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January 6, 1938

Dear Mother & Father,

I hope that you have reached
Lynchburg safely and that this
letter has been delivered to you.
It seems a shame for you to be so
near & yet so far.

I am sorry that I haven't yet
crownd to writing you a letter before
this. I was very glad to be at home
and enjoyed very much my all too
short stay with you. I am a bit
concerned about both of you
that you are still living so strenuous

believe by looking at her that she was in anything but the best of health. I was sorry that she could not interview the head of the agency, especially since she was feeling so well that day. I went to the agency the next day for an interview. I did not register for it has very few contacts with colleges. Miss

Nelson said she would see Eva in Baltimore. She felt moderately hopeful that she could help her to find at least a junior college job.

After Eva left on Monday we went seeking a suit for me. After trying several stores without finding anything, I did find just what I

a life. I do think you should try to take it easier and with less strain. And I feel strongly that Father should have a thorough physical examination + find out just where he stands, - and then live accordingly. Won't you please do this?

I am feeling pretty well, though I still feel find tacking in back + strain on my throat. But the midgeas will soon be here and that will give me a long rest from lecturing.

I was very glad to have Eva stay in New York last Monday. She did look & act so much better. Constance said it was hard to

waited at Stems. It is a brown
suit with an underlying though not
obvious plaid. I got it for \$25
which I thought quite good.

I have not been to the doctor
yet but I plan to go on Saturday
afternoon. Now I must run along -
I am up to my ears in work.

Should you want to call me by
phone tomorrow evening I shall
be in for the help between
ten & eleven - Monroe 5078-W.
The charge is only 35¢ which I
would be glad to pay you if
you do call. With much love

Yeays.

P.S. Thank you for the check - I'd be
only too glad to help you again when
you need it.

January 14, 1938

Dear Mother & Father,

July gave card from Albany has
come to tell me that you had
safely reached that far homeward
from Syracuse. I am glad that
you had such a good time. I looked
for the phone bell last Friday evening,
but gave it up at 11:30 with the
thought that you were probably
out late at a meeting. I should
have had my letter reach you before
you left home.

I have stuck pretty close to home
this week with quite a lot to do,
and next week will be even busier.

made. It seems also from my report
from the hospital that I am quite
deficient in red blood cells, which
at least partly accounts for my
being tired. The doctor has prescribed
leptose - I hope it will have effect
for it costs 18¢ a day. My blood-
pressure was up to 122 last Saturday.
He didn't think it was at all seriously
low.

Last Sunday afternoon & evening
I spent with Miss Cummings - she
had her parents, friends of hers,
whom she wanted me to meet, so
she took me to tea to one of them
and then for a call on the other.
Both meetings were very pleasant and
I hope I may be asked to return
place again. And then she took
me to supper. She is always a joy
to me and I am sorry that she

After that the winter period comes -
it is mercifully long, two or a half
weeks and I look to it to get caught
up on some things.

I am feeling somewhat better and
my throat is easing off, though rather
slowly. I went to Dr. Comfort last
Saturday - he is the doctor I saw
before going to the hospital. He
said my throat needed treatment every
few days for a while so I have been
to him twice this week and shall
see him again two or three times
next week. The trouble seems to
be that I had a streptococcus
infection and that it is still
probably hanging around in the
mucous membrane. Luckily it
did not get so far as to get into my
blood - it is then a very serious

will be away from Rochester during
the second term - she is going to Italy
to study Italian.

Dunald will be here for one night
the beginning of next week - he has
heard of some one here who might
rent his lance & he is coming
over to give the man a 'pep' talk.

We have snow about every day, though
 seldom more than a little. Wednesday
 there was more - about three inches. When
 I came home that afternoon I
 shoveled the walks for exercise, and
 in return Mrs. Wells asked me to
 dinner. I was glad not to have to go
 out for the driving was very treacherous.

I made a complaint about the tele-
 gram before I left New York, and last
 Monday I had an apology & a check.
 The company wrote that Van Slyke
 had been very severely reprimanded!
 I hope you are keeping well, and
 not keeping over busy with your
 grape.

January 19, 1938

Dear Mother

I was surprised to have a letter from you yesterday and a little fearful before opening it that there might be something more or less serious the matter. I was relieved to find nothing of that kind in it. - I hope you are feeling much better now - do be careful with that cold.

My throat is quite a great deal better, I think Dr. Canfield is succeeding in curing it - I saw him again on Monday and shall see him tomorrow - he said last time that both my nose & throat looked almost well. I reckon the germ is giving up. I know of the new remedy you write of - sulfamidamide - one of the internes told me about it. Apparently

my own gun is not considered sufficient-
ly dangerous to us that remedy on it.

Thank you for your suggestion that
I come home. If I really had met
a long vacation I would spend part
of it with you gladly. But it is a
vacation more of want than fact. I
shall be free from Saturday noon till
Thursday morning, and then again from
Feb 5 to Feb 8 but in between I
am giving four exams. I shall spend
the first free spell in Clinton with
Donald & Bert, going there late
this Saturday & returning on Wednesday,
when they go to New York. That will
give me some rest and freedom from
meal-hunting.

We had had quite a blizzard on Mon-
day, but I was able to get about in
the car. This morning it was very cold -
about 10° below but nice & dry so
that it was not unpleasant. With
much love to you both. | Gray.

Caspackie N.Y.
Jan. 17/38

Dear George.

Here we are in the midst
of what appears to be the beginning
of a blizzard. Yesterday was beautiful
but cold and this morning there was
5 or 6 in. of snow and now most noon
it still snows and blows. Of course Pa
appreciates the fact that he does not
have to go out & battle but we wonder if
we'll get our mail. I took a day off
yesterday as I felt so weak & listless
Saturday - my cold still in head - I
thought a real rest necessary. So I
had breakfast in bed, Pa went to S. S. &
Ch. - at 10.30 unexpectedly W. & family
arrived. Jessie washed the breakfast
dishes and got the dinner and about
2 o'clock they started for N. Y. Wilbur
seems to be up against a stone wall &
says some thing must be done - he
cannot carry on any longer as things
are - his rent is more than his income.

They may have quite a time to get home
to-day. I got up to breakfast and feel
better tho' there is still a tightness in
my nose at times. Yesterday Pa went to
Dr. W.G. to get me some medicine - It
seems I came in just about 100 long
after I stop taking it. Dr. W.G. is go-
ing to a Hospital in Boston - an X-ray
recently showed he has relaps of stomach.
Dr. Faust is not going South till Dr. W.G.
returns. We are quite concerned
about that dreadful E germ living in
your system - there is a new remedy
for that that has been very successful
I should think you doctor would advise
it - I believe it is injected. Edith Doyne
says many cases of cold this winter has
left that condition. Mrs. S. Swartout was
in hospital last week with it & tho' very
bad at first, is better now & home again.
If you have 2^{1/2} wks. vacation why don't
you come home? - Can't you bring your
work to do here? It is hard on your system to
have to go out to meals in such dirty weather.
I have an appointment at dentist for Tues.
but may be will not get there. I mean to take
lots of rest & care this week. Pa seems to feel good
but still have some troubling in throat. Love Mother.

Carpackie W.V.

Jan. 26, 1938

Dear George -

I suppose to-day you are returning from Clinton to Rochester and I trust you did have a good rest and will be able to take up your work again. It is a beautiful day here but quite cold - radio says much colder & more snow. We lost all our snow Monday night in the big rain storm. Yesterday our road in front was a lively running stream of water that came down the track & turned back this way toward W. Cay. As the road west in the village was impassable, all traffic was diverted this way and it was a steady parade. I have been around the house again since Sunday noon

after a let up of three days, but
do not yet feel very ambitious.
I think nothing is the matter
except the cold that pulled me
down even tho' it was not very
severe at any time. It seems to
be gone now but so was Pa's and
now he has it back again. I
was not out in evening for 2 wks
and only 2 afternoons. Today
we go to Catehill to dentist -
last week when I had the ap-
pointment, the car balked and
when it started it was too late to go.
Pa was in Hudson Sunday to
a Youth Conference (book 4) &
in Albany Monday to a Ban-
quet in De Witt Clinton - as a
guest of the G. W. Liability
Ins Co. - It was at noon & he was
home before 5. We are sleeping
late morning & but we begin to
feel we must soon have Cuzco

Making hours in order to
get some thing necessary
accomplished.

Had a nice letter from
Per. Dumont to-day from
Orlando - he says he expects
to see us here soon but he
will look a long time I guess
We must get on a different
financial basis before
we can get along very much.

Only 2 cards from Auntie
this month but I have not
written to her very much either.

Had letter from Eva & Marge -
Eva says she is well but quite
tired every evening & doesn't go
out much except to school.

Harold has had his eyes tested
& must wear glasses much to his

dismay. Have not heard
a word from M. since they
were here Jan 16 & 17 - we may
go up on Sunday if weather
is good & stay a couple of
days. That is unless Mrs. C.
is going back before then &
we'll have to find out - It
would not be very pleasant for us
if she were there.

Guess there is nothing more
of interest - I must lie down
now a while before getting
ready to go to Catskill.

Hope you are im-
proving and will have
no return of your trouble.

Remember us
to the Wills.

Love
Mother.

January 30, 1938

Dear Mother & Father,

Just a line to let you know what's
up and where I shall be. About
four this afternoon Constance
called me from New York to tell
me that David is seriously
ill there. He was taken yesterday
noon with severe pains about his
heart. At first the doctors thought
it was acute indigestion but
found by night that it is some
sort of thrombosis, which I believe

You can imagine that I am in quite
a distraught state - I can't think
to write more. I can't dash ^{out} & arrange
for a number of things I was to have
done this week and then try to
finish making papers before I leave.

I do hope that both of you
are feeling much better, and that
if you visit, you are doing your
best to get plenty of rest. Please
take better care of yourselves than
you have been taking. With much
love,

George.

means a blood clot in the heart.
The doctors did not expect him to
live through the night, but he
did and was somewhat better this
morning. They are not sure yet that
he will recover.

I am going to New York by the
night train tonight and shall be
staying at 325 East 17th Street.
I shall probably stay until Satur-
day or Sunday. I was going down
next week-end after exams were
over to try to make a few contacts
with regard to a position. I hope
I can make some this week. I
was informed on Friday that I
was definitely not to be reappointed
here.

325 East 17th Street
New York, N. Y.
February 1, 1938.

Dear Mother & Father,

Danach is still alive though in a very serious condition. The doctors seem quite hopeful but they admit that they do not yet know how serious the heart injury is and that it will be several days before they can say that he is out of danger. His parents are here, of course, and have secured probably the best heart-specialist in New York. He is in a good hospital on 50th Street and I am sure that everything is being

Betty out to sea.

It seems an age since I have had any word from you. Perhaps I shall get some thing tomorrow and I hope that you will write that you are both much better. You know you cannot afford to neglect consistent though minor warnings of nature. Donald had had coughing for months but had not seen a doctor about them.

Last week was a busy one after I got back from Clinton. I spent all day Thursday from 11 on until 9:30, except for meals, giving last minute help to my boys whose exam came the next morning. All of Friday afternoon was spent in Dean Gale's office deciding how to mark the freshmen papers. It was a terrible

day for him that can be done. Of course I have not seen him, nor does anyone see him except Betty and his parents, and then only two of them for a moment each once a day. Even if he recovers he must remain in the hospital for several weeks and will need a year in which to recuperate. So the year at Clinton is over and when Donald is out of danger Betty will go out there and close the house. I reckon that Shute will probably have to come back from Europe to finish out the year.

Both Betty & Donald's parents seem to be standing the strain quite well though it is of course very hard for them. I had lunch with them yesterday and today Constance & I took

have I think a great waste of time. But of course there was nothing to do about it. That evening I took Miss Cummings out to dinner. It was a good evening and I was sorry when it was over. For, you know, she sails for Italy this Saturday and will not be back in Rochester before I leave. After dinner she took me to Kiltbourn Hall to see a semi-private showing of about two hours of colour movies of Mexico & Guatemala - as beautiful colour films as I have ever seen - mountains, lakes, flowers, seas, sunsets - when one forgets the various disadvantages of such a country he wonders why we don't all move there.

On Saturday I was at the doctor's again for my throat trouble seemed returning. He treated my throat and with my ^{now} treatment here it seems to be in good shape again. Otherwise I think I am feeling definitely somewhat better, probably due to this medicine I am taking.

With hopes of better soon and with much love
George.

Feb. 3/38

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

Dear George -

I wonder if You did not get my letter last week in which I'm sure I told you we were going to Glens Falls Sunday for several days. I sent you a card from there on Monday to Rochester. We returned here Wednesday by 5 P.M. after a visit with Anna on way home, at Ballston. We found a bunch of mail in which was your letter written Sunday. To-day your letter from N.Y. was received. Was greatly shocked by the news of Mr. Foredick's sudden illness - please extend to Mrs. F. our sincere sympathies. Too bad he did not see a doctor sooner but perhaps good case now will lengthen his life. I could not understand how long ^{could} he away from the exams this week.

I am sorry there is no prospect of your
remaining in Rochester but perhaps the way
do even better - I hope so. I am concerned
about your throat business - it seems strange
it returns so frequently. I do not know how
much you smoke now but I feel that if
you would cease entirely that might
help complete recovery. Wilbur is like a
new man since he quit. - We had a good
rest & nice visit. Weather was fair but very
cold after Monday afternoon & Wednesday. I
just had 7 short walks. Went to Lake last
Sunday afternoon - racing horses. We have
the skiing was spoiled by the thaw. We have
no snow but there are heaps of it lying
to go north. He wants me to tell you he is hale
and hearty - no use for any special diet of any
kind, share a manner & please do not worry
about either of us. I am feeling fine, I think I
I could be out doors more, I'll get plenty of
pleasure as well as fresh air. Wilbur is on the verge
of making a change - he expects to sell out
and does not seem to worry about what next.
Having quite a pain stormy day. Hope Condit
ours will ^{to improve soon that} ^{longer} ^{will be}
Lore, Mother.

Father Time is not
always a hard par-
ent, and, though
he tarries for none
of his children,
often lays his hand
lightly on those
who have used
him well.

Dickens

February 9, 1938.

Dear Mother + Father,

You must be beginning to wonder if I have returned. I have been back here since late Sunday evening but have had many things to do in the time since. I had two sets of excursions awaiting me which kept me working until about three yesterday.

The latest news of Donald when I left New York was that the doctors felt fairly confident that he would

about some trying to see people about jobs. I called on a man at N. Y. Univ without success, and called also at Teachers College, Columbia, where I had a nice talk but little result. I had also a talk with a friend of Danolds who is an executive in the Assoc of American Colleges, but he doubted he would hear of anything for he is concerned only with music departments. On day I had lunch with a fellow from Harvard who took his degree the same year I did. He is teaching at the new city-college in Queens. There will be new appointments there for next fall, and from his description the college seems quite good.

recover, though it was not until Sunday morning that they admitted that. I saw him for a half an hour Wednesday evening and again for a couple of minutes Saturday evening. I could see a great improvement in him the second time. But of course he is still very ill and not allowed to move at all. He will be there yet a month at least, and it will be a year before he can do any work again.

The week in New York was not very exciting - I saw no shows, nor even a movie. I had dinner twice with the Praxedys and on Saturday afternoon had Betty, Constance, Helen Rider & the man out to sea. I doctored

The salary is good and is regularly increased. The only hitch is that the work is quite hard - long teaching hours and long hours marking papers. There is the definite advantage that one wouldn't have to live in New York but could live on the outskirts in Long Island where it is quite nice.

I am glad that you had such a nice stay in Glens Falls and hope that it did you good. And I am relieved that you both think you are in good health. I hope you are right and I hope you will keep so. - Since my last visit to the doctor some ten days ago my throat has behaved pretty well and I am encouraged that it is getting better. If the trouble returns I think I shall go to another doctor.
With much love, George

Catsackie W.V.

Feb. 10/38

Dear George-

Your letter received to-day was very welcome for we really were puzzled as to why we did not hear from you. I imagined you had come back Sunday and had plenty to do to catch up. Surely your efforts at job hunting were not successful. But it is early yet and you may have offers as you did last year.

I do not remember just when I wrote to you last but I think it was a week ago to-day. We have had quite Spring like weather - I was surprised to-day to find most of the ice had gone out of the river. Last Sunday evening we went to Jewett and it was like an evening in April - roads like summer.

The same was the case Monday evening when we went to East ~~Har-~~
~~low~~. These are the only evenings
we have been out in the week.
Sunday was a beautiful day but
we did not go anywhere after re-
turning from church. Yesterday
I went to the Missionary meeting
up street and pa called an Ethelinda
Powell. She is about 50 now, lives
alone, all crippled up after years
of ill health and very little to live on.
That is a pitiable case, but only one
of so many. To day I called on
Mary Jansen who is lamed up
but not in bed - then pa went to see
Uncle George - he is miserable just
now with neuralgia added to
his other ailments.

This morning we washed - it
was very small amount. We sent
to M. Wards for new rollers & cogs,
the former is ok but the cogs are -

Very much too big - Now we'll
have to send back & the land
knows how long it will
take to get it all adjusted.

This week pa has been working
a little mornings trying to get done
some odd jobs out doors & in Ma.
We have talked over the cleaning
& repairs in the house, but find
we cannot lay out much
cash this year. The inroads
thus far in our income
has been startling (to me at least -
for pa laughs about it) for the
insurance, licenses & taxes,
to say nothing of bills unpaid
just ~~galling~~ ^{galling} up about every cent.
Luckily we had a little reserve.
Pa plans to buy little chicks soon
& that is quite an outlay before
there is an income from it.

There was quite a tragedy over
at the Vocational school ~~last~~ yesterday.
Two boys attacked the engineer
& most killed him - he is not ex-
pected to live - one boy has gone
insane and is in a straight jacket -
the other locked up after being
beaten. - The strike at Value
works here is still on and it is
disgusting to see the pickets pa-
trolling in front of the buildings -
they are quite disreputable looking.

I am glad you could see
Mr. Tweedy before you left - it was
an awful shock to you, I'm sure.
It certainly hurts Mrs. Tweedy in
quite a few and I hope she will
not break down under the strain.

Haven't heard from Ma this week -
I fear she is working too strenuously
on her new job - she complains of being
so tired nights. I'm sure now - also write to
Auntie. Love - Mother.

P.S. -

Friday Aug.

Always forget to
mention the clothes you
left here - do you want
any of the things sent?
If so, let me know and
I'll send whatever
you mention.

quite cold to day -
only 10° above when pa
looked about 7.30.
but the sun shines bright.
We are going out this

afternoon mainly to
get some milk at
Colinax and will
probably make a call
at the parsonage - have
not been there yet - also
we want to go to Veddes
to see their adopted boy
14 mos. old - & Pa says
he must see Millie -
died for it is a long
time since he had a good
chat with him. Pa is in cellar
working - I am making cookies -
mother

Feb. 17/38

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

Dear George -

This is my 6th letter to-day
and my head begins to spin. First I
want to acknowledge that very nice
Valentine and thank you so much. M.
20 had one from Bessie & one from Eva.
This has been a fair week but quite cozy
and very windy either North or South.
So it has been difficult to keep very
warm except in living room. But I
do not fear as that no furnace will
adequately keep a house warm when
it stands out doors & the wind blows.
W. & family arrived late Sat. night &
staid till Sunday evening - they were
not here all the time for they always leave
So many calls to speak, I believe to-
day is to be the time when the prospective

Purchase for store says "yes" or "no".
As business in every line seems to be
dead in G. F. Wilson says he must close
up Mar. 1st. He does not seem worried
tho he does not know what next? unless
Pa worries more than anyone.
This has been a full week but not very
strenuous. I staid with Fannie while
Pa was at a S. S. party, Tues. evening. Mon.
day he went to Orange & "Madge came"
meeting. Last night to see 2 friends in
a house who have been very ill. Supper
in chapel at 6 to-day but will be home
early. Meant to go to Helcott for week
end but received word to-day of serious
illness of the old lady in family. - Pa
has been preparing for little chickens -
if meat gets home ready we will probab-
ly begin some cleaning in the house.
Am eager to know when you get any
letter but don't worry. No word from E.
this week. Small box of fruit from Auntie Love
Mother

February 27, 1938.

Dear Mother & Father,

Technically today is a holiday, but like every good Van Schaack I have had plenty to do, and still have a lot left for after supper. I guess you're probably puzzled again by why you haven't heard from me. I have just been busy trying to get a little work done and neglecting letters - as a result I have a long list into which I have made only a small dent today.

You will be surprised to hear that I am going to New York again for this week-end. The occasion this time is the meeting of the American Mathematical Society at Columbia all day Saturday. My being there will probably avail me nothing, but this is the meeting at which heads of departments look about for new men and I had better be there just in case.

guess I'm not missing them much. My
movements have been so irregular for the
past two months that I haven't got
around to sending any laundry. As a
matter of fact I am so low on underwear
& socks that I can't really afford to
send laundry away for so long. I'll see.

I had a long letter from Lou last week.
She seems to be coaching very hard, but
she is liking her new work. I wish she
could find something like that to do all
the time. I think it would be better for
her than teaching - she says teaching
tires her so. She seems to have picked up
a couple of new young women friends there
whom she sees now & then. I am glad she
has so I worry about her leading
such a lonely life.

I am sorry that Wilbur has had to
give up. I hope that he was able to
close out without a substantial loss.
I wish you wouldn't worry about him.
He will always find something to do -
he is so very capable when it comes to
untenable that I doubt he will be
long without a job.

Mary has written me a couple of lines

I shall go down on Thursday and stay until
Sunday afternoon. I expect to be able to
see Donald on Friday afternoon. He is getting
along quite well. He wrote me a short
note last week, - he said he thought he
might be allowed to get up for a little
while today.

We too had quite spring-like weather a
while back, but for about ten days
now it has been very wintry again
with some snow, though not much,
every now & then. On two occasions it
has snowed just enough to make
the streets one place of ice - on both
of those times I got home as quickly
as possible.

I seem to be feeling somewhat better -
I have a much better color, I suppose
as a result of the Lixian capsules. I have
not been to the doctor now for over three
weeks and have managed to keep my nose
& throat in order.

You have asked me what I want you
to send of the things I left at home. I
can't remember now what I left so I

asking me to come over, but I must
postpone going yet a while. All this
rumoring about is rather expensive in
time & money. They have had quite a
lot of excitement over there this year,
what with the snow storm and the
ice jam. I wish you were interested in the
destruction of the Falls bridge, and probably
had a pang or two, as you remembered
it from your wedding trip.

But the real excitement just now is
Europe. Things certainly look pretty dis-
couraging, if not actually promising war.
Have you heard of the book 'Assignment
in Utopia'? It is one the library should
have. I have not read it but have heard
a great deal about it. It is about Russia
and I believe it tells the truth, and
it is a very sorry tale.

I must run along & have some dinner
and then back to work. I'm glad you
are both keeping well. Mr. & Mrs. love,
Yours,
Gray.

Cassakin Wf
Feb. 28/38

Dear George -

I suppose this morning you
are in Rochester again. We shall be eager
to hear of the results of your Wf. trip.
Hope you found Mr. F. improving. I
intended to write last week but just
did not get at it - every day seemed so
full of details and yet not much of
anything in particular. We were out
only one evening & that to East Durham
Grape on Monday. We slept late the
next morning and it was so much
like other days we hardly realized it
was a holiday. Pa was downtown Wed. after-
noon on various errands and I had calls.
Thursday we washed - it was not large tho'
Ira had sent some things, and the day was
ideal. Friday & Sat. too were beautiful
and we went out both afternoons and
made a few calls. A week ago Sunday
we were back in miles with 4 or 5 in. of
snow and it staid very cold till Wed.
Yesterday was beautiful and gave us signs
of the same weather to-day. We heard

The old north water came up in the night
and this morning we are having very
weather and a terrible gale - The very
little snow, it is blowing all over - at
times, I can barely see Peulin's bands.
Difficult to keep real warm even here
with such a mind & low temperature
but I am comfortable here at my desk.
The kitchen is warm but dining room
& our bed room are not fit to stop in.
Pa went down town after breakfast but
we will not get out again to-day
unless it moderates & "cools off". We
had a short note last week from W.
that there was "nothing definite yet -
looked for them down yesterday but
they did not arrive - So we have an
abundant supply of cooked food on
hand. Hope to get some word from
them to-day - Some thing must happen
soon one way or the other.

Did not hear from Eva at all all
last week but had 2 packages so I
guess she is ok. I do hope she'll
get some thing to do that will not be
no papers on her strength.

From the roar of the wind one
might suppose the house would
be carried away - it is the worst
I have seen or heard in years
I think - nothing like it this winter
Sully March is ^{coming in} ~~going out~~ like a
lion & may go out like a lamb.
Probably for all raining similar
or even more weather.

We have but one more week
end to go away before we get
the chicks. Cannot go next
week end as pa must conduct
a county wide officers' meet-
ing of the grange (he gets pay for that)
We have talked of going to Leona
but pa is not very keen on that but
if we don't go there we won't get
there for some months, I had
hoped we'd be down this winter
but we are not anxious to ^{stay} ~~stay~~
Molon in unendurable weather.

At present we both seem to be feeling very good. At times we are a little off color but nothing serious, I guess. We certainly rest enough and get plenty of sleep and do not overdo in any way. Went to church yesterday after. and heard as fine a sermon as I ever heard on Missions - we are well pleased with the new pastor tho' we realize he is young and has much to learn. Last night he gave the sermon at a Union Service in M. E. Church - there was a large congregation. Just now I can just see the Railroad - the air is full of blowing snow but I do not think any more is falling. This is one of the days we are especially glad Pa does not have to be on the route. -

4.30 - When Pa came back he had a letter from E. The seems to be OK. Sun is shining - no more snow to blow but wind as fine as any temperature now - Zers all day. Just this morn'g Liz Alpha Sewing on in the house. - Glad you are feeling better & hope you'll keep very careful. Love, Mother.

THIS SIDE OF CARD IS FOR ADDRESS



Dr. George B. Van Schaack
324 Caulderbury Rd.
Rochester, N. Y.

Caesars Creek Wyo
Mar. 3/38

Dear George -

If you have
not written to-day do drop
us a postcard when you get
this. I know you're
busy. To-day is about
as cold as Monday was
a mild N.W. wind and
very low temperature
but fair & sunny. I
suppose we may ex-
pect March weather in
March. W. was down 70.
He expects to leave Sun-
day & hopes his sled for
the 16th. I hope to hear
from you on Sat. if not
before. Love - Mother.

[1937]
March 4, F.D.R.V

Dear Mother & Father,

Your card came just now. I was about to write you today, - I hope that you haven't been worrying - I have just been very busy.

We, too, are having real weather. I came back Sunday night in a blizzard which raged through part of Monday - about a foot of snow. Tuesday & Wednesday were typical March days, warmish with high winds. But yesterday the temperature was near zero again, and it snowed all day, though the total fall was not very much. Today is brilliant and again the snow is melting.

My trip to New York was not notably successful. I saw quite a number of people, but several I wanted to see were not there. I heard of four jobs, three in Indiana and one in Ohio - nothing

he gets there. Mr & Betty are planning to go to the farm in April. But of course he will not be able to do any work now to think any stairs.

I hope that you will plan to go to Levee next week-end. I don't see that the weather has much to do with it. It takes only a few hours to get there and if it stormed you could stay over an extra day. I think you'd better go!

There isn't an atom of news hereabouts. I have been out only one evening this week, and that was Tuesday, when I went to hear Mr. Lee and the school's violin teacher give a recital in Kibbaum Hall.

Now I must go out for some lunch. I shall go over to the Halls for it, for I expect they will want me to take one of them over to the county hospital this afternoon - I do it for them whenever I can.

So glad you are both keeping well.
With much love
Mary

else. None of the four is very good but I shall apply for them. I saw Prof. Wilson of Haverford and learned that the apartment there which I have been applying for for some years has been made to some one else. And I have heard from Temple in Philadelphia that there will be no apartment there after all. I have heard from Queens College in Flushing that my application will be considered at the proper time, whenever that may be. But I'm not particularly discouraged. Last fall there were more jobs than men and I may be successful then if not before.

I saw Danaher three times while I was in New York, once for over two hours. He is looking very well and seems to be making a very good and rapid recovery. He was sitting up some last week-end and was to be up & walk this week. He expected to be able to go back to Danbury tomorrow. He will go in an ambulance and still have to be taken care of somewhere after

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

Mar. 9/38

Dear George -

All week I have been wanting to write but the days seem to be so full. Was quite relieved to get your letter on Saturday - Don't want to worry but really feel easier when I hear regularly from all of you. Mr. & Mrs. Family came down Sunday night and Mr. went back next day - J & B. are staying here - B. has been to school every day. The furniture came & is stored in house down stairs - their flat will be vacant Monday & then they'll move up as soon as possible. Mr. expects a man to take over the store Sunday or Monday & then he is coming down. If this fails he'll have to stay till something else can be done. Have had beautiful but cold weather this week. Went to church Sunday & to the newly organized G. P. at 6 for supper followed by a meeting at which he was guest speaker -

There were 26 present, all but 5 ^{were} young folks.
Monday night sat & made a trip to Fair
Sarham to the Orange & Y.B. went to a
meeting of the girls of clubs. Now the new
Orange is ~~forming~~ ^{forming} so ~~well~~ we will not
go again for some weeks - it is really
satisfying to see how interested they are &
it is a better place for the young folks to
go to than many that might attend them.
To-night is the installation of our new
factor - they expect a big crowd. I was glad
to have Jessie take the case I promised
to-day we washed and I will probably
iron most of the things to-morrow. (A
meeting here to-morrow night
but I will not have anything to do with
it except stick up & perhaps some light re-
freshments. We are feeling good and
relax frequently. When Y.B. goes away we
want to start house cleaning. You see it was
impossible to plan to go to dining & this will
be our last week end as next one pa must get
brooder ready for chicks on Monday. Love,
Mother.

March 15, 1938

Dear Mother & Father,

Here I am, all irregular again. The days roll by so fast that a week seems scarcely ~~any~~ ^{any} time at all. And I've spent so much time these last few days listening to the news that the time has gone ~~away~~ ^{away} faster.

I was glad to get your letter last Thursday and to see that everything had been going well. I am sorry that you could not arrange to get away for a few days before the big push starts. I dread a little having you start all the spring work, for I'm afraid you'll plan too much and then feel you have to keep up with your plans. How do he resemble - don't buy more than a comfortable number of chickens nor set about cultivating more than a comfortable piece of ground.

It seems wonderful to have the sun getting

on Sunday noon and the reporter's broadcast
from Europe that night. The cable thing
sounds very ominous - it may blow
over for a while, but it surely leads now
as if Europe, at least, were eventually
going to war again. The Shutes must be
having an exciting time for they are
living in Vienna.

There is no news hereabouts - I just keep
going round & round. I hope Wilbur was
finally able to dispose of the stone in
New Falls. What is he going to do now? -
back in the garage? I hope not.

Well, I must run along and get some
things - I have a heavy evening's work
ahead. I'm glad you are keeping so well.

With much love,

George.

so high again - today, was marvellous, clear
skies & fairly warm air - I simply had to get
out for a walk - around the reservoir on
Cable Hill - there's no walking except on
pavement right now. Several boys were
up there flying kites quite successfully -
and I remembered how I was never able
to get a kite to stay up for more than
a few seconds.

I stopped in for a while this afternoon
at the Hospital (or rather medical school)
to see one of the research men there - he
called me in a while ago to consider the
problem of determining the shape of rat
teeth. He had come with from a couple
of rats which had been closely karyotyped -
they were different from normal teeth and
the question was "how different" - we are still
in the stage of looking at photographs or rather
X-rays of the teeth - enlarged, - the actual
teeth are pretty small & fragile. What real
good this can be to science I don't know,
but it is an interesting discussion.

The European events have been quite exciting
for several days - I wonder if you heard some
of the news about the situation in London & other

Caspackie Wf
Mar. 18/38

Dear George-

I am alone for all day so I am
planning to get caught up on Altha writ-
ing. Pa left for Batehell at 9 to attend the
first meeting of the Conservation Com.
General Council will be represented and
the State leaders will explain his work
for this year. Probably after this, Pa will
go for an afternoon or so occasionally. The
few extra dollars will be acceptable and
he seems to enjoy meeting the other men.
Beacie said Mrs. Florence last night
and will go to Mrs. Coopers after school to-
day. Altha & Beacie want to sleep Falls
Wed. (It came home from high) to finish
up the transfer of the business. To day
they have got to Albany & will not be
home till some time this evening. They
plan to get their walls all painted by
the fore morning their furniture up in the
flat. Mr. has same plan but as it is not
complete, he has not told - that is we
imagine. This is why - we think it is to
canvas the county probably to sell
cars but we may be mistaken.

Pa has the big chicken house Bob lived
in there this winter) all renovated for the
family of 500 to arrive Monday. Coming

to this and the increased family for
a while, house cleaning has not pro-
gressed as we had planned. About
all that is done, is painted the radiators
in bathroom & kitchen with cleaning they
look so much better. It's also washed
the ceiling & upper walls in b.r. but it's
not very satisfactory. My says & Calie'll
paint them. We have had a new Hoover
to use while the old one is being re-
paired & have cleaned all the rug-
s cannot imagine the heaps of dirt that
we swept from the bag. If we had
some strength might have cleaned
everything in the house; walls, mattresses,
cushions, cushions, with the numerous
appliances it has been here for 2 weeks.
As did do the stuffed furniture, so I do
not think there will be much dirt in
carpets when we get down to real cleaning.
Had a letter from you - where you are in
May drop a postal when you have Spring
freedom & all you coming home. I want
to plan as far as to be in April while you are
here. Had a letter from Mad yesterday
is just as well we did not go down for Aunt
Kate has been miserable after a shock in Dec.
and in Jan. diabetes. So you can see what a
fill Grace is in. Now I must write. P.M.
and some other things. To-day is very Spring like and
the birds are calling. Love, Mother.

First Reformed Church

Coxsackie, New York



Ordination and Installation

of

Mr. Linden M. Lindsay

March 9, 1938

Cassackie W.V. at
May, 18th 1936

Dear George -

After over a week of cold wind and ^{blows}
with heavy rain storm Saturday night & Sunday, we are
having sunny & warmer weather. To-day is the first in
a long time we've had no fire & we have the door open.
I have just been taking almost an hour's rest on porch
couch. We washed this am but it was small & pa & I did
it without help. At 11 pa took him to bank on his request.
Elsie will not be back till Monday & I'm wondering if she'll
stay then but she did agree to stay for the summer. Auntie
is getting very tired of being housed up, is very discouraged and
we think has aged much since her return but as usual
is bright & natural as times. We took her for a ride after sup-
per last night - I have been to see her frequently but not
for long at a time except one evening. Friday pa is going
to be want meeting on request at the ^{Pickston} ~~Constitutional~~ ^{Constitutional} ~~Constitutional~~
the Rfd. Church in this county - it is only for men, so
I'm going to have supper with Auntie & wait for pa.
Monday evening he had to keep a prize appointment
at Jewett - annual inspection - I did not feel equal
to it, so he asked Mrs. Papp to come & stay with me. We
had a nice visit & she remained all night. Sunday
I did not go out at all but rested all day. Well quite
peppy Saturday & guess I did a little too much. I
gain slowly and occasionally have to lie down to
regain strength to go on. Have done nothing yet in
the recuperating line - I am not able & pa keeps busy

outdoors - there seems to be so much to do all the time. The lawn mower is fixed & Sherman cut all the lawn Sat. He is here to-day again to help. The place looks very nice now and I only wish you were all near enough to enjoy it occasionally. Do not see much of W. or his family even tho they live so near - of course he is busy reverting his place and preparing for business - he has sold 3 new cars & one old one.

I hope you had a nice week end in Buffalo - it is fine for you boys to see each other occasionally. I feel rather headsick at the thought of you being so far away even now but I know it would be much worse if you had none. no job in view.

Had a lady letter from Ma yesterday - if Dr. Liv-
ingston does not persuade her to stay for some weeks the way he came about middle of June. She doesn't seem to have much pep either & I wish she could have a real good rest & get regulated so she'd feel better.

My latest trouble is a breaking out similar to herpes but confined to my thighs & hips except one in the bend of right elbow. It started nearly 3 weeks ago & reached its height last week end. Pa saw Dr. & he thought it was the result of the medicine but I doubt it. His medicine only relieved & was so messy - Now I'm using zinc sulfate powder. Not so bad daytime but at bed time & morning. I'm going to see Dr. Thoms night for a check up. Now I must get my st. something - will sit on porch & weed, I guess. Will write R.S. about paint when Pa comes in. Love, Mother.

P.S. Pa says you better get a fruit of the Bain
for $\frac{1}{2}$ would not be enough for the 3 chairs
& table legs - I think that was all from Paul.
We are short on cash just now so
will wait to send check for Paper tree
after the first if that is ok. Perhaps
it will be sooner if he'll pay for the
Christmas she has promised to buy this
week. They eat so much that the feed
bills have been quite high & the

checking acct has dwindled rapidly.
Wentworth.

Catsackie N.Y.
Mar. 25/38

Dear Geo -
I'm late this week, but it
seems as if I have been chasing
time all week. Have not been out
in the evening in a week and only
2 afternoons - one to call on Mrs. Delp
& one to the laundry. Went to see
Dr. W. G. to have a check up and
change medicine - he told me I
was a well preserved man for my
age and have nothing to be alarm-
ed about, only to take care of myself.
Pa also had his insurance exam.
The chicks arrived Monday and
are doing nicely. Bob seems to like
to be near them but must be watched.
The Crows near chimney are in bloom
and the Robins & Bluebirds very numerous.
Tues. & Wed. were really hot but so
cooled off yesterday in a strong
N. wind & today is just beautiful.
Pa has tomatoes & peppers up in boxes

also several kinds of flowers. Yesterday he had Sherman here to help in various things outdoors. We will have to have him occasionally for pa gets very tired when he works much.

W & family are still here. They have spent most of time this week painting the walls in their flat & find it quite a job - Jessie seems to be so tired but it will be well when they get settled. W. has no job yet but seems to think he will have - he is going to Albany Monday to sign about a prospect. So - night they go to N.Y. to see the House of Magic - pa got 6 tickets. So Earl & family go with them it will be interesting - I hope you & Eva will go some time. The last from E. said she was feeling better than in a year - hope she'll keep so now. Marguerite is coming this afternoon clean up - she has not been here in four weeks. Jessie helps come but is in a hurry now to get her home ready. Glad to get your letter last week & look for answer. Hope you are keeping well & do not

P.S. I forgot to
tell you that a week
or so ago there was
a faint fingerprint
on the writing paper
about Mrs. Shellen's
105th birthday.
Is she nearly that
old?

324 Canterbury Road
Rochester, N.Y.
March 27, 1938.

Dear Mother & Father,

I was glad to hear from you yesterday. You said you were late in writing - well, I seem to be late - the days go by so quickly and I have so many letters to write - during the last week I have got off at least fifteen pretty long letters. The ones about jobs take a great deal of time, for this year I am not using a form letter and I write each one first in long-hand before typing it - they are partly the same, but all partly different. The situation isn't very hopeful yet, but I have heard already of more jobs one place and another than I had last year this time. I am not being definitely considered for any of them yet, but that is partly

and possibly Dr. Galbreath will go with me. I want to stop in Baltimore for a night to see Eva, - that was the Easter night, the 17th. I haven't had her yet for I want to be sure that I shall get there, so there wasn't the any chance of her being disappointed. Then to New York on the 18th, perhaps stopping in Philadelphia. I shall stay there a day or two and then I want to go to Danbury for a day or two. I doubt that Daniel & Betty will be at the farm as they had hoped, for Daniel is not improving nearly as rapidly as he was. He still has a strained muscle and is in bed except for a couple of hours a day. - So, with all of this, I shan't reach Coxsackie until late in the week, certainly by sometime on Friday, but I doubt any sooner.

I have just written Marge to ask her if I may go over to Buffalo either this coming

because practically all of them are still uncertain. And I haven't really begun to cover the ground I did last year. This week I am going to try to write to a lot of places in the south, from Pennsylvania down. I find that region just now for there is to be a meeting of the American Mathematical Society in Charlottesville in April - I am planning to go to it and shall suggest to the department heads I write to that they meet me there if there is any chance of their considering me.

That brings up the subject of the spring recess. It comes from April 15 to 24th. I am hoping and planning to get home then, but I regret it must be for only a short time at the end. The meetings came on the 15 & 16. I shall leave here on the 14th or possibly on the afternoon of the 13th. I shall not go alone, for Dr. Marchant is

week-end as the one following. You haven't
said anything about Mr. M. in same time -
I'm wondering if they are still at 51 Delwood
Road, or if they may be moving the end
of this month. If I go see Mrs. Wells,
and perhaps Ann Holahan, will ride over
with me - they both want to go there for
a night to see friends.

What exceptional weather we had last
week - everything burst out in a couple of
days - I mean saw growing things change
so much in so short a time - many of the
trees are tinged with green, several kinds of
bushes have leaves out, and the lawns
are very green.

I was glad to hear that you had had had
physical exams and that you came out so
well. I hope you will keep that way by not
working too hard. By all means, father must
not work hard outside - get Sherman to do
that sort of work. - I have been working
pretty much all day - it is now after eight. I'm
going out for a little food and must then put
in a couple more hours. With much love, George.

Catsackie N. Y.

[30 March 1938]

Dear George -

It was good to get your letter yesterday. I am glad you will have the opportunity to go to Charlottesville. If possible, run over to Monticello, Jefferson's Home - it is well worth visiting and just a short way out of town, tho I do not think you could walk it - I know I never could.

I have not heard Eva's plans for Easter - perhaps you know she is not coming home. He will be fine for you to visit with her - she needs cheering up. She says nothing about next year and we wonder sometimes if she would really be able to fill a position if she got one, our ac -

count of her health.

Had a letter to-day from
Maye - too bad it is not
at all for you to go there either
this week end or next. She
probably has written. They
plan to drive home with
Duck Sigall for the Easter
week end & will be here one
or 2 days.

Wilbur is definitely settled
about a job. He has ac-
cepted the agency to sell
Packard's cars in this County
and expects to take over
the garage work again. He
seems very optimistic and
I hope he will do well.

They are finishing up their
work at the house - it has
been a long job but they
had

and it looks as if they may
start living there to-morrow
or next day. We have
enjoyed having them here
for company, but the
last two weeks have been
rather strenuous ones for me.

However I am feeling O.K.
and letting much work
slide by. I'm sorry our
house cleaning has had
to be put back for now
if will come just when
pa has so much to do out
doors. He will have to

have Sherman some times
but we cannot afford to
have help as much as we
used to either indoors or
out. I am enclosing a
clipping that seems to be
for

April 7, 1938.

Dear Mother & Father,

Just a note to let you know how things are. I have been alright but very busy. Monday, Tuesday & yesterday were pretty well taken up with writing our heavily letters, most of them to colleges in the South. I was going to get a letter off to you this evening, but when I got home this afternoon I was coming down with a cold and went straight to bed. I got up at night to go out for a little walk, but I am now going back to bed again. If I don't feel right in the morning I shall stay in bed all day. You may have heard from Marge that

I did go to Buffalo after all last week-
end. I found everything going alright,
except that Harold had a cold. Sunday
we all went to church, and then up to
Niagara Falls for dinner and a look at
the falls & gorge. The bridge was still
lying where it fell on the ice - the ice
is still quite free of ice - it looks like
a glacier. Mr. Wells did not go with
me, but Miss Skelton did, so I had
company on the journey.

All for now - I hope you are both
keeping well. I shall write again before
I leave here on Wednesday. With much
love
George.

Cassadaga Ill.
April 11/38

Dear George.

It was nice to get your letter Saturday and I do hope that cold did not prove serious - let me know. I am writing now so you'll hear from us before starting on your trip - hope you have nice weather and a nice time. Did not hear from Eva or Marge last week so was surprised to hear you went to Buffalo for W. wrote she expected Mary Richmeyer. Eva spoke a while ago of going to Washington - ^W way she did. I do hope she is no worse - she is ^{con-}stantly on my mind. I'm glad you're going to see her.

We have had some real bad weather snow, hail, rain and wind but I have been shut in and kept warm in bed. Felt very good Thursday till most noon when I began to ache all over especially my back + then had chills creeping all

once we had a raging headache. Dr. came in afternoon & said it was a zippy condition tho' I had no visible cold but slight snuffles in nose. As I had not been out in four days, he thought I just caught cold at home. The medicine soon dispelled the aches & fever but I have been very weak. As my blood pressure dropped and he told me I would not feel good for some days. Sat. I was like a rag and just lay still; Sunday I was on couch most of time and to-day up & down but not diseased. To-day is sunny but windy. My appetite has returned & I feel better this afternoon. It has been hard on Pa for he has had so many amazing things lately. The pump has been erratic for some time, then the chickens developed cold & we had a Colipisal in kitchen - they are better, very few died. A bush of transplanted tomato plants drooped & died in a few hours. He started operations in kitchen Wed. but had to quit for present, so we are not in very good shape. Marguerite was here Fri. and Sat. day and that was a help for present. I think maybe I can get around to-morrow. Schools closed to-day for rubs - Scarlet fever epidemic - 10 to 25 cases. I'm tired now so good bye & drop a few cards to keep me posted. Love, Mother.

April 13, 1938

Dear Mother & Father,

Well, here I am in Milton, Pa. - so far, safe
& sound. We left Rochester at 2:30 and made
just about 200 miles by a little after nine.
Little traffic and much good roads - perhaps
you came this way - Tainted Post, Mansfield,
Millersport, etc. We stopped in Millersport for
dinner, and are here in a tourist home. To-
morrow we go through Harrisburg, Hazleton,
Minchster, Hunt Royal, Sly Hill etc. To-
day has been nice - I hope tomorrow will be
as good.

I was glad to get your letter yesterday but
sorry to hear Mother had had the flu.
I hope she is all well now. My cold is practically

& Hugh Creighton, 325 East 17th St., N.Y.C.
through ~~Monday~~^{Wednesday} morning
& Doreen - 10 Terrace Place, like I get
to Cascahis on Friday.

Unless you send a sp. to Eva you had
better send to New York to make sure of
my getting the letter.

No more now - my car number is 3M7798 -
just in case you should want to get me
arrested - the police will always pick me
up if they know about where he is. Now
for a bath & to bed - No short at
about eight tomorrow. Much love,
George.

over - I stayed in until Sunday noon, and
then went out only for an hour - it was a
fine day after ^{two} days' blizzard - a foot of
snow - all gone now.

I'm wondering if you would mind having
Dr. Marchewski spend Saturday night with
us. He will be driving back to Rochester
with me and must come up from New York on
Saturday. He can stay in Albany that night,
but if you are settled enough to have him
come to Cassadua it would save time
and be more pleasant for him. But if it
would mean much extra for you just say so
and I will arrange to have him stay in Albany.
You will get this too late to write me at
Charlottesville. My other addresses are:
48 Eva Hill, Monday morning,

Capeackie N. Y.
April 18, 1938

Dear George.

I have just written a letter to Eva - She will want to hear about our week end. I thought of you both all day yesterday & hope you had a nice visit. I got dressed Friday for the first but lay down most of the day. This morning I sat at table for breakfast & dressed later - I have been having breakfast in bed - I used the food to cheer them up for the tiresome ordeal of dressing. Marge & Harold arrived 11:25 Fri. night - they drove thro' dense fog so came slowly. Margaretta was here Sat AM. but I was on the job most of the morning. Harold had to go to the court house with young Warren & Marge left at 10 with Veronica for Albany returning at 4. Sherman was here so pa worked till after 4. at 5 we all went for a ride - I would rather have gone to bed but pa thought I ought to have the air. We were gone about 1 1/2 hrs. - stopping for 40 M. & call at Uncle Geo. & Laureus - went to P. O. & then for

groceries to West Co. I managed to get sup-
per with help from pad Wayne & then resigned
for I was too weak to wash dishes. We went to
bed early & H & M. went to Veronica. C. went to
church - H & M made some calls before & after
dinner at 1.30 - M left for Albany at 3.30 to
meet her folks & go on to Rush and till Friday. H.
left with "Skipper" & the Seyalls about 4.15

To-day is raining and a strong S. wind blow-
ing. We will have M. to Wash Wed. - I do not
dare tackle it for I am still very weak tho' gain-
ing all the time. My ear is still clogged & must
be syringed 3 or 4 times daily - it does not pain.
I sneeze plenty especially early in AM. & cough
some at night tho' I do sleep very good. My
Medicine is gone & I'll probably have to see Dr. Covert.
Was glad to get from Allen & hope you had a fine trip.
You went on practically same route we did. Of
course, you may have your friend here but night - my
most upset place is the kitchen, but the paper there is the
most. I know you will help me if I am not able to do it
17 I did have a chance in NY. You might find a smelter
27 I will paper Washelle & does that you can. I will be sometime
home I can go to Albany. Love Mother.

P.S. Was there a letter for me today, forwarded from
Rochester? If not, please let me know right off so
one was sent on Thursday, and it may have been
from Purdue.

324 CANTERBURY ROAD
ROCHESTER, NEW YORK

April 25, 1938.

Dear Mother & Father,

We reached here last night just after 7 o'clock
your time so that we were eight hours on the
road. We stopped for about an hour to eat
lunch on a wooded hillside just west of Rockfield
Springs. It was a very good lunch and we
both enjoyed it a great deal - the oranges are
fine. - I suggest that you eat them straight
after peeling. The sun mercifully went
under a cloud about one o'clock so that I
didn't have to drive against it. - I have looked
over my accounts for the trip and find that
it cost just about \$20 more than had I stayed
right here (harrying, of course, the repairs, which
would have come anyhow) so I don't feel it
was so very expensive.

I was very glad to be able to get home and with that I might have been there longer. I am sorry, Mother, that I spoke so harshly yesterday when you asked me if I would be coming this summer. My remark that I didn't know didn't mean that I didn't want to see you - it was just instinctive against making promises. Of course I want to and intend to - otherwise I have no plans.

I'm grateful to you for letting Barclay's come for Saturday night. It was so much more convenient that way, and I hated to seem indisputable to him by having him meet me in Albany.

I hope that you went to the doctor yesterday and that he was encouraging. I wish both if you would plan not to do so much - you must not. I am swamped with work, myself - so that is all now. Much love, George.

May 4, 1938

M. B. VAN SCHAACK
COXSACKIE, NEW YORK

Dear George - Thank you so much for your trouble
in finding & sending the samples. They are
all fine. We agreed with you on the best
one and I have washed to 1st choice - it
is Hampshire A. The other one is 2nd choice.
Pa says better buy 5 Double Rolls and
19 yards of border. He has done nothing
indoors except dish washing & meals
since you left. But he has the garden
planted & much earlier than ever. We
had some very warm days - one 95° -
but this week has been quite cool. I did
loaf all last week and find I am com-
pelled to loaf a good deal yet. But I am
gaining, tho' I am not doing anything
but get meals - even the house is dirty.

We had no help last week, but Shungu
was here Monday & this morning - they
are now removing the covering on the
porches. I think it will be good for me
to sit out in the sun when weather is
favorable. I have been walking around
some in the sun but that seems to
make me so tired. Last night we went
out after supper for first time - just to
get the milk at Chumay & made a call
at Veddles but I was in bed by 9.30.
Pa must go to a Conservation meeting
to-day to Catskill but I will not go.
We went last week to Dentist & Pa had
a tooth pulled. Sat. he broke his plate
& that is being repaired. After giving the
tractor a fair trial & getting used to it,
he paid for it yesterday. Milbur took one
the same Sunday & is making some changes.
We are very little them. Amteapiregum
expectedly Monday at 4 - Pa had to write to
make fire & get water pump on. She is a usual
& was brought out. Send bill for paper. Love, Mother.

May 6, 1938

Dear Mother,

I was very glad to hear from you yesterday and to hear that you are getting better even if slowly. I'm glad that you are being sensible about loafing and not trying to do more than the minimum. Keep up the good work until you feel quite back to normal.

I went downtown yesterday and ordered the paper mailed to you - it is to go out this morning as you should have it on Monday. The total bill was \$4.28. I trust there will be enough of it - I made a rough calculation from memory and reckoned 5 rolls would be enough. When you finally get it on you will have quite a new kitchen - I hope it will be as bright & pleasant as Mrs. Wells transformed kitchen is.

We have been having some very fine weather - but I have had so much to do that I haven't been able to get out about as I wish tonight have. Last Sunday was extra fine and after dinner Warrschewski, Galbreath & I drove out to a country park a few miles east of Pittsford where we worked for a couple of hours. There were quantities of wild flowers to be seen - a whole hill of Lilliums and ~~Wood~~ Robin and a lot of things I had never seen before.

Well, I finally have an offer of a job - at Purdue. It came yesterday. I'm not particularly keen on the job nor on Indiana, but of course I shall have to accept it for it may be all that will come along. I do seem to have a good chance at one in Wichita, Kansas, but it's not

quite so good, and nearly twice as far away. The appointment at Purdue is for one year only, but I am told there is no reason why it should not be renewed unless the economic situation gets too bad. It is a great relief to be sure of some job even if not one in Keenan.

Harold called me up Wednesday night to ask me to go out there this week-end. I am simply too busy to go tomorrow, but I have written that I will go a week from now.

I mailed you a little package for Mother's Day yesterday - I'm afraid it may have been too late to reach you tomorrow. I send you both best greetings for the day, much gratitude and much love.
Peace.

Paper received
 has not yet
 returned. Pay
 to the credit
 of the credit
 account now.
 Thanks.
 M.B. VAN SCHAACK
 POKESBURG, NEW YORK
 M.B. VAN SCHAACK
 POKESBURG, NEW YORK
 All of the parts
 I can be bought.
 May 11/38

Dear George -
 Pa has gone to Schenectady for
 the day to W.G. of an Grange business - I could
 have gone, too, but did not feel equal to it -
 besides, I must attend the P.M. Meeting this
 afternoon as I am responsible for program.
 I am still loafing a good deal but am
 also gaining tho' so slow it seems. I got
 breakfast this AM the first time in many
 weeks but lay down afterward. Pa had to
 leave at 8.30 and had to wait time
 to care for chicks, cut & bunch asparagus.
 The Hulse work is still at a stand still but
 when I feel stronger we'll get something done.
 The lams are neglected because the women
 gone just - Pa sent for parts but cannot
 get them for 2 weeks! They were in good shape
 yesterday Frank came to help spray apple trees.

Sunday I rested all day + at night went
with Pa to Leeds to hear Dr. Cantine.
Auntie's woman has gone to L. I. for
2 weeks - after much running around
they got Virginia Moore, Sue's sister. She
is O.K. but can't drive. Pa told Elsie it
was impossible for Auntie to come here
now as I could not care for her.

We are having a spell of cold cloudy
+ showery weather ever since Sat.

Your package came Sat - I was just
what I wanted - I tho' I would buy
them some time to make the dozen -
thinks very much.

W. & family called
on Sunday - Jessie made us fudge.

Had a card from H. & L. + card + check
from Eva - she said she was feeling very good.
I am sorry I must go to Giddens but I know
it is a relief to you + all of us to be free of a portion
I wish Eva was, too. - Now on to mail box.
much love. Mother.

324 CANTERBURY ROAD
ROCHESTER, NEW YORK

May 13, 1938.

Dear Mother & Father,

I was glad to get your letter yesterday and to hear that mother is still improving. You seem to be carrying a pretty full schedule, but I don't suppose you will ever give that up - only do be careful and don't overdo.

I'm glad the paper arrived in good shape and hope it will prove satisfactory. With regard to terra-cotta paint - if you will tell me how much you will need I will try to find something suitable here - I believe the paint-color which comes nearest to terra-cotta is tile red - the walls have that color on their kitchen floor, and I would call it terra-cotta if I didn't know.

I'm glad you liked the spoons. I would like to know if there are any other pieces

you want - I would be glad to get them for
you from time to time.

This has been a pretty heavy week. On
Friday just after I wrote you I had a
telegram from the Univ. of Wichita offering
me a job there - similar to the one at Purdue
but not so much teaching. There is some
respect a better job - but so far away. I
wired both Purdue & Wichita that I had
another offer and then waited to see what
each would do. Wichita replied at once
offering me an asst. professorship and increase
of salary after the first year. Then while
I was still waiting to hear from Purdue on
Monday, Wichita wired again to cancel
the offer. I call that very irregular, and
I was annoyed although I had no intention
of accepting the offer. So now I have
accepted the one at Purdue. Perhaps
something better will come along before
the middle or end of the summer.

Sunday was 'Lazar Sunday' - two weeks ahead of time. I went once to Highland Park to have a look at the hundreds of bushes there - it was, and still is, some sight. I wish you could both be here to see it. The day was fine - the best few weeks we have had until this afternoon. Tuesday night there was a dinner meeting of $\Phi B K$ with a talk afterwards on XIV century medicine. And last night I attended for the first time a dinner meeting of $\Lambda X \Sigma$ - the professional chapter here of the chemical fraternity I joined at Harvard. Most of the members work at Kodak Park and the meeting was held there. It was the first I had ever been in the plant. Although I knew only one of those present I found several

quite pleasant fellows to talk to and had quite a good time. Both yesterday & today the department had lunch together and a long session afterward to make up comprehensive exams - that is now finally finished. Now come the other exams.

Tomorrow I go to Buffalo for the week-end. Miss Stecher will go with me again. Mrs. Wells was planning to go too, but she heard today that her friends there have made other plans.

I am glad you were able to get someone to stay with Auntie - you simply must not consider having her come to you - you can't afford the energy to take care of her.

All for now - do your best to keep well and don't work too hard. With much love,
George.

324 CANTERBURY ROAD
ROCHESTER, NEW YORK

May 24, 1938

Dear Mother & Father,

It has been just one thing after another since I wrote you last - and even now I am still somewhere else so finish making out a final exam. But I shall scribble this off so that you will have something to read.

My week-end in Buffalo was very pleasant, despite rain most of the time. We were not able to go out and host a meal in some park as I had hoped. Neither Mrs. Mills nor Miss Holihan was able to drive along with me.

Last week went rapidly though I don't really know in what - at any rate it is gone and there ^{are} only few memories of

classes left. Sunday was the occasion of
the annual mottemakers club picnic. The
day was absolutely perfect - a bright sun,
few clouds, warm but not hot air, etc. We
drove down to Ketchum Park, had an
outdoor meal in the sun, then did some
hiking, lapped off with a baseball game.
The catch was quite a success - I played in
it, for the first time in I don't know
how long - I knew nothing much about
it so far can imagine I missed it up
quite often. - I had hoped that Steve
would be able to go, but it happened
that he was all tied up that day trying
to decide between two jobs, so he staid
here. He has taken one of the jobs - a
one year appointment at Brown. I reckon
that he is used yet for the future. It is a
relief to have him established again.

I was downtown this afternoon trying to
find some paint. I couldn't get just

what I wanted, but I think I found something that will do. I have had it sent to you. If you don't get time to use it I will do the painting when I get home.

Classes end Saturday and exams don't start until a week from Thursday. I am planning to go to New York for a few days - probably on Saturday. I shall be staying at 325 East 17th Street again.

I was sorry to hear of Mother's sad - I hope she has been able to conquer it. And I hope that both of you are now feeling in good shape. With much love,
Grays.

Cassachie, W.V.

May 27/38

Dear George

I hope you will receive this before you leave Rochester on Saturday. Have been so busy and then too tired to write tho' I do not attempt very much work at a time. Meant to write yesterday but Auntie came at 2 and did not leave till time to get supper - was too listless to write last evening so we just listened to "March of Time" & then went to bed. To-day is sunny again after more cloudy & showery days. Pat & Sherman are down to County this A.M. Tues. & Wed. we papered kitchen and after dinner will finish behind refrigerator - Sherman can help more if. When the furniture is painted and floor varnished it will be ok. Pa sees so much to do outdoors, he begrudges now any time spent in the house so I do not expect to get all in shape maybe for some time. Cannot attempt a big job

myself for I would cave in before
finishing it - I am all right as
long as I take things slow. Glad
to say I do not have those sudden
weak spells that I had for several
weeks - seem to be gaining right along.
The skin trouble was just about
over - only 1 bad spot left on
Fres. but for some reason more
have appeared and it was very
annoying most all last night.
Perhaps it is due to some food
I am eating but I don't know
what. I have cut out asparagus &
straw berries for a week now. Dr.
Wingard had an auto accident
Fres. and has been in bed ever
since. Have not heard particu-
lars but he was told at office
last night they expect him to be
ground early next week. I
have been planning to see him
Friday. The R.D. picnic
will be held at Greenville on
Monday - we had expected to have

At home this year, but I called
that of several weeks ago - I
knew then I would not be strong
enough to go thro' such an ordeal.
We will probably go out in time
for dinner, if no one comes. Last
year H & M. were here but have heard
nothing about that this year.

Sunday, Wilbur & family came
in afternoon & staid for supper. I
had promised to take them for
a ride that evening, so we had to
go about 7 taking Bessie too.
Elzie Couch returned Monday
& so far has not said anything
about leaving.

Wed & Thurs. Pa & Daughtr
130 pullets for Nell - she paid
for a small part of them. To-day
Pa ordered 400 more little
White Leghorn chicks - He will
soon get rid of the broilers here -
Some weigh about 3^{lb} now and
he thinks he can sell the Leghorns

For the clam bakes in the fall.
The pheasants pulled up about
200 hills of the early corn which
he was planning to have to sell.
He will replace it, but it will
now be too late for a good price.

Thank you for seeing about paint
it has not come yet. Pa is so slow
about such things - he has been going
to send for white paint for several
weeks but has not yet. I doubt if
he will paint much before you
get home. To keep the "pork" looking
nice takes much work & time to
say nothing of some cash.

I hope the week ^{end} will be pleasant
& you'll have a pleasant & safe
trip. I do not sure yet just
when college closes.

Just a short letter from Ma this
week - she says she has no idea yet
what she will do next year. There
is talk of discontinuing her class.
Now to get dinner. Done, Mother.

June 9, 1938

Dear Mother & Father

Well, the struggle is over - I have just finished marking the last book and making the last grade. It has been a hectic week and I am glad it is past.

I have been looking for word from you about Father. I was very sorry to hear of his illness, but was reassured by your card. I hope he has quite recovered and that he is being careful. I am afraid he has been working too hard again. Can't you both sit back & take it easy?

Howard & Mary came late Saturday evening, but in time for dinner. They both seemed well & in good spirits. He played bridge that evening. On Sunday we drove down into the Bristal Hills, south of here and

a gravel spit - had tea on a bluff overlooking the lake, and drove back in the twilight. We stopped in deep dusk at Taughemunc Park to see the falls there - it is a stunner - have you seen it?

Now begins the big push for getting ready to leave here. I still have Donald's house to take care of. The painter will start doing the exterior on Monday. While he is at that I am going to have a second tonsil operation. I saw a specialist about ten days ago and he said I would never get over periodic sore throat until I

I should have removed what remained of my tonsils - the ^{first} operation was not complete. So I am going to the Hospital (Strong Memorial) early Tuesday morning. The operation will be done that morning and I should be out by Thursday or Friday. I hope you won't worry about it. It is quite a trivial affair - more of a nuisance than anything else.

I am thinking of going out to Indiana before I leave here. The town there is so small that I scarcely dare wait until fall to ^{begin} find a place to live. Besides which I don't ^{know} what to plan to send out there unless I know how much room I am to have. I don't think the

trip but whether so I relish the thought
of going out there so early in September
as I would have to - college starts the
15th, early enough as it is. - With packing
coming after the trip, it doesn't look
now as if I shall get away from here
before July 1st.

Now I must stop and go out for a walk.
I earnestly hope this will find you
back feeling the best in a long time.
With much love,

George.

west of Lake Canandaigua - I had been
only part way down there. We stopped
off at one place to investigate a
'bubbling spring' - a place where natural
gas bubbles up through water and
burns continually. There was a nice
glen about a half mile long through
which we walked. We all had a good
time, but Skippy best of all, I think.

The trip to Canell was fine - I had
never had a chance really to look at
the place, and now I have seen it
I am sad that I can't live there - it
is so beautiful all around there. We were
taken to lunch by the head of the
department, made some calls, 'did'
Enfield Glen all too hurriedly - that is

Cassachii W.
June 13/38

Dear George -

Was so glad to get your letter but very sorry
to hear you must again go to hospital for
removal of your tonsils. I cannot question
the wisdom of it for specialists are supposed
to know best about these things but I do wish
you were nearer home so I could see you.
Please have the nurse or some one send us
word (a postal) as to the outcome. I do hope
all will be O.K. and you will have less throat
trouble after this. Too bad you must drive
all the way to Indiana alone but we can
see where it will be best for you to know
beforehand how & where you will be settled.
Am hoping to hear to-day from E. when
she will be here. To-day is beautiful - clear
cool and sunny after heavy rain late
yesterday afternoon & evening.

Miss Frank, F. Jr. & Evelyn came yesterday.

They reached Aunties about 10.30 but we did not go for them till 2.30 It was children's day & Pa did not get home till most 10'clock. I staid home & got everything ready for supper. So I would not have to hustle after the ride. We did not go far but just around Starbuck Hill & nimbly & were back at 4.30 M. & family came for supper & Jessie Evelyn helped me & did all the dishes. Pa took them down for 8.30 ferry to Arkansas but it had made last trip & they had to go over Leatschill bridge - it rained buckets full & Auntie had nice beer on going - they got back 9.30.

Of course I am tired to-day but am just loafing - have been sitting in the sun finishing Eva's Afghan. Now must work & I'll take this over to the box. I shall be thinking of you all week & will try not to worry. If you feel too weak afterward why not come home & rest out & go to Indiana later. I have little pep but must get some gets now. Pa is very busy but I hope work will slacken soon. Love, Mother.

M. B. VAN SCHAACK
COXSACKIE, NEW YORK

July 13 / 38

My dear George -

We were very glad to get
your letter yesterday - of course it
contained a shock to us both but
one that we have been expecting to
receive. While you do not agree
with us on many matters, neither
can we agree with you but
we realize you must live
your own life. I would the cross
were not so soon. You will
never know how much we think
of you and how to trust us to
to see you in trouble or perplexity.

It will be best for us to talk things
over when the opportunity comes
for letters are not always satisfactory
for explanations.

I have been feeling fairly good
y lately but so many mental
problems have come up, it seems
I cannot control my thinking
processes. It has been such a long
time for some one to come home
that thus far it has been very drab,
so different from other vacations.

We surprised why you stopped
in E-Lausing trail & we trust you
made a wise decision. You have not
yet said when you'd be home but
we'll be glad to see you when you
do get here. Now I must iron. Love
Mother

324 CANTERBURY ROAD
ROCHESTER, NEW YORK

June 15, 1938

Dear Mother & Father,

Just a few lines to let you know that everything came off as scheduled yesterday and that I am already beginning to feel quite natural again. I had a grand struggle coming out of the ether in the middle of the morning yesterday, but was not sick because I had come in without having had anything to eat or drink since the night before. The doctor was here a short while ago and said that my throat looked fine. He expects me to be up tomorrow and out of here on Friday. - It's nearly time for lunch and I must get a couple more notes off before then. Hope you are both well, much love,
P.S. Your letter of Monday just came. George.

[July 26, 1938]

Tuesday morning

Dear Mother & Father,

Just a few lines to let you know that I reached here safely yesterday. I made the trip in less than a half hour, in plenty of time for lunch. I crossed at Capehart and then took the road south from Hillsdale - it is certainly the shortest route - only 87 miles - but by no means the smoothest - there is a lot of poor macadam on it. What a

I hope your trip to Albany last night was encouraging and that the doctor found the wound healing nicely. I shall be so interested to see ^{how} it comes out, since I was so interested you have the operation.

Now I must run along and do a few errands for David - thing he has been keeping until I should come. I want to tell you what a fine and happy week I had with you and how very short it seemed. I wish so much it could have been many times longer and that there were many more coming directly ahead.

With the warmest hope all is fine with you and with love as much love
Grace.

range of hills the Taconic Mts are - just one after the other as thickly covered with trees as they could be - it must be a great sight in the fall.

I found David looking very well, but still quite weak - he moves slowly and does practically nothing for himself - he scarcely lifts so much as a pillow - I don't see how he drives, but he does, and insists it doesn't tire him.

It is as lovely as ever here, perhaps greener, because of all the rain - I guess it rained here at least as much as at home, and parts of the valley are still flooded.

Capeackie, N. Y.
July '28, 1938

Dear George -

I am writing to-night for I may not have time to-morrow. Perhaps you will get this the same time as pa's card sent to-day. First - Was very glad to get your letter and hear of your safe arrival as well as the other news. It was nice to tell us you had a pleasant week at home but we also had the same and hope it is only one of many those in the future. We appreciate all the little jobs you did - they really mean more to us than you imagine.

Eva looks better than I expected she would but is very tired out. - I wish she were had to return to the same mode of living. She is very glad to be home and if she will only make this a real vacation, it may do her lots of good. Her stomach is quite upset, probably owing to a re. action - she says she has been so all spring but was better lately. She has had some very startling experiences and I tremble at her going off alone again. But maybe she will be much better by

Pa & I went to Albany Thursday night & doctor took
the stitches out and put a new patch on. He
asked me to come to-day at 2 - so we went
taking Eva, Jessie & Bessie for the ride - were
home by 4.30 - Doctor did not put
another dressing on but left it bare for
air & nature to heal. It does not look too
awful & will not be so bad when all
healed up. It is a relief not to be plastered up.
While I was there, he called up the hospital
to get the report from Lab. - it was as he
thought - a tumor. Eva went in with me
& I had a little chat with the doctor. I
paid him the \$15 (cheap stuff) - he asked
about you & bid me to remember him to you.
It has been very hot but so much worse
in Albany - it was good to get back to the
country breeze. The N.S. picnic was
held yesterday - it was cloudy in A.L. & it was
not thick to go or not but they did & it cleared
We had a heavy shower here about 3.30 but it
did not rain down there. I kept busy most of
the day slicking up the house & ironing. I did
take one hour of it to lie in hammock. Had a
fine day to wash Tues. Eva & Pa are chatting & I can
hardly concentrate. Hope you have a nice trip
a safe return to your home. Love to all.

August 1, 1938

Dear Washburn Galt,

I was happy to get your letter & card, - the card on Friday and the letter today. I was glad you wrote about the face wound for I had wanted to hear. And I'm glad that the scar won't be so bad - I think that in a short time you won't notice it, and you won't have the thought of the danger to remind you.

I left Thursday & today in New York, attending to various things.

It was fine with me and I
was glad to get out of the city
again.

The marriage date has been changed
to Tuesday the 9th, so I shall
not have to leave next Sunday.

I expect to leave here on Wednesday,
but exactly when, or when I shall
reach home that day I don't know
something before bedtime surely.

Now I must run along. I shall
be so glad to see all of you. With
much love,
George.

Aug. 10/38

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

Dear George -

Was very glad to get your letter written Monday night. We would hope if you were caught in the storm that the papers recorded and that delayed traffic so much. However we were relieved to hear you arrived safely. Please tell Constance I received her letter yesterday and appreciate it very much. You have been constantly in my thoughts and we all miss you more than we can tell.

Auntie is here to-day as they went to Saratoga. As it is also trash day we have

rather a full program. Weather is
fair, dry and cool. just delightful
to be out under the trees if one had
the time. Ma is painting this afternoon.

As usual I went to the picnic yes-
terday tho' I would rather have been
at home. It was a nice place and
a nice affair for those interested.
We met some folks we knew but
not as many as we expected to see.
Just at 3 pm I was alone sitting on
some rocks on the bank of the Cats-
kill creek. But our spirits were high
low. We trust all went well and that
you and Constance will be very happy
always.

Now I must go busy.
With much love from all,
Mother.

Aug. 17/38

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

Dear George -

It was good to hear your
voice on phone and know you were
ok. - Mt. climbing is not the safest
experience and you know my failings.
I hope you have had cooler weather
than it has been here. Not many showers
lately - they all seem to go around us.
Not much news to tell as every day
just now is much like the previous
one. Pa. seems not being at
the beach now but much as I like
the experience there, I have not felt
any time lately like packing up
and going away - I do not feel
equal to the exertions and I'm

glad to be here while Ira is. She rather
dreads the visit to Michigan for several
reasons but feels she must go. As
usual, she keeps busy at this & that
just as you did at Louie. Lu Mon-
day for Sherman set up new telephone
pools and both had to recuperate
after so strenuous a day in the heat.
Sherman is here to-day. Pa has just
been down town & feels ok. He is
not going to work much outdoors to-
day. There seems to be a breeze
blowing just now so may be it is not
going to be so hot to-day. Expect H.
and M. Saturday some time & plan
to go to North Lake Sunday - meant to
go Monday but Wilbur could not go then.
I shall think of you & hope you are
both well and very happy.
Love, Mother.

Keene, New Hampshire
August 16, 1938

Dear Mother & Father,

We are still in Keene and shall probably be here until Friday morning. Our being here at all was more or less of an accident for we had intended to stay further up in New Hampshire. We stopped just west of here Thursday night - in Chesterfield - in a cabin called 'Sleepy' after one of the Steam Deviants. We set out the next morning to find a cabin for the week-end, for by that night the week-end crowd was

summit, and from there we waded to the top - quite a steep climb - a thousand feet in a mile. The view was positively grand - though even then limited by haze. We could see Graylock, Mt. Tom near Holyoke, Mt. Mansfield, scarcely into the Presidential range, ~~Wachusett~~ near Worcester and Blue Hill south of Boston. We were by no means alone, for scores of not hundreds were taking advantage of the fine day. Till Eve that we were most glad to have the pleasure which greatly added to the pleasure of the view.

Saturday was overcast and we did only a small walk, going to the local summer theater that evening.

be arriving. Just out of Keene, northward, we stopped to look at some cabins and I drove over a large rock, bending the steering tie rod rather badly and denting the engine pan. So we had to turn back for repairs - not very serious, however. But by the time we were ready to start again it was early afternoon so we looked up a cabin right here south of Keene. It has proved as pleasant that we shall stay the whole week - and thereby get a reduction! Friday was a beautiful day - they say, the third beautiful & clear day this summer. After getting settled we drove up Mount-wash as far as the road goes - to within a thousand feet of the

Sunday we drove over to Park Mountain - a pair of peaks, 2300 feet high, northeast of Monardock, to the top of the southern of which there is a good road. Monday we went over again to climb from the top of this one to the other & back. It proved more arduous than it looked, and yesterday we were pretty quiet. It could not have been so had had we not had trouble finding the trail back - we had to break through to the trail, and in doing so Constance fell and pretty badly skinned her right shin which will be some days in healing.

There is a nice pond within a quarter mile of here where we have had

a cruise every day, until yesterday
when we went cruising on a nearby
lake.

We shall start in the N.W. Washington
direction on Friday, probably putting
up for the week-end ⁱⁿ a cabin
near Plymouth or Franconia and
going on on Monday. This region
fills up so rapidly & full on
Fridays we must port early. We
shall probably call in at North
Caraway on Monday or Tuesday.

I do hope that all has gone well
with all of you and that you are
having some relief from the heat -
it has been humid here, but not as
bad as I fear it has been with you.

With much love from us both, and
with the expectation of finding you
soon you in North Caraway. Yours,

Howards Cabins
North Woodstock, N. H.
August 22, 1938.

Dear Mother & Father,

While the weather is deciding whether it is going to rain or not I shall scribble off a few lines to you. We drove up here on Friday - a few miles north of Plymouth and south of the 'Old Man'. We had intended to stay only until today, but it is so grand & beautiful here that we shall stay out the week. I have been through Franconia Notch and

wondering if you have forwarded
any mail to me there - if you
have it, don't do so - I'll give you
an address for later in a day or
two. We shall probably go to Ecker
next Monday and stay with the
Haggs two or three days, but we
have not heard yet whether that
time will be convenient for them.
In the meantime you can reach us
here if necessary until early Friday
though you had better not send any
mail.

I've been thinking of you this week-
end as having Harold & Marge with
you and trust that you have had
a happy time. I suppose Eva will be

but had not realized that it is
probably the most interesting
and beautiful of the three lakes.
There are so many things to do & see
that one has trouble in choosing
between them. Saturday was a
pretty clear day. We climbed a
small peak - Mt. Penzance -
opposite The Flume - it affords
marvelous views in all directions.
In time we could see more than
a hundred peaks - and at that
we could see all over to Washington.

If today finally promises to be
cloudy we shall probably drive
over to North Conway & pick up
what mail there may be. Lin

leaving tomorrow - I hope in a
much needed state. And I hope that
you have kept well - and cool -
the latter is easy enough here at
night.

This area is crowded with cabins -
there are hundreds, and in general
the cabin groups are rather 'resorty' -
crowded & nasty. We have found a
quite choice place with only a
few cabins, off the road - and a very
comfortable cabin with a hot shower
& plenty of light - I hope that you
can come & stay in such a cabin
for a couple of weeks sometime.

It is nearly noon and the day is
still a bit of a waacker - I suspect
we shall go to North Conway, with
love from us both, George.

August 23, 1936.

Dear Mother,

Just a line to let you know
our change of plan. We stopped
at North Conway yesterday and
were glad to find your letter
awaiting us. We found also a
letter from Mrs. Stagg saying
that if we were to see them
we would have to do so this
week - so we are going there

Today. We shall stay until Friday
morning and then plan to
drive back here, stopping
Friday night in Mt. Carmel so
that we may see Betty. We
shall stay here through the
31st - Harward Cabins -
Harry Harward, North Woodstock
Phone 43 ring 22. The Harward
address is Mr. J. C. Harward - 76 Front
St.

P.S. Please forward any important
looking post class mail here -
Harward Cabins - There ought to
be a letter or two from looking for.
Don't mail here after Monday the
29th.

All for now - I hope all is well
and especially that Father will
stop working so hard. With
our love. George.

Catsackie N.Y.
Aug. 25 - 1938

Dear George -

To-day brought your letter from North Conway - have also received the ones from Williams town Keene & North Woodstock. Hope you all having as fine weather now as we are but you'll need extra blankets, it's so cool nights. - Eva is still here - as usual she dreads to leave and is just putting it off. She has been hoping to hear from Garden City but nothing yet. - She plans to start Monday & we will bring her to Albany to train in A.M. She works right along as usual and goes out very little - seems to feel well most of time but is more or less nervous this week. Harold & Mary arrived unexpectedly at 4 P.M. Sat. - we expected them Sat. night. Sunday we all - including the family was

to North Lake leaving 11.30 & home
by 9 P.M. Monday H & M.
were in Albany all day &
Tues. went to Hartford returning
Wed. noon. H. had tooth extracted
& he has not been in very good shape
but is better than yesterday. Today
they are making calls in town & leave
at 5 for Avondale Park - will be in
Roslindale all next week - we will
probably not see them again.
Pa has got up on the work and
will not be rushed from now on.
I am as usual thanks to Mrs.
help, though she does to more than
her weight here to.

Now I must do some writing
and forwarding 3 letters - Soc. Co.,
Math Society & Warehouse.

Glad you are having a good
time - When will you be home?
I will be home some after tea goes.
I must close -
I am with you - Mother.

Aug. 27/38

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

Dear George-

I have been thinking of you ^{very} much since receiving your letter and have tried to visualize the wonder full scenery as we have seen it several times. Of course, I could not climb the Mts. but just to sit in the woods would satisfy me. We miss our usual vegetation but are making the best of the situation. It has been quite cool but warm to-day. I was quite tired yesterday after the few days of unrest and confusion but managed to get 2 glasses of crab apple jelly made. Have just come in from helping Pa catch 50 broilers to shut up for

delivered at Catehell next Thursday.
The garden is yielding everything most
just now but there is very little chance
to sell small quantities but we have
a plentiful supply for ourselves &
give away a good deal. Pa must
not undertake such a thing again.
He seems to feel good but has had
those dreadful early morning head
aches so frequently of late. Ma
leaves Monday & is inclined to drive
with Elsie such as far as Piquette.
The latter is taking a week off &
Mrs Welp will substitute - this will
give both Auntie & Mrs D. a chance
to find out if they can go it by themselves.
for a longer period. Margaretta is
here now - Ma & Pa are going down
soon & I must see about the dinner.
I will be glad to see you both whenever
you choose to come. Much love, Mother

North Woodstock N.H.
Aug. 31, 1938

Dear Mother & Father,

We are packing up to leave here to-morrow - after a fine-haul, eight-mile walk today - so I am rather too tired & too busy to write more than a note. Was very glad to have your two letters here and learn how things were going at home - glad you have all kept well despite the 'shrewsbury'.

We go to Mystic, Connecticut to-morrow to stay until Sunday with

an old friend of Constance's mother -
Miss ^{William} ~~Lillian~~ B. Miner, 7 Elm Street,
Mystic. From there we shall go to
New York - 4312 - 47th Street,
Long Island City. You remember
that there will be math meetings
in New York next week. I doubt
that I shall attend any on Thursday
and we shall probably run up to
Danbury that day. We are planning
to be with you for my birthday,
probably driving up on Monday and
returning late Wednesday.

I shall write you more news later.
Hope you have heard from Eva
of her safe arrival in Holland. Love
from us both, George.

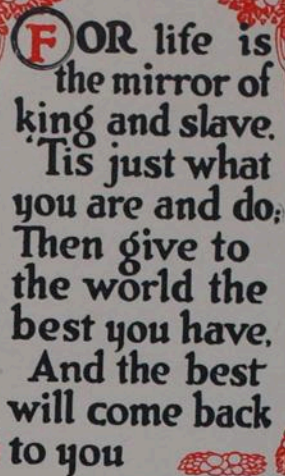
Sept. 3, 1938

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

Dear George
It was good to hear from you
yesterday after such a long silence - I
thought of you all the time and won-
dered if anything had happened. It
has seemed so quiet to be alone again
but we have not let any grass grow
under our feet. I've sent cards from
Syracuse and Buffalo, then a telegram
from Grand Rapids and a letter card
later. She says she is feeling fine and
she looked and acted so much better
than when she came home. She stopped
in Detroit & saw that woman Trejick.
Last Sunday pa and I went to church
at Kiskatom + then came home for Eva +
the picnic lunch which we ate down

near the River, calling on Mabel before
returning. Mrs. Delp's staying with Auntie.
While I think yet the 9th is Auntie's birth
day. She will be 80 and I have asked
some of her intimate friends to send
her a card, so don't forget - Every
year I think it may be her last one.

It will be fine to have Lou's Cousin
here for Lou's birthday & I thought may
be when you came Lou'd stay long
enough to do your packing. Let me know
when to expect you so we'll be sure to be
at home. Thursday Mother wrote us to
the Dutchess Co. Fair at Rhinebeck - it was
a lovely day and a very good fair. The
weather is much cooler and soon we'll
have to use the fireplace. Sherman is here
to-day and just now he is stacking wood
in cellar so we'll be able to keep comfort-
able. To-day I forwarded to D. J. City one card
and 3 letters for you. Hope you will be
joy the meeting next week. Love to you both,
Mother.



FOR life is
the mirror of
king and slave.
Tis just what
you are and do;
Then give to
the world the
best you have,
And the best
will come back
to you

Madeline S. Bridges

4312 - 47th Street
Long Island City N.Y.
September 7, 1938

Dear Mother & Father,

I was very glad to hear from
you yesterday - to hear that you
were well and to hear that Eva
had reached Holland safely.

I am dashing off this note just
before we set out for Danbury.
I had hoped to change the plan so
that we would go there on Sunday
on our way to you, but Donald

Michigan - around by Cleveland,
for Canada does not allow one
to drive across with a car load
of goods - and I cannot go to the
trouble of shipping them.

I attended the meeting all day
yesterday and saw a great many
people I was glad to see again.
But the school is rather tiny - I
did not go this morning as I had
planned, though I shall go again
on Friday. - I am trying hard
to remember to send a card to
Auntie. - All for now - much
love from us both,
George.

could not have us come then
so we go today and return to-
morrow afternoon. We shall
reach you as early as we can on
Monday - that is, not for lunch
(dinner) but certainly for supper -
and I hope early in the after-
noon. I am sorry that we shall
be able to stay longer - I shall
be returning ^{to Corbachet} on Saturday and we
want at least one quiet day
here before I leave. I shall have
to have the car loaded even while
I am home and shall have to do
the major part of the packing. I
shall have to go the long way to

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

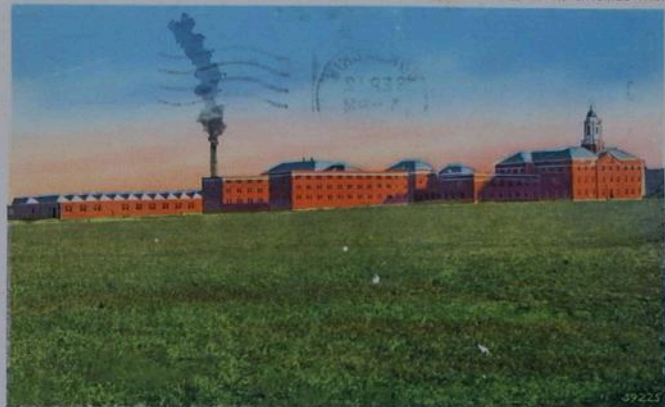
Dear George -
Was glad to get your letter to-day,
also had one from Ma. She told me to
give you her love & thanks for the two
letters she found waiting for her at
Miss Boyd's.

This has been a chilly week and we
have had fire in fire place most
of the time. Sunday we were by
Quint's the most of the day for the
first time this season. I have asked
her & Mrs Delp here for to-morrow
afternoon & supper. Unfortunately the
peas are ready to can and I will
have to tend to them in the morning.
I have been very busy all week with some
cleaning, washing & ironing also canning

mountains. Have not been away from the house except a ride to the way Monday evening. Pa is planning to get rid of the chickens soon and then we will not be so tied and will probably take a few trips.

We were planning to take you & C. to the mts. Tues. afternoon and have supper out if that would be all right with you. However when I read your letter I thought perhaps you are planning to pack all day. You can think it over. We will be glad to have you come Monday and will expect you some time in the afternoon. Your card for Auntie was received - the family a number in the morning mail. To-day they are out to the woods. To-day has been wonderful for driving. Love to Ruth - Mother.

247.—NEW YORK STATE VOCATIONAL SCHOOL, ON NEW 9 W. HIGHWAY, COXSACKIE, N. Y., CATSKILL MTS.



Happy Birthday

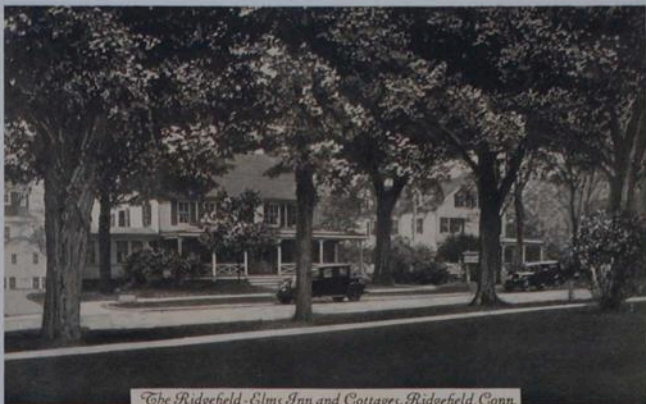
SON





May you have
a Happy Birthday, Son,
A wonderful year!--
And then
The same kind of joy
and good fortune
Repeated-- AGAIN--
AND AGAIN!

Fern Weston & Fester
Sept. 13, 1938



The Ridgefield Elms Inn and Cottages, Ridgefield, Conn.

POST CARD

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THIS SIDE OF CARD IS FOR ADDRESS

Mrs. M. B. Van Schaack
Coxsackie
New York

Salamaua, N. F.
Sunday evening.

Dear Max:

This far today - 345
miles. Did better than I
expected - little traffic
and mostly very good
road. Cloudy all day
until 6 - heavy fog
on Milneham mountain.
Thoroughly enjoyed the
hunt - saw where nest of
Banyan tree. Stopped here
at 4:40 - shall start
about 7 tomorrow. Let
me know about Eric's
arrival as soon as you
hear. Love, George.

COXSACK
SEP 20
1030AM
N.Y.



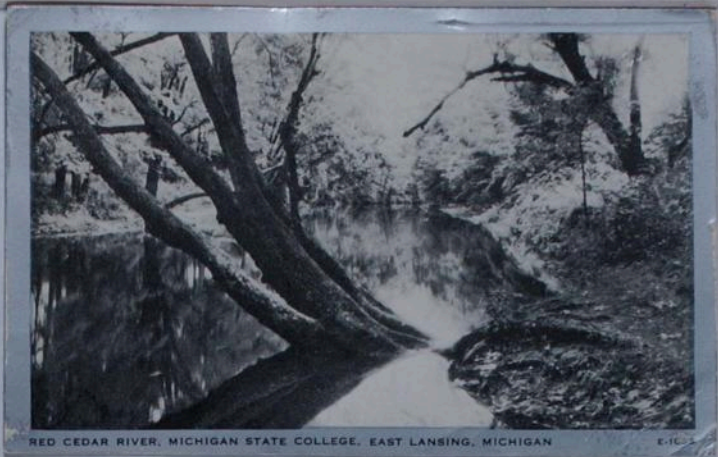
THIS SIDE OF CARD IS FOR ADDRESS

Dr. George B. Van Schoeck,
247 Delta St.,
East Lansing,

To Mrs Mary E. Jenison. Mich.

Monday -

Dear Geo -
I hope you are not having the pain we are - it must be the equatorial. We had a telegram from E. yesterday morning just after her arrival in Baltimore at 9.30 AM. from Chicago - She had had left Holland Sat. AM. I rested all day yesterday and to-day have kept busy. We meant to go to East Druham to night but the fog is quite bad & the rain & snow so we will stay home. To-wierowya is going to the Cablehill Fair with Mr. Krougham. Had a letter today from Buffalo. M got home Friday night - this is O.K. Her mother is going out Tues. Hope to hear from you to-morrow.
Love Mother.



RED CEDAR RIVER, MICHIGAN STATE COLLEGE, EAST LANSING, MICHIGAN

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Postcard



MICH.
SEP 20
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1898

Mrs. M. B. Van Schoek

Coxsackie

N. Y.

Tuesday noon

Dear Mrs. V.

Arrived a short time ago having come from west coast of Toledo this morning - a powerful cold - about 25 miles all told. Found my rascals all ready - now to get unpacked - after seeing the house. Hope all is well.
Love,
George

CLEAR VIEW

Catsachie, N.Y.
Sept 21/38

Dear George-

We were very glad to-day to get your card from Salamanca - the first news from you - it seems it ought to have come yesterday. Many years ago when I was about 18, Annie & I took several car loads of fresh air children to Western Penn (Greenville) and after riding all night we stopped at Salamanca and had breakfast brought in for the several hundred children - I'll never forget how good it tasted after a night of coughing & some sick children and caring for many car sick ones, too. - Well, I hope you got my card telling about Eva. The telegram came Sunday about 2 hrs after you left and she wished you a pleasant trip. She wrote last Wed. that Miss Boyd would take her to Chicago Friday but we have not received that letter yet. We need not have been concerned if we knew Anne would be with her & see her safely on train for Baltimore on Sat.

We have had steady & hard rain continuously since Sunday night - it must be the equatorial storm - we do not often have such a severe one but

I remember many like this when I
went to school. Yesterday Pa went
to the Cobleskill Fair with Mr.
Brougham - it was an awful day
and few visitors there and to-day
must be worse even in regard to mud.
They had to judge ten grape exhibits
and 7 others by farm products,
and they did not get back till
6.30 - but they were paid for it.
I made grape jelly in morning &
at noon Mr. Depp came for me
to go down there to dinner - I
arrived at 5.30 after a good nap.
To-day Pa has been drying corn
but that we need it - but he likes
it & there is so much going to waste.
I cooked chicken & made grape
juice. Have managed to keep
busy most of the time for there are
always so many odd & ends
to house keeping that must be
tended to in order to keep things in
shape. - I suppose M. will be
home to-night - Jessie had a

HAROLD S. VAN SCHAAC
COBLESKILL, NEW YORK



letter this AM from him - I fear
he will not have a very pleasant
ride across the State. I saw in
Fishers' paper there were over
4000 Packard dealers in Detroit.
Had a letter from Marge Sun-
day - she said her brother
was going out this featurday.
They have found a nice flat
with 3 bed rooms so I guess now
it will be easier to Lane Cam-
pany.

We did not go to East Durham
Monday night - it rained so hard
& was also foggy so we went to
bed early. We want to go to
Echo to-night but that is too far
& maybe it will clear for there
is some wind now for the first
time.

Well, I must lie down now &
get some rest - for is asleep on
sofa. Conditions in Europe seem
to grow worse & I'm wondering

What will bring you there to-day.

I hope you reached San Lorenzo
on time Tuesday & had no
trouble. Also that you like
your new abode and will
soon get acclimated. I
think of you all the time
and I wish I am thankful
you have a good job, I
can't help regret it must be
so far away. When you
don't have time to pen a
letter each week just drop
a postal anyway.

Much love,
Mother.

White pellets sold to burlers
go to Clam Lake Mon.

Cossackie W.V.

Sept. 28, 1938

Dear George-

A week ago to-day I had your card announcing your safe arrival. Suppose you have been very busy getting settled and I hope you will be very comfortable and enjoy your abode. I too, have been very busy - washing & ironing, 2 batches jelly, some grape juice and also cleaning, deck work and innumerable odds & ends. Have been very well but not up to par just now owing to some annoyances that for a time upsets me completely. Sunday we had dinner at Auntie's & took a long ride in afternoon taking Auntie & Mrs Delp. The latter expects to go home to-morrow as Elsie returns. As I understand it, Mrs D. is hired to go to Florida Mt Low Elsie is to be put off - or out I don't know. I am glad you did not encounter

the hurricane on your trip and it was a relief to hear you were safe and also Wilbur on Wed. night late. He had no trouble till he reached Cabbleskill & would have stopped over night if Dick had been willing. It was the worst storm yet land that has ever struck this section & we really have come out luckier. The apples all blew off trees, the corn is flat on ground & spoiled, the glowers all a wreck. It would not have been surprising if one of the big elms had blown down but they are safe. I was alone part of time as Pa went to town before the wind was bad. I was kept busy for some time mopping up the water under several windows up stairs & down where it beat in wherever there was a crack. Two ceilings are spotted as a cause green. The largest chimney Elm swayed back & forth & was well bent over but did not break. W. came & helped



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Trace it up next day. There was considerable damage to the tele-
phone line - wires broken & poles
down. The State Tel Co is so busy
with their own lines that pa has
had to try to fix ours temporarily
with the help of Chas. Swartzour.
He is out this morn. again & may finish
to day is Harvest & some of it is a beau-
tiful day. I am not planning to go at
but pa will sell tickets & get his stuff
up there - I will go to Austin to eat.

The Crisis in Europe is very distress-
ing and nerve wracking but I seem
drawn to the radio whenever there is
a chance to get news. We listened
to Hitler's entire speech & he talked
like a wild man - I wonder he did
not have a stroke immediately after.
The outlook is dark for the Reich but
is adamant but there is still hope of
a peaceful settlement all Saturday.
We were surprised to have a tele-
call Monday at 7.30 from D. Meade's

Who was facing this town - we were
all ready to go out - my first
evening out since before you
will see last time. But he came
and called for about 1/2 hour. He
had been to Clinton - looks fine.
talked about going to Paris - I don't
think America was OK. Now for
any one. I did not ask him to
stay & do not think he would anyway.
We had to go out & your room was all
upset again owing to another
influx of flies which had not been
taken care of. I will wait now to
fix it up again, I think, till they get
to only or until I'm sure of Company.
& will wait to mail this till after our
mail arrives to day. Love
Pony

Forgot to say we plants leave Tues. for our
trip & want to be gone about a week. I will
drop you an occasional postcard.
1.30 - No letter - hope you are ok. Forgot to say
we were without electricity this from 5 to 1 all
some in convenience. I will do it when I hear from
you before flies when we leave. H. & M. Myers Oct. 5
121 Stratford Rd. Buffalo. Wm



CAMPUS, MICHIGAN STATE COLLEGE, EAST LANSING, MICH.

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Postcard

MICH.
SEP 20
4 PM
1898

Mrs. M. B. Van Schaak
Coxsackie
New York

Thursday A.M.

Dear Mother & Dad, I have
been rushed & rushed, but hope
soon, very soon, to get a letter
to you. Am still getting settled
when I have time. - The campus
is entirely on this side of the
logway line across the pasture
now, it isn't shown through
any buildings are. The trees you
see are evergreens - there are
many more other trees, but this
is a better picture. - Am anxious
to hear from you. Love
from the same. Love, Fred, June 7.

247 Delta St.
East Lansing, Mich.
October 2, 1938.

Dear Mother & Father,

I was very glad to get your letter Friday. I noted that you were planning to go away on Tuesday, but somehow or other it didn't click that I should get a letter off to you yesterday if you were to get it before you left. However I shall send this special delivery air-mail and you may still get it - certainly if the air-mail which leaves here at 5:15 every afternoon leaves

in getting back to New York - having
to go by bus on Friday. She passed
through the most devastated sections
on the way. She wrote that in some
sections there was not one single
tree left standing. The storm was
worst, as you know, right where
we stayed just before Labor Day.
Her Aunt Lillian's house was completely
stripped of shingles and practically
all the trees, huge ones, uprooted -
and her Aunt Lillian's sister's summer
houses on Mosau's Island were
completely destroyed - in fact,
practically everything on Mosau's
Island was destroyed - it seems
impossible - we were there only a
few weeks ago - the whole place
was a beautiful summer colony
of upper middle class houses. I am

also on Sunday.

I was happy to hear you had come
through the storm safely and with
relatively no little damage. I hadn't
realized that the force of the wind
would be so great way over in Cox-
sackie. Since it was I fear that
Donald's trees at Ball's Pond must
have suffered badly. I have had
no word from him since he reached
home. Constance was in Cambridge
during the storm, where as you
know it was near its maximum
strength. The damage there was
immense. The morning after the
storm she counted one hundred
old elms blown down on Beadle
Street alone - it is hard to imagine.
Constance came through unscathed
though she was of course delayed

wondering how Morris came through.
He has been living with his parents
at West Starbuck on the south
shore of Cape Cod, very near the
ocean and only a few feet above
high tide. And I wouldn't be sur-
prised if Raymond Tweedy's place
at Rockport had been badly damaged.

If you go eastward on your trip -
as you planned to do - you will see
the wreckage. I don't think you
shared with seeing Miss Hayes -
I can't imagine anyone who could
give you a more excited account
of what took place in Cambridge!

I am finally settled - in a manner
of speaking - though a lot of junk
has only been stowed away in a
random manner - whether I shall
ever get it sorted out I don't know.

I was much more busy those first few days than I had expected to be - I ^{was} put to work for nearly all of the four days checking schedules of students - as a consequence I have been trying to catch up ever since. The registration fee was about 10% larger than last year which has put some strain on the whole faculty and especially in our department. Our classes are definitely low large. I have four classes - M. T. W. T. F. at 9, M. W. F, 10, 1, 4 - fourteen hours in all. Three days a week are pretty well booked, but the other three are almost wholly my own - a very good schedule. I must make the most of it while it lasts, for after Christmas we have a new

and yesterday - sort of getting the
lay of the land - in general it's
pretty flat - there won't be any
hill-climbing. But it's not prairie
like - the land does roll a little,
there are streams, and a great
many trees - which latter are
coloring up now, but not nearly so
brilliantly as at home. There are
quantities of hickory trees but
a very small nut crop - I have
gathered a few. And there is a large
number of black walnuts - a fairly
good crop - but I have decided I
haven't time to fuss with them -
you know they are mean things to
separate from the outer shell. I
did a little shopping in Lansing
yesterday and looked the town
over. It is rather strange - larger
in population than Portland, Maine,

herm and a new assortment of classes.
On the whole my classes seem to
be about as good as I am accustomed
to, though in general they are not
so advanced in the subject - which
is to be expected out here. Most of
the members of the department are
quite pleasant & agreeable and
I expect I shall get on very well
with them. Two or three of them
are bachelors (yes, four or five) and
hence there are only two good
places in town to eat & practically
always meet at least one of them
at meal times - as well as some
others of the faculty. I had a chance
to be homesick only for a couple
of days.

I have been out on two exploring
trips about here - last Sunday

but it looks like just an enormous
small town - the main street is
simply a long, long row of small,
ugly buildings with little, dark
shops. I suppose it is because there
are so very few well-to-do people -
and they very wealthy - chiefly
Olds and a few others in the
automobile business. The majority
of the population is made up of
not very well paid workers.

I am glad you were home when
Dorsey called - he had written a
day or two before that he was
planning on it. I'm sure he had
no thought of your putting him
up for the night, so you need not
worry on the score of not asking
him. I suppose he told you of
the latest from his doctor - that

he can get about a perfectly normal
life again, if he is just careful not
to overdo. And apparently he can-
certainly the trip he took was not
easy for a convalescent. I reckon
that he & Betty will go to Paris
the end of this month. Of course
they would not have gone had
war broken out, but he was
convinced all along that there
would be a peaceful settlement
and he seems to have been right.
But I was fooled for I certainly
expected war by now. Of course I
think there will be war eventually,
but it may now have been postponed
over several years.

I hope you will get off on your
trip in good shape and that
it will prove a restful change for

all of you. Have a good time and
forget about all your cares. I
shall look for a card or two
and be glad to get them. Many
thanks for the two four-leaved
clovers. With lots of love,

George.

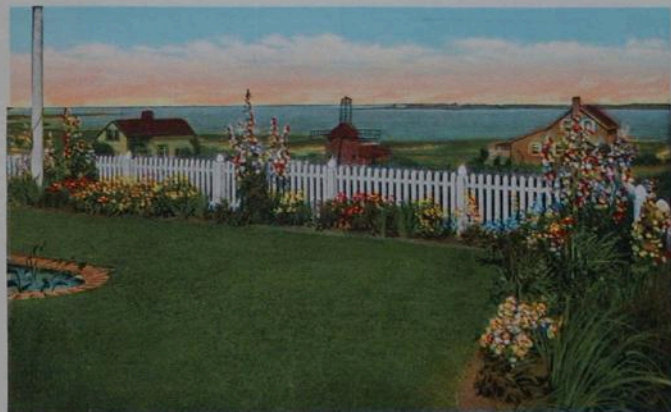
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Dr. Geo. B. Van Schaack,
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Letter just arrived. Cataachie, W.V.
Oct. 3, 1938
Dear Rev-
I wish I had time for a
letter but we are Saturday do-
ing the last necessary things
before leaving to-morrow. Was
so glad to get your card on
Saturday & hear for all well.
Weather is beautiful & cooler
no frost yet but it may come
any night now. Hardly was
considerably just by the
hurricane so the veg. are not
what we had expected. Had
a nice letter from C.
& will answer later. You
will be glad to get away for
these times to be little chance
to rest here - so much to do all
the time. Hope to get more help
to carry on this the rest of work
may see these things. I forgot to say
will probably have fish for the
Cape. Much love, Mother.



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Dr. Geo. Van Sledright

Cape Cod with its 14 towns divided into several
towns of abiding New England village possession in
a remarkable degree the genuine flavor of the south
is still preserved in its architecture and in the
character of its people.

Dear Dr. - Hans came 300 mi
now starting on the Cape. Saw
plenty of the destruction by
wind & floods especially near
Northampton. Our beach roads
are cleared & very little damage.
Beautiful weather - Very lovely
here - We are feeling out after
a rushing hot & hot start.
Love - Weston.



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Dr. George B. Van Schaack,
247 Della Road,
East Lansing,
Mich.

C/o Mrs Jensen

Provincetown Mass

Sept 7, 1938

Dear George - Oct.

We staid here last night
and now starting back on the
Northern route for Plymouth
and Boston - expect to call on
these Hayes to-morrow & may
get home by Sunday night.
Yesterday was cloudy & cool -
to-day is bright and windy, too.
This is a very interesting trip,
and we are taking our time
to see things so do not cover so
much mileage a day. This is
surely a different kind of
country from any we have
ever been to, that it seems to
be enchanting. Both feeling
much better for the rest and
change. Hope for me, Dad,
I will write these details when
I get time home. Love
Dorothy & Arthur

Oct. 10/38

M. B. VAN SCHAACK
COXSACKIE, NEW YORK

Dear George-

We arrived home last evening about 6 P.M. after a very pleasant and restful 6 days. I think we might have staid one more day but pa wanted to attend the Farm Bureau Banquet at Leeds this evening (not) however personally, I preferred the other day - how ever the Banquet is free gratis so we are in a fix. I do not remember just where I sent you cards but I think it was from Buzzard's Bay & Crockett town. While there was great destruction from the tidal wave on the beaches on R Bay we could not see it - roads shut off. There was practically no damage on the rest of cape except for an occasional tree down or a stone or cement protection

right on the shore. We left little to be
seen on a future trip, for we took many
of the by roads and saw practically every
thing of interest. (I was enchanted by
the Moors and dunes (I drove miles &
miles around them on dirt roads) and
I wouldn't wonder if he would go ^{again}
just to see them tho' we marvel at the
Puntaus stopping in such a desolate
place. The crawling bugs were interesting
and I had a job to get pa to leave the
our beach on the ocean that we stopped
at - not a sign of life here, but the great
Ocean rolling & rising and white capped
for miles out. It was very windy & I was
glad to get in the car again. The tourist
business was shot owing to the reports
of damages and most Kemp Cabin's resort
was closed tho' they usually are open
till most Nov. 1st. We staid in ^{the} district

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Home every night was very comfortable.
 Went to bed early & got up by 8 AM.
 Was glad to see Wood's Store. This is
 was not attractive to us as an abiding
 place. Stopped at Plymouth
 Friday to see the Rock again & also
 go through the old cemetery - but
 oh! was it windy up there? Tourist
 places were scarce. Found three
 & it was after dark. Then we located
 one in Braintree. On Sat. about 10
 AM reached 22 Shepard St - after a
 tiring marching drive on Mass. Ave.
 Mrs. H. was home & up stairs - she
 did not respond to the bell, so I walked
 on the balcony & called her. She was
 so excited to see us - but she is not
 well and looks just awful. Six

welks ago she lost completely the sight
in left eye and now the other is not
right either. The doctor thinks it may
come back but it is doubtful. She
says this is her last year there - she
will sell or rent in Spring. She
was glad to hear about you & would
like to have you write to her. We
took her out to dinner & then left
for Melrose Highlands to see the
Whitneys. Found Mrs at home but
none of the others. Junim goes to North E.
Univ in Boston & Gardner is taking a
post grad. at High School. Mr. W. had
a narrow escape during the flood - a bridge
at Greenfield collapsed ten min. after
he had gone over it with his train. She
wanted to be remembered to you. Then
Mr. J. & Francis J. & had
a nice visit there - they have a little

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girl just 2 weeks old. They urged us to stay to supper & we left at 7 stopping one night in Wakefield about 10 miles from Lynn. We started for Keene where we stopped to go to church. There is great destructing trees in the village and outlying sections - many entire woods lying flat & nets twisted - telephone & elec. light poles & wires still out of commission many localities all thro Mass, N. H. & Vermont are still without service - We saw thousands of trees - immense ones, too - pulled out of the ground & many others broken off & splintered. We will never see a similar sight. It is sickening to see

the beautiful large pines & evergreens
the poplars & oaks & maples ruined.
The task of clearing up the forests is a
herculean one & will take months. The
camping ground at Spafford Lake near
Keene is almost ruined. We were obliged
to take a very long detour, many miles on
crooked rough country roads from
the Ben. Mt. Road & could not get back
on it, but drove to North Adams & over
Mts. to Troy. State road in some places
washed out half its width. Not much
property destroyed but enough for those
who owned it.

Have been busy to-day getting regulated
again. Both of us feel good & refreshed, but
there are countless necessary jobs staring
at us. I'm going to try to be careful & not
get so worn out again. Now I must
rest a while - just finished the dishes -
Hope you are enjoying your new place &
will keep very well. We dine only 5 H. quills.
Love - Mother.

247 Delta St.

East Lansing, Mich.

October 20, 1938

Dear Mother + Father,

I'm afraid you're getting fainter at us word from me in so long - I wonder if you're as fainter at us word as I am at us time for so many things I should like to do - including writing letters. There is, of course, more work here than I had in Rochester, and I came with such a burden of letters to be written that I haven't been able to crawl out from under yet. But I shall try to bring myself up-to-date tonight - so far as writing you is concerned.

I am glad you had such an interesting, pleasant + restful trip, and I hope its effects will have set you for a number of good health. Apparently you went without Milton + Jessie, for you made no mention of them. I so had Milton couldn't get away for a change! I'm very glad you stopped to see Mrs. Hayes, - I know she must have been very happy to see you, - when I saw her last, over a year ago, she wondered if you would ever get over that way again. But

I am sorry to hear she is so unwell, the loss of her sight in one eye and threatened loss in the other don't indicate that things are at all well with her. Of course she should give up that house, though it will be too bad in a way - she was born there and has never lived anywhere else. - I was relieved to hear there had been so little damage on the cape itself, for if that is so probably Morris & his family came through unscathed - I wished afterwards that I had asked you to look him up and see how he was - you must have passed within a mile or two of him. - I have heard from Donald that the damage at Belle Point was negligible - not a single tree lost - though many were uprooted in the valleys where they had been undermined by the heavy rain.

Which reminds me that Donald wrote of having had a very pleasant call with you. He was glad you had not changed your plans for the evening for he would not have been able to stay much longer anyhow - fishing is still very timing to him, and a half a dozen quarters of an hour is about all he can manage at a time. He said he thought you both looked pretty well, and that you, Mother, looked far better than he had ever seen you. I thought myself that you looked better this fall than in a good long time - would this net you must be looking like it again! I hope you feel

like it.

I didn't forget your anniversary on Oct 8th - although I woke in such haste just before you left on your trip that I forgot to send you my felicitations. According to your letter you spent it calling on Miss Hayes, Mrs.

Whitney and Frances Tinsdell, so I know you had a happy day, for which I'm glad. I have something to send you for the day, when I get around to wrapping it up!

As I indicated at the beginning of this letter, life with me is rather busy - though not unpleasant. My classes seem to be reasonably good and on that score I have no real complaints. I have met quite a number of interesting men on the faculty and see them often at meal times. There is really only one good place to eat in town - the college cafeteria - the only 'out' about it is that it is so crowded one usually has to stand in line for ten or fifteen minutes before getting in. Meat courses are very expensive, but the other food is reasonable, so that I'm managing to get enough to eat for about \$1.10 a day, - less about 8% by virtue of buying meal tickets. There is, of course, a large concentration of agricultural men around here so that one is always meeting some new member of that department. One day I sat at lunch (weekly faculty affair) next to a Mr. Kraush, whose

main office is in Washington - he has charge of extension work in the Middle West, partly overlapping the kind of thing Father is doing in Greene County - so we had quite a lot in common to talk about. And yesterday I met a James Peiter, in charge of soil extension in Michigan, who discussed at length about soil conditions & problems here. He was interested in the fact that our family still has some of the original land, and was regretful that after all these generations it will no longer be killed by a Van Setaack.

I have not been out very much of evenings - a couple of math club meetings, a faculty party, a budget party and last Saturday out to hear some good music via records. Also one movie - 'Bays' Tavern' which you should see - it's about an institution near Omaha, developed by a Catholic priest for homeless bays - a thoroughly interesting movie, and a very good one. Otherwise I have not been kept - the general run of movies here is very low. In fact, Lansing is a strange city - it is nearly as large as Albany, but looks like an overgrown town. - A week from Saturday comes the president's reception, which one must attend - formally, attended. So today I finally succumbed to buying a Sunday suit after all

these years. Just by chance I was in luck
for today was 'dollar day' - and I got 10%
off.

I have had my rooms pretty well fixed up
now for some time, and they are quite
pleasant. The big India print I showed you
quite 'makes' this room. It is beautifully
quiet here - no radios, except for Mrs. Johnston's
Sunday evenings to get the Ford program. I
am only about four blocks from my office
so that I go about wholly on foot - even
with my scouting expeditions round about I
have driven only 160 miles in over four weeks,
less than I used to drive in a week in
Rockville - just of necessity. We have had
the most beautiful month I have ever
seen. The sun started shining the day I came -
September 20th, and except for nights, and
two brief showers in early morning, it has
continued for four weeks - I had begun
to believe I was in California. But now
the skies are leaden and there is the feel of
snow in the air. The campus has been
a gorgeous sight all the month - hickories
maples, rich oaks, evergreens & lawns -
I wish you could have seen it - although
I realize you have seen better sights in
Coxsackie.

I wrote Miss Bayl this week asking her
if she would like me to come over for this

week end. She explained today that either this week end or Nov 5th would be alright, but that this week end would be 'Homecoming' - a sort of anniversary - and that perhaps I would prefer the later one. So I have postponed - chiefly on her account, for I know those two days will be pretty busy for her without having a guest on her hands.

I had a letter from Eva last Saturday - she didn't say anything about her health - I'm a little fearful it hadn't been too good. She did say that she was having limited use of her eyes again. Is she having her ears? She didn't say definitely that she was - I do hope so.

Well, this must be all for now. I must write David - he has had nothing but a couple of notes since I saw him in September - and he may be sailing a week from tomorrow, though I'm hoping to hear he will go back to Hamilton in February - in which case I reckon he will not go to Europe now. Hope you are both as well or better than when you returned, and that I'll have word from you soon. Much love,

George.

Oct. 24/38

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

Dear George-

Was so glad to get your nice
long letter Saturday and sorry I did
not get one off to you last week. We
were rather ~~to~~ ^{by} sportsy for 3 days in suc-
cession. Tuesday to our annual
Business Conference in ^{Kipkatow} ~~Woods~~ here I
I had a big surprise by being e-
lected president of the County Assoc.
I was pressed to accept and pa-
thought I ought to, so I did reluctantly.
It is not a very strenuous job as
there is only meeting a year - it is
really more of an honor than any-
thing else and is seldom awarded
to any woman other than a Minister's Wif^e.

Wednesday Pa had to go to a conference
on Grange broad casting at W. P. I and
incidentally I accompanying him. We
left at 9 & home at 6.30. There were
23 Grangers representing 15 Counties
and the discussions were interesting.
It was conducted by Emerson Muckham
and I was glad to meet him and
get acquainted with his funny
performances - He is very odd, witty
but also very bright & clever. He en-
tertained us at lunch at the Van
Curler hotel - Pa & I sat right by him
and Ed Mitchell who broad casts the
Farm programs with Muckham.
The next day we spent the afternoon
and evening in Albany attending
2 sessions of Rfd Church programs.

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ELMSHADE
COXSACKIE, NEW YORK

Heard some fine talks & met some
fine folks - had supper at U. W. - three
other ladies were with us. I might
better have staid home & would
gladly had I know Auntie was
going to spill the beans that day.
Since we returned from our trip
I asked her about her plans & she
affirmed Mrs Deep was going to Florida
with her soon after election but she had
not told Elsie yet. she also told Mrs Deep
same thing. On Thursday she must have
told Elsie who made such a fuss that
Auntie went to Mrs Deep & told her she
was going to help Elsie. We called on
Mrs Deep Saturday & she told us this -
So far Auntie has not said a word to

me about it, tho she was here to supper
Saturday while I was in Albany - I was
so choked up, I could hardly get natural
but did not reveal that I knew. She
called ^{up} Sunday AM to write us to dinner
but we declined. I am so hurt and
so sorry for Mrs D. who has sold her
chickens, rented her home and got all
ready to leave for the winter. If I had
only been home, I might have avoided
this. I will try to be calm when the dis-
cretion comes but I dread it. We will
get the news yet finally if Elsie leaves
for I don't know where to get help as Mrs
D. + the Moores will probably be out now.
Pa must go to Catskill now (P.M.) tho it is
raining cats + dogs. - His affairs are wobbly
as her class is so small that fears its dis-
continuance or at least a reduction - her
eyes all also very poor. - I have new glasses
to-day + I must need them to write as they are
not adjusted - so excuse this scrawl. Glad
you are well + have met so many nice people.
Love - Mother

Nov. 9/38

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

Dear George-

It was good to get your letter and hear of your activities. Hope you had a pleasant time at Holland - tell us about it. Weather has been unbearably hot for most a week - we have let the flies go out but to - night is cooler & we have fire in fire place. Pa is very busy with the various jobs necessary to winter preparations. Last week he spent several days residing the west end of house with Asbestos shingles (rather short boards) - Sherman helped him. To-day they put up some of the storm windows & brought in

Some of the vegetables. He gets very tired
when he works and I'm glad he will
soon be over the hump. We plan to go to
Lima Saturday morning - may return
Monday or may stay a day or two longer.
Last Friday we went to Albany - I just
had to have my new glasses adjusted
for I could not read or see with ease.
We had a nice lunch in West grocery
store and did all our shopping there.
It was much easier than running a-
round to various stores and the whole
set up is much better than it used to be.
The main trouble was to get our things
down at the platform when we were
ready to come home - it took over an
hour so it was 7.30 before we were home.
Saturday night Pa had charge of a
Farm Bureau Rally in Church Hall -
We had 120 to supper - I had to be back

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ELMSHADE
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but had plenty of efficient help so I did not work too much - everybody brought some thing so there was nothing to cook but coffee.

I have been so depressed over the recent troubles that it was good for me to get away & have something else to think about. I don't know when you what I wrote you last so I may repeat. When Elsie found out the details of the whole affair & that Auntie had declared all summer she would not take Elsie to Florida, she gave notice of leaving on the 25th to take effect Nov. 3. She is to be married on Thanksgiving to a man in Chick. Mrs Deep was in

Pa. but she wrote in reply to Auntie's letter
she would return ^{now} for \$35 per month.
Auntie sent for me to consult & I advised
her to pay it if she could afford to for
Mrs Deep is worth much more than any
woman she ever had. She was provoked
but told me to write & tell her to come. In
mean time Sue Thrope is in charge. Mrs W.
is back but has not seen Auntie yet.
For some unknown reason Auntie will
not come here at all, does not call up &
will not talk when I call up. All this has
hurt me very much & constant thinking
has caused me much head trouble. I
have felt better to-day but am tired of having
dope. I have been down there 3 or 4 times but
she acts as usual. The Las ordered a new
Car from Frith - I saw it at garage to-day. It
has 2 small seats behind the big one. I hope
nothing happens to Spill beans again & wish Mrs
Deep in charge, I can relinquish some of my duties.
Pa is planning to election relatives - it is close in this state.
Now I must go to bed. Love - Mother.

P. S. - Wednesday 10^a-44.

Dear George-

I am going over to mail this letter & just thought of adding a postscript. To-day is beautiful - a little cooler but not cold - had a very heavy rain last evening. I wanted to tell you mainly that my head is feeling much better - in fact, have had no symptoms yet this morning. I have been busy getting ready for the Anniversary Meeting here this afternoon - we are all ~~spice~~ & span now. I have not yet been able to fix up your room as the house flies still bother some - the shades & curtains have been down a bit. Bought new shades last week & will

Put up when the flies cease.
I just called up Auntie &
she takes a very short nap - said she
was in bed most all day yes-
terday and is resting also today
So she can go to church tonight.
I invited her here for this after-
noon but she won't come - of
course she should not, but I
didn't want her to say later that
I did not ask her. If she would
only obey doctor's orders she'd feel
better but she won't & I can't help
it. - Now for the mail box
& then get dinner - Lamb &
Carrots & pie with ^{apple} ice cream.
Had a lot of cream over from the
F. B. supper so I made a tray of
ice cream & it is very good.
Good bye My dear - Love Mother.

MICHIGAN STATE COLLEGE
OF AGRICULTURE AND APPLIED SCIENCE
EAST LANSING

DEPARTMENT OF MATHEMATICS

November 5, 1938

Dear Mother & Father,

When did I write last? The days go so fast here and the weeks even faster. The last two have been especially full with mid-term exams and grades - I have been here in the office several nights until ten or later. I am trying to stretch this year of doing all my work connected with classes at my office so that when I am home I am free - though my time at home is thereby very much cut down.

Have been out a few nights in the past two weeks - to a play both of the last Wednesday nights - both rather funny, but neither very good. I went chiefly because there will be very few plays here and thought I'd better take in one when it came along. A week ago tonight was the president's reception, - for which I had bought my dress clothes. It was a rather painless affair, but something one essentially had to go to. There were about six hundred there in space enough for half that

number - a large dance orchestra adding to the
din made by six hundred tongues. I went the
rounds & made pleasant remarks to all the
important people and left at eleven, rather
more tired than when, and happy that the
affair was over for another year.

Today I go to Miss Bayle's, probably working
there about three o'clock. After all the lovely
week-ends we have had, this one is dull & gray.
It has been perfectly ground up until last night
several days this week temperatures of over
70°. On Wednesday, you will be surprised to
learn, I played my first golf. One of my office
mates suggested I borrow some clubs & go out
with him. I was a little hesitant for I have
always feared I might get the bug if I ever
tried playing, and now in case I may have
the bug, for I can see it is fascinating. Of
course I have always before been where
golf was too expensive to play, but here it
is about the cheapest exercise there is -
twenty-five cents for nine holes. I would
still prefer to climb hills or mountains, but
there aren't any out here, and I must get some
exercise, and this is a pleasant way of getting it.

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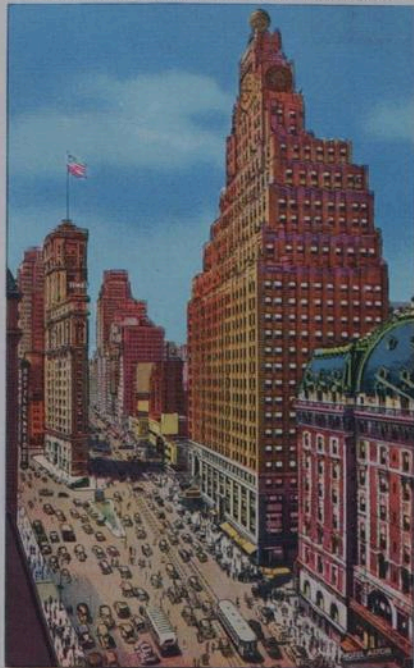
DEPARTMENT OF MATHEMATICS

Very glad to get your letter - so long ago! I congratulate you, Maebler, on your election to the presidency of the county and county conference. It is a real honor which you deserve.

I'm distressed over your troubles with Auntie. She has certainly double crossed you again. I think you should have been firm with her though and made her stick to her agreement with Mrs. Deep. After all you will get the worst of it in the end - you might have, it seems to me, taken it now and saved yourself trouble later on. But of course that's easier to say than to do. I wish you wouldn't worry about it.

Had a nice long letter from Eva the other day. Poor child is certainly having a hard time. What a shock it must have been to find such a small class! But she took it marvelously, as she has everything else.

Now I must dash - I'm in town late already. Can't shame write that she had had a very sweet letter from you. I'm so happy that the three of you are making out so well and so grateful to you for the affectionate way you have met this rather difficult situation. With much love,
Agnes





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Have had a fine time
and feeling quite ab-
no head trouble. Have
been to truck's office but
he wasn't. They have
at 5 + go to a meeting
this afternoon to night.
Return to Capt. Morrow.
Love - Mother.

Dr. Geo. B. Van Schanck
247 Delta St.,
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Mich.

247 Delta Street
East Lansing, Mich.
November 20, 1938

Dear Mother + Father,

If I were to tell you what time it is you probably wouldn't believe me - so I won't. But I made a vow that I would write you before this week-end was over, and so I shall. I keep at least as busy as a one-armed paper-hanger with the lines, which is the only reason I haven't written. There is, of course, plenty to do with classes and the attendant work, and then there are so many other things I try to do. Once again I am feeling well enough to have enough energy to want to work hard at mathematics, and as a result I have a dozen things going at once with too little time for any of them. I have recently been somewhat more than fifty per cent responsible for starting a faculty seminar, the first meeting of which was held last Tuesday and at which I was the speaker. It wasn't totally up-hill work for there are three or four here who are also deeply interested in it, but there was quite a lot of only apathetic interest.

which, it seemed to fall to my lot to whip
into action - following, I suppose, the
natural Van Schoot complex. The venture
is started, but it is quite clear that its
continuance & success will depend almost
wholly on those of us.

I was very glad to have such a long &
newy letter from you - already ten days
ago. Especially glad to hear that the
situation with Auntie had worked out as
it did - with Mrs. Deep in charge you can
afford not to worry. Though I'm disturbed
that Auntie has taken it all with such a
mean feeling and seems to be spitting it
on you. But I think you are foolish to
be hurt by it - after all, she is not really
accountable for her actions any more - I
can see that you may feel badly over it,
but not hurt.

My week-end in Holland was very
pleasant. I was there from the middle
of Saturday afternoon to the middle of
Sunday afternoon. Miss Boyd & her father
were most cordial. Daddy Boyd was quite
a surprise to me - I had expected to find
a much feebler man - he looks very well,
and seems still to be in possession of
all his faculties, except part of his hearing -

at eighty-eight. Miss Boyd took me down to the campus of the college, which I was surprised to find so very small - only 16 acres, with scarce half a dozen buildings - how large Johns Hopkins must have seemed to Eva at first. I saw the chapel both inside & out and heard the organ - it is a nice building, and the organ very fine. Then we called on Mr. Thompson & his family. They are rather beyond description so I won't try - except to say they are evidently very fond of Eva. Sunday morning we rode out to the lake to see the dunes - and the beech groves, both of which are lovely. The Boyds have quite a charming location on the shore of Black Lake, looking across to the town, - it must be lovely there in the summer.

I have been thinking that it is just a year ago you were visiting me in Rochester. I do wish you could visit me here now - but I'm glad you could get away somewhere. I'm sure you had a fine time in Canada and hope you found everyone well. What did you think of the big city - after the years you haven't seen it - I wish I had been there to take you around. You spoke of some meetings - I wonder what they were.

We have vacation this coming week-end. I expect Thursday to be very quiet - there seems to be no invitation in the office. I did get invited to go home with a young instructor - to some place in Indiana, but I had to decline for I had already made arrangements to spend Friday & Saturday in Cleveland. There are math meetings there those days and since one of our professors is giving an invited address I thought it the better part of policy to go - though the program looks rather uninteresting. We shall have an transportation paid so it won't be an expensive trip - only one night out - we leave here at dawn Friday and get back Saturday evening - if there is no storm - I shant go if it storms.

The rest of the tale is shortly told - classes, blue books & study - I am often at the office until eleven at night - last night until nearly twelve. Still very beautiful weather. Hope you are both well and rested from your trip to New York, and that you will have a happy Thanksgiving - wish I could be with you. Ever so much love
George.

Nov. 21, 1938

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

Dear George-

So much to see to since our return it has been hard to get time to catch up on letter writing. Yesterday I wrote a long letter to Ma in reply to one received Saturday. She did not say how she was feeling but did say she will not be home at all this winter - this was only another disappointment but I do not blame her for wanting to go to Richmond to the meeting Christina is going with her.

The weather is beautiful to-day and was all last week except Sat. when it rained very hard all day. To-day is very mild + we've shut off some of the radiators. This morning we've been clean-

ing the new stain windows for Jim room,
Luis room & Hall & now Pa is putting them in.
Maryetta cleaned your room again
Sat - I thought all the flies were gone - but
to-day the windows were full again - the
Sun is so warm. I took the new shades
down for I do not want them ruined
just yet. - This afternoon I have an
appointment with Dr. Gaudin to clean
my teeth - I dread going to a new dentist.
Dr. Bennett is still in hospital & Dr.
W. Gracie told us he had Cancer & can
not get well. Even if he does get home
again he will probably never practice
any more - I am so sorry.

Mrs Delpis stayed at Auntie's since
the 15th. I was down there Friday
evening and a few minutes yesterday.
Auntie is still very stiff but has
warmed up a little at times - she
has been here once in 5 weeks & has
called me up at all in that time. Do
you wonder I am heart sick at conditions?

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

This morning I talked to Mrs D. & she wants to have thanks given dinner with her folks - I told her I expected Auntie to come here but I feel almost certain she will refuse to do so. The new car - a Packard Coupe with 2 extra small seats is now in use - Mrs D has driven it for 4 or 5 days but yesterday was the first Auntie was out in it. She has not been at all well - doctor called again Friday & told her again not to go upstairs & to lie down most of the time but she refuses to obey him. Plans are made for a start South on next Monday Nov. 28 & for boat at Baltimore, Dec. 2nd. They will stop the night before at Mrs D's sister - near Phil. where Pat & I stayed one night last Nov.

Wilbur + Jessie went north again last
Friday & returned last night - they
had 6 in. snow there Saturday. I
have visited them here for Thanksgiving
though I do not feel like any too
much work. I was just perfectly
O.K. while away last week and did
not have a bit of head trouble till I
got back home - it is just thinking
all the time and I can't seem to help
it. We had a very pleasant time
at Grace's. Aunt Doll is same as
always working continually. Kate
is not very well - limps, for our leg
has not recovered from the stroke
she had most a year ago. She also
has diabetes - uses saccharine + eats
everything else sweet - against doctor's
Mildred has greatly improved and has
more initiative. Grace is as philosophical
as ever and that's what keeps her going.

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

On Sunday Mr. Van Schaack & I went
down to Kingston - West to Ashbury Park -
to see Marcella. It was a wild drive for
we were on the Sky drive where there
was a continuous procession of 6 rows
of cars - 3 each way - more at night
coming home - most traffic we were
ever in. Marcella has a nice
home, husband & two baby boys.
We did not see Ethel at all - She was
at home before we returned. Monday
Jan I made some calls. First to see
Charlie who was not home but we saw
his mother a few minutes. Then down to
see Dr. Beatty - we had such a nice visit
with him - he is now 75 - was 27 when he came
to H. tooken. Then 2 other calls on old
girl friends & a look at the house where I

was born & 3 others in which I lived.
Tuesday we spent in W. Called at
Frank's office but he was not there. Then
to Hotel Albert to see my sister Addie -
my took her to dinner & I talked all
the time. - (I got quite a kick out of it.)
At 2 we were in Marble Col. Church by
7th Ave & 29th St. to attend the 80th
Anniversary of our former Mission.
Space everywhere 5+ we had supper at
Child's 34th St. Did much shopping
at all the big stores & then to the evening
meeting. We did not take our car but
used the bus. Saw Rev. Shupe & wife &
some others we knew. Home on West. In
Sunday AM. we went to a Performance Ch in
Jacksons ave. The pastor graduated with E. in 1929.
I talked in phone to Jack Satter - now pastor of
the biggest Ref. Ch. in Jacksons ave.
2 weeks from now will be on our way to Buffalo
pleasely to do before then. I heard from E. that Supt's
engaged for visit so much. Sorry you cannot
be with us Thursday. Hope you have had day. How
is Constantine? Haven't heard from her in so long.
Love - Mother

247 Delta St.
East Lansing, Mich.
December 1, 1938.

Dear Mother & Father,

By record, it is only ten days since you wrote, but it seems a month. Now that Jim has been here since I last wrote I'll scratch a few moments to send you a line. It looked this morning as if I had time to do this next week than I could make an impression on, and then this afternoon I got an unexpected & unwanted invitation to play bridge tonight at Prof. Boker's - he is professor of statistics here - I wanted to refuse, but didn't dare. I had planned to go to Detroit Saturday if the weather were fine to do a bit of Xmas shopping, but I don't see how I can spare the time - I just started today to study a paper to present at the econometrics seminar next Tuesday - and it is still pretty much of a blank to me.

I was very glad to have such a full account of your trip to Leonia & New York. I wish I could have been there to go around Hoboken with you - I remember our going there in 1919, but

- the last time I was in Hoboken - three years ago -
• I couldn't pick out any landmarks you had
painted out then.

The trip to Cleveland was rather tiring, but
proved worthwhile. We left here at six Friday
morning and reached Cleveland a little after twelve.
The meetings were very pleasant and I know
several I knew when I was glad to see
again - one I had not seen since Harvard in
1935. An urban trip took us from Saturday
one o'clock till 8:30. We ran into quite a
bit of snow & some icy roads, though there
has been no snow here so far. It seemed
strange to go south into snow & north out
of it. I guess you have been having a
real winter by what I have seen in the
papers.

I hope Auntie got away on schedule & without
undue fuss. I am so glad Mrs. Deep is joining
with her - the latter is equal to the task.
I'm awfully sorry to hear about Dr. Bennett.

You write about Constance. She seems to be
quite well, except for having had a cold,
and as busy as only she seems to know how
to be - just now Xmas shopping which she
tries to get done by Thanksgiving. Three weeks
from tonight I shall be finishing marking exams
or getting ready to leave on the morrow. I look
anxiously to seeing her & to seeing you. Hope
you are well and that I shall hear from you
soon. With love of love, George.

Dec. 3/38

M. B. VAN SCHAACK
COXSACKIE, NEW YORK

Dear George -

Sorry my reply is so late but these days have been strenuous ones preparing to leave home for so long a period - 2 wks in winter & many odds & ends must be done. We are now on half end & will be glad to get away from the - Lucette & Lucette for a few days. Besides our work at home, pa has had numerous things to finish up with the his outside activities. Thursday night he was settled new office at Chinoak & last night at Loonenburg - he did it well both times. Auntie is still in town but I guess it is settled now that they leave for N. Y. Thursday & sail Friday for Jacksonville.

William has agreed to drive them to Mt.
I don't remember whether I wrote you
since thanks giving or not - so may
be I'll be repeating. Some time I'll tell
you of the session I had at 10 Wash.
on the 22nd when I went to invite Annie
to come here for thanks giving & she made
all kinds of excuses & said she would stay
in bed all day & let Mrs. Delp go home. I came
home quite - leaves leaked but well. My
she came here in a merry mood & said
she'd come. Mrs. D brought her at 11 &
came for her at 4.30. But the snow
storm was severe & pa took them home
at 8 o'clock. W. did not get her for
dinner until we were thro - we waited
till 2 o'clock & he came 3.30. He
had to go right back & did not get her
again. I & Bessie were here till night.

M. B. VAN SCHAACK
COXSACKIE, NEW YORK

Auntie has been annoyed that the
milk over took her but is a good sport
about it - of course, it was no body's fault
but her own that she is not in F. now.

The snow is still here for it melts
slowly but roads are good. It took the
combined arguments of Van Schaacks
& Selps to keep them from starting off
to drive thro N. Y. & Penn when re-
ports were full of icy roads all
the way.

To-day is cloudy & cold with a
strong south wind. The Popets-
le are on the Empire State 11.41 '44.
Sunday evening in B. 4.45 - We
meant to get Mr. S. takes us to Albany

but he cannot read. The bus station
is so far from R.R. in Albany & the
train from Carl is so early that it is
not very convenient - either way.

I wonder how you managed
on your trip - maybe you did not go.
Had a large box from Maup's with
card from Gus & Lois Laine. It was not
marked "do not open" but I did not see
contents - receiving till Christmas.
But will say now Mamma Mary Knapp.
I could not read little for I am very
blind to me - for all so feeble.
But Pa does need shirts - especially
white as he has only 2 good ones - the
size marked on his feet is 15-33
Now I must see about dinner - Will
write from B. Hope all is ok. - Tell
me just when you plan to be here. Much love
Mother.

Dec. 7, 1938

M. B. VAN SCHAACK
COXSACKIE, NEW YORK

Dear George - I had to spend two. getting water out
after the rush of the previous few days. We had a very
fairy morning to get started - W. came for us to get
us to bus at 9.30 - we had to have a taxi in Albany to get
to depot & then waiting one hour for the Empire State.
The trip out would have been tedious if it had not
been cloudy all the way with dense fog & rain from
Albany west to Utica. We had our first experience
of a dining car - perhaps our last. H. could not
meet us till we came easily on bus from depot to
the corner bus. They have a nice first class and
so much more room for about same cost.
This AM. I had a card from Mrs. Delp written on
board "Cherokee" Clyde boat N.Y. just before they
sailed yesterday. Wilbur drove them down river
lay in fog & rain & stay to see them safely on
boat. For sure Mrs. D. is experiencing sea sickness.
I thought when I got here I'd feel better but my
nerves have been so shattered I will take
some time to get normal again. Perhaps next
week will get me initiated in certain new
projects & meeting many old acquaintances
that my mind will be taken of the

recent trying experiences - at times, I feel as if I will never be the same again. We stopped in Sunday after church today for the 15th minute & Mrs D.V.P. The latter said she was all hollow inside, rather dreading the plunge into the unknown. Amie looked awful but put on a brave front - I don't know whether it was her physical or mental condition that effected her looks. Dr. Gray will go the way & she may not get to Florida etc. - most any thing can happen now as her liver is so enlarged & draining out the heart. I have not done any Christmas shopping but hope to get it done here & in James' town. I will not be let down respect to as far as will and means to rest a good deal as I did last year. You have not said when you'll be home - let me know so I can be ready for you but it will not make any difference when you come. I'd like to have you for Christmas & my all the time but know you must be in N.Y. some. It is my hard to write here for Maggie talks all the time. I have done nothing since breakfast & it is now noon now so I'll have to get ready before dinner so we can leave directly after. Please tell Cousin I'll write to her as soon as I can. Was very glad to hear about Will's love with Cleland. Love Mother.





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Dr. Geo. B. Van Sledright,
247 Delta St.,
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Dec 19/38

Dear George -
This is the shopping day.
We have been doing 3
times - hard to shop with. We
cloudy & rain all week. Can't
see in Mrs D from Charleston - she
was sick Auntie very sorry.
We leave here at 5 Monday going
by bus to Jamestown - no train service.
Hope to hear from you next week
Love Mother

247 Delta St.
East Lansing, Mich.
December 11, 1938.

Dear Mother,

I reckon I know where you are at the moment, - just getting home from church. But I don't know where you and father are to be after today - when do the meetings at Jameslocom begin? So I'm afraid this letter may not reach you by your birthday as I intended it should - it would have reached you earlier had I not been disappointed by a cold these last few days.

But early or late it brings you my fondest greetings for the day, which I hope will be very happy and with the promise of many happy ones to follow. Especially I hope that by Tuesday you will have begun to forget the events & trials of the past few weeks. I'm distressed that you take all of that so hard. I can realize your being saddened by auntie's condition & behavior, but I don't think you should be overwhelmed by it - in a large sense she is not responsible and yet I think you try to load

be responsible. I do wish you'd try not to, for I don't like to see you wear yourself out so fruitlessly. So please make a birthday resolution to stop worrying about it!

My cold came along Wednesday out of a clear sky. I stayed in Thursday after lunch, but had to be out again on Friday. Yesterday I didn't go out at all - I had lots of fruit to eat, Mrs. Jewison gave me some coffee, tea & cookies, and John Hill brought me some sandwiches & milk. It is a beautiful day today and I think I shall go out about two for some dinner and then stay in the rest of the day. It would be a nuisance to be sick these last two weeks for they are so busy and the whole staff is crowded with work. But I don't think I shall be sick - I have raised my cold from throat to head - less comfortable, but safer.

The vacation is going to be quite miserably short. I shall be able to get away from here until Friday afternoon the 23rd, reaching New York the next morning - and I must be back by noon of Tuesday, the 3rd, which means leaving New York on the 2nd. I want, of course, to get home, and shall, but not for as long as either you or I would wish. I know that both of you realize that Constance & I should have the major part of these few days for ourselves and that we should

and them together in New York. So we are
planning to come to you during the middle
of the week. If that will be alright - probably
coming on Thursday and leaving on Saturday.
I dread cutting our time with you so short,
but I see no other way with so very few
days to parcel out. I know how disappointed
you will be, but I know too that you will
understand.

I'm sorry that Eva won't be able to get
home, for it would be good for both you
& her if she could. However I think it is wiser
for her to go to the meetings - it is one of the
best chances for making contacts, and she
may run into something. I am only con-
cerned that she shouldn't be too dis-
appointed - these meetings can be very de-
pressing when one is looking for a job. I'm
glad that she won't be going alone.

Now I must get changed & dressed to go out.
The sun is shining brightly and the temperature
45° so I think it is quite safe. - I'm glad
you have both been able to get away for
these two weeks and hope that the change
of scene & pace will do you much good. Again
with all best wishes for Tuesday, and with
much love to you both.

Grays.

Best wishes to H.M. - if you are still with them.

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Dear A. I had to get your
today - We reached here at 6:30
nearly located in this hotel
which is Lead quitters. Letter
to day home. St. Pet. Mrs. D.
they are located same place
as last year - pretty but out
after long ride on F. I am
staying in to rest write to night
filling up. Hope you are all
better. We will be here till Jan
Face with 2 qualls - not too close.

Dr. G. B. Van Schaack
247 Delta Road,
East Lansing,
Mich.

Dec. 19/38

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

Dear George -
Home again safely. We
left James town Friday at 4.30 P.M.
driving with Mr. & Mrs. Brougham to Buff-
falo reaching there 7.15 - staid with
H & M over night & took train Sat. AM.
Train was very late so we did not get into
Albany till 5 P.M. - Had a fine night in
a De Luxe Coach - found the rest
of delegation from Eastern N. Y. by
walking back thro train & cars
of all descriptions. Had a very nice
vacation and at little expense - as
the Grange check covered all but
a few cents of actual expense of
travel, food & hotel.

We had fine accommodations in a
modern hotel, and I made good use
of the room by frequently spending
an hour or more there to rest. This we
were right in business section, and from
was quiet as the grave. I was able to
do a little Christmas shopping but
had to limit my purchases to small
articles as we were overloaded with buy-
ings. Found a stack of mail which
had been trying to attract some that
needed attention. Also a package from
Maui - I opened it & found it is for
pa Heme & Co. - I will put under the
tree if pa gets time to get home. To-day we
are going to Haleakala as pa must install
there to-night. We drive out after lunch
& return to-morrow morning. Pa will not
be needed from now on as he caught up on
his work here before we left. I must install
at Jewett next week probably on Wed. afternoon.
Had all cooking furnished & finished home.
much love - Mother.

4312-47th sheet
R. D. C., N. Y.
December 27, 1938.

Dear Mother & Father,

I'm just dashing off to
have lunch with Dr. Fockel,
so this must be only a note
to tell you when we shall
reach you. I got the time-
table last night and found
the train service somewhat
curtailed! No fast trains on
week days. So we shall come
on the train which reaches
Catskill in the afternoon -
2:54 I think it is. We shall
not have had lunch, but

you want, if cause, wait
dinner for us. We shall have
a heavy breakfast - and then
often we want you will just
eat anything that seems
necessary to fill in till
supper - don't make anything
special.

Were very glad to have
your letter on Saturday, and
to hear you were going to
Milburns for Linn. You didn't
say anything about Mr. M.
as I reckon they weren't with
you. My train can see an hour
in Buffalo Friday night but I
didn't dare get out to call them
up.

Now I must run. We are anxiously
looking forward to seeing you.
Much love from us both. Robert.

Catsackie, N.Y.

Dear George.

Jan. 5, 1939

Pa has just left for Albany to attend a dinner and meeting at the Mitt Clinton Hotel as a guest of the Grange Mutual Liability Co. He expected Floyd Miller to go with him, but old Mr. Miller is very ill with pneumonia so Floyd could not go. We are having very disagreeable weather. We washed yesterday but it was so cold the clothes froze and blew off and made extra work. The sun has not shown in 3 days and it looks & feels like snow. Monday was fair and mild. At night we drove to Scutt for the installation taking 3 Grangers with us to assist. It was moonlight and roads like summer except part of Middle Mt. Mt. that was well sanded. Sunday was beautiful and made a good start as far as weather for the New Year.

Was very glad to get your card yester-
day from Detroit and trust
you reached E. Lansing safely
and not too late. Heard yester-
day that Jimmy Marsh had plenty
of trouble with snow and east
of Utica, too.

I hope you are feeling real
well and will keep so all
winter. It was nice to have you
and Constance here but I was
very lonely after you left. You are
probably so they busy you do not
have a chance to get very com-
some but I do hope you will
both feel you can have a dif-
ferent mode of living soon.

I am sorry we cannot go to
see "Four Boys" tonight but this
is the week of prayer and to-
night the only service held, so
we felt we must attend. Per-
haps we can see it some
other time. We meant to listen
to the President's address yesterday

but forgot it till too late. We were
both tired after the Washington
took the noon hour to rest. I
do not know whether I strained
my back or took cold when I
walked to mail box but I was
quite suppled up last night.
I thought I'd have to see Dr.
to-day but pa. gave me several
good rubs with arborescent
I am quite O.K. again - have
been raining some this AM.
Had a card from Eva - just
a few lines after her returning
she said Saturday night - I do
not know if she remained in
Richmond till Saturday. She
saw Dr. Couch - thinks he will
help her - I hope so. Have
heard nothing from Buffalo
since you were here - 2 cards

From "Safe in St. Petersburg" They
seem to be wated out and right
in the pit now & right since etc.
Now I'm going to the Mail box
So this can get on its way to say.
I try to get that for every day for
the airing and exercise and
Bob likes to go with me. He
hurt his foot on the ice one
day and it bled a good deal
and then he was quite lame;
seems to be better now and
the cut is healing.

Drop a card if you are
reached for time and try to
get in plenty of rest for the
good of your health. We have
cleared all the greens out of liv-
ing room and are settling down
now for a peaceful winter - folks
done lots of plading already.
Much love, Mother.

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

Jan. 12/39

Dear George -

I have just a few minutes before dinner - Pa is going to the woods to see about the sawing - he has had a lot cut lately. We expect to leave for Syracuse to-morrow AM. to be gone till Saturday night as we were last year. Weather is beautiful & roads like summer but we will go on train for can't tell what weather Sat. may bring. - All aff. love - Lavinia heard about your arrival

but had a nice letter from Cous
Stance this week.

Monday evening, I spent
at Melbri's playing Monopoly
Whitepa went to Grange. Next
evening we went to a G. meet.
at Patten's Hollow - a new Grange
in Albany County.

I am O.K. but my head
does not let up all the time -
it is fierce by spells but never
when I'm away from the house.
Very strange. I hope you are O.K.
& we'll hear from you soon. We
will be located at Ellipton Inn
till after dinner Sat. Much love
Mother.

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JAN 14 1939
N. Y.

Dr. George B. Vasey Schenck
247 Delco St.,
East Lansing,
Mich.

Dear George,
I was glad to get your card
just after reaching Ketter & yours.
The picture must be familiar
and bring back some pleasant
memories. The hotel is changed
now - nice lobby where I am
writing - We slept on 6th floor -
just had breakfast ready for
morning - We had nice group
coming in again - only it was long
drive had to take local but will
go home after this afternoon. See
Lane - Boston. ^{the} ^{headache}

THIS SIDE OF CARD IS FOR ADDRESS



Dr. George B. Van Schaack
247 Delta St.,
East Lansing,
Mich.

Catskill, N.Y.

Jan 15, 1939

Dear

We all safe at
home again, and I felt
sure I'd like to know
took 2:10 train yesterday
& had supper at "U" in
Albany at 5:30. Not glad
to have our car here to
drive down in - some snow
but roads not bad. We
had a fine time and are
feeling at. with many
pleasant things to think
about. Will probably stay
home for a while now tho
I'd like to get N.Y. for the
23rd but think it will
not be nice this time. Hope
you are feeling very well.
Love, Mother.

January 19, 1939

Dear Mother & Father

I hope you've not been worrying about me because you haven't heard from me in rather some time. He's been glad to have your two cards & you took this last week and to hear what you've been doing. I hadn't realized you were to go to Syracuse so soon so was surprised when I heard that you had gone. I'm glad you had such a nice time and that you didn't go in the car.

Life with me is so much the same from day to day that there's little in need to write about. I was about to say I hadn't been out of East Lansing since I returned - but I have come - though not at all to Lansing. A week ago last night five of us drove down to Ann Arbor to attend a math meeting at the University. The department head was along, and very graciously treated us all to dinner - a very good dinner in the dining room of the women's union down there. I suppose he did it because he can't near entertain us in his home here - his wife is not well enough to entertain. The meeting was very pleasant - one of my

classmate at Harvard was there, and I met several others. The meeting was held in the new graduate building - a building given over wholly to lounging & conference rooms for the graduate students. A most beautiful & luxurious building - it cost 2 million - certainly an unwise expenditure of money when academic needs are so great, but a fine thing of its kind.

I work continually, often till 10:30 or eleven at night, and frequently don't get back to my room from bed till bed. Have taken only two nights off this term - Saturday to listen to Toscanini - and then after ten o'clock. But I get my eight hours sleep and keep feeling very well. Most of my classes come at 1, 2 and 4 in the afternoon, though I have three eight o'clocks on Monday, Wednesday & Friday - which get me up early.

We have had no very severe weather yet - just recently a fall of about four inches of snow. A week ago Saturday it was such a fine day that Jake & I went out for eighteen holes of golf - I drove out while they were there & walked around the course for the exercise.

I'm very sorry, Mother, to hear that you are having so much trouble with your head. It does seem very strange. Have you ever considered the possibility that it is an allergy?

If you never have the trouble away from home, and nearly always have it while you are home it seems to me that a good first guess is allergy. Does the pain go away when you are away from the house for even a few hours? I can't guess what it could be that would be so special to that particular house - dogs & cats are frequent causes of allergy, but you run into them elsewhere. I really think you ought to try seeing a specialist on allergy. It just occurs to me now that it could be the drinking water - why not try drinking water from Millburn for a while - though of course it might be that even the water used in cooking might affect you.

I must run along to dinner. I doubt I've written you my explicit thank for our two days at home. I was very glad to have them and very sorry they were only two - I hope that when the summer comes we can come for an extended time. Much love to you both and the hope that you'll both keep well and not work too hard. George.