

On Sunday afternoon we were at sea at the Vees.

Linné here is very indecisive and he is thoroughly disgusted with this place. I have written to Father - two places and have exhausted my supply of photos. I am now having another two dozen made and when they are finished I shall send out some more letters.

The weather here has been air freely poor contrast to what we left in Baltimore. It has snowed and rained and been cold, - although we have had sun on two nice days. But I reckon it will eventually become plenty warm. I have seen asparagus in the market - southern, of course, - and it has reminded me of the long rows at home. I hate to think of your trying to cut it all this year - want you please just let it go - it is too hard work.

I am glad that Auntie is fixed again for a time, and thus off your mind. And I am very sorry about Mrs. Delf - I do hope she will soon begin to improve.

You have now said that you received a box of candy from us for Easter. If you don't I must file a complaint for I sent one several days before Easter.

With an love, George.

April 16/37

MRS. M. B. VAN SCHAACK
ELMSHADE
COXSACKIE, NEW YORK

Dear George and Elisabeth.

Have not heard from you
in so long but trust all is well. Nothing
from Buffalo yet - we are really concerned
as they have written once or twice a week
all year. Ma seems to be well and extra busy,
Bessie has had the mumps and is better,
had a letter from W. this week.

Weather has been cold, rainy and windy
last few days but quite spring like early
in the week. The first thunder shower
early last evening - lightning struck in
thru the telephone - I saw it - pa was out
doors and also experienced seeing a flash
quite close to him. It seems that numer-
ous minor annoyances have combined
to upset us lately, perhaps chief among

there is dying chicks - 25 so far and there
will be many more. Last Saturday, the
electric power was off for several hours
before we knew it, and the chicks in elec-
tric brooder got chilled. Just when we
had them caught & put in boxes to take
in house, the power returned; kept the
thermostat was out of order & the tempera-
ture ran too high. After several hours of
thinking & worry and experimenting,
Pa went to Earl's and was able to borrow
another thermostat & it has been ok. Since
But the extreme cold & their extreme heat
had done the mischief and is now show-
ing results. Too bad, but it can't be helped.
Sunday, we went for a ride tho it was
not a nice day in afternoon. We stopped
in Webster to see Mr. Chauteau & came back
around the Alcorn reservoir.

MRS. M. B. VAN SCHAACK
ELMSHADE
COXSACKIE, NEW YORK

Yesterday I spent several hours with Auntie. I had not been there in almost 2 weeks; she is out when weather is fair and yesterday was rainy and she was about all in after an all day trip Wed. on other side of river. The new maid is already talking of leaving, so the ever recurring problem will soon be present again. However, I should think she would not be able to get such a job, with a dog, very easily. While the dog is very smart and good, I do not think I would want it around in the house.

every minute; after the novelty is worn off, it is amazing, I should think. But she treats just like a baby and has to sleep in her room.

We are making no progress with house cleaning - weather is not conducive to that line of work and I guess we have been so fed up on being torn up of recent years, we just don't plan any this year. Pa has worked a very little out doors, but is always too tired at night to do any thing but sleep unless we go out somewhere. Have not been able to get Sherman to help as he has been working on the road, but that is only temporary. We did not rest well last night, guess the chickens & some other problems were on our minds too much. Hope you all both well and will soon have some settled plans. How about that position down at ^{new Brunswick?} Long, Mother.

THIS SIDE OF CARD IS FOR ADDRESS



Mr. G. B. Van Schaack,
285 Oxford St.,
Rochester
N.Y.

Cassachie W.V.

April 17/37

Dear George - Glad to get
your letter to-day - also heard
from Mary - she has been
Cory and K. has had a bad
cold - in bed part of every
day - he is better. So sorry
I forgot to mention about the
box of Candy - received it on
Sat. before Easter - thank you
very much so much - you
troubled me to tell you it was
the nicest candy he ever
tasted - he knows for he
sampled it more than I
did. We were out late last
night and in not good for
much to-day. Don't let Prof.
Carmin's talks lead you astray
on that subject - Well again
thanks for your letter -
Yours
Dorothy

Cassackie N.H.

April 30/37

Dear George and Elizabeth -

This is a wonderful day, April is passing out in a very creditable manner if she has been so wet and disagreeable most of the time. Pa has gone to Catkill to a Sail Conservation meeting. I would have gone with him but we are going to Schenectady to - night. We have tickets for the W. G. Farm Home and the Maple House at the Studio. There were 50 tickets sent for Green Co. Prunings. So we were fortunate to get them. I have not been feeling very good for a few days - lost a belipus attack. Tues. we went out to Freshhold + staid to supper there. Guess I ate too hearty - am much better today and going slow on eating and working. Sherman is here and given the calves their first "hair cut". I had Maryetta yesterday to do some house cleaning. Next of fore here I had so little ambition for this house

of house keeping.

Had a long letter yesterday from Eva. She has no prospects yet. She spoke of moving on June 3rd so it looks as if she means to stay there after college closes. I hope you are not worrying about your problem. Surely some thing will turn up for you.

The chicken deaths have let up here. didn't hear of any to-day but pa has Curries 115 & the rest seem well & smart and eat good. Feed gets higher and egg prices, so there is no profit now pa talks of selling out the 75 hens he keeps. I have not been to Auntie's in over 2 weeks. When I can go, she is out & vice versa. She stops occasionally and I have concluded from what I hear that conditions are getting better there. Monday is Harold's birthday. He has had Neuritis so Mary wrote.

Mrs. Welp is now in a cast. We saw her Tues. - she was more cheerful than on our previous visit - but she has given up hopes of ever being real well again. Now I must write to Harold. Was glad to get your card Wed. Love to you both, Mother.

[May 7, 1937]
Friday afternoon

Dear Mother,

I was just about to write you a letter when Dancel called me on the phone. I had expected him late today, but he has arrived this early - 2:30. I must run over and say 'hello' to Beely and him shortly but I want you to have some word this week.

First, our best wishes and love for Sunday - I hope that it will be a pleasant day for you. We sent you a small box of candy yesterday, which I hope will reach you tomorrow.

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tending to various matters. Chiefly the
trip was ^{made} to visit Chutkan and make
final arrangements for next year. Mr.
Shute is to have a year off and Samuel
is to take his place.

Again best wishes for Sunday, and
the hope that both of you are well.
With love
George.

This has been a busy week or I would
have sooner sent you the letter I promised
on the card. We had glorious weather from
last Thursday to Tuesday, and on three
days Elizabeth & I got out into the
country east of here. On Sunday we
took our dinner out and cooked it -
parterhouse steak - and how good it
tasted.

On Monday evening we attended a quite
good graduation rental in Kilbuck Hall.
On Wednesday there was Math Club, and
last night we went to see 'The Good
Earth' which opened here for a three
days run in the Eastman Theatre.
On the whole the picture is quite good,
but a bit too spectacular. I hope that
you and Father will have a chance to
see it.

Samuel & Betty are here for the week-end.

May 11/37

MRS. M. B. VAN SCHAACK
ELMSHADE
COXSACKIE, NEW YORK

Dear George
Your letter & box of candy received
Saturday and I thank you both so much for
your kind thought - it meant more to me
this year than ever. No doubt you have won-
dered at not hearing from us as usual. I
planned to write Friday but it
was a day of worry & uncertainty. Pa was
taken suddenly very ill at 11 P.M. Thursday
night after a day & evening when he felt
in excellent health and spirits - went to
bed at 9.30 and dropped right off to sleep.
I had Dr. W. G. at 1 A.M. - again at 6 in
morning, 2 P.M. & 7 with Dr. Van H. - then
it was either a nurse or the hospital as
I was fortunate in getting Edith & she has

called for him right along - He is more
like himself to day but Sat. was in a
very low state. I hope you will not
censure me for not sending you word
for I did it for the best knowing you
ought not to leave your work & did not
want you to worry unnecessarily. Dr.
said it was better on Sat. for us one to
come as the least excitement or dis-
turbance might prove disastrous for the pa-
tient & he was to be considered above
anything else. I am feeling very good
& carrying on fine with Edith who is as
good as a doctor here all the time. My
one has been very kind - sail cases for
the chickens nights & mornings & I do the
rest daytimes - Shit for mowed Laura
Sherman comes when he can & Edith does
all the errands. I did not tell any of you,
so even W. had quite a shock when he came

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ELMSHADE
COXSACKIE, NEW YORK

on Sunday but then pa was much better. The cause for the fever & chills has not yet been determined - the second blood test has not returned - first showed nothing. The fear of typhoid & malarial fever is over & not much concern for malarial - it might be some kidney trouble but anyway he has improved in so many ways - heart, pressure, pulse & temp - all about normal again or near so. He says he feels better to-day than at any time since Thurs & I do not think he is worrying about the outdoor work - the main thing now is to get him on the road to recovery. I will try to keep you informed & we are looking for improvement now right along. Mother

+ folks staid over Sunday night at
Mrs Couleys and all went to N. Y.
early yesterday (Mr. had business there)
So Mr. was here again this A. M. before
leaving for Clear Falls.

Now I hope you'll try not to worry
about conditions here - everything now
looks favorable and we can only
hope & wait. I was sorry to keep
you in ignorance and would love
to have had you all here if it had
been the right thing to do.

I am going to send a few
lines to Harold & Ira.

Love & for both
Mother.

[May 15, 1937]

Wednesday afternoon

Dear Mother,

Your letter was awaiting me this noon when I came home. What you wrote was naturally a great surprise. But I am so glad that you can write that the worst seems to be over. That I have had no other word from you reassures me that things went well last night and today.

Of course I don't excuse you for not writing before - you could tell what it was best to do, and I know you will let me know if you need me to come. But I earnestly hope that father will make rapid progress

try to do too much yourself - have
Margaretta to do the hard work. I
wish that I could be there to help
you.

Harold & Marge spent part of Sunday
with us. Harold called up that morning
and said that they would be over about
four o'clock. They reached here shortly
after three, for we are an 'old time'.
We took a drive around the park
which were quite beautiful in their
new foliage. They staid to supper
and started back about nine o'clock.
They had 'Skippy' along - she is quite
a dog and I became quite attached to
her in so short a time.

The job-situation outside of Rochester
remains ^{about} the same. Marge is expecting to
appoint a last year's applicant and
Temple will make us an appointment. Dean
Gale told me recently that the new

you now on. Don't try to write me
at any length, just a line on a post-
card will do, while you are so very
busy.

I am wondering what the illness may
be. I hope that it is not some organic
trouble, but rather a germ disease which
can be thrown off. Apparently it isn't
the former, but it could so easily have
been, for Father does work just too
hard. When he gets around again he
must give in and stop working. I
really think he should retire right
now and not plan to go back to the
route at all. I hope we can persuade
him of that.

I am glad that you were able to get
Edith. She is a real tower of strength
when it comes to a serious illness
and I know I can depend on her to
look after both of you. Please don't

major appointment here would not be
made and that I might be reappointed
of Swedish - again temporarily, of
course. So I shall at least have some
job, though not a permanent one.
Staying here another year will, of
course, be a help in finding a
position for year after next.

Have had no word from Eva for
some time. I know she is working
hard and doing well. Apparently she
will eventually get a degree, for I'm
sure Dr. Linné would not waste
so much time to her unless he intended
to see her through.

I shall not worry more than I
can help, and shall look for good
news from you soon. Please take
care of yourself.

With an love,

George.



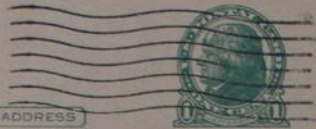
THIS SIDE OF CARD IS FOR ADDRESS

Dr. George B. Van Schaack
285 Oxford St.,
Rochester, N. Y.

Thursday P.M.

Dear George -

So glad to get your letter to-day. Pa had the best night yet and felt more like himself than he. - Dr. says it is encouraging that he is not going backward but improving every day. His diet is still all liquid but he seems to be gaining strength - Cannot get up yet. The cause of all the disturbance is still not known - another blood sample taken to-day & may show something. Pa wants me to tell you he is so glad to hear you are to remain in R. another year - he was quite affected when I read your letter. I am feeling fine and not anxious - much as Edith is just wonderfully
Love, Mother.



THIS SIDE OF CARD IS FOR ADDRESS

Mrs. M. B. Van Schaack
Coxsackie
New York

Friday afternoon.

Dear Mother,

I was very glad to get your card today with the good news that father is improving so steadily. What a strange disease it must be - I must say I am impressed by the fact that the doctors seem to be taking care of it without knowing what it is.

Am very glad you are feeling so well, and that you have Edith - tell her I am counting on her.
Love
George.



THIS SIDE OF CARD IS FOR ADDRESS

Dr. George B. Van Schaack,
285- Oxford St.,
Rochester,
N.Y.

Saturday 5th P.M.

Dear Geo -
This is best day yet -
Edith wanted to go home,
& Dr. said I could care
for pa now - I can get
E. at her home any minute
Her nephew is very bad with
heart trouble but she will
keep track of us here. She
instructs me how to fill
in the chart for the Dr.
Glad to get your card
to-day - also had letter
from H. & Eva - Will be
quite busy probably now
So may not write quite so
often. When do you get thro' in
Spain? Am looking forward
to your coming - So is pa. Mother

THIS SIDE OF CARD IS FOR ADDRESS

Mr. Geo. B. Van Schaack
285 Oxford St.,
Rochester, N.Y.



Friday

Dear George -

Pa is still improving - feels very good to-day - Dr. just been here. Latter has decided it is all due to albumen in kidneys - he will have to fight that for some time but it is not nearly as serious as some other things might have been. Having a very stormy day + cold. Everything else as usual. I may not write again till Sunday. Love, William

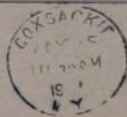


THIS SIDE OF CARD IS FOR ADDRESS

Dr. George B. Van Schaack
285 Offord St.,
Rochester, N.Y.

Friday All.

Dear George - This is a wonderful day after 2 rainy days - but there is a strong north wind and is still quite cool. Pa is feeling quite good and seems to be normal in every respect. He is so eager to get out of bed and only waiting for Dr. permission. He latter took another blood sample yesterday & we hope it will say "up" to-day.
Love, Mother.



THIS SIDE OF CARD IS FOR ADDRESS

Dr. George B. Van Schaack,
285 Oxford St.,
Rochester
N.Y.

May 25/37

Dear George-

glad to report
for can't seem to improve
and sits up part of each day.
Maybe soon he can get out
on porch. Having beautiful
weather now after so much
rain, but it is still quite cool.
Was quite surprised at the
news in Elizabeth's letter - I
was thinking you would both
be coming home soon. I
will try to write to her before
she leaves. When does George
leave? When do you come here?
We were here Sunday & are
saving for next week end.
I am feeling out but feel I'll
need a good rest when things
get straightened out again.
Now I must write to the rest.

Love,
Mother.

[Jun 11, 1937]

Friday afternoon,

Dear Mother + Father,

I was glad to have your letter yesterday and Eva's this morning, with the report that Father is getting on so well. I wish he might have been persuaded not to go back on the route. Since he insists on going back I am glad that someone goes with him for the present.

Elizabeth left on Tuesday evening taking a sleeper to St. Louis. I had a telegram from her on Wednesday

Ontario with quite good beaches,
with large areas of shallow water.
There is a nice bath house and other
conveniences well kept up. We
swam ourselves for a while
and then went in swimming for
a short time - it seemed pretty
chilly to us to stay in lake, al-
though there were many children
in and out all the time.

I have written Eva of how much
I rejoice at her success - I was so
excited that I could scarcely read
her letter. I am glad she doesn't seem
to be feeling any ill-effects from
working so hard these last two
months, and I hope she will get
rested now while she is at home.
I don't know just when I shall be

saying that she had reached home
without mishap. She was to go to
Atchison today so that she would
have time to get well-established
by Monday morning when summer
school opens. I can't imagine what
kind of a time she will have - cer-
tainly rather warm, and I suspect
very interesting at times. I advised
her to keep a detailed diary for then
will be many incidents she will
want to remember.

We did not go to Fair Haven last
Friday as I wrote we intended to.
But we did go on Sunday - starting
about 1:30 - it rained in the morning
or we would have started earlier.
We found the park really very nice.
There is a large fountain on Lake

able to leave here. We are trying to sub-
let this apartment for the balance
of the lease, July & August, and I must
pack everything up. That is going to
be a tremendous job which I cannot
get at before the middle of next
week. Then there will be various activities
at the end of next week connected with
commencement to delay me. I hope
to get away by the end of two weeks
from now, but possibly not
more than a day or two before
July 1. I give two exams tomorrow
and shall then have quite a job
to get the papers marked and
grades computed. The weather is
beautiful now and tempts one out-
of-doors, another delay.

Think love to all,

George.

43 Lincoln Street
Cambridge, Mass.
July 27, 1937.

Dear Mother & Father,

Here I am at the Tweedy desk
in Cambridge. I had a note from
Raymond a few days ago saying
that I might stay with them
during this week. Constance
brought me down this afternoon.
I had been here an hour but
there is still no sign of my books.
There are signs they are expecting
me, but no sign when I may
expect them. I reckon that I shall

it on the North Shore - over 70°.
On Friday I drove down to Borkum
with Constance to pick up her
brother-in-law and his father Mr.
Creighton, who came up from New
York. Mr. Creighton proved to be
quite a phenomenon. He was one
of the pioneers of the west - he went
to Colorado in 1879 and shortly
after to Phoenix, Arizona, in the
building of which he had a large
part. He talks endlessly about his
experiences there and about his two
trips around the world. He is quite
charming to meet, but it is clear he
is a pretty hard-headed business
man - he came up from nothing
himself and he doesn't intend to
leave his finger to help his children,
now that he has educated them.

not stay here very long, for my
quarters are just too tiny for this
hot weather, especially after having
a couple of large rooms to spread
about in - I have a little sleeping
porch about six by seven, with
a paper-thin closet off it. But I
am not ungrateful - it is very good
of them to have me and it gives me
a chance to look about for a room
with some convenience. I would
like to stay in the Yard, but I doubt
that I shall be able to persuade the
bureau to let me do so.

I have had a fine week in Exeter
doing practically nothing. I was
swimming in fresh water several
times and in the ocean once. The
latter was marvelous, the water
warmer than I have ever seen

Dousey called me up from Missoula
last Thursday and wanted me to
meet him at Mt. Chocoma the
next day in order to climb it
with him. But I had no way of
getting there so I couldn't go. I
have heard from him that he
did go and made the climb.

Tomorrow morning I shall go
down to the library and get at
work. I shall go into Bozeman at
noon to have lunch with Maria -
it is a year since I have seen him.

I do hope that everything is
going well at home, and that
you are still planning to get away
by August 12th. I want you to
know that I enjoyed being at
home and look forward to being
there again before I return to
Rochester. Much love to all
George.

June 28/37

MRS. M. B. VAN SCHAACK
ELMSHADE
COXSACKIE, NEW YORK

Dear George -

We are having a very rainy day after several beautiful ones. This is the first Pa has gone on the route alone since his illness. He seems to have gained rapidly the last week and does not have to go see doctor W. J. any more for the present. The iron injections have evidently helped him and now his only medicine is a tablet after meals. He is planning to go see Dr. Heeling to, morrow & we hope he will advise the Dray at an early date. Pa is anxious to have the suspension open & can take days off after this month. The outcome of Dray will

determine the next move. Eva is still taking care of the chickens but we hope to get rid of some brailes this week. Saturday I went to the Uto. & did not get home till late so staid in bed till noon. Went to Auntie's to interview two housekeeping prospects in the afternoon. Nothing definite yet, she is well cared for now but the girl can't drive.

I know you have been very busy and we hope you soon will be home to rest or at least have a change of work. You know Pa dislikes writing & has not written letters all year - he just will not get at it, so that's explanation for your not hearing from him. I had a full week last week and somehow

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COXSACKIE, NEW YORK

I got very tired with the morning routine
& could not do much afterward but
rest till most supper time. We went
out Thursday evening which was the
first & only time for 7 weeks.
I have had to neglect so much work
in the house since May 6 that now
I must try to catch up a little tho'
it is getting late in season for pres-
ervating and much will have to go
undone. I hope you will have us
difficultly in renting the apartment &
will soon be able to come home.
Loveingly, Mother.

Look
for letters
from you so
don't miss this
long to write
kind regards
to the family

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July 28 '37

MRS. M. B. VAN SCHAACK
ELMSHADE
COXSACKIE, NEW YORK

Dear George

I was just intending to write to you when Pa brought your letter. I had re-addressed some mail to you, so Pa changed the address again to Cambridge. This is Wash day and it has been a fair and cool one. Eva left on 11.42 train for Albany & then by bus for Glens Falls. Sunday is W's birthday and we are going up in A.M. & will bring Eva back. M. & family were down Sunday afternoon & here to supper. Nothing much has happened since you left. We had Auntie & Sue here Sat. to a lunch supper on porch. Last evening we all went over there to call. So-day is Sue's birthday (21) So Eva took a nice cake with candles on & some homemade ice cream - She got these prepared in afternoon while Pa & I were

at Catekill. We took the last 24 broilers
to sell and I had to see Dr. Bennett
as I've had a sore tooth for a week, ever
since he cleaned them. It's a crowned
one and I fear will have to come out.
It is not painful to-day, but I know it is
there and it worries me as it is infected.

Mrs. Delp came home from hospital Mon-
day but she is far from better. We

called on Uebel yesterday she looked
very bad but is holding up better than I thought
she could. Dick had his license taken
away on account of that accident which
was not his fault. He may get it back late
in Aug. but it is quite a hard cap.

The new Mushroom building is started this
side of track back of Goodwin's lumber place.
Auntie has a new woman engaged to come
Aug 2nd. I am quite provoked that I could
not see her first & make a clear understanding.
I have much I would like to say but will only
gain till you to be very careful of your movements.
We were glad to have you home & hope to see you
here in an album from Maine. Love, Mother.

[Jun 30, 1937]

Tuesday evening

Dear Mother,

I was very glad to have your letter this morning - and very glad, too, to hear that Father is improving so rapidly. I thought of you in Albany today, and hoped that Dr. Heelin would not have anything very alarming to say.

I am glad that you were able to get off to Panama on Saturday - you have been very shut in there.

I have filled eight packing cases and must go out and buy two more tomorrow morning. I now have only the odds & ends left to pack - but they always take a lot of time.

I have still to rent the apartment. I had no results from an 'ad' Sunday, nor any from one today. I am running it again tomorrow & Thursday.

It is past midnight, and I must get to bed. Must love to all,

Grays.

last few weeks. I hope that when I am home we shall all find time to get out for a drive now and then.

I am not just sure yet when I shall reach home. I had hoped to be able to leave here early on Thursday and reach home that night, but it doesn't look now as if I shall get off before late Thursday, if not until Friday. You may expect me by Friday sometime. If you don't hear further - don't expect me on Thursday.

In spite of all the preparations I had made before yesterday, the packing has assumed proportions I hadn't counted on. Where all this stuff came from I don't know.

Harvard Library
July 30, 1937

Dear Mother & Father,

I was glad to have your letter yesterday and to hear that everything has been going quite well. I am glad that you will get away for this week-end and hope that you have a good time in Glen Falls.

The Tweedys stowed up about six o'clock Tuesday and took me out to dinner to a Bavarian restaurant. Raymond & I spent the following day on the rocks at Rockport - he has practically

dependents.

I am spending this week-end with Morris at his home on the Cape. We shall go down by train late this afternoon and return either late Sunday or early Monday.

Now I must get to work & look up some books that I need. With much love,

George.

Phone: Eliot 9766

given up his business venture so that he can take a whole day off whenever he likes. It wasn't a very sunny day, but the air was warm and the water just right. I had dinner with Morris in the evening.

Yesterday I scouted around Cambridge getting library rights, etc. and looking up a room. I have found a large room on the first floor of a small apartment house, which promises to be very cool. The address is 14 Wendell Street, & Peters, Apt. 1. I suppose Miss Hayes may be angry when she finds I have taken a room so near her, but I felt it best to do so that I would be quite in-

14 Wendell St.
Cambridge, Mass.
August 13, 1937.

Dear Mother & Father,

Just a few lines to greet you
in Ocean Park. I hope that
you have had a safe & pleasant
trip, and that you have found
your room to your liking. Do
have as good a time as you can.
But please be careful about
going in the water if it is too
cold. Perhaps you will have

most of Father's suits. I will
take the tie if you don't
want it - I ruined it when
I bought it.

I am just about to leave Cam-
bridge. I have spent the morning
at the Yard seeing several people
I hadn't been able to see before.
Last night I had dinner with
the T. needles, and lunch yester-
day noon with Miss Hayes.

I congratulate you on having been
the camel at all. I haven't been
able to find it. Perhaps tonight
if it is fair I shall get a look
at it through the telescope
at Exeter - there was some talk

faintly warm water this year.
It has been warm all summer
in the New Hampshire coast -
usually at 70° or above.

I was glad to have your
letter this morning and to
hear that you are feeling
faintly well in spite of the
terrible weather. I'm glad
the package arrived on time
and sorry that I didn't
have the faints for
wrapping it more attractively.
I'm sorry too that the tie is
not right - I debated between
blue & brown, and decided on blue
as the color going best with

last week of setting it up to see
the count.

All the best wishes for
a good holiday & rest. With
much love,

George.

Aug 5/37

MRS. M. B. VAN SCHAACK
ELMSHADE
COXSACKIE, NEW YORK

Dear George-

Time flies so fast and I can't remember when I last wrote to you. I was glad to get your two letters last week and hear you are comfortably located. Weather has been mostly fair and cooler with some showers and drizzle in midday. It was nice to be at Rockport again - did you hear of the man who was killed there the other day by falling rocks. I hoped you enjoyed the week and on the cafe. I hope someday to get down there but each year there seems to be some good reason for not going.

I have been not so very well for a day or two but nothing serious - guess the

Black berries I ate Thursday were not very good for me - we have such nice ones but Ira has difficulties in getting them, the bushes are so thick.

Since I started to write Auntie has been here with a new woman whom she has engaged to come on the 21st when Sue is leaving. Mrs. Auntie & Sue went to Caledonia to make arrangements for the latter who expects to enter the home economics school here - they did not return till Wed. afternoon. Pa & Ira went

to pick berries up yesterday - they did not get very many but enough to last us several days - maybe one or two cans berries.

Pa & I attended the R. D. Banquet at the Convention at Newburg last Friday night.

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We went down with the carrier
& wife from Catskill, so pa did
not have to drive. It was after 2 when
we got home & I was not very peppy
next day. Thursday last I had every
tooth extracted. It did not seem to
get any better tho' it did not pain but
was loose & infected. Dr. Bennett
said it was a good thing to get it
out - but - I am minus some
chevons on the upper right jaw.
Sunday we got started for Steeple
Falls at 8.30 taking Mrs. Coakley.
I tho't she would stay awhile but
she insisted on coming back.

It was a nice day but the roads
were lindy & we had to be in line
quite often. We left at 6:40 & was
home 9:30 safe & sound, but it
makes a hard day. I've come back
with us.

If you can, I wish you would buy
for me a summer necktie to give
to pa for his birthday. You might also
get one or 2 pairs of socks. I will
pay you when I see you - don't like
to enclose money & can't send
check or money order. Now I must
try to help some - Ruth always seems
so much to do - I rather dread the
preparations for going away.
Love, Mother.

THIS SIDE OF CARD IS FOR ADDRESS



Dr. George B. Van Schoeck,
10 Terrace Place
Danbury, Conn.

% D. W. Tweedy

Ocean Park, Ill.,
Aug 15, 1937

Dear George -

I know you will
want to hear of our safe
arrival here a little after
you to-day - left at 4 Sat.
Beautiful weather and a
fine drive - no traffic jams
after leaving Iola - stopped
one night near Keene and
took it very easy to-day -
stopping several times.

All ok. here - Some family
vacances - Big crowd.

Have a nice front room and
are unpacked. Sat on beach
after supper. Was glad to get
your letter & hope you received
the Spe. Delivery. Love, Mother.

Ocean Park, Manie
Aug 20/37

Dear George-

This has been the hottest season here ever known - Tuesday was dreadful and then 2 nice days, and today scorching again. If it came over for a chance to get in a breeze, it would be hard to stand it. I don't know how the workers can stand it. It affects my head so I must keep quiet & not go in sun. I spent all day Tues. on the porch in the breeze. Last night we went to Saco to have supper with Mrs. Boston - She called here on Tues. & invited us. Next Tues. Pa is going to bring her over here to supper.

This has been a big season in regard to the number of people in the place - many are coming & going all the time. We have a nice room.

But being in the front, it is noisy evenings till most 11 o'clock. This is a busy corner & a heavy cop is on the job from 6 a.m. to 1 a.m.

A fine fire has been raging in the woods below Biddeford and when the wind is just right, we get the full benefit of it. Heard last night the forest is over & now it is confined to the brush & box - Hopes of rain last night failed - just a light shower.

The new Matron here is very nice & very competent - everything is very clean & orderly.

Pa has been in bathing every day - the water here was so warm - some times it is comfortable on the beach but after too hot except in evening.

We have been lazy as usual. I miss the rest room down stairs which it was always quiet & cool & a nice place to lie down - it is now Matron's bed room.

On June 28 Demerits home across here "The Cheney" was burned down - it is now almost all replaced - the carpenter Lane done a quick job. There were 10 guests there but everyone was out working hard. Phil Paine & Harry roomed there early in July.

Hope you are having a nice visit - remember us to Mother Freddy. Hear from Ma frequently - she has so many veg. & black berries she doesn't know what to do with them. I suppose we ought to be there - but why? Love, Mother.

You said today you wouldn't play
With dolls and other sissy toys,
And then you asked if I would buy you
The sort of clothes they make for boys.
And, while I wondered how my love might
tie you,
You asked me if, next fall, you could go
places
Like school, perhaps . . . and have a pencil
box
And colored grown-up socks.

I looked across the fields, so softly green
With early summer's sheen,
And thought, "My baby's lost!"
The wide blue sky
Was gentle as the sort of lullaby
That you've outgrown.
And roses blossomed shyly in the hedge
And morning-glories touched the window
ledge.
And yet, I felt the chill of early frost
And I felt old and tired and alone . . .

And as I sat wrapped in a dream of
sorrow,
Dreading—instead of looking toward—tomorrow,
You ran along the path and fell and cried,
"Mother!" and I was swiftly there beside
Your little crumpled body, and your knee
Was bruised, and you looked up through
tears at me
And sobbed: "Kiss it and make it well
again!"
And as you spoke I lost my sense of pain
And knew that, as the long years hurried by,
My heart would hear and heed your cry!

10 Terrace Place
Danbury, Conn
August 22, 1937.

Dear Mother & Father,

I was glad to get your card and letter last week, to hear that you arrived safely and that you have a nice room. I hope that you have not found the heat too distressing. It has been terrible here - 98° on Friday at 5 P.M. - as hot and humid as I think I have ever seen. It has rained heavily this morning but the temperature is still above 70°. We are going up to the Pond for dinner where I suspect

a gallery on 57th St, New York,
full of beautiful silkenware,
china, etc, at fabulous prices.
That evening Donald's father took
as all our to Peking to see
a play at a summer theatre -
it was a junk row-play, but
we all had a good time. Friday
evening danced & I and two
friends drove down to Harwalk
to hear a concert by the New
York Philharmonic in an
outdoor theatre.

I received the Sp. Del. letter last
Sunday morning. It was an
offer of an instructorship at
Ohio State. The appointment
would be for one year at \$800.

it may be cooler.

I reached here Tuesday evening
after a quick trip from Exeter. I
left there at 1:30 reaching Boston
just 15 minutes before my train
for South Harwalk left Back
Bay Station, some two miles
from North Station. I had planned
on nearly an hour's interval but
the train into Boston was very
late. But I took a taxi and
made the train in time. Danced
& Betty met me at South Har-
walk.

Despite the heat we have been
about somewhat. Thursday after-
noon Helen Rider took us out to
tea to a place called the 'Little
Gallery' - a summer off-shoot of

with, I suppose, a chance of
reappointment. It was not sufficiently
good for me to turn down the
Rockledge appointment for it at
this late date, so I refused it.
It is encouraging to have had the
offer.

I had a letter from Eva the other
day - she seems to be getting
on very well alone and I think
she is enjoying the opportunity
to get some things done which
she hasn't been able to get at
this summer. Next I shall be
with her next Sunday.

Do have a good time & get a
good rest. Please remember me
kindly to Mrs. Bastan. I know
she & the Threeds would send best
wishes. With my love George.

324 Canterbury Rd.
Rochester, N.Y.
September 22, 1937

Dear Mother & Father,

I am in my winter quarters at last, though a long way from settled in them. This is one of the places which came as an answer to my 'ad' - I looked at it early yesterday and took it early this afternoon after looking at many others. Had I the energy left, and anything but a bridge table to write upon I would describe my search more fully. Suffice it to

hot-air and I may be cold at times, but I shall have the right to use an electric heater. The bedroom furniture is adequate though not particularly good - except for the bed - the wall paper is to be used according to my selection. The living room furniture is not adequate and some of it will have to get out. There will remain a good day bed, and two not very good chairs and a small table. There will have to be a desk, a large table and another chair - I think the landlady will get some of these - I may have to get the rest, but I can probably do it cheaply by getting second hand stuff. With my other things I can make the place very attractive.

say that it was amusing, to say the least - I had long and confidential talks with many housewife, and saw all sorts of places from the grand & magnificent to the squalid. Most of them come to between 30 & 40 dollars a month, and wouldn't do, two as there were higher. This is \$25, and I have either a 'find' or a 'lemon'. It is a complete third floor - large hallway, fair sized bedroom, adequate living room, and good bath. There is a door at the foot of the staircase so that I can shut off from the rest of the house and shall have pretty nearly absolute quiet - which I may have obtained at the sacrifice of heat - the heating system is

There is no need of closet & storage
place. There is a garage in the
rear which I can have for \$4 p
month. All told I think I have
found much better than I had
hoped - and quite a bit cheaper
than I had hoped - really very
reasonable I think, when I con-
sider that I paid almost as
much for that little room at
Mrs. Beeber's.

I am naturally quite tired and
must get to bed tomorrow morning.
There is a meeting of the department
after lunch I shall set out for
Chittam. - I have had no word from
you, although I have diligently
searched for mail. I hope all is
well, and that you get off in
good style. Please forward the letter
to her which I am sending at the same

Must love George
time as this

Sept 29/37

MRS. M. B. VAN SCHAACK
ELMSHADE
COXSACKIE, NEW YORK

Dear George-

Just a line as I am off
for the day to 2nd Mt. Pfd. Ch. for a
conference. Eva left Thursday on
8:13 AM train - had a nice rest know-
ing that she was safe & well & staying
at the nurse's ~~school~~ home. I
hated to see her go off alone and
not too well but couldn't help it. It
has been very tiresome & I have
not accomplished much for I
could not concentrate long on any
one thing. Be kind to ~~Amos~~ ~~Amos~~

yesterday afternoon - Auntie & her
maid called & said most thro.
This morn. they go to Galway up near
Glennville for a couple of days to
stay with friends of Miss Couch.
Was glad to hear you had secured
such good rooms & so cheap. Your
card written Sunday was rather a
jumble as I thought you were in Christm
for work end & was to think some
of Mr. on Monday. However I was glad to
hear you were safe back. Must
stop now as pa is coming for me any
minute. He goes to Galway Sat. & stays
over night. Next week we'll have to get down
to work & business Rev. Mother.

September 30, 1937

Dear Mother & Father,

I was glad to have your letter this morning and to have word of Eva's safe arrival in Baltimore. I received her letter from Coxsack only yesterday morning. I hope that by this time she has seen her doctor and that he has diagnosed what is wrong with her routine. I doubt very much that there is any marked physical change in her condition - I think it is all a matter of her nerves. -

The west end trip was glorious. Betty went with us but of course she did not climb the mountain. We drove as far as Schroon Lake on Friday afternoon, going by way of Speculator and Mountaineer. It was an exciting ride for at every mile the coloring of the foliage became more brilliant until it was truly fantastic. We spent the night in a small resort-house on the shore of the lake. We all had an early breakfast on Saturday morning - then dined & I set out, leaving Betty to await us. The drive to the base of the mountain was about fifteen miles. We started climbing about 10:45 and were on the top

it is a common place that diabetics who are nervous or are subjected to nervous excitement have a much harder time than the more phlegmatic. I am sure that when she gets back to routine living and study she will be much better.

I don't know how you all became confused about my stay at Chatham. I couldn't have stayed over Sunday, for college opened here Monday morning. I have four classes which, unless there is a shift, meet M. T. T. S at 8:25, M. W. F. at 10:25, 2:10 and T. T. S at 9:25. It is a good schedule and I am hoping that it will not have to be changed - but classes are so crowded this year there has been talk of revising our schedules.

a little over two hours later - having
made a rest stop of forty minutes
at the fire warden's cabin two-
thirds of the way up. It was very
hot and we left part of our clothing
at the cabin. The view from the
peak was wonderful, practically
every important summit of the
Adirondacks was visible - Marcy
was only seven miles away, and
there were mountains in every direction.
Because of the haze the distance
hills could not be seen, but the
near view was a marvelous pattern
of color, reds below and yellows
above. We stayed there an hour
and then started down. Near the
base we stopped at a mountain
stream for a cooling dip - and
you may believe it was cooling -

The water was frozen. We were back in Sisson Lake by 4:30. By 5:30 we had had a meal and started home. He made such good time that we kept on until we reached Clinton about 9:30.

I am getting settled slowly - I have bought a desk and chair and with these and some of my smaller things my living room is beginning to look livable. I shall have to get books & book-cases out of storage - I dread the job of carting them all upstairs, but I also dread the confusion of having the packing cases up here.

Dan and Betty are spending this week-end in Rochester. I suspect I shall see something

of them, but I know they will
be quite busy. On Saturday
evening I shall be at Dean Jeter's
at the first department dinner.

I am glad that you will be
able to go to Halcott on Saturday.
I hope that you will have a fine
day and that the mountains
will be in their autumn glory.
Best wishes for a safe & pleasant
trip. With love,

Graye.

P.S. The phone number here is
Morose 5078-W. The name is
E. A. Wells.

The enclosed was in a 1/2 4 St. Sm. for you
with a circular letter - You may if you want
not want it.

Oct. 7/37

MRS. M. B. VAN SCHAACK
ELMSHADE
COXSACKIE, NEW YORK

Dear George-

We are having much cooler
weather after rather a hot summer day.
I sat on the porch all afternoon just as
I would in July or Aug. Margaretta is
here to day to wash. I suppose Eva is
in the hospital now and I do hope
she will soon be out again and write
letter. Had a card on Tues - she said she
was still as this ~~was~~ pleasant & feeling good.
Last Thurs. night Wilbur & Jessie arrived
after we were in bed - on their way to N.Y.
they left at 5.30 & returned after midnight
Friday, leaving for home Sat. at 8 AM.
Wilbur went to see the officials about the
Inquiries - He is not satisfied & he wants them

to buy it & hire him. They wd have
must first get rid of Newbury for he
is no good as a Saleman - W. knew this.
We are wondering how he has succeeded
he will probably be here Sunday.
We attended the P.D. Banquet at Furbell
Friday - Ja & Fhis both leaving the Service.
The latter on Jan. 1st. Saturday was Lem's
ful & we got started at 12.30. But we had
Car trouble near Mr. Lumper & was delayed
all afternoon as the garage man had to send
to Kingston for parts. - The water pump connection
broke, loosened the fan & made 2 holes in Rad.
Pa telephoned to Halcott & Mr. Bingham. ^{Called}
Joe and Miss Roberts but the afternoon session
was over when we got there (25 miles) Pa died.
Not arrive till after 7 and \$- poor. But it
was better to be towed 3 mi. than carried to
hospital & we were very thankful. We had
a wonderful ride home Sunday most 100 mi -
up this Schuylkill Valley. Holiday was lonely - better than
places than other. Home by 3.30 & had to rest. - No special news.
Love, Mother.

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324 Canterbury Road
Rochester, N.Y.
October 7, 1937

Dear Mother + Father,

First and foremost this is to bring you my loving greetings and heartiest congratulations for your anniversary and to remind you of my gratitude for all the many and countless things you have done for me these many years. I am happy that tomorrow will find you both still in moderately good health and about to set out on those years together to which you have so long looked forward. I hope that you will now take the time and find the means to go and

my rooms. They both seemed to feel that I had found very pleasant quarters which I could make very attractive. I am still quite a way from settled - my books, bookcases and articles are still in storage, I dread the ordeal of getting them out and up here. My landlord has been refinishing a sort of table for me - like the one near the door in the dining room at home, - and last night we brought it upstairs - we had only a quarter inch of space getting it through our door. I have bought a small desk, a desk-chair and another chair for reading. I have some pictures up and Danced & Betty are going to loan me some more.

I find that I must furnish my own towels. I shall have to buy some hand towels, but I have several bath towels at home. I would like to

to do as much of what you have wanted as may be possible.

I regret only that you must spend the anniversary with none of your children with you, but you will know that we shall all be thinking of you with love and gratitude. I have something in the way of a gift for you, but though it was planned long ahead it will not reach you for a few days yet.

I am glad that you reached home safely from Holcott. I hope that you had a beautiful trip, but your card made no mention of the scenery or weather. Sunday was only a moderately good day here. I spent Friday evening and Saturday afternoon with Danced & Betty, and on Sunday morning they came up here for a few moments to see

Have you sent them - you will find them in the bottom of the corner chest in my room. You can send them when you send the two pair of shirts. Also you might send the pair of white duck trousers which I said were father's - it seems that I got the two pair mixed and I have his here - they are too large for me, and mine must be too small for him, - I will return his when I get them laundered - you probably think I don't need that kind of thing here, but I wear it at night to save other trousers.

I have written Harold & Marge that I will visit them this week and if it is convenient for them - and we will go to Detroit with Pack on Sunday. I have not heard from them yet.

I hope I shall have a letter from you in a day or two. We would love George.

Felling much better & I
Don't worry.

Oct. 14/37

MRS. M. B. VAN SCHAACK
ELMSHADE
CONROCKIE, NEW YORK

Dear George -

To-day I am trying to take
a rest cure. I have been troubled for about
a week with stomach & nerves but so
much going on there has been no
chance to slow up till now. I staid
in bed & pa got some lunch when he
came in at noon.

This afternoon
he is sending his car by Dick up to Deer
Falls - W. is going to try to make a good
trade for a new Olds. We can't afford
it but it seems the best move just now.

W's family were here Sunday.

Last night I staid with Auntie while
pa went to a meeting at Mrs. Bingham's.
Miss Couch was in Albany. I loved Love

preferred going to bed but that was
out of the question. Auntie was just
shaking out when I got there - I don't know
where to but it was a very good night - had
a hard freeze & everything gone now.

Our anniversary was much as any
other day except it was so nice to have
word from all of you as usual. Appreci-
ated your nice letter & thanks.
In the evening we went down to the
Hospital to see a friend. She has dia-
betes & had been careless thro' the week of
Fall work & activities - was taken down
in a Coma but is recovering. Heard to day
Jas Collier was operated on yesterday for cancer
& he is in bad shape. -

We are to have a new lawyer in D's office -
poor fellow will be nice soon.
Hope you are ok - have been trying to figure
out when we'll see you - want to be in Hamburg on
Nov. 12 but can't settle on how to see you on week end.
Now I must get back to bed. Love, Mother.

324 Canterbury Road
Rochester, N.Y.
October 15, 1937.

Dear Mother & Father,

I was glad to have word of you today, though not happy at the news that Mother has been feeling badly. I hope that it is only the result of over-excitation and that a little rest will set her right again.

I keep well enough, myself, but I seem always to be so far behind. - I guess I must inherit it. At least I am not planning anything for this week-end, and presently I can get a little caught up in that. I have one more course this term than I had last year, and since it is an advanced course

fearful brew, but it served to warm us at least.

Last Friday evening I took Miss Cummings out to dinner. She was my French teacher when I was at the Eastman School, and I have kept in touch with her ever since. She is a very delightful person and we had a fine evening talking over all sorts of things. On Tuesday evening there was the first meeting of the math. club, but otherwise this week I have kept pretty much to myself. I am quite intrigued with my rooms, even though I haven't yet had time to fix them as I want them. So far it is generally warm here. I have bought an electric heater to keep me warm when the fire is low - we have had quite cold weather, as have you, two snow squalls today, one

I find the extra work rather considerable. I suppose that you have heard from Marge on the margin of my week-end there. I had a very good time and was royally treated by all including the boys. I think they have a very convenient and pleasant apartment - it is surprising, itself to find where they live. Marge's Sunday School had already started so we had to give up the plan to go to Leekworth Park. Instead we went to a large country park a few miles south of Buffalo where there are quantities of fireplaces & stoves. It wasn't a very good day, but the sun shone a little and the air was brisk - we cooked a meal of steak, beans, etc., which disappeared in a hurry. I couldn't get the fire hot enough to make the coffee 'perk', so I finally made it old style in a pan right on the coal - it was a

yesterday and one last week. I get
on very well with the people I live
with. They are an old couple, coming
originally from Gloucester or John-
stown - part of Mrs. Wells family was
Dutch - Van Conenbaen, who were
related to same family of Van Scharbo.
Mr. Wells is quite a character - he is
now 77 and still working every day
in a department store here. He used
to be a travelling salesman, selling flowers.
He had a long talk one night about old
Cassachie - he knew Miriam Callier,
the Cummings Hotel, etc.

I am glad you are still planning to
come here. I can arrange your kind for
you - if you are to be so near Baltimore
as Harrisburg you ought to go see
Eva - do that after the fair, then up
here by Thursday say, and then to
Buffalo after the week-end - very
simple, you see. With much love, George.

Catsackie, W. Va.

Oct. 21, 1937

Dear George.

Another week has flown -
I have had no word yet from any of the
Club Fra. I think your suggestion to go see
her is o.k. only it will add considerably
to the expense of trip. Mr. figure it is only
75 miles from Harrisburg & I would be
sorry to be so near & not see her. I have
written to her to see if she could have
us without too much inconvenience -
if we could not be near her it would
not be so pleasant for several days. We
plan to leave here the morning of the 10th
& then we would be in Harrisburg Thurs.

Fri. & part of Sat. - could dine to Ball.

Sat. afternoon. We are some times
fearful that Elsie (Auntie's girl) may change
her mind about going south - if Auntie
were suddenly left alone, it would have
to alter our plans. But at present she
says she means to go & probably soon after

M. B. VAN SCHAACK
COXSACKIE, NEW YORK

Nov 7 1937

Dear George:

Such a nice letter as I received from you on my retirement day merited a most prompt reply. I didn't open it until I had returned from the last trip. Of course the morning was filled with some good bye and farewells. Then that letter topped the climax and it was with difficulty that I read it for the tears. It certainly was a fine testimonial all the more so coming from one my own. Well I've had a busy time thus far, with getting things ready for winter, collecting Ferns, Barren, mushrooms and so forth

Friday evening we were out to East
Durham at a meeting to try to es-
tablish a League in that community.
We met with fair success and I think
it will become a permanent thing.
There hasn't so much of important
happened in the neighborhood.
Of course we had our election, Ed
Webb was reelected supervisor for
the next time. We have very good
reports from Eva and she seems to
be feeling much better.

This is the third consecutive Sunday
that Wilbur has been hunting, so he
hasn't seen much of her lately.
I'm afraid the new car will not
arrive in time for us to take it with
us. I had a letter from Wilbur last

Dear George -
Farkie has covered the ground
very well but I'll add a few lines. I am
not worrying because there was no letter
last week for I know you must keep quite
busy. I have not been feeling any too good
and so have not been able to write as much
as I wanted to. Have frequently had to give
up & lie down. Saw Dr. W. Prad Friday and
he said the G. pressure & heart action was O.K.
& there is nothing to worry about - the unusual
effort thinking & planning has upset me tempo-
rarily & when we get started I'll be O.K. - I
hope so. I did have plenty of odds & ends to
get settled - you know how it is when you go some-
where. Today night we hope to stay in Landville near
Phil. at the home of Mrs. Bessie Cox - Mrs. Deeds' sister.
Next day on to Harrisburg - Sat afternoon at Baltimore
& probably Monday & until Wed night on a trip. Hope
to reach Rochester Friday Nov. 19. Shall to play
to go to Buffalo Sunday or so far want us to stay
till Mon. A.M. - O.K. if I will not bother you, but I
must & as Maize know when to expect us. Will use
Car & Eva. Auntie leaves Wed. for Houma. I'll send you a
card. Love. Mother

November 8, 1937

Dear Mother & Father,

I did think I should have some word from you today. I hope that the reason I have not heard from you is that you are so busy getting ready to go away on Wednesday. I might say that it is almost as I had expected - now that Father is home all the time there is more going on than ever! Anyhow I trust that you will get away in good shape on Wednesday and that your whole trip will be safe & delightful. I hope you will let me know where you will be

For I wouldn't have wanted to miss
him. As you ^{may} know the occasion
has for its aim the preservation of
academic liberty, etc, and you may
also know that here in Rochester
under our new president matters are
in a bad way - all security of tenure
has been taken away. So Prof.

Carlson's talk was chiefly devoted
to the local situation & he didn't
mention me. Of course the president
was not there but Carlson said
he wished he had been. It was
quite an electric meeting.

On Saturday night Dr. Werschawski
& I went to see Maurice Evans
in Shakespeare's 'Richard III' which
has been playing so long in
New York. As a spectacle it was
splendid beyond words, but I

in Harrisburg, though I expect you
will not hear from me in Baltimore.

My trip to Clinton was short but
sweet. Both Saturday & Sunday were
grand days, and it was a delight to
be out in the sunshine again. I got
grand views in all directions on the
ride east. Saturday night the three
of us were invited out to dinner at
Prof. Faucher's - a member of the
English department. He is an excellent
host & we had a very pleasant
evening.

The past week has been quite busy.
I gave several exams and was out
several evenings. Tuesday the week
last met. Friday evening I attended
the first current ^{season} dinner of the Amer.
Association of University Professors.
A Prof. Carlson of Chicago spoke
afterwards and I am glad I went

was quite disappointed, nevertheless
it was a strenuous performance and
I feel more tired by it than
stimulated.

This week holds a couple of events -
There is a Φ B K dinner & meeting on
Wednesday evening. To which I
suppose I should go. And on Friday
evening there is an informal reception
& party given by the faculty
to the new members. I have rather
promised Marge that I will
spend the week-end in Buffalo,
and I suppose I shall go.

We do have the strangest weather -
yesterday was beautiful, today
clear, and now the wind is howling
outside like mid-winter. One has
to give up keeping track of the
weather. - Best wishes for a good
time in Harrisburg - Much love
George.

November 14, 1937.

Dear Mother & Father,

I was glad to get your letter on Tuesday with the word that you saw nothing in the way of your setting out on your trip yesterday morning. I hope that you reached Philadelphia safely yesterday and Harrisburg today. I reckon that you are just now returning from the evening session. I suppose tomorrow is the 'big day', and I trust that you were able to make arrangements to see the whole show. Of course I shall want you to stay

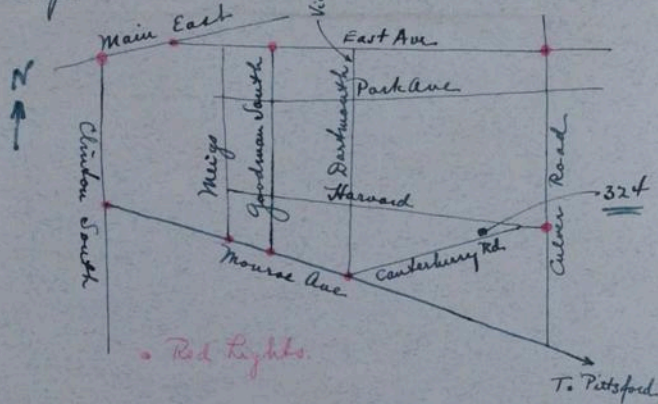
Let me warn you to observe the 'Stop' signs literally - there are scores of them all over the place, and frequently a policeman is out to watching one.

I did not go to the $\Phi B K$ meeting last night. But on Tuesday evening I was at Kilbourn Hall to hear the pianist Walter Gieseking do the finest playing I have ever heard. And tomorrow night I shall go to the faculty party in honor of the new members. I have written Marge that I shall spend the week end with her & Harold and shall go early Saturday afternoon unless I hear from her that they have other plans.

Let me know, if you can, approximately when you will reach here - I have a class Friday afternoon from 2:30 till 3:15 - I shall be back here before

through Sunday. I shall have to get up early on Monday, but you can sleep late and I shall come back for lunch before you set out for Buffalo.

I don't know from which direction you will be coming, but I reckon that in any case you will strike Monroe Avenue. So here is a little map.



4:00, - I reckon you won't get in
before that, but if you can be here
to lunch at one I shall wait for you.
Even if I am not here Mrs. Wells will
let you in - she will have a room
ready for you.

I enclose a note for Eva. I do hope
that you have found her much
improved and out of the hospital,
and that the three of you will be
able to take the trip. With much
love to all,

Gray.

Kind regards to Mother & Wells.

Catsachie, N. Y.
Dec. 6, 1937

Dear George -

We are having the first bad weather since our return - to-day is foggy and raining. But it has been beautiful almost Indian summer. Pa returned from Glens Falls with the new car at 9.15 Tues. For some unknown reason he was delayed in getting it for he meant to be back at 5. We had rather a full week, but did not do any thing very hard. Two afternoons & evenings on the Fair but home early and up late in morning. I had a very sore foot several days & had to wear slippers even to the fair 1 da. It was due to wearing my good shoes so much & walking with them when sight seeing & then neglecting to tend to my feet at night, so our business was quite inflamed. It is better now & no trouble. I had Marguerite Friday afternoon & she cleaned us all up after a ^{long} ^{exp} ^{er} ^{im}. We were expecting a lady on Sat. night who was to be the speaker at Pomona, but she surprised us & came Friday before supper. She is very nice (we know her) and we enjoyed having her here. Had several meals & did not get over tired. She left on bus Sunday morning. Sunday afternoon we took Mrs. Delp for a ride and had her here to supper. She seems quite smart and feels

Very good - it really is a remarkable cure.
But she is going back to Penn. for the winter
and hopes to be able to help Louie again
in the Spring.

Had two cards from Eva last week but
nothing from you or H. Eva seems to be
feeling good & is trying to take good care of
herself in regard to diet & rest. Mrs. Gaultley
is located at Jessie's for the winter. Pa says
Melhu is just hanging on by the skin of his
teeth but if he can weather it till March, the
business will pick up again.

We enjoyed our whole trip very much and
have many pleasant memories to look back to.
I want to thank you for your kindnesses. But
we were so glad to be with you & Mrs. Wells was
so cordial, we could not help but feel at home.
Hope we were no hindrance in your work.

Pa has had no pension checks yet & we are
getting pretty low as there were several other ex-
penses with new car. We are cutting expenses as
much as possible & hope each day a check will
come. I suggested to Pa to ask a loan from you but
he did not want to bother you. How ever I feel
you would be glad to help out if you can. I've
not started, we will get along all right. We will not get
the France's till the pension is over. Now to work again
Hope to hear from you soon. Love, Mother

December 10, 1957.

Dear Mother + Father

I was glad to get your two letters this week and to hear of your many activities. I had forgotten, if I had known, that you were going to Ogdenburg for next week. I am glad that you can go and am sure you will have a fine time. I'm wondering how you will like such a long train journey - it must be it will be your longest in many a year. I'm glad you are not going by car.

I am still in the hospital and may be here for two or three days yet. I am feeling much better, but have not been up and around yet. Last night was the first I

There is a department dinner at Watneys tomorrow evening - I am going to be covered going to that! - For even if I haven't got out tomorrow afternoon I shouldn't go out in the evening. And there is a big musicale-reception at the president's house on Monday - I doubt now that I shall go to that either. - I shall have plenty to do next week just to get matters caught together and get ready for the holidays.

Later - I have finally got hold of a blank check, and am enclosing \$40 - I don't know how much you might want.

With much love,
George.

was allowed out of bed and then only to sit up for a little while. I am to sit up a while this morning and then walk around some this afternoon. It has not seemed like a very long week, for there has been quite a lot doing all the time - there are four beds here in this room, which makes the room three times as busy as a two-bed room. I have had some company every day, including several students - I have done just a little studying and made out two exams which are being given today.

I am sorry that you are so short of cash, with the pension check not coming - I wish I could send you a check - I would gladly if I only had a blank one to fill out, but I haven't been able to get hold of one. I will send you some money to Ogdenburg if I get hold of a check in time - but that is little help to you now, a perhaps then.

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MRS. M. B. VAN SCHAACK
ELM SHADE
COXSACKIE, NEW YORK

Dear George - Received the Expense De-
livery to-day. Thanks Very much for
the loan of check. We could have
made it go by strict economy, I guess
but it is nice to have a checkbook reserve
in case of need. Besides it may be
a month or longer before we get
the annuity. We had several
bills to pay that would give a rebate
if paid now, so pa has settled them.
Had a communication to-day
from the Civil Service in regard
to the annuity & I must answer
it at once. They don't seem to consider

that we have to live while they all
deliberating and one cannot
live on nothing. Perhaps we were
foolish to take that long trip before
the annuity was settled and so
spend all our ready cash. I sup-
posed the checks would show up as
usual the 1st & 15th

I fear you have been in worse shape
than you let us know - I'm so glad
you have had good care and hope
you will get on o.k. now. Send me
a line to Ogdenburg - - We went to
Catskill yesterday - I had a jumping
tooth but Bennett was away till Mon-
day. I have it painted with rosin & will
take a chance with it next week. It has
made me very nervous tho' I has no other
so much. I may have to see a dentist while away.
Now for some more letters. Love. Mother.

December 19, 1937

Dear Mother + Father,

I hope that you reached home safely yesterday. I reckon that today you are probably resting up after your lively week. And I suppose that tomorrow you will begin preparations for Christmas. I heard from Eva last week that she was leaving here on Wednesday or Thursday, - I suppose, though she didn't say so, for home.

driving home or going by train
If the former I may go with them
as far as Catskill - otherwise I
shall come by train. I'll try to
send you a card from Utica
Tuesday afternoon to let you
know how & when I shall arrive.

I spent Friday & Saturday after-
noons & was shopping. I'll
have all my cards to write &
addresses, - boxes to prepare for, etc.
etc. Somehow or other I shall
get enough done to get away
Tuesday noon, though I don't see
how. All for now, with much love

Grace.

I suppose Harold & Mary are coming.
Jim wandering. Wilbur & family
will be coming.

I shall leave here on Tuesday and
if everything goes as planned I
shall be home sometime on Thursday.
Donald & Betty wanted me to spend
a few days with them - when they
asked me they supposed my vacation
began yesterday and they were planning
to leave Clinton on Wednesday. When
I wrote them that I would not
be able to leave here before Tuesday
they replied that if I would only
stay with them they would delay
leaving till Thursday morning.
I do not know whether they are

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MRS. M. B. VAN SCHAACK
ELMSHADE
COXSACKIE, NEW YORK

Dear George -

Glad to get your letter to-day
and hear your plans. Eva also wrote
she will be here Thurs. H. + M. expect
to go to Rushland Friday, H. to return Sun.
So they will not get to Cay. at all. Don't
expect W's folks tho' they may come.
We left Ogdensburg Sat. AM. 7:30 + was
in Albany at 3:30, home before 5. There
were about 350 in party but many changed
cars at Syracuse where we stopped 1 hr.
We reached this A.M. (part) - have been
doing up packages & making cards this
afternoon. Pa is busy on some telephone
repair work down the line. I felt good

all week but my teeth are bothering again
and I'll have to see Bennett soon.
Naturally I am having a reaction to the
activities of last week but am not so
tired as last year for I did not try to be
at every meeting. Was out only 2 evenings.
Christmas is rather light for me this
year for until Pa's checks begin to
come, I feel I must be very careful.
Pa has come in and is going up street
to mail some cards & packages.
Give our best wishes for Merry
Christmas to the Tweedys - Now I
must stop. Pa will have some
Concentration meetings this week & may
not be home Thurs. afternoon - so you
better telephone when you reach town.
Love, Mother.