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THIS SIDE OF CARD IS FOR ADDRESS

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

Capecharlie N.Y.

Jan. 27/39

Dear George -

We are enjoying  
a spell of fine weather -  
but Sun shines and here but  
we know but few lights & words.  
Days seem to pass rapidly.  
We spend evenings usually  
reading & listening to radio.  
I had a few rocks dug but  
am getting better - Went out  
to a tea yesterday and am  
now ready 10.30 to go to a  
Luncheon at Kalkoakie.  
Was very glad to get your  
nice letter but hope you are  
spending too many hours  
on the job - hope to get some  
from Mr. Pulbreck last Sunday.  
Everything at 9 miles a card  
when you can. Love Mother.

Colts Neck, N.J.

Feb. 2, 1939

Dear George -

I am wondering how you are faring during this stormy spell. I heard our radio on Monday that conditions were very bad in Mich. - I hope you have had no trouble. I started here Sunday afternoon and returned by special the next day, about 10 or 12 inches but that is not as much as we had in Mich. The landscape has been beautiful but then on the very low - around zero every morning. Tuesday was clear sunny and we washed but dried most of clothes on porch or in house. Wednesday & today have been cloudy & raw with south wind. Pa went to Albany yesterday and with Mr. Brougham to attend a

Conservation meeting in Hotel Ten  
Eye. There was a session last  
night, two, & also to-day, so he did  
not come here yet - I expect  
been very busy. I went to  
Melvin for supper & stayed until  
11 AM. this morning. He did  
not want to go but was expected to  
as he is again for Penn Comm.  
Chr. - expenses paid & H. J. J. J.  
which is not to be sneezed at  
when every dollar counts.

I had quite a time figuring  
up our yearly accounts and  
we decided there was no place  
to make any cut as long as  
we live here for the upkeep  
and overhead expenses must  
be met.

Harvey & Fannie Presnell  
started for Florida yesterday -  
they had 2 passengers for Ch.  
Orlando & <sup>out</sup> going to see Auntie

They plan to be gone a month.  
I have been feeling better but must  
keep taking the nerve tablets or  
my head starts in again.

Saturday we went to Cahoonville  
did a little shopping & made  
some calls. We were persuaded to  
stay to supper at Penhams  
spend the evening playing  
James. Have you played  
Chinese Checkers? It seems to  
be a new rage just now. It  
is good but I prefer Monopoly  
only so few other folks like that.  
We played that last night at  
Wilbur's - Bessie is very good at  
it. Saturday she has a birth-  
day party & has invited me - I  
wonder if I can stand the party.  
Miss Crowley is staying here now  
for the winter.

We heard Hitler's speech on  
Monday - he surely is sore on  
the U. S. especially Ike  
and Roosevelt. I heard  
just my radio news last  
night about President & Con-  
gress to realize they are hav-  
ing some interesting times.  
Well, I can't help either way  
and we need to worry about  
what might happen - but it  
does look as if there must  
be war in Europe before long.  
I haven't had to sleep since  
yet tho it is now 4 P.M. - I  
don't care to trade this the sun  
to face this awful South wind.  
Hope Pa will be here soon. We  
expect to see Supper in Chapel  
at 6. Hope to hear from you soon  
a trust you keep well & don't take  
cold or work too many hours.  
Love, Walter

February 15, 1939.

Dear Mother & Father,

I simply cannot let another day pass without writing you. Your own letters seem so far apart that I'm afraid the length of time between mine is having some effect on yours. I wish you did write more often for I miss hearing from you. And I wish I could write more often - but my life is very full these days, almost all routine. There seems to be no end to the work which must be done for the college - and when that can be put aside for a few hours I feel constrained to try to do some studying on my own. Just now, for the last week or two days, the matter is complicated by my eyes, which are behaving quite as they did a year ago - burning and aching so that I am dreadfully slowed up.

a vacation - for finding some time to study I simply cannot afford to give that much to the college.

I took last Saturday off to go down to Ann Arbor with Matt. He is taking a leave down there this June and was going down to see the professor under whom he is working. I had hoped to be able to get in the week library but found it closed. Still, despite that disappointment, I had a good time. We were invited out to dinner - quite a treat to sit down to a table-cloth - and afterwards were taken to a magician show - which I thoroughly enjoyed. Do you remember the first one I saw - Thurston's I think it was - at the Chaugqua - and how delighted I was? It is still all quite clear in my mind. If tomorrow is fair, and it promises to be, John & I shall drive down to Ann Arbor again - to the library, and afterwards to meet Matt and see a foreign movie 'Grand Illusion'.

I had hoped to be able to get along till spring vacation when I could go to Courtauld's artist in New York, where I believe I could get excellent work at a reduced price. But I am afraid I cannot wait. So tonight I have written to the artist I saw in Rochester last spring asking him to recommend someone out here or in Detroit. It will be more expensive, but I cannot afford waiting.

The situation with regard to next year seems to be clearing up. I have no formal notice so far of my reappointment, but both Mr. Plant & the dean have recently spoken to me and told me that I need have no fears about reappointment. You can imagine what a relief it is not to have to set out again to find a position. I have also been informed that I am down for summer school. That is against my wish, and I shall have to find some way of getting out of the situation gracefully. The work is harder than during regular term and the pay, at <sup>only half-rate</sup> ~~only~~ considering my need for

Such things don't come here - it will  
be the first manure I have seen since  
the holidays.

Apparently you had quite a storm  
two weeks ago. We had the largest of  
the winter - enough to make going bad  
and to cut in half the attendance at  
the annual Farmer's Meet. The expected  
attendance was 50,000. I thought of  
you often during that week and wished  
you could be here. I have a complete  
program which I have been wanting  
to send you.

I was glad to hear that the nerve  
tablets had helped you, Madhu. I  
hope their good effect is remaining  
with you.

You asked about Chinese Checkers - they  
do seem to be the rage just now - the  
Creighton's had some at Christmas time  
but I got a chance to play only a half  
game - it looked interesting.

Now I must stop - write a note to  
Coushama - she has had the flu but  
is better again - and then get to bed. Should  
have to get up tomorrow night 8:30.  
Must love to you both and hope of word  
from you. Please.

Feb. 16, 1939

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

Dear George-

I have just written to H.H. and think I have time to get this finished before noon. Dinner is cooking & we want to eat early before we go out. It is a beautiful day overhead but very cold & windy. Yesterday we had a big rain and at noon a real thunder shower and most of the day a thick fog too. We thought the snow would all disappear but it has not and another light snow fell last night. We are not even expecting just as present and have really been home most of the time since I last wrote. Pa went to Grange Sunday night & I staid at Milnes till he returned about 10.15

Last night W. & J. took Mrs. Crowley to  
the Memorial Hospital, Catchill.  
She ought to have gone before but Dr.  
Van has been ill & Dr. C. made had  
more to do than he could do - there is a  
great deal of illness in town but I  
guess nothing very serious - the  
scarlet fever has been light and I  
haven't heard of any new cases  
recently. Mrs. C. has improved yet  
due to her condition - she thinks  
she is getting better but Dr. says her  
condition is very serious. I'm glad  
she is in hospital for J. & W. have  
been worried about her & could  
not attend to her as she needs.

This week we received a half bu.  
fruit from Florida - the grapefruit  
about 8 - are very good - much better than

P.S. My head behaves better most of time but some days I  
can't seem to control it - Take medicine regularly along  
with the Montrose then will see me again.

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The last lot - haven't tried the oranges  
yet - oh yes - for did use a couple for  
breakfast with some apple juice. The  
tangerines were few (about 8) small and  
partly squashed. Guess Auntie &  
Mrs. D. are making the usual rounds  
of sight seeing & miltzup. Had a card  
from Fannie Jenn Delaudy - she  
met Mr. Dumont in the park here  
They did not go to St. Peterburg as H.  
is having some fast trouble - they  
start for home next Saturday, this wk.

Oh I am interested in reading Miss  
Malin's new book "Reaching for the  
Stars" - it is a serial in Atlantic and  
will soon be in book form. She is a very

Clear written and exposes minutely all  
the dreadful things being done since  
1934 by Hitler's reign. I would be  
afraid of my life if I were she - I don't  
know whether she is now in America  
or England - her husband is English. They  
were in Germany while he studied  
medicine after returning from a Gov. position  
in Chile. I am also reading "How  
"Listen the Wind" - just started it.  
Pa is working on the modern pieces in the  
car - he has ten ready for me. We are  
planning on a few necessary repairs.  
This spring but nothing extensive. Check  
(550) are ordered for Mar. 13 - then the  
business begins. I must not forget to  
thank you for your nice Valentine - it means  
a great deal to me - I'm sure we are too.  
Had a nice letter from Constance  
yesterday. Now I must see about dinner  
hope you are really well & trying not  
to overdo. Much love  
Minnie

Fanny called me in the last  
Thursday - they (Pinedells) are  
now on way home. Feb. 21/39  
Catskill, N. Y.

Dear George -

I did not intend my letters  
to be so far apart and will try to write  
at least once a week if only a postal.  
I can imagine how much you want  
to get letters from home - my heart  
aches for you at times because you are  
so far away and alone too. I am  
concerned too about your eyes and  
fear you have been using them  
too much at night. You must try  
to spare them more even if you get  
new glasses - I hope by now you have  
found a reliable place to go. If  
you cannot get time to write letters,  
drop a postal occasionally. It  
is a relief I'm sure to feel you will  
not have to move again next year  
and I hope you'll soon get  
a definite appointment. Wilbur  
was here to-day & he has a hard pull  
for business is not brisk at all.  
It would be foolish for several reasons

For you to teach in summer school mainly because you need rest and change after so strenuous a year.

I was glad to hear of your trip to Ann Arbor - yes, I will remember Thurston's show at the Chautauqua.

While in Jamestown we saw a very good magician perform & I'll never cease wondering how he did most of the acts & particularly the one he asked me to have a part in. Pa saw another very good one at one of the evening meetings that I did not attend.

The paper about Fannie's week came yesterday - thanks - Pa was pleased to get it & I looked all thro' it, too, tho' I do not appreciate such things as much as he does. We heard Ned Mead's Faber talk from Des Moines at

the Farm with celebration there - Pa says it was the same he gave at East Lansing. He is very smart but Pa does not always agree with him.

To-morrow we plan to celebrate the holiday by going to the movies in Leetsville, if I feel well enough. Huckelberry Finn is on there with Michie Rooney playing - We saw him at Jamestown in "But West with the Hardies" - that was one of the best shows I ever saw. Best and Cleaver I ever saw.

This has been a very mild week with one very rainy day so altogether the beautiful blanket of white snow that has covered the landscape for 3 weeks is about faded away. Sunday was the rainy

day (I forgot this is only Tues I thought  
for a moment it was the last of  
the week) -

Yesterday morning there  
were 14 dead moles across in a  
row on back slip - 5 more  
this AM - Cat keeps busy all  
night, I guess. Pa has cleaned  
out the rats entirely with poison.

I went to see Doctor this  
afternoon as my medicine  
was all gone - He gave me  
an examination and also  
a bottle of tonic. My head  
has not been so good for  
several days but I was sav-  
ing on the pills.

This morn 8.30 - we always  
listen to "Information please" on  
Tues. evenings - did you ever hear  
it? I think you could make some  
cash out of it if you'd try. Harold  
told us about it first - Station WJZ.  
Much love from us both - Mother.

Sometime when you  
write send the  
date of Carl's  
birthday.

22nd Dec. Snow to-day

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March 1/39

Dear George-

I have been thinking of you all day - perhaps because I've been alone. I hope you have had your eyes taken care of and that you are otherwise well. I meant to write to Constance to-day but tho' I planned so many things, I haven't done a quarter of them. March has come in like a lion here and radio news tells of such big storms in West & New England. We had a very heavy rain Sunday all day and again yesterday, so the snows we are practically gone & it acts like Spring. Pa went to Delhi this am. with Mr. Brynham & one or two others to a "hulk" meeting. he left at 8 am. The whole milk business in this State has been upset by certain Court decisions and the farmers are on edge again. Of course

Pa is not personally interested but in his ca-  
pacity thought he ought to go if asked. He  
would not go to Syracuse Monday - that  
would have necessitated being away 2 da.  
and some expense. I am going to Welles  
to supper & Pa will be back some time this  
evening. Did not rest very good last  
night for I had to make up to-day and so  
did not get much accomplished. I  
had breakfast in bed for the 3<sup>rd</sup> time this  
winter & did not get up till 9. I am feeling  
better most of the time, but it seems a  
long pull to get back to normal. Pa  
has been unfortunate for 3 nights in not  
having that awful headache as he has had  
so frequently of late. This week he  
had a little more to say - this week he  
is having a lot of dental work done. Jimmie  
is having her teeth with her mother cau-  
them - mullin, dirt & that - the first night  
Mr. almost fainted, worry but I guess he is  
ok. Now about it. Mrs. C. feels just as they feel  
& they are very bad. I wish I could see  
is dead buried - poor girl had not much to live  
for. Now I must call it up - his 5 P.M. Done  
Mother.



THIS SIDE OF CARD IS FOR ADDRESS

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247 Delta St.,  
East Lansing,  
Mich.

Capeachin Me

Mar. 10/39

Dear George-

Glad to get your  
card yesterday also to hear  
your eyes have improved.  
Everything here as usual -  
we manage to keep family  
busy & late - either at home  
or abroad and also spend  
plenty of time in visiting.

The pictures of the Cam-  
pus are fine - guess we'll  
have to go out to see it all  
some time. Mrs. C. is im-  
proving but it is hard on J.  
Had some very cold weather  
this week & 3 or 4 in. snow  
yesterday. High snow, 7 mds.  
To-day is thawing but the  
landscape is very pretty look-  
ing. Will try to write a letter  
soon. Much love, Mother

March 12, 1939

Dear Mother & Father

At last I seem to be caught up enough to take a quiet hour to write you. But it is only a hell before the storm, for this week is the last of classes this term, and it will be a mad rush to get everything crammed into these last classes - the terms here are just too short <sup>in which</sup> to cover all the material that must be covered. Exams start a week from Tuesday, and that too is a mad rush. I shall not be finished grading papers until the following Saturday morning, so shall not reach New York until Sunday morning. Am distressed at the thought of

and lied over them. I suspect that a large part of the trouble was irritation from chalk dust. But when I got to New York I thought I shall have them looked at, just to make sure there is no unusual difficulty. My chief worry now is the flu - we are still in an epidemic of it which has raged for weeks - literally thousands in Lansing have had it - none fatally so far as I know. So far I have escaped it, though for the last week I have thought I was right on the edge. So last Monday I started drinking orange juice in quantity - two quarts a day for several days, and I'm still drinking a quart a day - I think it has saved me from getting the bug - of course I've been exposed to it - in fact, Mrs. Jewison has had the flu for weeks, just dragging herself about with no help - she's too cranky to have

coming east & not being able to see you. But the holiday is so short - I shall have to leave again at least by Sunday, perhaps by Saturday - that I cannot beat it in two this time. I know you'll realize that with such a brief time Constance & I should have it to ourselves - it will go so very fast at best. - I look forward to getting home early in the summer. He shall probably spend the middle of the summer at least right in New York - I want to do a considerable amount of reading in the Columbia library - but before I settle down to that I shall want a little vacation, part of which, at least, I'd like to have with you.

My eyes are much improved, enough so that they don't seriously interfere with my work. The improvement is the result of going to bed every night with cotton pads soaked in borax

anyone come & stay with her. She  
was so low for a while I thought  
it would be the end of her, but she  
seems now to be pulling out of it.  
To complicate the situation we have  
been having some rather hard  
weather - rain, sleet, wet snow.

Just now everything is covered with  
a liberal coating of ice - quite beauti-  
ful, but unhealthy.

It is ten days since I have heard  
from you - I hope you have both  
kept well - not only from the 'flu  
but from your respective 'head-  
troubles'. You spoke of Jessie's mother  
as if she were quite ill, but you  
weren't very definite. Is she finally  
succumbing to diabetes? How  
much better to have taken advantage  
all these years of what help she  
could have got. Do give Jessie  
my sympathy.

Does the enclosed clipping mean anything to either of you? Cousin Anne sent it to me. Mrs. Mathu was a friend of her mother's, and she can remember the Mathus visiting her family in Exeter. It would be rather strange if you had known her, wouldn't it.

I have been little or nowhere for a long time - though if it is fair weather on Saturday I shall be going down to Ann Arbor. On that day will occur the annual meeting of the Michigan chapter of the Math. Assn. of America at which three people from here will speak. - A week ago today I had a very interesting movie brought here by the "Foreign-Relations Club". It was called "From Tsar to Lenin" - and was a collection of news-reels, etc, cover-

to have to go through it. - You may remember my having spoken of two Russian twins whom I knew at Harwich - Samasloff, by name. Their father was a noted orientalist. I asked him (the above mentioned professor) if he had ever known Samasloff to which he replied 'Of course, well, - he lived in my native town, Kazan - and I remember the twins well as little boys - I last knew of them as messenger boys for the White Army'. How strange - of the eight or ten Russians I know here are three whom I've met at widely different times who knew each other twenty years ago in a city half way round the world.

I had a letter from Dancesd recently - the first in a long time. They have been living in Biarritz

during the period from 1912 to 1922. The pictures had been taken by all sorts of people from the Tsar himself down to ordinary news photographers. It was fascinating, indeed, to see all of that drama & tragedy taking place before one's eyes - the people involved seldom knew what was going on - all was quite natural. It was surely a time of trial & terror. I had with me a professor from Arm Arhan who had spoken here that afternoon. He himself is a Russian & had lived through it all, having left Russia, a fugitive, in 1922. He said afterwards that though it had been a terrible experience he was glad he had been through it (which is rather typically Russian) but that he would not like his child

all winter - a city on the west coast  
of France about seventy-five miles  
from the Spanish border. It was a  
wonderful winter, but they found  
a comfortable place to live in -  
looking out over the Atlantic. When  
he woke, early in February spring  
had come again, with blue skies  
warm breezes and flowers. He  
wishes that he had been improving  
all along, so that now he is again  
able to walk for two or three  
hours at a stretch, and to do almost  
as much work as formerly.

I must stop, write a note to  
Constance & then get to bed. You  
asked for the date of Constance's birth  
day - July 6th. - Yes, I have heard  
of 'Information Please' - and have  
heard our program - I am usually working  
at the office at that hour so haven't  
heard any others. It is very interesting  
it would be fun to submit questions -  
though I must be sure of getting them ac-  
cepted. Can you send some and best hope

Hope to hear from you soon. - George

Mar. 14/39

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Dear George

I meant to write before this but somehow I do not get at it. Frequently my head is dull when I want to write or the radio is going or there is one or more business letters or other clerical work to do. Today your letter came and it was good to have such a nice long one. We are glad to hear your eyes are improving - we could not understand the word signifying the stuff you put on cotton for your eyes - what was it?

It seems queer your vacation is so soon - I was thinking of it as the first week of Apr. I am glad you can come East and of course, would like to see you but understand why you think it is not possible. Wish we lived nearer W.P. might get a glimpse of you - but summer will come

quickly now & we'll be glad to have <sup>our camp</sup> ~~our~~ <sup>some</sup> ~~some~~.  
It is not always pleasant here in Spring. We  
have had some beautiful weather that  
the most was over, but this last week and  
has given us quantities of snow. It began  
Thursday - was fair Friday but started  
again Saturday afternoon & most of Sun-  
day with most zero, too. Yesterday was  
an awful day - it snowed & blew by  
turns till night but the snow was too  
heavy to blow very deep drifts. Pa was  
rather uneasy because he was to get  
550 little chicks to-day but he had  
the house all ready (been busy off & on  
at it for about a month) and warm with  
an extra stone in case of worse weather.  
Today was a beautiful sunny day &  
some milder, tho' cold enough. We started  
off at 9:10 this AM. to go over to Sugar  
Creek of Hudson, for the chicks. The  
river is still frozen over except the  
channel, so the ferries are not run-  
ning. We went over bridge and

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drove too far South & got lost. The roads were cleared out & we finally found the place after going 150 or 200 miles out of our way. But we had the ride. Reached home 12.30 Now there will be some business & expense for several months & here's hoping they will not get sick. We actually made about nothing on the White Chickens last year - even Nell's were so poor that Pa cancelled the balance of bill \$38 - that was quite a blow but we've weathered it.

Wonder if Eva has written you of her dental visits - tomorrow will be the 9<sup>th</sup> one but I think no extractions. Jessie's mother was in hospital only a week to get regulated to die.

and insulin. The foot was quite bad  
& we were all afraid of gangrene even  
Dr Van H. but it seems to have healed  
up almost entirely. She is at Jervis  
and I don't see how she can ever  
live along again for she depends on  
J. to use the insulin & regulate her needs.  
I hope you will stay clear of that flu  
epidemic - if orange juice will do it,  
that is good to know. It was quite bad  
here in Jan. & Feb. but I don't hear much  
about it. None of us has had even one  
little cold but we do not go out in crowds  
very often; however it is time enough yet,  
for last year I was taken in April - what  
a dreary time I had for so many weeks!  
At times, I feel quite discouraged & think  
my head trouble is about gone & then  
suddenly it returns but not as bad as  
it was. I had quite a nervous attack  
for nothing yesterday, & my head has

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been aching & dull ever since. Saturday  
day, Pa had to be in Cats Kill all day but I  
felt fine & was here alone with Bob till  
supper time - no one called not even on  
phone. In fact, have had three few callers  
this winter. If I were able, I would do  
some special entertaining & then how  
they would come! Well, I can't - not  
even plan ahead, for I never know  
whether I can carry out my plans.  
However, I'm usually at home if we plan to  
go away & I guess that's what we'll  
have to do more of next winter. This  
is getting to be too lonely a place for  
me in winter, for I do not get out much.  
The clipping you enclosed was the same  
as I cut out of M. J. Jones. How strange

Constance should know Grace Burroughs  
who was brought up in Catsackie this I  
never knew her. Her mother was a Lamp-  
mann before her marriage a sister of  
Rev. Lampmann, Levi's father. Grace's  
grandfather was Obadiah Lampmann -  
You must have heard grandpa talk of  
him. He kept a dry goods store down the  
Reed St. and his daughter (Grace's mother)  
had a millinery store shop in same place.  
When she died, her goods (stored at Elly farm)  
were sold at auction & pa bought a few  
things - one of them, the high hamper we use  
for clothes under the back stairs. I  
remember when Mrs G B Mathew came  
home from China to bring her two boys  
to attend school in this country. It  
was since Belle Cooper lived at Elly farm  
and Grace visited her cousin Levi over  
there. I have also seen letters she has  
written from China. Pa does not remem-  
ber her as a child but he well remembers  
her father's store down town.

P.S. Pa has painted bath room -  
had a good job - that's the 4  
beginning of the Spring cleaning.

MRS. M. B. VAN SCHAACK

ELMSHADE

COXSACKIE, NEW YORK

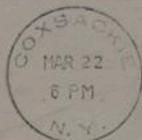
Your mention of the Russian Jews  
& the news reel was interesting espe-  
cially to Pa as he is reading now the  
book "British Agent" by Bruce Lockhart  
which deals with that period in  
Russia - Maybe you have read it.  
We have finished Nora Wallis' Story  
"Reaching for the Stars" - no wonder  
Hitler is forging right along to grab  
all Central Europe. I see this book  
is among the best sellers in all the  
large cities & it is well worth reading.  
We read it in Atlantic Monthly,  
Dec. this March.

I am glad to hear Mr. Incey  
is so much better - I wonder if he

encountered any of the Spanish  
loyalists - What a time there has  
been not only over there, but in 50  
many parts of the world. After all  
I'd rather be right here in this quiet  
place.

At odd times the last week, I have  
been preparing a paper on "Peace" for  
a meeting - It is a big subject and  
I feel I know very little about it.  
But have learned much in looking  
up information from various sources.  
Our radio is out of commission - W.  
brought down a small one which is  
better than none, so we cannot get  
all the program we like. W. will fix  
our radio? he gets time.

Auntie writes it is so hot, between 80°  
+ 90° - I wouldn't be surprised to see her  
home before long - Mrs. D. wants to come.  
Keep us posted if only by a card. Much love  
Mother.



THIS SIDE OF CARD IS FOR ADDRESS

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

Catsackill N.Y.

Mar. 22, 1939

Dear George-

Cannot write a letter now but will try to have one awaiting you on Sunday. Pleasly I cannot see yet but to-day is more Spring like. Numerous things seem to crowd us just now as is usual this time of year. Am a little concerned about Auntie as last news from the D. says she is not as well. Am wishing to hear more. Hope you are ok. all  
for now. Love  
Mother.

4312 - 47<sup>th</sup> Street  
Long Island City, N.Y.  
March 28, 1939.

Dear Mother,

Well, what a surprise to reach here and find that you had passed through here a few hours earlier on your way to Florida! I called Father on the phone last night - he had received your letter saying you had not been able to get a berth. You must have had an extremely long & tiring ride - two nights without getting to bed. I hope you didn't get so tired you will be with yourself. You ought to be able to get a good rest now - far more comfortable in the hospital there can't be very much that you'll have

last minute I learned of a train  
I could catch at Jackson Friday  
night. So I hustled through making  
the papers of my Friday afternoon  
exam and over ~~off~~ by 5:15, two  
friends driving me to Jackson, about  
forty miles south of Lansing. - The  
last week of term was very hectic  
and I was glad to get away. On the  
18th a group of us went down to  
Ann Arbor for week meetings. And  
after that it was a scramble to  
make out final exams, give them  
and grade the papers. And right in  
the middle, on Tuesday evening, Prof.  
Grave and his wife had a dinner  
party for all the parents-unattached  
members of the department. There were  
a couple of other guests, a Mr & Mrs.  
Dupree - the former of whom turned  
out to have been in Eos's class at  
Hope - of course one is always  
running into people from Hope and

to do - so get a lot of sleep and  
get out ~~at~~ a lot in that season.

Father wasn't very clear about  
anxiety condition - he spoke rather  
vaguely of her possibly getting some  
better, etc, of tumors, of cancer, and  
I don't know what. So I'm quite in  
the dark as to how she is. I hope  
she's not suffering, and that if she  
cannot get well you will be spared  
seeing her tongue. How very fortunate  
it is Mrs. Deerp who was with her -  
and fortunate now for you, for the  
two of you have so many things in com-  
mon. - Father seemed quite cheerful  
over the phone and said that he  
was managing as well as possible  
without you. Too bad that since  
you had to go he couldn't go with you,  
but of course he couldn't at this  
time of year.

I reached here Saturday noon, almost  
a day earlier than planned. At the

that way.

I found Cambridge quite well, the  
an spending as quiet a holiday as  
the many friends will let us - which  
isn't very quiet. Sunday we all -  
the sister & her family - drove over  
to Brooklyn to have tea with some  
friends. This afternoon we have tea  
with another friend in town, again  
tomorrow afternoon, and on Thursday  
we have two friends here to dinner  
and then to the theater with them.  
None of my own friends are in town  
for they all have their vacations  
at a different time.

Have just got the mail and find  
nothing from you. I reckon, of course,  
that you will not be returning until  
long after I have gone back again, but  
if you should I shall want to see you  
where you go through. I shall be leaving  
at 6:30 on Sunday evening. - Give  
me a very sympathetic - and ours for you.  
Please take it as easily as you can and  
don't get tired out. Much love from us  
back - and my regards to Mrs. Deep. George.



LAKE SCENE, ST. PETERSBURG, FLORIDA

Dear George.

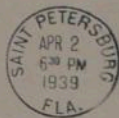
March 29, 1939

Perhaps you have written, but I have not heard from you in so long. I hope you are well and will have a good rest and a pleasant time with Constance this week. I sent you a card Sunday, maybe you did not get it till to-day - it seems to take mail so long to and yes, so I'll send this air mail as I have been sending to pa.

This is a hot summer day but this is a beautiful place. Mrs Delf has been washing down in the garage - there are 4 fine tourist apartments in this house, 4 rooms each with porch screened in and nicely furnished with everything necessary to keeping house. The people are all nice, but I have not had time to visit with them much. We are up stairs and a nice breeze is blowing in this window. This is the nicest apartment but I know it is not right for Auntie to be up stairs, but I say nothing. Monday we found her looking very bad and as weak as could be - she complained about noise from the other woman in same room, so with her consent, I had her put in a private room. To our surprise, Tuesday we found her back in the

First room (quite true to form) She said it was  
two noisy downstairs & nurses in prior - the other  
woman was gone. Auntie was much better in  
looks and talk than previous day, but she has  
a very large swelling yet on abdomen - doctor  
thinks it is gas - probably an adhesion in the  
intestines & it might be tumor or cancer. He  
will not x-ray for he says no matter what he  
found out, he could not operate on her at  
her age - it would be sure death. Some are  
just waiting from day to day for developments.  
I cannot remain here indefinitely on account  
of pa, but if she does not get worse & gains  
strength, doctor says we can take her home  
in train - another big problem.

This is last tourist week (thousands here yet) and  
every day is some special attraction - we plan  
to see the floats in parade today, all thursday  
night I had sort of a reaction and could not  
sleep, but felt all right in morning & slept very  
good last night - I am tanned already. I am  
so much better than I was all winter & happy to dis-  
card the pills & medicine - just take my phosphates.  
Mrs ~~or~~ I had a picnic saturday - left at 10.30 & drove  
24 miles to Clearwater to visit the Japanese garden -  
I feel as if I'd had a rash trip to Japan (did not see any war)  
The garden is an exact copy of those of well-to-do Japanese.  
Beautiful & rare trees, flowers & shrubs & also many that we  
see home in summer time - now his like July or Aug. Here.  
We ate lunch on an inlet of Gulf of Mexico, saw many white herons - as  
an allegator - had, used tea in Jap. tea house & drove home over part  
of the Florida Keys in sight of many beaches full of baggers - high waves  
to Hospital Blue sunset. Hope to hear from you. Love - Mother.



THIS SIDE OF CARD IS FOR ADDRESS

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

St. P. Apr. 2/39

Dear George-

Hope you arrived safe. - We may take Auntie home shortly after Easter if the Collyers get give - possibly April 12 - She had an Eray - Miss's growth but operation not advisable. The intestinal trouble has made it prominent - She does not know it yet. We are trying to make your plans - it is quite an undertaking - will have to ship auto + take Pullman car - some expense. Mrs. D. I'm very tired + nervous last night but feel better now. Have been relaxing on porch all morning - Now going out to buy our dinner - then for a drive along Gulf to that is the best of all. Love yours - I'll write again this week. Love Mother



THIS SIDE OF CARD IS FOR ADDRESS

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

Will  
please  
reply  
to  
this  
of P.M.  
St. Petersburg Fla.  
Apr. 4, 1939

Dear George -

Just a line to tell  
you we plan to leave here  
on the 8th Sat. A.M. Apr 8  
taking Auntie if she does not  
have a car back before then.  
She seemed strong for a while  
but is getting weaker & wants to get home.  
Dr. Day she can go now just  
as well as to Midway. - we  
can do no more & I think is  
anxious to get rid of the case.  
It has been some proposition  
for me to make arrange-  
ments - some that do not meet  
my approval but I can't help  
that - and I do trust to get home.  
Will probably take her to  
Dutchess Hospital. Mrs. Dr. Day  
going shopping - was on a lovely  
walk for a day a little while. Love  
Mother.

April 5, 1939.

Dear Mother,

I was very glad to get your two cards today - one remailed from New York, - and your letter last week. Strangely, the card you wrote of as having been mailed a week ago Sunday never showed up!

I'm glad to hear that Annie is making some progress. It will be so much easier for you if you can get her back home. But I can see that that will be a big undertaking. I wish one of us could be with you - but I'm sure Mrs.

oculist on Thursday. He gave me a very thorough examination - said there was nothing <sup>organically</sup> wrong with my eyes. He changed the prescription slightly, told me to go without my glasses as much as possible when not reading and gave me an eye wash. He could not determine the cause of the burning & stinging. It may be fatigue, or nearsightedness, which only rest can help - or it may be an allergy - I, when summer comes, rest doesn't help me I shall have to be tested for allergy. Since I have seen him my eyes have been somewhat better a large part of the time, but have also had pretty badly <sup>on</sup> two or three occasions.

Deep will be a very good record - and again I say I'm glad she's there with you.

I was glad at your news that you are feeling so much better, and that you are able to get about some & see the country. Do make an effort to be out as much as you can and get him up, for you may have a hard time ahead. Better not hurry home too soon while you have the chance at such good weather to be out of doors.

The holiday week passed very quickly, and here I am back at work. It was a rather gay week, with many engagements, but I managed to get a reasonable amount of rest. I saw Constance's

I left New York Sunday night -  
found snow in Liverpool, and  
was told it was snowing heavily  
in Ulster! But it was beautiful  
here on Monday morning. Spent  
most of Monday & yesterday keep-  
ing with registration & classes  
started today. This term I shall  
have no afternoon classes for  
the first time this year - have  
fourteen hours scattered over  
the week, including Saturday.

Now I must dash off to dinner,  
but shall write a card to Father  
first. I hope all is going as well  
as can be expected, and that  
you will continue to feel fine  
& get lots of rest. With much  
love and best wishes for Easter,  
George.

THIS SIDE OF CARD IS FOR ADDRESS



Jr. George B. Van Schoot,  
247 Delta St.,  
East Lansing,  
Mich.

Casachies Apr. 10/39

Dear George,

Home again -  
Went Frank son & wife  
us at M. depot & it was  
nice to have their help. No  
was there but owing to  
my misinforming I did  
not find as little after.  
Auntie stood by my wheel  
but was very wet. We left  
by in Catholic Hospital &  
pat & Dave going there now.  
I talked to Sam. This morn.  
he saw her last night after  
I left at 10 o'clock. Mary &  
H. were here over weekend  
but left yesterday afternoon.  
Eva goes on sun train to Wash.  
& rode to Balt. - What a  
surprise - she looks very well.  
I am ok. only tired but will  
rest up - you let me hear, I'll  
be calif. all ok. Love Mother

THIS SIDE OF CARD IS FOR ADDRESS



Dr. George B. Van Schaack  
East Lansing,  
Mich.

247 Delta St.

Apr 13/39

New Geo.

Acute is much  
more coming to a  
slight stroke today.  
She talks most diffi-  
culty just a few sentences.  
She is conscious and  
seems to understand the  
situation - is under the  
poor most of time. Has  
acute signs more &  
there is little hope of  
much improvement.  
Do not think she lived  
this last night but we  
found her in about same  
condition this AM - she smiled  
when she saw me. One teacher



THIS SIDE OF CARD IS FOR ADDRESS

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

Sat. Apr. 15/39

Dear Gus - Just came  
from hospital - Auntie  
a little brighter today  
but not able to talk  
much. She is comfort-  
able and well cared  
for - she seems to  
have her mind ok.  
and realizes what  
is coming. I am  
o.k. only nervously  
tired - taking some  
rest frequently. Love  
Mother

April 16, 1939

Dear Mother,

I was very glad to hear you had reached home last Sunday safely and without any unexpected difficulties. I'm sure you must have been very tired after the trip we are, for it must have been a real undertaking. I had expected you would arrange to have Mother meet you in New York, although you had not said so would. I'm glad Uncle Frank was there too, for you would have been upset by not having Mother on hand when you arrived. Surely, Eva gave you a very pleasant surprise. I had wondered if she would meet you train at Baltimore, but it never occurred to me that she would go to Washington & ride back with you. But I

course she would think of that. It was  
lucky she had time to go through both  
trains to find you.

I have thought if you need this  
week for I know you are having a very  
tough time, not knowing what will happen  
from day to day. And especially since  
yesterday when I got your card saying  
auntie was so much worse. I hope that  
if this is the end it may be mercifully  
short for both her and you. I know you  
are taking it all very heavily, but I'm  
glad you're home, for it would be  
much harder for you were you not there.  
I hope you are getting plenty of rest, for  
you must not get tired out.

Life here is quite the usual round. I  
work pretty much all the time. My eyes  
are some better, though I'm still using  
the basic acid pads at night. Our recent  
weather has been pretty bad - three  
heavy April snows within a week - very

beautiful & very temporary, but delaying  
spring. Thursday was a pretty good day  
and at five o'clock I went out for my first  
goof - the course is quite beautiful even  
now, and with the sun & the birds it was  
good to be on it. Of course I get a lot of  
exercise, for as a beginner I have to pace  
about four times as often as a seasoned  
player. I have managed to pick up a  
fairly good second hand outfit for ten  
dollars - that, with the small fee charged  
for playing, is no more than I think I  
should afford for recreation - I get very  
little sleep, and the exercise ought to  
do me much good.

I have been up since eight this morning,  
rather earlier than usual on Sundays. It  
is nearly noon & I will take this letter down-  
town now to make sure it goes today. Hope  
Father is well & not overworking at this  
busy season. Much love to you both and  
the best of courage during these days.  
George.

THIS SIDE OF CARD IS FOR ADDRESS



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

Capeachie W.V.  
Apr. 17/39

Dear George-

Auntie about same  
except some brighter and  
seems to realize everything.  
She has no pain now but is  
very tired and weak. H. M.  
had a chance to ride home  
Sat. & we met them at night in  
Albany. Sunday put both  
up to meet Kufolka & she went  
in to Regland Holtherrice as  
he had come. Auntie was  
so pleased to see H. it was  
the first she has smiled &  
seemed happy. She may con-  
tinue this way for some time.  
Very sincerely  
Grandpa. I am just neglecting  
everything so as to be able to  
go see her everyday. I rest well  
& feel physically. Love Auntie

April 18, 1939

Dear Mother,

Just a few lines to tell you that I'm thinking of you and sending you courage. Thank you for your card of Saturday. I'm sorry to hear you are so nervously tired though it's easy to realize why you are. I hope you will rest all you can. I wish I could be at home to help you. I was glad to hear Auntie is well - cared for and is comfortable - I hope they can keep her so.

When I wrote the date above I thought of how often you used to grade the lines, beginning - "Twice the eighth

of April in '75, etc'. So it is the 164th anniversary of Paul Revere's ride. I trust he had a better night for it than to-night - cold & rainy. Our spring is coming almost depressingly slow, but I think that regardless of the weather the buds will soon burst, they have been on the point of it so long.

I came in about a half hour ago after having been at the office nearly all day, and now I must get to bed. My eyes are quite a bit better some days but pretty bad others. I reckon I need more sleep and exercise - if only fine weather would come I could get the latter anyhow.

I hope Father is well and not working too hard. He must take it easier this spring. Must leave to you both, a good night.

George.



THIS SIDE OF CARD IS FOR ADDRESS

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

Catsackie, N.J.  
Apr. 22, 1939

Dear Geo.

Sorry I can't write you  
letter but I am kept quite busy.  
Mrs. D. was here yesterday to  
help me and Margaretta here  
to day. Going to hospital every  
day consumes much time and  
energy. I did get out last night  
to a church affair the first in  
over a month. Amittie gains  
in some ways but every day  
there seems to be a loss in some  
other way. At present she has  
a big appetite but gets thinner  
every day. Ned & Thersa she was  
quite mentally but clear  
last night most of time. Has  
had up a little walk in chair  
& clasp. Dr. Van Sienus is  
frustrated and we are all still  
in a maze for present. Margaretta  
has me pressed and cannot hope  
to get from. Was glad to get your  
letter - get the work as much as possible

April 24, 1939.

Dear Mother,

I was very glad to get your Saturday card today and to get the news of Auntie. I'm glad to hear she is doing as well as she seems to be. I'm enclosing a little check which I wish you would spend for some flowers, preferably a plant (I suggest *cimmarosa*), to give her from Constance & me. And give her my greetings & love.

I'm glad to hear that you are trying not to do any more work than you usually must and are resting a lot. Do keep to that schedule!

I'm sorry I've been remiss in writing this last week, but I've been very pre-occupied. I'm to speak tomorrow at the seminar and have been spending a great deal of time preparing for it. And now that we seem to

Have come spring at last, since Saturday,  
I've been trying to get some exercise - golf  
both Saturday & today. I'm not tired of  
playing it, but I'm very tired physically  
from playing it.

So this must be all I can write to-  
night. I hope Father is keeping well and  
that you'll both take the best care of  
yourselves. Lots of love,

George.

3.30 - Dr says Auntie is some  
better but one lung congested - we  
are going down now.

Apr. 26/39

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

Dear George -  
Sorry I cannot write to  
you often but duties seem to press  
and I have had considerable letters  
and cards to write. Glad to get  
yours to-day also one from Cous Anne  
yesterday. Thanks for check & I will  
try to carry out your wishes.

We are in quite a muddle now and  
again at a stand still. Auntie was  
improving & doctor agreed she could  
come home & be cared for by a do-  
mestic nurse. Mrs Deep was to stay  
here to help with house work for I  
am determined not to get run down  
again if I can possibly help it. We

had a woman coming to-day and  
expected to bring Auntie here this after-  
noon. Just before dinner doctor called  
up to say Auntie was worse, had a  
fever of 103° & Defeased Pneumonia.  
We are waiting for him to call again  
at 2 o'clock (now 1:30) With Mrs D's  
help & Sherman yesterday, we have  
worked there 3 days to make necessary  
changes here so Auntie & nurse could  
have our living room. It has been <sup>cleaned</sup>  
curtains washed & nurse's carpet put  
away up stairs & 2 beds put up - also  
rugs & chairs & dresser from 10 Wash.  
Everything set and it may all be for tonight.  
I did not get to hospital yesterday for  
first time - I was too tired - but we are  
going after we hear from Dr. I'll try to  
write a card to-morrow. Don't worry, we  
are doing our best & cannot help what the out-  
come may be. Love - Mother.

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MOTHER.

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April 28, 1939

Dear Mother,

Your letter and telegram came this morning and I found them this noon. I was not much surprised by either, for despite your reports of apparent progress it scarcely seemed possible that Auntie could fight off this attack in her so weakened condition. I trust that her last hours were without suffering and that she went while asleep.

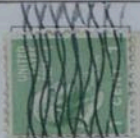
You know that you have my sympathy and that I would like to be with you. And I know that you have taken the end philosophically, for Auntie's recovery could have been only very temporary and have been followed by perhaps a more painful illness. I know that you

are upset and that you will be for a  
time. But you can have no regrets, for  
if ever a sister <sup>was</sup> treated with love &  
consideration, Auntie was so treated by  
you. I shall be thinking of you tenderly  
on Sunday and wishing that we might all  
be with you in body as we shall be in  
spirit.

With much love to you and to Father,  
George.



Swinging



247 Oak St. St.  
E. Lansing Mich.  
Dr. Geo. B. Hancock

~~1372-47 St.~~  
Lansing Mich.  
#17

St. Petersburg Fla.  
Mar. 3/3 1904

Has so far to get letters to day  
also one from Dr. W. H. Bennett looks  
much better yesterday was gaining a little  
strength but for first time was discouraged.  
She fears an operation but doctor would see  
he would not operate for any organ  
trouble at her age. The head nurse thinks  
she will pull this but it may be some  
time. I could leave for forever but cannot  
say how long I may have to stay here - we  
just live from day to day. We will go  
next week. Better get your books here - all  
are going to be packed & then call  
on Mrs. W. C. Colburn. Love to Mrs. C. Hester

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

May 4/39

Dear George-

Eva is preparing to leave  
on the 11 a.m. train - now I dread  
to see her go! she has been a great  
help to us all. Pa & Sherman have  
gone down to 10 Washington Ave to  
finish up - we have every thing  
sorted, and have brought some  
things here to be disposed of later.  
That is small things - the large things  
will come in a day or two. We did  
not have an auction but have given  
away much. It has been a very sad  
and depressing ordeal.

I feel like a bottle corked up

and occasionally the cork flies off  
but I clep it back on in a hurry.  
Last night I slept good for first  
time without taking a pill.

I wish you would tell me if  
you can, about what time in  
June your Cous have may be here.  
There is a rumor in the air for  
Mrs Delp & me to take a trip to  
Virginia soon and I want to plan  
so as to be home when you are here.  
Eva also means to be here a week  
or longer. If we can get ready,  
we hope to go this month but there  
are so many things to see to that first.  
I want to tell you how letters & those  
from Cous have been wonderful &  
helpful to me. I have much to tell you but  
can't write more now. Love Mother.

P.S. - flowers were  
lonely - thanks so  
much -

I did not like  
plant to Sarah as  
she was too ill to  
even notice one  
at that time. I  
have check fall  
shall I like  
to up or return  
to you?

I have so much  
to attend to now  
I so much as  
my mind I  
cannot write  
a decent letter.  
Hope you are  
all & eyes are  
better - love  
Mother

May 4, 1939

Dear Mother,

Eva's letter came yesterday, and I was so glad to have it, for I had wondered how the week had gone with you all. I was a little surprised at first to hear that Eva had come home, but on second thought realized that she would leave, - and I'm glad she did for I know it was a comfort to you to have her there.

I thought of you often on Sunday - it was very beautiful here, and I hoped that it was so at home, - as, according to Eva's account it was. It must have been a hard week-end for you. Eva wrote that you had stood the strain very well, which is reassuring. I hope that you will not have

any serious reaction. Rest as much as you can. I'm glad you had Mrs. Deely with you and urge you to keep her for a while yet until things become settled again.

Eva wrote of the will the provisions of which I learned with satisfaction. I am happy indeed that Auntie has left the major part to you, for of all her relatives you have certainly done most for her and been most to her. And I am happy too to learn of the bequest to Eva. Not only is it a rightful reward, but one so much needed. Poor girl, she waked of it with so much relief - it seems she has worried so much about the possibility of becoming sick or of dying and being thereby a burden on someone. Of course she ought not to feel that way - but of course she would. Now she can at least be free of that fear.

Eva wrote too of the possible job near Newark. I do hope that something may

came of it. I have a feeling that she would be much happier nervously working in a laboratory than teaching, and feel certain that had she the security of any job she would be better physically. She manages to keep her worries pretty much to herself, but they will show up in her physical condition.

My life goes on in very much the same way, except that since spring has come I am getting out of doors more or less often. We have had some glorious days and I have been out trying to learn golf. I have made definite progress, but am still pretty dumb. But of course the major item is the exercise, and that I do get. But I find it has to be combined with sufficient sleep for the best effect. My eyes are sometimes pretty good, sometimes bad. A week ago Tuesday I talked to the

Review again after a heavy ten-days of  
reading, which I reckon set me back some-  
what, - and now I am struggling with  
mid-term exams. Yesterday six of us  
drove down to Ann Arbor to hear the  
first of a series of talks on mathematics.  
I'd like to go down regularly, every other  
day, but doubt that I shall. It's just  
too long a journey - 120 miles in fact -  
last night I <sup>was</sup> simply dead and went  
straight to bed on getting back at nine.

Now I must write to Constance and  
then get out for some of this marvelous  
sun - rain is predicted for tomorrow  
and we may have had weather the rest  
of the week. Please take care of yourself  
and spare yourself all you can. Lots of  
love to Father & you.  
George.

May 9, 1939

Dear Mother & Father,

I was glad to hear from you on Friday and learn that you were getting on as well as possible with so much on your hands. I'm happy indeed over your plan, Mother, to take a trip with Mrs. Keefe. And I hope you'll get off as soon as you can. You must be in need of a change of scene & duty and the sooner you get it the more beneficial it will be.

Don't stick around until you begin to feel 'down'. As for your time of being away overlapping when Constance & I might come to Cambridge, I think there's no likelihood of it. Term doesn't close here until June 17th and it will be nearly if not quite the 25th before I get back to New York.

We have suddenly been thrust through

spring into summer. I have never seen  
time so compressed. The forsythia is  
still blooming and the lilacs already  
bursting. Almost all the trees burst  
into leaf at the same time and in the  
space of two days. It seems a shame  
to have spring pass so quickly.

I'm reminded that Mother's Day comes  
next Sunday. As usual, I'm late in thinking  
of it and so no time right now to get  
down town to buy you a present. So I'm  
sending another small check for you to  
add to the one you wrote of, so that  
when you find something you'd like to  
have that they will cover you way get  
it.

This is mid-term week - I've just finished  
making papers and tomorrow get another  
fill out which must be marked by Thursday,  
and grades made up by today. So now I  
must be off to bed in preparation. Write  
me soon that you're off on your trip.  
Must love for you both,  
George

May 20, 1939

Dear Maxter,

I'm sorry I didn't get any word to you at home before you set off on your trip. I'll send this off air mail & special so that it will be sure to reach you before you leave Baltimore - I hope - you didn't say how long you'd be there. And I'm not sure of the address after that. Is it Gala or Galax? I thought of you starting out this morning and hoped that you & Mrs. Debb were leaving as fine a day to start on as well we. And I hope that tonight you are safely in Philadelphia. I'm glad you're looking forward to being away at least two weeks.

I suggest that you make it even longer. Shall you be going to Mathiasburg? Perhaps you are planning to stop there on your way north from Carolina - I hope so for I think you would enjoy it a great deal.

There is singularly little in my life to write about. Things have developed to the point where every day is a struggle between my desire to work & my desire to play. We are having such very fine weather that it seems a shame not to take advantage of it, especially when I consider that this summer I shall be less able to be out of doors than usual. So for the past two weeks I have played rather much golf. Of late I seem to have been going backwards and have been rather annoyed at my game. So today I determined I'd not go out, but work instead. And so I have, putting in a very full day, - reading

all afternoon and taking care of a  
boat of course details this evening.

I wish you could see the campus now  
for it is at its loveliest - besides the  
countless beautiful trees there are hundreds  
of flowering shrubs all over the place - the  
air is fairly heavy with scent. And it is  
tulip time, too, - there are many tulips  
throughout the lawn - in fact the whole  
lawn is beautiful now.

It is quite late & I am very tired so  
I must stop. Must write a note to Con-  
stance & then turn in. Must love to  
Eva, whom I hope you have found  
feeling very well, - must love to you,  
and best wishes for a happy & safe  
trip.

George.

May 31, 1939

Dear Mother,

It is very late and I should be in bed. But having failed to send you any word to Galax earlier I am determined to send you at least a note in the morning. When I finally heard from you that the address was Galax and not Gola it was too late to write before you should have left - and not until your card came Monday did I know that you would be returning here.

I have been glad to hear you are having such a fine holiday and hope that the past week has proved as useful and pleasant as the preceding one. I thought of you yesterday and of the picnic we used to go on on May 30th - and wondered. ?

yesterday wasn't the first May 30th  
you & father had not been together for  
thirty six years. I wonder if he went to  
the carrier's picnic.

I made yesterday a complete holiday.  
It was a marvelous day. I was up at 7  
and out ready to play golf at 7:55. With  
Charlie & I finished two rounds about  
noon. Then after dinner, with John & I  
drove down to Berkeley. We had another  
dinner down there and then went to  
see a play - 'The White Head' - an Irish  
play, chiefly about the Catholic church  
as it exists in Ireland. It turned out that  
one of the leading actors had been a student  
in the first class John had ever taught,  
back in Los Angeles. - You can imagine  
it was nearly one before we were home.  
So I had little sleep and have been  
working pretty hard all day. - I hope  
the rest of your trip will be fine too and  
that you'll reach home safely & rested.  
Best regards to Mrs. Deep - and much love  
for you. George.

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

May 17/39

Dear George - There seems to be such  
a rush of business here, it is hard to  
get a chance to write. Having beauti-  
ful weather, cool + pleasant. Last  
Thursday we three went to Albany +  
did a lot of necessary shopping -  
I had bought nothing in so long  
that I needed considerable outfit.  
Mrs D. went home that night + came  
back Monday. She is invaluable help  
+ I don't know how we could have  
got along without her. We are pre-  
paring to leave early Saturday am.  
+ hope to get to West Coxsack near Phil's  
Pa. for supper at her sister's. Plan to

Stay over Sunday & get to Balti-  
more some time late Monday after-  
noon. You can write me a card  
in care of Eva or a letter will reach  
me addressed to Galax, Virginia,  
care of D. L. Moore - we will be there  
till some <sup>time</sup> Friday, 26<sup>th</sup>. May go from  
there to Kentucky but no definite plans,  
as there are many relatives in Vir-  
ginia & N. Carolina we may just  
call on. Will be gone two weeks &  
maybe longer - for a day we need  
not hurry, so we will try to get  
real rest & recreation. Sue Hoover  
is going with us to visit her grand-  
mother.

Monday we canned 1 1/2 jars  
Asparagus - it is plentiful now &  
you may waste asparagus  
rather to take care of it all. Did

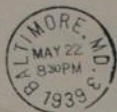
MRS. M. B. VAN SCHAACK  
ELMSHADE  
COXSACKIE, NEW YORK

Some cleaning yesterday & will wash  
to-morrow - did a big one last week  
so this will not be large.

We are taking this afternoon &  
evening off to go to a big Grange  
affair at Ravena Grange Hall  
Caryman's Hollow - this is one  
of Pa's obligations that he gets  
pay for.

The will has not yet been pro-  
bated waiting papers to be signed  
by relatives who are heirs as I am.  
That may take some days yet if  
they desire time, so I can do nothing  
toward settling estate till my return.

I hope I'll feel better than tho' I  
have stood the sham remarks.  
My well thanksto having Mrs D.  
take the brunt of housework  
my shoulders. Have been to Lee  
Parsons' office for two interviews  
& pa has gone again this aft. We  
are waiting for him for dinner.  
Thank you very much for your  
Mother's Day remembrance - I  
will get me something for it  
when I decide to have chance.  
Mastor pushed Thursday to get any-  
thing but necessities I had long needed,  
Hope you are keeping well & not do-  
ing us much. Am looking forward to  
see you & Constance in June. We still  
have considerable stuff left to look over  
dispose of. Much love Mother.



THIS SIDE OF CARD IS FOR ADDRESS

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

Write  
to Galax, Va. Baltimore Md.

May 22/39

Dear G - Glad to find your  
letter when we reached Lee  
at 4.30 P.M. Had a fine  
rest all day Sunday - was  
tired after the long ride  
of 271 miles Sat. visited +  
had dinner this noon in  
Alford Pa. Leave Lee avg  
to - morrow - will probably  
stop over one night before  
reaching next visiting place -  
Galax is in S. W. Virginia where  
Mrs D's father lives - will get  
there Wed. or Thurs if we  
stop somewhere else. Rather  
difficult to make definite  
plans. Will try to keep you  
posted. Will you be home on Aug  
Pa. wants to go to Maine for the  
Wade month. How far suppose.  
Roke, Weston.



THIS SIDE OF ENVELOPE IS FOR ADDRESS

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

Galax, Va.  
May 26/39

Dear George-

I have just written  
a long letter to Ma and asked  
her to send it to you for I cannot  
write so much again. We ex-  
pected to leave for Elk Creek to-  
day but as this is the Old Home time  
Mrs. D. wants to, wanted to re-  
turn, weather is not as hot now  
and we are enjoying a day  
of rest and quiet. Mrs. Delp  
has so many friends & relatives  
we cannot stop long with care  
tho' they are very desirous to keep  
us longer. I am waiting for  
information about a cottage in  
D.P. for August - Pa. wants to go  
to the beach to lunch & by that  
time he will need a change -  
rest. He is selling fuel this  
week & next month will start the  
broiler business. They had gone  
Monday & that has been a big help to  
crops & gardens. Will we see you  
be back Sunday <sup>again the last of the</sup> <sub>next week, hope that's</sub>

FALLS NEAR ABINGDON, ON HIGHWAY TO BLUEFIELD.





POST CARD

THIS SPACE FOR ADDRESS ONLY

Dr. George B. Van Schanck  
247 Delta St.,  
E. Lansing,  
Mich.

12204

Abingdon Va May 31/39  
Dear Geo. - Reached here yesterday - 77  
miles from Galax and high hills. Similar  
to Skyline drive. Strictly an American  
small town - no foreigners - 2 colleges but  
not being used much. After dinner here  
I start for Kentucky & hope to be  
back here Friday night - plan to leave  
for home Sunday - will be in Balt. prob-  
ably full week & plan to be at Carl's home  
near Mrs G and 2 nights - against Lansing  
being Pa go R. Carl - holding fine - hope  
you are too. Better to stay home for a while  
this trip but will stay at Carl's home -



THIS SIDE OF CARD IS FOR ADDRESS

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

Abingdon Va  
June 3/39

Dear Geo-

If you wrote to me lately I have not received it - nothing since at Balt. No wonder with such uncertain movements as we must have when with a party. Mrs D & I left for Kentucky Wed. & returned to day nearly 500 mi over very high Mts - steep and winding roads. Had a nice time. We are all going home to. tomorrow hope to get to Balt some time Thursday & will be in Cal. Wed or Thurs. Stopping 1 or 2 nights in Pa. Had a letter from Pa to-day - he is ok. and I judge rather eager for our return. I am feeling good but rather dread the various jobs awaiting me. Hope you are well and will be home this month. Love Mother.



THIS SIDE OF CARD IS FOR ADDRESS

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

Abingdon, Va  
June 4/39

Dear Geo -

Mr D's brother  
just brought me your  
letter - it was forwarded  
from Galax as we  
changed plans and are  
not returning here. I  
was so glad to hear  
from you and hope  
you are still plan-  
ning to be home this  
month.

Love  
Mae about Mother  
ready to start.

JUN 8  
1230PM  
N. Y.



THIS SIDE OF CARD IS FOR ADDRESS

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

Caesackie 1111

June 9, 1939

Dear George Just a line to  
let you know we arrived  
home safely about 5  
P.M. Wednesday. Saw Ma  
about an hour Monday -  
tried to get her to come  
home with us but she  
did not think it best. We  
staid over 2 nights in  
Dunda. to get ready for  
the last lap of the journey.  
Found all the time -  
Feeling a little better now  
and just resting up today.  
Near the best fair, Coal  
& Very dry. Love  
Mother.

June 13, 1939.

Dear Mother & Father

I suspect you beginning to think of sending a telegram of inquiry out this way to find out if I've fallen in Lake Michigan - and I wouldn't feel you unjustified if you did. The week after I sent the letter of to Gales passed quickly and since then I've managed to be involved enough just to keep putting off from day to day.

I was very glad to have your card. Mother saying that you & Mrs. Delf had reached home safely. I'm sure you both had a very fine time, probably rather strenuous, but a rest, even at that, in being something different. I'm glad you got to see Eva again, if only briefly and wish you could have persuaded her to take a vacation. You haven't written when, if you know, she will be at home.

The term is closing rapidly now. Today is the first of the four days of exams. The past week has gone in hard work & hard play. Myself stay poor as I have lately been making an extra effort to improve it before I give up probably next fall. Both last Thursday & today afternoons went in

that way - then I revolve off for a couple of days  
to try the rest cure. Saturday & Sunday went  
in a hard & successful effort to write up all my  
finals & clean up other details so that when the  
papers began coming in I wouldn't be swamped.  
So yesterday was a free day and I went at the golf  
again - rather like Dan Quigley I in a trail. I  
spent the morning playing two rounds with one  
of my students, and the afternoon hit after  
noon playing two or a half more with John.  
In case you don't know, that means a ten  
mile walk, not to mention the exercise of working  
the shafts! To top it off, John, Milt & I went to  
a driving range last night for another hour  
& a half. You can imagine I awoke this morn-  
ing aching in every muscle.

I am planning to start each a week from  
Saturday morning. I am delaying this a day or  
two in order that Milt may come along with me.  
He is to be married late this month somewhere in  
New England and since his future wife will have  
a car he is settling his here. It will be very  
pleasant to have him along & help with the  
driving. We shall probably reach New York  
Thursday night or Friday morning - I expect we  
shall go straight across Pennsylvania. - I'm  
not just sure yet when Boulder & I shall be

able to get to Cassachie. She has the bulk  
of the planning to do with invitations from  
various directions. I shall wait a few days  
complete rest night in New York. I shall want  
to be sure to be in New York when Mitt passes  
through with his wife, sometime between  
July 12 & 21. I have asked Constantine to  
make plans in such a way that there will  
be a few days in the interval June 28 to  
July 12 when we can come to Cassachie.  
I reckon it will be an end on the other of  
that period, for Constantine's birthday is July  
6th and I am pretty sure she will want  
to be in New York to have her usual celebration  
with her sister. If there is any vital  
difference to you between the earlier & later  
dates let me know & I'll try to arrange.

There is one little job I would like to have  
you do for me post-haste. Mitt would like  
to borrow my Appalachian Mountain Club  
Guide. I'm not sure where it is, so there is  
only one place I can bet you to look. If  
it isn't there don't bother. That place is in  
the chest in my room - the lock is dark  
red (covered) about 4" x 6" x 1" in size. If you  
can find it & send it off not later than Friday I  
think it would reach here in time. <sup>Please advise fast.</sup> Many thanks.

Some  
 this night  
 by about  
 1/2 past 10 am.  
 I had  
 much write  
 & much  
 when  
 write  
 letters at  
 some time  
 even has  
 nothing about  
 coming  
 home.

Cassactia, Tex  
 June 15/39

Dear George -  
 Was very glad to get your  
 letter to-day. Since my return I  
 have written a few absolutely  
 necessary letters as my head was  
 again in rather a serious state.  
 In fact, I have accomplished almost  
 nothing but have lain down  
 very frequently. Dr. W. G. Gude came  
 Saturday, to see me and did not  
 think it is any more than just being  
 tired. Have been taking 2 boxes  
 of medicine & am very much better.  
 Went out yesterday for first time.  
 I was ok. all day - returning up again  
 to-day.

Cool to-day - a fire in fire place.

Can't finish to write.

In regard to your return I think  
 you can come home here whenever  
 you & Constantine want to. We have

No plans for July except to gradually  
get ready to be away the 1st  
of August. Mrs D. is with us and  
it has been fine to have someone  
to get meals etc. There are numerous  
things I had to pass by when going  
away, but many of them can wait  
to be done when I feel more peppy.  
Auntie's mill was probated yester-  
day and now in a few days, the re-  
mainder of that business must be at-  
tended to. The bills have mounted  
up gradually and I will have to go  
to Albany to get a man to secure  
money from her account (and mine)  
in 2 different banks. I am not sure  
there is enough to settle all without  
selling some securities.  
Pa is having the flag pole put up & a pool  
made. We have hired a cottage at  
O.P. for Aug. (Pa seemed set on it & he  
needs the change) Mrs D. will go, too, to help.  
I hope you & Cousin can visit us.  
Jessie is not at all well - low blood pressure  
but keeps working. Now a few lines to the others.  
Will look for letters from  
Doris Mother.

June 20, 1939.

Dear Mother & Father,

Just a last note before I leave.

I was glad to get your letter on Friday but was busy to answer it before.

I'm sorry you, Mother, have had a set-back - I'm sure I don't understand it - you must take things very easily.

I'm delighted that you've taken a cottage in Maine for August. You'll both enjoy it no end I'm sure.

Thanks indeed for asking Constance & me to come share it with you for a time. We'd love to and as far as I know now I don't see why we can't. We must go to Boston

Sometime and from there to Ocean  
Park is only a step.

Coushance suffered a hard blow  
last week in the death of her most  
intimate friend, a woman she had  
just met nearly twenty years ago  
while teaching in Farmington, Conn.  
The latter had had an operation about  
two weeks ago in Hartford. Coushance  
had seen her on Monday or Tuesday  
and found her getting along rather  
well with no danger to speak of.  
On Tuesday night she suddenly died.  
And it was not until Thursday past  
in time to get ready to go to the  
funeral that Coushance heard of her  
death. She is, of course, terribly  
broken up over it.

In considering if you found she  
quite back to work. It had not  
come by the last mail today. I  
shall call at the P.O. tomorrow

before leaving to see if it came  
tonight. If you failed to find it in  
time to seek what you send it now  
to Long Island City, for I can mail  
it to that.

I have been packing & clearing up  
odds & ends all day. I shall have  
the car to park & have odd things  
got to stow away. I shall be up at  
five for these final matters. We  
hope to get off about eight o'clock.  
So now to bed. Take best care  
of yourselves, please. Lots of love,  
George.

Coxsackie, N. Y.

June 21, 1939

Dear George-

I thought of you this morning as starting out on your trip eastward; I hope you are having as beautiful a day as we are and will reach your destination safely. It is fine you have company for it is a long trip to Lake alone.

This is our work day and I have been up since 6 o'clock. Not because I was obliged to get up, but I was awake a long time and getting restless. Now it is a little after ten & washing all this. Pa is doing odds & ends with windows, blinds & awnings - he has so many

see jobs to see to all the time but  
tries not to work all day very  
often. He misses Sherman's help  
for he has gone "batty" again  
and does not want to work. - he  
ought to be taken to Dr. Keppie  
& probably will be so soon. Have  
not located anyone to take  
his place but bought a new lam  
mower, so the grass is not so  
much of a problem as other years.  
Harry Blossom made the pool,  
fixed dam doors & the foundation  
for flag pole. The latter is ready  
to be put up - just waiting for  
ropes & flag & help.

This A. M. pa took chickens to  
Catakill before breakfast - must  
go again to-morrow - he is almost  
sold out, so will not make many

most trips - he has gone about  
twice a week or more since be-  
fore our return. He says this year  
finishes up his chicken business -  
any work seems to tire him so  
much, he must cut out all he  
can afford to.

We have given Bob away - next  
week he leaves for Albion, N.Y.  
I am sorry to lose him but we  
do not know what else to do. He  
has recently refused to go to bed  
at night owing to recent severe  
shoulder storm.

The settlement of Aunties es-  
tate is progressing slowly - there  
is more to such a feat than  
I imagined and lawyers  
move mighty slow. We spent  
2 hrs. Saturday A.M. in bank mat

them "dissecting" the safe deposit box  
most 2 hrs. again Monday a.m.  
at law office & bank. Am just  
waiting now to get the rights to  
draw cash from Albany bank  
to pay the bills which have amounted  
to over a thousand dollars. The  
hospitals & doctors & nurses  
know how to charge & what the  
lawyers will do is yet to be de-  
termined.

I saw Dr. W. G. G. Monday for  
a checking up - he thinks Dr. J. is  
O.K. but says I must take things  
easy. There are many things I  
could talk to you about but I can't  
write everything. It looks as if  
G. was not coming home till after  
summer school. I'm sorry but she  
knows her own business best. Mrs. D. is  
still here for an indefinite time. I  
don't know when to expect her. Love to you  
mother.

June 16, 1939.

Dear Mother & Father,

I'm sure you are beginning to wonder whether I have got back to New York. Yes, on schedule. Trust I got away from East Lansing on Wednesday morning at nine o'clock. We made New Castle, Pa. that night - rather late, for we had stopped in Ohio to play a couple of rounds of golf! And we did the same the next day near Pottsville, staying the night in Easton. We reached New York about twelve thirty Friday and had lunch at Carstairs's sister's -

after which Mitt continued his journey  
on the train. It was a pleasant  
& interesting trip, what with the  
stops for relaxation, and the scenery  
through Pennsylvania. For some distance  
we came through the coal fields,  
which I had never seen before. It  
seemed strange to see a coal mine  
on one side of the road & a fine  
field of wheat on the other!

Constance & I were away for the  
week-end, having had an invitation  
right off to spend Saturday & Sunday  
near Hillbrook. We drove up during  
the middle of the day, stopping off  
for a call on David, - he looks quite  
a lot better and acts very much  
better, almost his old self again,  
going about, up & down stairs as if  
nothing had ever happened.  
We are planning to come up for a

start with this coming Sunday. I'm  
sorry it can't be longer this time  
but there are too many engagements  
just now. We shall not be able  
able to start early enough to reach  
you for dinner, but shall be there  
along the middle of the afternoon.  
Thursday following is Catherine's  
birthday which she wants to  
spend here so we shall have to  
return on Wednesday. We look for-  
ward anxiously to seeing you.

I was surprised to hear about Bob.  
It is a shame to have to give him  
up, but if he has become unmanage-  
able I think you're wise to give  
him away - besides, you'd be less  
tied down when he is gone. How  
did you find someone way out in  
Albion who wants him? through Harold?

Well, all for now. The gas lower today  
about two dollars and have been  
getting settled ever since. I have  
just finished something of a washing  
during the summer when I have  
the time trying to work some  
things & save the high charges  
for laundry!

Hope you're both well and trying  
to keep so. Much love from us  
both,  
George



THIS SIDE OF CARD IS FOR ADDRESS

Dr. G. B. Van Schaack  
4312 - 47<sup>th</sup> St.  
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N. Y.

Casackie Ill  
June 28/39

Dear George.

Glad to get your letter to-day. Will be glad to see you both Sunday and hope nothing will happen to prevent your coming. Having a very busy week and find I must rest you. Bob is still here - he refused to go further than Albasus because back - we are puzzled but may help him. Harold & Mary were here Saturday - had some specimens. Everything at the haven't about June 2. Cat's third summer school is in session now. Look for you Sunday at 10 am. Love, Mother

July 6, 1939

Dear Mathew Faldu,

We reached here 'safe & sound' at about quarter of ten last evening. We took the road down past Uncle George's to Athens, and then just as we neared Catskill decided to try 9W for a while. It went so well we continued on it as far as Bear Mountain crossing there to the Parkway back of Peekskill. We stopped for a few minutes in Newburgh to see Washington's Headquarters.

The building was dark, of course, but Cousin Jack had never seen it even from the outside so it was interesting. It rained a little now & then but not hard at any time. It was quite hot here last night so that neither of us slept very well. The air was cool enough outside but didn't seem to circulate - so we have decided we must have a fan and I am going in to Mary's room to get one.

We both had a very pleasant visit with you and regret that it had to be so short. But we shall come again as soon as we can. Both of you please don't work too hard. Many thanks & lots of love. George.

July 19, 1939

Dear Mother & Father,

We were glad to get your letter on Monday & to hear what you had been doing, in particular the trip to Champaign Co. which must have been a very pleasant change for all of you.

The ancestors had just returned from Lavallete (or Lavallette) N.J., about 20 miles south of Asbury where we had been with Mrs. Rogers & her sisters since Friday afternoon.

They have a commodious cottage  
just three doors from the beach,  
and the weather being exceptionally  
fine, we spent many hours on  
the sand. But little in the water,  
for it was so cold. Will tell you  
more about it when we see you.

We are going to Danbury to-  
morrow for two nights and shall  
come from there to you on Satur-  
day if you will be at home, as I  
hope you will. I'm quite unexpecting  
of our time of arrival so don't expect  
us for the noon meal, but we shall be  
there by six or before. We shall be  
able to stay until Tuesday morning, but  
must dash back then to get ready for  
our trip to Alexandria on Friday. Please  
tell Mother I'd like to have the car insured  
while in town - probably Monday. How much  
get a dozen errands done. Hope you're all keeping

July 31, 1939

Dear Mother & Father

I have thought of you often these past few days as getting ready for this morning, and now I hope you are safely on your way, not too tired after all the preparation. I hope too that you are seeing out on as beautiful a day as we are having here, full sun but cool air.

These last six days have been busy for us, too, or you should have heard from us sooner. We

Had a very pleasant ride down  
on Tuesday, stopping to eat the  
very good lunch in the park at  
Washington's headquarters in  
Newburgh. After lunch we spent  
a half hour or so going through  
the headquarters & adjacent  
museum. The former was most  
interesting - have you been through  
it? I was especially taken by  
the three large open hearths in  
the house - fires laid with  
out on the floor at the side  
of the room - I hadn't realized that  
was ever done so recently as two  
hundred years ago. - We also  
drove through West Point & saw  
the chapel, finally reaching  
Leonia about four o'clock. They

wanted us to stay to supper but we had so much to do we thought we had best go on after getting a bit of a rest & some cold water.

We got home at five thirty, tired & dirty only to find that a water main had just burst and we should have no water till the next morning. It simply couldn't stay without a drop to drink or wash with so we went over to the Creighlans for the night. Actually the water didn't come on again until two the next afternoon so we were very much delayed in our preparations for coming down here. Caspary had to wash & iron

all day Thursday. I myself went  
in farm & had lunch & spent  
the afternoon with Steve &  
Leidell. Steve seemed in good  
spirits, for he has a job in  
Washington Univ., St. Louis.  
His father, brother-in-law &  
nephew are now in this country,  
having finally managed to get  
out of Germany - but without  
money so that Steve must  
take care of them for the time-  
being.

We got off Friday rather late but  
in time to reach Baltimore just  
as Eva had changed her dress -  
the change in time to Standard  
gave us an extra hour. We took  
Eva downtown to dinner and then  
came on here. I thought Eva

seemed in fairly good spirits  
but rather tired. Apparently  
she has had to work very hard  
during summer school, doing  
part of the work of her superior  
who seems to be rather incompe-  
tent - and as usual she has had  
a raw deal at the hands of her  
superior - the latter had promised  
to pay Eva extra for some work  
on other, only to say two or  
three weeks after Eva had been  
doing it that she couldn't pay  
her. And in addition Eva has  
caught very poisoning again which  
is giving her considerable distress.

Summer school ends officially  
on Friday and on Saturday Eva must  
move out of the dormitory. She  
is going for the week-end to stay

with Eleanor. Beyond that point she said she is too tired & can't find to make any plans. He tried to persuade her to come along with us for this last week-end but she insisted she couldn't. I think she will come down Wednesday for dinner.

What Eva will do after dinner school must be left to future planning. I doubt that she will go to Michigan and I'm not sure that she will leave Baltimore before the end of the month, though I'm going to try to persuade her to do so if I can. She would like to visit Peggy in North Carolina and I think it would do her good if she could, though if Peggy is not leaving until

October Eva wouldn't come to  
go there until late in September.

I think her reluctance to go to  
Maine is based on the fact she  
is so tired she doesn't want to  
feel she should keep with the  
work and get that she wouldn't  
feel any further unless she did.

I have tried to impress on her  
that she wouldn't be expected  
to do anything, but you know how  
she is. Please don't let her know

I have spoken of this and I suggest  
that you don't even mention the  
matter of work at all. I think your  
best course is simply to keep trying  
to impress on her how much you  
want her to come. I still have  
hopes of persuading her myself -  
after she has had a few days to

rest after the section, for we shall  
stop to see her on our way north.

Saturday here was a rainy  
day so we spent it indoors. But  
yesterday was a grand day and  
we set out for the Sky Line  
Drive. We were at Front Royal  
by noon. We drove the whole  
length of the completed part, some  
80 miles now, pausing frequently  
to admire the wondrous views.  
We went straight down the  
mountain at the southern  
end, on a very old and nearly  
impassable road. There had been  
a cloudburst the night before and  
we had frequently to drive through  
small streams and even through  
a stream nearly two feet deep—  
rather exciting. From there some

was 125 miles so that it was  
after eleven before we were  
back here, and quite ready for  
bed. - This afternoon we are  
going to Mt. Vernon - and an  
as fine a day as one could wish  
to see it.

And now I must get dressed for  
bed. Our thanks & appreciation  
for the fine week-end we had  
with you - again all too short.  
I hope you'll find everything in  
Ocean Park to your liking & that  
all of you will get started on a  
good rest. Lots of love,  
George.

Ocean Park, Ill.,

Aug 2/39

Dear George -

I was delighted to get your letter yesterday the first time it seems to the P.O. It was fine to hear that ride over the Sky line - I read about the slams in that section & was glad we were not there, but what beautiful scenery! I was glad to hear about E. but so sorry she is in such shape - I have feared it all along & I felt afraid the other girl was depending on her Jim & my E. told me. I hope you will be able to persuade her to come home for a few days & rest out & then come here with W. He does so want to bring her with him. She can have perfect freedom to do as she pleases & no work - we are living simply & have almost every convenience - must expect a few things not like home at a seaside place. I am really concerned about E. &



indigestion. I am feeling better  
to-day & have found medicine to  
take Dr. Jones said last Friday night.  
He said I was in excellent condition  
but must take the medicine along  
to use in case needed To find out  
now to have it.

We reached here at noon yes-  
terday and found the cottage com-  
fortable and O.K. in essentials -  
personally I could have made  
a few improvements in some  
things but not here for outdoor  
living. I sat a while this afternoon  
on a small porch just outside my  
room where I have a fine view  
of beach & ocean - it is a nice place  
to be alone to read or write. I am  
now on big porch down stairs where  
it is shady. In a few minutes I  
am going to attempt to see & hear  
Dr. Clausen - mainly from curiosity.

After getting lunch, a rest and  
paitly settled <sup>yearly</sup> we all spent about  
1 1/2 hrs on beach - it was quite  
crowded all the way up to Old Orchard  
perhaps there was an excursion in.  
then we went to Old Q to get supplies  
& had a late supper & spent evening  
about porch & to bed early. I had a  
good rest from sheer tenderness  
of gears. I feel quite ok now.  
Pa is in his element as usual  
when here - he sees Mrs Fowl &  
Miss Bernice last night & several  
others. Hope you are having a  
good time - I trust Eva is most  
fond to-day - the change will  
be good for her - I'll write  
her a letter before night. I am really  
upset as forgetting to bring my Sun.  
day dress - the only good one for a long  
Sunday - may be Eva say bring it up later  
now on from Old. Love to the family.

August 9, 1939.

Dear Mother + Father,

I trust this letter will reach you before you have heard from Eva so that you will not have worried about the news of her. There is no cause for any worry now. Eva is in the hospital for a rather prolonged rest. The whole story is rather too complicated to write in a letter. Briefly the facts are these. Eva came down here last

Thursday for the afternoon and  
for dinner with all of us in Wash-  
ington. She seemed a little tired  
but good in spirits. But on Friday  
I was in Baltimore with Mr. Gillett  
for a short time and called her  
on the phone. She was scarcely  
herself, in fact rather irritable.  
I could not stay but called Eleanor  
and found that she would see  
Eva that night and take her home  
on Saturday. Knowing I could  
rely on Eleanor, Constance & I went  
off to Methuen for the week-end.  
I felt Eva should go to the hospital  
but felt also that a couple days rest  
before I broached the subject would  
be well. On Monday I drove up  
to Baltimore. I first called Eleanor

and feared that Eva was somewhat  
weak but still was having some  
bad times. I arranged to go to  
Eleanor for dinner and then set  
out to see Eva's doctor. He agreed  
that she should go to the hospital  
but didn't know how to get her  
there. When I saw her she seemed  
her natural self and reached the  
idea of going to the hospital. But  
she consented to see the doctor (not  
knowing I had seen him) and take  
his advice. This morning I had  
word from both Eleanor & Eva  
that she had suddenly volunteered  
yesterday afternoon to go to the  
hospital and by evening she  
was there. She was unable to

get into J. H. H. for less than  
\$7 a day so Dr. Tilghman sent her  
to another hospital in a better  
location for both her & him —  
the Union Memorial Hospital,  
33rd St, Room 206. — at this  
point I called Dr. Tilghman. He  
had a long talk with Eva last  
night. He says he doesn't know  
yet how to evaluate all the evidence  
but thinks she is over exhausted  
from the summer's work. He told  
me the other day that he thought  
little of Eva's trouble was diabetes,  
but rather psychopathic in some  
way, and we are considering  
having her see a psychiatrist.  
I shall go up tomorrow to see  
Eva & have a talk with him.

How long we shall be here I  
don't know, but I don't plan  
to leave until it is clear what  
should be done and until I have  
seen the psychiatrist if there is to  
be one.

Please when you write her be  
careful in what you say, - especially  
don't let her know there is any  
question of a psychopathic difficulty,  
and don't say anything about my  
having seen her doctor. She is  
very sensitive to the idea that people  
are trying to get her to do things  
and I think she feels pressed from  
every side. - And don't worry,  
for I think there is now nothing  
to worry about. I expect her to  
stay put for at least two weeks  
perhaps three or four, and the

Arthur has assured me he feels pretty certain that in that time she can be set on her feet again, and better than she has been for years.

I must curtail the news. Since writing you we have seen Mt. Vernon, the Cathedral, Faderwickshugh, Roxburgh Millersburgh & James-town about which will tell you when we see you. Our plans are somewhat uncertain but we expect to be in Boston the 21 and 22 and to reach Ocean Park shortly thereafter.

I have been glad to hear from you and hope all is going well. I rest better - hope Mrs. Deep is feeling better and that all of you are having a good vacation. We both send lots of love,  
Gracie.

Ocean Park, Mass.,  
Aug. 10, 1939

Dear George -

I have just read your letter for the second time and have been considering just what answer to send you. On bringing the mail in just before dinner and just after I had written a long letter to Eva, I have been puzzled about her for several weeks and at times have poured and pondered over her problems and, I confess, found at times the outcome would be a general breakdown. I could not eat dinner but lay on the hammock & cried while the others ate. When I got calm again, I swallowed some tea and a sandwich. It is lying down after we had a discussion on the whole subject in its various phases. How fortunate you were in the vicinity, to help out and I am glad you plan to stay awhile and see how things go. My first inclination was to pack

a suit case & take the train down.  
For several reasons this would not  
be wise. If she were in serious dan-  
ger or if my presence there would  
help, I will go, but until you or Eva  
think I ought to, I'll wait. I would  
be hard to be alone in a big city  
especially in hot weather and I am  
guiding that it does not take much  
to upset me and much longer I get  
in good shape again. Fortunately I  
have some of Dr's Medicine - I  
had quit taking it, but may have to  
resume. We have arranged to  
stay here till after Labor Day and  
can easily stay longer, if Eva will  
come here to recuperate. I wish it  
were possible for you to bring her  
but that at present seems out of  
the question. Pa wants me to tell  
you to pay any necessary bills and  
we will pay you back - see that  
Eva has every care lost and I'll try  
to write her every day. Please tell her  
we are thinking of her and want her

to relax, stop <sup>2</sup>worrying about any  
thing and so get better faster.  
Perhaps you might tell the doc-  
tor about our present abode here  
and he might suggest to me that  
she come here later. Needless to  
say I cannot really have a good  
time until I am assured she is  
on the road to a speedy recovery.

Jessie had word from Wilbur to-  
day that he can't come here Friday  
as Ralph is home sick. So J & B  
will stay till he comes, may be in  
a few days. He went to Buffalo  
yesterday to get the new Packard  
for us & is to bring that here - we  
have his contract with a dealer's  
license.

Harold & Marge Moti <sup>will</sup> will  
be here on 28<sup>th</sup> & leave the 30<sup>th</sup>.  
We have three bedrooms and  
extra attention <sup>only</sup> our cot from <sup>home</sup>

a couch on porch also a sweeping  
hammer & our hammock &  
a couch in living room.

The folks that were on other side of  
house (the owners) left Tuesday & will  
not return, so we have the whole porch  
& fine covered, front & two sides.

Chaulangua started here today -  
We may go to some of the evening  
entertainments & the Native classes.

Monday we saw "Good-bye Mr. Chips"  
in Biddford & Tuesday evening had  
a nice ride & did Old Richard and  
Friday went to Kinnelunk. Now  
mean to rest more on beach & porch.  
Weather is fine & just cool sun. In  
PM will near beach - a nice breeze  
and we can see the ocean from porch.

Glad you have been able to see so much  
and hope everything will turn out all  
right. Keep us posted & let know if necessary  
we can close up here & go down.

Love to you both, Mother.

Ocean Park, Maine,  
Aug. 17/39

Dear George - We just received your letter and, naturally it caused us to think again. It does not seem to us that Miss Boyd's is the place for Eva to go - Eva has often told me it is a very confusing place and for that reason she gets little sleep there and does not want to go there when she is tired out. We really feel this is the best place for her and she would not need to do a bit of work or make a move that she does not want to. We are just a minute's walk from the Ocean & one can enjoy it right on the porch - surely the air would be wonderful. Of course I will say not another word to her



to the woods where we read and  
discussed your letter. There seems  
to be nothing to do but just try to  
keep calm and wait developments.  
It is a comfort to know you have  
sent father to the doctor & that you  
think he is o.k. - Pa really should  
have answered your letter but you  
know he hates to write & puts off do-  
ing so as long as possible. He was  
glad to get the birthday message - there  
are 2 cakes for him & he wants to  
have a graph of the dark or moon  
to night - he has been collecting odds  
& ends of wood for it for 2 wks.  
He is feeling fine & enjoying every minu-  
te. We have some advantages over liv-  
ing just a room & eating your part time  
and also some disadvantages - I really  
don't have as much time to myself.  
Now I must rest awhile. Glad to hear of you  
and be here before long. Love to your mother  
H. W. W.

4312 - 47<sup>th</sup> Street  
Long Island City, N.Y.  
August 16, 1939

Dear Mother & Father,

I was glad to find your letter awaiting us when we returned last Monday and to hear that you had received my Friday letter on Saturday.

I talked over the phone with the doctor on Monday and of course saw Eva. The doctor said he could give me no additional news of Eva since he had not seen her since Friday. He had made no special effort to see her Saturday & Sunday because on Friday she had still seemed so tired & confused he thought it best to let her rest before he had another talk with her. He asked to have us one at the present time make any suggestions

to her regarding what she might do after leaving the hospital. He said he expected her to be there a week or ten days yet. I think she may well be there longer. He is going to try to get the Phipps Psychiatric Clinic to take the case for he feels he does not know how to deal with the mental side of it.

I saw Eva alone, for the doctor had asked that only one of us see her. In some ways she seemed less tense than on Thursday, but she had more difficulty in speaking, although she talked almost incessantly. But on the whole she was quite rational and cheerful, and she looked well. She insisted she had not been unhappy in the hospital and that she would stay as long as the doctor wanted her to and would do whatever he wished. She said that she would let you help with the expense afterward, but that she wants to pay her own bills while she is there so that there

may not be any trouble about the  
reduction secured by the sand water.  
I know you how concerned you are,  
but I hope you are not worrying  
unduly. Eva is in a very comfortable  
place and being very well taken care of.  
There is really nothing any of us could  
do if we were there, except go to see  
her, and I think that even that  
might be as detrimental as good.

I'm wondering if you could send Dr.  
Tilghman some money. He has not  
asked for any, does not expect any and  
will not ask for any. But he is a  
young man just starting a private  
practice and undoubtedly having a  
rather hard-go of it. I think he would  
really appreciate \$20 or \$25 an account  
and I think he deserves it. I feel sure  
he will not stint himself in effort  
if he is not paid anything, but I think  
we would all feel more like calling on  
him if he were paid something. His  
name & address are: Dr. R. Carmichael  
Tilghman, 16 East Biddle St., Baltimore.  
He shall be in Boston Monday &

Tuesday and expect to reach Ocean Park  
some time Wednesday. I shall send you  
any addresses I know later. Now I  
must dash in to New York for church  
with Steve & Serdel.

Keep up your courage & don't worry.  
Lots of love from us both.

Grays



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Dr. George B. Van Schaack  
4312 - 47th St.,  
Long Island City  
New York.

Ocean Park Me.

Aug 17/37

Dear George -

So glad to get your letter this AM. We are going to Sanford now so I can just write a card & hope you will get it before leaving. W. arrived Sunday 4.30 P.M. she brought Mrs D's mice Ella & they all went home yesterday. Wish W. could have had a longer rest. We had an all day trip in Casco Bay Monday. Have had several fine letters & cards from Ma. She seems to be getting along fine. Also a nice letter fromleanor. she is coming to call here but not yet. Continues to be cool & fine. Will be glad to see you both Wednesday. Love to both  
Mother.

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Dr. George B. Van Schaack,  
4312 - 47<sup>th</sup> St.,  
Long Island City, N. Y.

Cassockie W.V.  
Sept. 6, 1939

Dear George -  
Hope you arrived  
with out any trouble. We  
reached home 7.30 P.M. a  
trip of 12 hrs + 283 miles.  
Came back way down coast  
then across to Haniell where  
we stopped to visit Walter's  
home - very interesting. Also  
to see Jimmie in Pattonfield  
but could not find her. Some  
rain in W.V. but cool & pleasant  
in P.M. Quite cool to-day - we  
have fire in fire place. Found  
everything all right. Only the fish  
have disappeared. Mrs. D.  
went home this AM to return  
to, Marry Manning. I am busy  
with my things, and getting set-  
tled. Had a long letter from E. - She is  
quite all right. Love to both  
mother

Leasackie N.Y.  
Sept. 13/39

V  
Dear George-

I cannot tell you how sorry I am that I neglected to get this letter off to you before now. All day Monday I had it on my mind but night came and still I had not had a chance to get at it. Yesterday we left for Albany at 9.30 & I meant to write first but time was too short. I thought I'd call up there to send and then forgot the address. Next 6 when we got home & then it was too late & I regretted it all evening. Anyway I'm glad it is such a lovely day & hope it is the same down in L. I. C. I know you will have a pleasant

time for Din and Catherine  
will do her best to make it a typical  
birthday. I wish we could  
all be together for the occasion.  
But can't expect that. I suppose  
when we are so separated.

As I am at a loss to know  
just what you need or would  
like to have for a little me-  
ments of this important day,  
I am sending you \$5 to buy  
just what you want - I  
think that is better than for me  
to note sending you what per-  
haps you would not want.

Suppose you have heard from  
Gina - she seems to have improved  
from what she writes. She may

We can very probably B. to-day - we hope  
to see her but can't get any more help  
than Tuesday Dec 5 will be at Cambridge  
Pa. G. & R. out by supper time, we hope.  
Ard letters from Dr in Phil. to write in  
business in in Philadelphia & we cannot  
make definite plans till after that.  
I have not lost my nerve yet over  
the dental work and will try to  
hold up as well as I did last year  
but may lose operation. I had  
have a hot damn over the work and  
and I was lowered about that & him.

Probably I had been working  
too hard with the washing, iron-  
ing & canning. Mrs D. has  
been real miserable some  
days & we just eased up on  
her as much as possible. Fri-  
day we canned 25 cans peaches.  
She brought them from the farm.  
We have a great number of  
things to see to before leaving &  
except for Milton, no one in Cal  
knows we are going - we will just  
disappear temporarily. If you  
write before Tuesday, put in a word  
to Joe to be sure to consult Dr Sed-  
ney about his night headaches.  
He says he won't attend to this but I  
feel it is more important than any  
trouble. Now I must do the telephone thing.  
Love to you both. Mother.



BUZZA  
CRAFTSMAN  
MPLS. U. S. A.  
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To greet you  
on your Birthday  
with a wish  
for a whole year  
of happiness.

Fisher's Nurseries Sept 3  
1939



THIS SIDE OF CARD IS FOR ADDRESS

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



September 20, 1929.

Dear Mother,

I trust this note will reach you - I think at last I have the name & address of your hospital, for Constance has sent me your letter. Why all this obscurity?!

No more word of you since Father's card of Monday night. I keep telling myself that 'no news means good news' - but I do hope I'll have some word tomorrow. I fear your operation must have been more of an ordeal than you had planned on - being different in character and being carried out

with only a local anesthetic. But  
I'm glad you were spared knowing  
what it would be and the con-  
sequent nervous strain. I'm sorry  
Mrs. Deaf had such a hard time  
with the ether - being so sick must  
delay recovery.

I had a nice note from Eva this  
morning. The living arrangement  
seems to be working out fairly  
well. I think it will be very good  
for her - staying in nights will  
give her a chance to retain the  
gains she made in the hospital.  
She said nothing about her health.  
I would like to know how she is.  
Perhaps she will run up to see  
you sometime soon - if she does,  
please let me know how you  
think she is.

A few words about my trip. Steve  
& I didn't get away from New York

on Saturday until one o'clock. We  
made 200 miles before stopping.  
The two hours before sunset were  
very trying, for we were driving  
straight into the sun along an  
extended valley lined with coal mines  
& coal miners' cabins - almost literally  
lined all the way for 40 miles or  
more. The road was poor & the  
surroundings depressing - it seemed  
as if we could never come to the  
end of that valley. We stayed the  
night in a tourist home in Lewis-  
burg, the seat of Bucknell Univ.  
On Sunday we got as far as Oberlin,  
Ohio - another college town - about  
310 miles more. The sunset hours  
were bad that day too, but I had  
a good sleep that night. They left  
me in Jackson the next day at noon  
and I was here shortly after  
three. I found Mrs. Garrison still

going steady & glad to do me. It seemed good to come back to a place I knew - though my room had been dismantled in June - I don't know when it will get it fixed again.

You know I am a freshman adviser this year - added duties without any extra compensation. That chore is now over until the freshmen begin getting into academic trouble a few weeks hence. But there are many other things to attend to in the remainder of the week before classes start on Monday. It will probably be a heavy year for me since we expect help although the freshman class is too large than last year.

I must go bed. I do hope mine not being too unbecome - I wish the worst must be over by now. Regards to Mrs. D & lot. I love you  
George

September 24, 1939

Dear Mother,

I came in about a half hour ago to find Eva's special delivery letter waiting for me. It was so good to have such recent news of you and such good news. Apparently you are making fine progress, which will speed up your work on. I reckon the shock of having only a local anesthetic must have been rather severe for you. I knew it would be for me. - I'm glad Eva could get up to see you this week, and. It must have done you both a lot of good. She wrote that she is much better - I hope she seemed so, and I shall look forward to her from Father.

Tonight is the 'eve of battle, for classes start tomorrow morning. I shall have four classes with about a hundred students all told, something more than at any time before. But

it might have been worse - the new  
enrollment here was increased over  
30% and our staff about 5% - I don't  
know when they'll stop piling on.  
I've been making preparations for the  
fray during the past week by getting  
in some golf every day. My summer's  
lay-off seems to have improved my  
game rather than hurt it, for I'm  
shanking better than last June. Part of  
that is due to my being reeled, for  
one's nervous state has a lot to do  
with one's success.

I don't think I have written you  
that I spent half of the birthday check  
for a sleeveless sweater to wear with  
my lightweight blue suit this fall. It  
will give me an extra suit as long  
as the weather remains unacceptably  
warm. I still have the other half  
for something else I'll probably want  
badly later on. - And before I forget  
it - when you get back to Cambridge  
you should find a package containing  
a framed picture that I got for you  
in New York. I hope it will be ap-  
proximately what you want - I think  
it's the best that can be done at present.  
I wish I could run in to see you a  
few minutes every day. But I'll try to  
write regularly. - Glad to hear Mrs. D. is getting  
along so well. My best to her and lots of love for Jack & Father. Mary.

September 28, 1939.

Dear Mother,

I had a little note from Eva yesterday, written Monday morning, with the cheering news that you had seemed much better when she had seen you Sunday. She gave me a short account of what the doctor had done for you which seems quite enough to make you as sick as you have been. I earnestly hope that when you're around again all this 'mending' will make you feel as you haven't felt for years.

We are now pretty well started in the term. My classes came Mondays, Wednesdays & Fridays pretty & thoroughly

from 9 till 5, so on those days I'm  
in all day. But on the odd days,  
except Saturday with no class, I  
have nothing till 4 o'clock! Con-  
sequently when it's fair I shall  
get out for some exercise. And  
was it fair today! A perfectly  
clear sky, so that it was actually  
hot. I slept late and then at 10:30  
went out for some golf - all by  
myself - not much fun, I think,  
but exercise. I played a little over  
two hours, had some lunch & a  
bath & have felt fine ever since.

Yesterday morning between classes  
a boy came up to me in the hall  
and asked if I knew him. I didn't.  
It was Richard Marsh - I don't  
think I had ever laid eyes on  
him. He said he had not known  
I was here until he saw me then  
this summer just before coming

back here. I had only a brief  
moment with him, but told  
him to call in again when I  
would have more time. He proba-  
bly want! - but I hope will  
bring his matter around. I shall  
carry out this year - I have seen  
her in many years.

I have spent another dollar  
fifty of the birthday money - this  
time for a very good looking  
hand woven woolen tie from  
New Mexico. They are much the  
best kind I see - last for ever  
and always tie so well.

Enclose a photo, now over  
two years old, but one I doubt  
I've sent you a copy of. I ran  
across them this week sorting  
over some odds & ends. I  
must to bed - I hope I'll have

good news I've from Father  
Lammont. How is he making  
out in Philadelphia? I hope  
he's spending some money getting  
some good mental books to read.  
And how successful are the  
treatments for his headache?  
If they're not successful I think  
he should take the opportunity to  
be diagnosed by a good diagnostician.  
Just have him go to a good hos-  
pital & ask for a diagnostician.  
He ought at least to find out  
what is the matter and whether  
anything can be done about it.  
Best regards to Mrs. Deep &  
lots of love for you & Father.  
George.

Philadelphia Pa.,  
Sept. 30/39.

Dear George - This is the first I've written  
except a postal to Eva the other day  
and have not really felt like updating  
it before now. Pa and Gus are  
here and were here this afternoon too. It  
is so fine to see Pa so often. He has  
had several series of treatments on his knee  
and whether it will cure remains to be  
seen. Mrs. D & I are doing fine - even  
one says we look so good - I will not  
be easy to make home folks believe  
you've had a real hospital experience.  
It was one I can never forget and  
hope I'll never have to repeat it. I can  
say we've had the best of care  
and can find little fault. We  
are looking forward to going to Camden -  
bury next Thursday if every thing goes -

times to improve. We have  
all of our treatments every day  
& the doctors claim that is what  
helps patients to recover quickly.

I appreciate your letter very  
much & was so glad to get your  
photo to-day - I have it close by &  
it is so natural, you can almost  
talk to me. I am glad to hear of  
your work & activities - hope you  
will not overdo - you have a big  
schedule for 3 da. but can rest up some  
the other days. Thank you for flowers &  
everything. I'll try to send Constance a  
line to-morrow. It was so nice to see  
Robert & kids to call - Sorry I had a hard  
time while they were here. Now I must  
stop - will write again from Cali - We  
can't travel home before the 15<sup>th</sup>.

Much love - Mother

October 2, 1939.

Dear Mother,

Just a line to tell you how good it was to find a letter from you awaiting me when I came home - it seemed so long since I had seen one. I'm delighted you have made such rapid improvement. But I am a little concerned that you may be in too much of a hurry to get out. Please think it over carefully. It's a big jump from a hospital bed to being a guest - even a most welcome one. I'm just a little afraid you'll find the change

has much of a shock, though I  
hope not. But of course it is up  
to the doctor, and I trust he knows  
what his about.

The students are raising a big racket  
outside - eleven o'clock at night -  
parading around and shouting -  
just at present they're yelling 'we  
want some pop-corn, ditto, ditto'.  
I don't know what the occasion  
can be - perhaps the beautiful  
night, which it is - perhaps they've  
finished school already.

Today has been one of the long  
days & I'm rather weary. Have  
spent all evening mulling over  
the problem of the seminar which  
I helped direct last winter & which  
I with two others are to continue.  
It's rather a mess - something like  
a garage with all the personalities  
involved. - Hope you're continuing  
on the up grade, but do be careful. Must

Don't

October 7, 1939

Dear Mother,

Am sorry indeed that I didn't get a message off to you & Father for your anniversary. You know I didn't forget it for I sent flowers to you by way of Father - and I had it in mind to write as well. But I hadn't counted on your address being R.D. and when I thought of writing Thursday evening I very much doubted you'd have the letter today. But you know you both have my best wishes & love - I hope it will be a happy day for both of you, the happier this year because you have recovered so well and can look forward to the coming years having so much less physical burden in them. I have no word from you since Wednesday night - but I suppose you & Mrs. Seely were able to leave the hospital on Thursday - I hope so, for not to have been able to carry out the plan would have been a great disappointment. I trust (and urge you) that you will stay with the Cox's long enough to make sure that the fairway home will do

you no harm. I know you now have  
a big comfortable car to travel in,  
but for a while you'll find riding  
siring. I think that when you do go  
you should try to make it all in  
one day - how about it?

I hope that the dreary weather of which  
Father wrote has given way to some  
fine fall weather. We have been having  
the latter right along - marvellously  
clear skies, warm sun & cool nights.  
If it only would rain here a day or two -  
The lawns & meadows are brown and  
the leaves are falling prematurely.

John & I spent the middle of today out  
at Milt's. The latter & his wife have taken  
a small house about four miles out of  
town, because it was impossible to  
find anything nearer that was fit to  
live in and at their price level. He  
went out to help Milt move some of  
the furniture upstairs, to stay to  
dinner afterwards and then listen to  
part of the football game between Michigan  
State & Univ. of Michigan. At the intermission  
we left with Milt to go out for a  
round of golf - I had played only  
two half-rounds all week - I am  
rather tired up now & get out chiefly  
only on the week-ends. Since supper

I've been in the office correcting quizzes and making out a bunch of class lists for daily work, quizzes & absences. I struck it out until I had all that kind of thing done. I think now that I'm sufficiently organized to begin some work of my own next week.

I had a note from Eva today. The poor child has had a cold again, but it's over - probably the same thing that's been sweeping the country - hundreds here have been having head colds lasting a few days. I had mine just before I left New York and there still traces of it, but it probably saved me from having one out here. I've just heard of some cold vaccine capsules that one can buy that have had a great success - one takes one a day for a week and then has a week thereafter. The cost per season is about four dollars - cheap enough to make it worthwhile if it works. I'm planning to try it one season anyhow.

Well, I must get me to bed. I do hope that both you & Mrs. Deep have suffered no ill effects from the waving and that you'll soon be feeling fit to go home. Lots of love to you & Father,  
George.



THIS SIDE OF CARD IS FOR ADDRESS

Miss G. B. Van Schaack  
4312 - 47<sup>th</sup> St.  
Long Island City -  
New York

Landenberg Pa.

Oct. 10, 1939

Dear Courthouse -

We have been here five days - It seems much longer. We do gain but it seems so slow. Sunday we went down to dinner & was carried up - yesterday again we were down in afternoon to sit in sun a while and had supper before being carried up. We are well cared for and have a very nice room. The country about is beautiful - weather fair and sunny - birds & flowers abundant. So - however we must go to doctor and hope he will permit us to go home next week. We have a rabbit, lie down a good deal and eat some traps. Father is our valet. Send this to Ges. Hope you are ok. - Can't write much.  
Love - Mother & Dad.

Lansdowne, Pa.

Oct. 12/39

Dear George-

Have just written a few lines to Constance and Reginald this is my last to you from Penn. We plan to leave here Monday all stopping in Phil. for last night to Dr. On Wed. he said we were in fine shape and could go home Monday. We will stop once night in Leonia - Eva will meet us in Phil. & go home for a few days. We are better and better every day and it is fine to be able to go down to dinner & supper.

Pa visited a noted diag-  
nostician in Phil. Wash  
& had a thorough going  
over, clothed & naked for  
 $1\frac{1}{2}$  hrs. He went back  
without breakfast at 7.30  
this AM to finish up. He  
will go there Monday 1 P.M.  
for the verdict.

Pa is waiting & takes us  
to town to mail letters &  
for a change - 4.30 P.M. <sup>now</sup>

Hope all is o.k. & we'll  
write when we reach home.  
Had a stack of cards & mail  
to-day - went to sleep  
Love, Mother.

October 17, 1939

Dear Mother,

I hope that you and Father are having as fine a day to drive home in as we are having here. But I reckon that it would take more than bad weather to dull your joy at going home. It must seem a long time to you but really it is remarkably short considering what you have been through. I was happy to hear the good reports from Dr. Gilvey last week and hope that the one yesterday was equally good. I'm glad you persuaded Eve to go home with you for a few days. It will be a great help to have her there the first few or three days to help you get settled again, and I am much relieved that she is with you. And I think it will do her good too since she has been away so long. - It will probably feel strange to you for a while to be home again, after being there only ten days in ten weeks! When are you starting out again?!

The steady round here goes right along and it is very difficult to get down to any work of my own - there are always

so many little, necessary though incon-  
sequential details to be taken care of. A week  
ago taught Mitt & his wife and John & I rode  
down to Ann Arbor for dinner, the latter seems  
us going to a mathematics lecture after  
dinner. It was good to get out of here for  
a few hours, for the previous days had  
contained a number of exasperating &  
distracting episodes in department  
matters, and the talk was very worth-  
while. But the trap is a little longer to  
make very often when one has to get up  
so early the next day and teach all day, so  
we can't do it often. I've been out for  
golf a few times during the past week when  
the weather was clear enough, so that  
I've been getting sufficient exercise and  
shape, some insurance against the  
times when I shan't get out at all. So  
far I've avoided getting the cold that's been  
going round, and now that I'm taking  
the cold vaccine I hope I'm set for a  
coldless winter. Why don't you & father  
try it? I'm taking Lilly's Eucoral. If you  
try it be sure you get the exact instructions  
& follow them closely. - If you're looking  
for a superlatively good movie see 'The  
Old Maid' when it comes round. I saw it  
last week and found it very excellent - but  
it's not exactly amusing - on the contrary  
rather heart-rending. - Give my thanks to  
Eva for her good letter, my best regards  
to Mrs. D - and much love for Eva father & you. George.

October 30, 1939

Dear Mother & Father,

Wrecked that by this time you have given me up for dead - and if you had you wouldn't be far wrong! I have been just swamped with one thing & another for well over a week. Thought things sort of came to an end for a few hours and I came home rather early to write a few letters - but so far I've only managed one. But I've determined to write you before I go to bed so that I can put the letter in the mail first thing in the morning.

I was glad to get your letter last week with the news that you, Mother, are gaining strength, if slowly - of course it will be slow & you must be careful. I hope that before the winter sets in you'll have some nice weather so that you can be out & do a lot.

I'm sure you must have been upset by Eos's nervousness & difficulty in talking, but I'm sure she must be much better than when I saw her last in August. I'm glad

you didn't see her then. I am going to try  
to write to both Dr. Tilden & Eleanor within  
a day or two and see if I can get some real  
comparisons of her present condition with  
that during the summer. I shall let you  
know what I find out, and then perhaps  
you ought to write to the doctor to do  
everything that can be done. Of course what  
can be done depends so largely on what  
Eva will let be done - she shrinks from  
spending the money, or having it spent  
on her, and as soon as she feels she  
can get about again she stops seeing  
the doctor. It is a difficult problem but  
I'm not sure there won't be a way around  
it.

Last week & the week-end were largely spent  
in giving exams & grading them - an awful  
chore, which I only finished this noon -  
and rather discouraging, for the results  
were pretty poor - it seems to have to lower  
standards every year. Saturday evening  
saw the president's annual reception. I  
went last year & was royally bored &  
had not planned to go this year. But  
Mitt & his wife invited I should because  
Mrs. Shaw, the president's wife, keeps strict  
account of who comes. So I got very late  
out, had it pressed & dressed up that  
evening. The party was a noisy affair, but

I struck it out for two hours - largely  
with the help of Milt & Kathleen. As my  
reward they invited me to their house  
afterward to listen to some music. They  
have a fine phonograph & hundreds of good  
records - so when I got home at one  
thirty I was tired but satisfied. - Last  
Thursday I spoke at the first meeting of  
our seminar for the year - on the whole  
it went off very well, if I say it myself.  
Now my term won't come round again  
until next term.

The beautiful fall of last year has  
not been repeated this year - colder,  
Michigan has been having typical  
weather. There has been little sun for  
ten days, and quite a lot of rain - but  
the latter was as badly needed one  
couldn't complain. I was lost out for  
some half a week ago Saturday - the  
fossilization for this season is worn  
out anyhow - with the colder weather  
the urge to stay in & work is stronger than  
that to go out.

I had a nice note from Mrs. Rogers the  
other day in which she predicted how  
little she had done for you. It would  
have liked to invite you over to her  
apartment, but it was in the process

of being papered & painted. She said she was so glad to hear that both you & Mrs. Deep had made such good recoveries.

I think I would like you that in taking oral cold-vaccine. It is now over two weeks since I began<sup>it</sup>, and I think at least that it is being effective - I seem to feel less the previous almost ever present intermittent cold. It will be a great thing if it really prevents me from having any cold this winter.

Well, I must get to bed. I am going to get ten hours or so of catch up, and then devote a large part of tomorrow (I have no class till four) getting caught up on other letters & personal matters. I've not taken time lately even to sort out some laundry, so I'm nearly to the point of having nothing clean to wear.

I hope I'll hear from you soon that you are feeling better & better. I'm glad indeed to hear Father's diet seems to be helping him and hope that will stick to it through thick & thin - again I point out the inadequacy of the local doctor for any & all ills. I do hope you both found your lessons! Best regards to

Mrs. Deep & lots of love to you both. George

Thanks  
for all your  
kind letters  
Dorothy

Cassackie, N.H.

Oct. 22/39

Dear George-

We have just come in from a delightful drive, the first I have been out since we returned home. We had a heavy rain last night and the country looks fine now, so clean and fresh - our lawns are very green. It has been a dark day but about 3 o'clock the sun came out and the sky, hills, woods, fields were just beautiful. Mrs D's brother Bab called with part of his family, they wanted to take Mrs D. home with them but she said she'd go up for a few days.

I think we both had a little  
set back after the trip home  
for we did not have as much  
help as we had had before.  
We have rested and played  
and find we cannot get on  
our feet much for our legs  
get so tired. We have re-  
newed the friendship of the  
Frogs and sold fish and just  
was out early in fore get  
some oxygen. Today's was  
warm and we sat on porch  
in Sun a long time. Mary-  
ette was here yesterday to  
clean and will come next  
week to pack. It was nice  
to have her here but the poor  
child could not refrain  
from some nervous shello.

It distressed her to see  
her efforts to talk at times.  
She was quite bad Thursday  
but was all right when she  
left Friday at 11 AM. Eleanor  
& Chushama met Jim Balb.  
+ we had a little room of her ar-  
rival. She did not do any-  
thing except get meals (Sweet)  
and clear up again - also  
looked over her things and  
packed a box full of mail.  
Nothing else was here to call  
and they were quite upset  
over it's difficulty to talk.  
Pa has said he will write to  
the doctor and tell him to go the  
limit to cure her but he won't.  
I'm sure. Would it be a good

letter for you to write and find  
out just what he thinks now.  
Ira has not seen him yet but  
says she is going soon.

It was nice to find the house  
warm and dusted with a  
fire in fire place too.

Mrs. D. is late gaining every  
day - we go back to bed after  
breakfast & dress before dinner.  
I have had a few callers but  
have not felt much like visit-  
ing. I guess its a long road back  
to being normal and we have  
just settled down & go slowly.  
It was nice to stop on our way.  
Kate has failed very much - Ira  
says she could live a long time if  
she would only diet right. - Pa  
is doing fine on his diet. Ah! thanks  
for the nice picture - it is a fine place.  
Love from all - Mother

Cassackie, W.V.  
Nov. 4, 1939

Dear George -

Time seems to pass more  
quickly than when I lay in the  
hospital and I feel as if I ought  
to accomplish more than I do. There  
is so much to attend to but I soon  
give out if I try to do much. There  
has been considerable writing &  
accounts to attend to and so  
you have been neglected. When I  
get a tired feeling, I try to either  
sit down or lie down. Since  
I wrote to you we had Charles Swann  
out for 6 days to do our house work  
now pa thinks he can finish up  
the rest of his course this month.  
Margaretta has been here & dif-  
ficult days to clean wash & iron.  
Tuesday Mrs Delp returned after  
a weeks visit at her brother's an

Shanton Hill. She seems to be feeling  
Very good most of time but of course  
don't do much work - helps with  
dishes and cooking & odd jobs and  
and rests a good deal. Pa has taken  
us out most every nice day for  
a short ride. He has been out  
two evenings this week - R. D. Bon-  
quet at Fitchsed - went with Mack  
Scully - and a Farm Bureau affair.  
I cannot and have no desire  
yet for any afternoon or evening  
affairs. Mrs Delp went home  
yesterday to stay over Sunday.

Last Sunday Mr & Mrs Frank  
Sind wife came up for the day.  
It was a lonely day & they reached  
here about 10.30 Jessie came  
soon after that & she & Cully  
for the dinner - I had 2 chickens

one stone most cooked & had  
my table & picked up house but  
that was all I did except nail  
for no one would let me work.  
Pa took us for a ride (1 hr.) over  
high hill - most foliage spoiled  
but there were places where the  
leaves were very nice yet. Pa & W.  
took the folks to Hudson after sup-  
per.

Melbur is all "election" just  
now as he is running on ticket  
for Justice of Peace.

We were glad to get your  
nice long letter - had not  
noticed as we know you are  
kept very busy. Monday - you  
have encountered Richard <sup>Mack</sup>  
again. His mother fell down  
stairs last week and broke her

are in 2 places. By the way  
 I had quite a fall Sunday All.  
 but it did not seem to hurt me  
 except skin my knee and  
 ruin my stocking. I was  
 just brushing off back steps  
 & made a misstep, that threw  
 me out in the road.  
 Pa & I are taking it easy to-  
 day - well I did yesterday but  
 he worked outdoors. He has  
 been to town & had a nap & is now  
 reading. His head has been very  
 good lately but he had a terrible  
 ache last night - the worst since  
 we came home - gules & takes some  
 time to get all the acid out of the  
 stomach. I am anxious to learn  
 what you learn from Dr's doctor.  
 Pa & I think an osteopath would help.  
 Dr Sedney said he would like to try it - but  
 he is too far away & she isn't convinced yet.

Hope the cold treatment will be successful. Am - Boston

November 16, 1939

Dear Mother & Father,

Today has gone very differently from planned -  
in particular a letter was to have gone off to you  
this afternoon. But despite its now being  
midnight I shall write to you & send it off  
air mail in the morning - I hope it will  
then reach you on Saturday. I'm working  
more or less like a slave just now, trying  
to get as much done as possible in what  
remains of the term - not that I haven't  
worked all fast, but the term slips away  
so fast & there is so much I want to do.  
But I'm not working too hard, so you must  
not worry about me - I'm simply neglecting  
practically everything else for work. To-  
night was the first I haven't been in the  
Office in a very long time - and that was  
only because of another college engagement -  
a meeting of the local chapter of the American  
Assoc. of Univ. Prof. I'm not a member, but the  
meeting was open and I felt I should go  
because Mild was speaking. There were  
three talks, two of very controversial nature -

opposing sides of the same question - the place  
of the humanities in present day education -  
and before the evening was over some pretty  
caustic things were said. It was interesting,  
though somewhat disheartening to have con-  
firmed one's previous low opinion of certain  
people - but encouraging to find that of others  
raised.

Today has been the sixth fine day in <sup>a</sup> row,  
in fact the best of the six. I think I should  
have spent it playing golf - there may be no  
more. But I was out since last week-end.  
As it was I spent the day in several domestic  
matters, making two trips downtown to take  
my car to a garage & then go & get it. My  
generator had gone bad again. While I saw the  
car very little I felt I ought to get it fixed  
for the good of the holiday with cold weather  
coming.

On Saturday John & I made a trip to  
Kalamazoo with some other members of the  
department, to attend the annual meeting  
of the Michigan Academy of Sciences. I was  
saking the time off, but we thought it  
best to go for the sake of the impression -  
it will probably be a pleasant change in  
our routine.

When do you celebrate Thanksgiving in Des

Jack? Ann comes a week from today.  
So far I have no intention either to go  
away or out for dinner - I'm hoping I  
should be asked away for I'd like to have  
that week-end to get in some good nights  
of sleep, and yet generally caught up on  
several things.

I reckon you have heard from Eva of  
the imminent changes in the biology  
department at Hopkins. I wonder if it  
will hold anything for her - I wish it  
might. And you must have heard, too,  
of the death of Dr. Brown, which I  
fear I must say seems to me like a kind  
of divine retribution - from what Eva  
told me of him he was a mean cuss,  
and I'm not shedding any tears that  
he at least is out of Eva's way. - I am  
still awaiting replies to my letters to  
Dr. Tolpeltman & Eleanor. Eva said that  
she was planning to see Dr. Pennie again  
as soon as she was well - what-  
ever that means.

I was very glad to get your good letter -  
but so long ago. How did Dr. Thur come  
out on the election? I reckon he was  
elected - or knows the reason why! No,  
I haven't laid eyes on Richard March

again - at least not to recognize him. Bob  
had his weather tool that accident. I'm  
glad your own full, weather, was not serious -  
you must be more careful. I hope Father's  
bad headache you wrote of was only a  
fluke and that the diet is really helping.  
My diet of cold capsules seems to be  
working wonderfully - I really feel they  
have already kept me from a cold in  
Nov.

Well, I must get to bed, for I must be up  
by seven in the morning. I hope I'll have  
a letter from you soon, with the news that  
you're both keeping well and living  
sweetly. I hope Mrs. Deep is continuing  
her recovery too. Lots of love,  
George.

Capeackie Wey  
Nov. 18/39

Dear George-

Had you are keeping well. Will you be true for Cambridge 22.

I thought to write this  
all. but did not get at it and  
at noon your letter arrived. It did  
seem so long since we heard from  
you and I confess it is very mid-  
dle - just when I wrote to you - I  
fear it is 2 weeks. Time has flown  
so fast since I've been able to be  
around and do things. I really  
am feeling fine - it is quite re-  
markable for I had pictured my-  
self as being a patient in a  
all winter. Of course I am not try-  
ing to do much nor anything hard  
so much reading, resting, short rides  
accounts & letters and some house  
work time goes quickly. Thank you  
Nov. 23

Mrs D & I went to a church supper but was back  
by 7 P.M. I went to church last Sunday AM.  
and it was such a nice day we all went  
to Bob Morris for a call in afternoon. This  
week we had washing but Margaretta came  
to do the bulk. Same evening Pa took me  
to Dentist down town for some annual  
cleaning, so that is off the boards for present.  
Thursday I attended the W.C.T.U. for first  
time since last winter. I had been put on  
program to lead in a peace discussion  
I felt very incompetent but tried to fulfill  
the obligation. Last night was my  
first night out since August. Pa & I  
went to Jewett where I installed the  
new officers of the Juvenile Grange. It  
was a beautiful day and a nice night -  
roads as fine as in summer. There has  
been considerable snow up on Mts. but  
it is about all gone except little heaps here  
and there along road side and patches  
in woods where sun did not penetrate.  
The Juveniles have improved very much  
and did fine work also very quiet & orderly.  
We are always as cordially invited if there  
we rather visit there than any other Grange.  
Pa starts Monday on his installation visit -  
first at Salcott; We will go out in afternoon

and stay one night. Then he has  
 me at Chimney the 27<sup>th</sup> & Loomsburg  
 Dec. 1<sup>st</sup> - the only other defendant  
 one yet is at Jewett Dec. 1<sup>st</sup> & 1<sup>st</sup>  
 after we return from State - Range.  
 We plan to go to Buffalo Dec. 5<sup>th</sup> by  
 train - then back to Syracuse Dec. 11<sup>th</sup>  
 & return Dec. 16. We have room  
 engaged at Syracuse Hotel where  
 most of our sleep will be in ball room.  
 I can take it easy & rest all I want to.  
 We read about Dr. Brown's death &  
 Eva wrote about the change in Dept.  
 May he it will help her out. Mrs. W.  
 was elected - I wish he had not entered  
 politics again. Pa's Lead is behaving  
 fine - no more Lead ones & you could  
 see. This week he went to Albany for  
 eyes examination & I think his new  
 glasses have eliminated the day Lead  
 trouble. To day 1.30 he goes to Albany  
 with Floyd Miller to Orange meeting. Love  
 Mother.

Mrs. W. is feeling fine and doing the very best housework.

Had a nice letter from Grandma & Grandpa.

THIS SIDE OF CARD IS FOR ADDRESS



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

Caspar Hill  
Nov. 23/39

Dear Geo. -

We are going now  
to have dinner at Billie's  
Mamma beautiful - I am  
feeling fine but Mrs D. I  
not so good just now tho'  
she keeps around - guess  
she has been too active lately.  
We had a fine trip & a  
nice visit at Halls  
got back Tuesday about 5.  
I have been spending  
some time lately on the  
apehan trying to get it fixed  
up for Christmas. What  
are your plans for the holi-  
days? Come when you can.  
Hope E. will get here too.  
Don't tell me M's grandchild  
is dead? Everything going along  
normal. Has to get back to

Cassackie, N. Y.

Nov. 27, 1939

Dear George -

Wonder if you are having such fine weather as we are, Beautiful but cold. We have had only one day all this that could be called Indian summer. But it is some time since we had a good rain and every thing is very dry. folks are getting concerned about water for winter use but I think it will rain before winter sets in for fair. We have plenty of cistern water but the well has been dry several weeks. We get drinking water at Janssens. So - tomorrow a man is coming to clean out the well.

Wonder what sort of a thanksgiving you had. I know how you felt when you thought you'd rather not go any where so you could get more work accomplished. I have often felt that way. We had a pleasant day at Wilbur's - he actually was home before 1 P.M. and staid home rest of day. He showed us his marries and some were taken on Caco Bay last summer - we all were on screen. Mrs. D. came there for supper after being W. Deane's for dinner. She did not feel good that day but has been all right ever since. I fell sick about all the time but getting so tired if I exert

a little extra. Suppose it may take all winter to get normal strength again but after all I feel I made a wonderful recovery. It is marvellous not to have those aw full back pains & not to have to wear that big abdominal supported before so many years.

We have gold fish now for pets, 3 big 3 little ones taken from pond. Mrs. D. gets quite a thrill from the pond plants & fish. The pond is emptied & covered for winter. Do you hear any news from doctors or about ma. She writes often but tells little about herself. She frequently mentions wanting to do some things when she gets rested on is not so tired. She has said nothing of late about

coming home but she told me in  
Phil. she meant to be here Christmas.  
I am glad you are having those  
cold treatments - hope you may  
be spared having colds now.  
Be careful of your health in every  
way for there is nothing that can  
replace it - prevention is better than  
cures, you know.

Saw in last Cent. Review that  
Helen Suffin is married & living  
in Los Angeles.

We have plenty to do this week pre-  
paratory to leaving for Buffalo next  
Tuesday Dec. 5. Mrs. Delp has de-  
cided to stay here and we think it  
is better for her tho' we did not urge  
her to. She will be able to rest now  
than if she went to any of her folks  
and none of them have a good heating  
system. Ella Thorne will stay here  
with her. Now I must get busy.  
Write to Cambridge last night. Love,  
Mother.



THIS SIDE OF CARD IS FOR ADDRESS

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

Buffalo, N.Y.  
Dec. 6/39

Dear George -

Arrived at 4.45 - H. met us at depot - no snow all the way except some localities on distant hills.

Mrs D and Jessie went with us to Albany so we did not have to leave home till 10.30

Was glad to get your card as you went down to P.O. before we left. Also glad to find your nice long

letter waiting here. I will try to write you a letter either here or in Syracuse. We leave Syracuse Sat. morning - wish you could be on same train.

We are all well except you has a cold but not very bad. Had a long letter yesterday from E. She seemed all ok. Glad you will have 2 wks. vacation & come to East where Cousin is. Love Gordon

Buffalo, N. Y. Dec. 10/39

Dear George-

Pa is writing to Eva  
and I have just scuffled a  
number of cards. This is our last  
day here we shall be in Syracuse  
to-morrow night-leaving after dinner.  
We went to Church this AM and had  
dinner at the Trilax Maurian. We  
had planned to drive over to Albion  
to see "Bob" but it is a rainy, foggy  
day after a very fair week, so we  
are staying in doors this afternoon.  
Wednesday night we went to the  
Movies to see "Drums along the Mo-  
hawk". It was rather exciting and  
most too much honor in it for me.  
Fortunately we were late, so I saw the  
first picture last - "The Jones Family"  
and that was very good & funny.  
Had a queer experience for me. On  
entering we were each given a small  
ticket with a number & color on. Late  
in evening a large wheel was spun  
on platform and various amounts  
of money up to \$100 given to holders of  
the numbers where the hand stopped.  
I was stunned to be presented with two

half dollars and had some time to decide whether or not I had been gambling. I've decided I didn't for I was perfectly innocent. I never did see how even money given on back nights was a gambling project, though I do think it silly for people to go so much just to get a possible percent.

We spent Thursday downtown. It was nice to see the decorations in the streets & in stores and have a chance to look around and do a little shopping.

Wednesday we walked to Sunon and back - about 10 blocks away. I surprised myself by walking both ways. We meant to go to Canada Saturday afternoon but Harold had unexpected business. We staid up till midnight Friday placing Lefiore (new to food see) just got settled in bed when phone rang. It was a call for Harold about an accident 25 miles away. He had to go at once & Wayne went with him; they did not get back till 5 am.

I had to do some invest. getting  
that afternoon. It was a very  
windy day but pa & I took quite  
a walk around the neighborhood.

Have heard nothing from Leah.  
except one card from Mrs. Duff.  
No news is usually good news.  
and we are not worrying. W.L.  
but is ready to help out if necess.  
any.

Not very easy to write here - so  
much visiting going on. I have  
written 2 cards to Cousin Anne.  
Have not heard from her in some  
time but trust she is O.K.

Hope you are not working too  
hard and will get thro' without  
getting too tired.

Will try to send you a card  
sometime next week.

Love  
Evelyn.

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Syracuse, Dec 12, 1939  
Dear Sir - Arrived here Sat. at  
two Monday - Have very fine  
room in this hotel (3. hotel)  
and I am making good use  
of it - am well but not in the  
best of health - very hardy.  
He has had no head aches since  
Dec. 2 - Big crowd here - 9  
from Grand Co. but we are all  
from Coosquehatchie. Mrs D. Schell's  
all OK at home. Letter to - day  
from Eva - She is still going  
strong but I fear not very well.  
I may not write you this except  
write when you can. Love Mother & Father

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December 19, 1939.

Dear Mother & Father,

Here I am in New York at last and with a few quiet Laura, - the last few days in Michigan were very hectic - it seemed that this term the exams took twice as much time as in any previous term. It was a very mad rush, and what with trying to get off a host of Christmas notes & cards I got no writing done at all - nor any Christmas shopping - I haven't been on the main street of Lansing for weeks. I reached here Sunday morning about eight-thirty, after a fairly comfortable trip, for I slept more than usual. In the afternoon we were over at the Wrights for tea & supper. Yesterday I spent with Doreen in New York. Constance had her last classes yesterday and a dinner engagement at school so I was able to spend the day without encroaching my time with her. Today I am slated to wrap

need to go to Albany that day we could reach there at 3:58.

I'm sorry we shan't be able to be with you at Christmas. But Constance feels she should be with her sister - and especially this year, since their Christmas must be more meagre than last year's. Mr. Crighton lost his job a few weeks since, and they must accordingly be careful in their spending.

I had a letter from Eva last week - she had made no plans for the holidays so far. She was going to see Dr. Fitzhume to ask him if he thought she ought to go away. I inclined myself to believe that she ought not to come home because she worries about the effect on you and me of her present condition. On the other hand, I think that when she's alone she tends to think too much about herself - so I don't know what the solution should be - at any rate we must let her do as she wishes without letting her feel any compulsion. A recent letter from Dr. Fitzhume was rather encouraging - he had agreed <sup>with Dr. Keyser</sup> to her not going to a hospital in the near future.

Now Digitized by the Herbarium Institute for Botanical Documentation

up packages and write some Christmas cards. I shall probably spend a large part of the afternoon standing in line at the post office.

I hope you reached home safely Saturday night - glad to get your card yesterday saying you had received the telegram - I had intended to a telegram for your birthday, but I couldn't manage a trip downtown to buy you something - though you still have something coming.

It is our plan to come up to Cortland a week from <sup>Wednesday</sup> tomorrow. I would have made it definite before but I left arrangements to Constance - and it seems she left this arrangement to me, without my realizing it. I am wondering if the ferry at Hudson is still running, for if it is and if you could meet us in Athens it would be much more convenient. It's at least as convenient to cross the river at Hudson as at New York, and the trains on this side are much faster. If you can meet us this way we shall plan to come on the train reaching Hudson at 3:25 in the afternoon. Or, if you have

afternoon to see a friend of Cambridge - David  
has dinner with us & we go to a play with  
him. Am looking forward anxiously to  
seeing you next week. Lots of love from us  
both, George

Carbachie Wey  
Dec. 20/39

Dear George and Lawrence -

It was nice to get letter  
to-day and was glad to know  
just when you are coming. Of  
course, we would like to have  
you on Christmas day but I  
thought probably, Constance  
would want to be with her  
sister then. I have hoped  
against hope, that Eva would  
decide to come (maybe she will  
yet as she is so changeable)  
But her letter yesterday, seems of  
final though she said nothing  
about seeing the doctor. I wish  
she would not think so much  
about her affliction hurting  
us - I could stand it better  
than to have her so isolated  
at this season. However, I have  
followed your advice and not  
muzzed - said we would abide

by doctor's decision. I have been  
rather unwell by her decision  
received yesterday - woke  
with headache this AM. and  
got up very late - the first  
time since Oct. I have so in-  
dulged. As no one will be  
here Monday, Mrs D. is going  
to join her folks at a big family  
party - Jessie has invited us  
and we'll probably go. This I'd  
just as soon stay here and  
be quiet.

We had a nice ride home  
from Syracuse with Mr +  
Mrs Leland Cook and they &  
Miller & wife. Left at 5:30 Fri-  
day evening & was here at 11:30  
Mrs D. was up to welcome us  
and it was nice to find a warm  
house and everything in apple  
pie order. We stopped for  
supper in Cazenovia and met  
Mr. Brougham & 2 friends in  
the restaurant - He was returning

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from a same Bureau Meeting  
in Dhaca. Most of the road  
was in very good shape - we  
did strike some very places  
over which we drove very slowly,  
I was very tired for several  
days - sort of reaction and  
make good use of bed & sofa.  
But I am really very well  
and everyone thinks I look  
so well.

It has been about im-  
possible for pa to adhere to  
his diet while away and pe-  
haps that accounts for the  
severe headaches he has  
had the last week. He also  
seems to have some sinus  
trouble but that pain is differ-  
ent from the other. Otherwise  
he feels very good. Monday  
night ~~we~~ went to Jewell's

install the officers there -  
I did not go but he had 3  
assistants from Elmer Smye.  
Yesterday he went to the an-  
nual meeting in Catskill  
when the Council Com. for  
Cancellation is elected for  
next year - he again was  
awarded the honor of leading  
this project in person. He  
is not overworked and en-  
joys the contacts.

Pa says there is no ferry route  
at Athens but he is willing  
to meet you in Hudson by go-  
ing over the bridge - We do  
not expect to go to Albany - so  
drop a line if you are certain  
of catching our Central on that  
afternoon train at Hudson.

I must lie down now a few  
minutes before getting back off  
down our various errands.  
Much love & best wishes for a healthy  
Christmas

December 2, 1939

Dear Mother & Father,

I have left writing you so late that was this afraid this won't reach you before you leave Coxsackie - the mails from here sometimes seem to be so slow. Perhaps I'll send it to Buffalo - if I can find the address. I hope that you will get off in good shape Tuesday - I'm glad that you feel you can go and I know that you & Harold & Marge will all have a fine time. I wish you could come all the way out here - perhaps you can some time, but I trust in a more beautiful time of year. - I expect I shall be quite on your heels when you are returning from Syracuse two weeks from today, for I expect I shall be going through there early the next morning.

Which brings me to the question of the vacation. We are, of course, planning to come to Coxsackie, but I'm not sure just when. We must leave Constance's apartment for a few days while it is being renovated. I suspect that will be directly after Christmas, for she would scarcely feel like getting ready to get out with Christmas.

preparations still unfinished. My vacation starts early enough, two weeks from today, but it will end abruptly at New Year, for college opens the next morning. That will mean I think that I shall have to leave New York on New Year's eve, which will be a bitter pill for Catherine.

I have had long letters from both Dr. Telfer and Eleanor, and also some word from Eva herself. Dr. Telfer wrote before Eva had seen Dr. Rennie, and before he himself had seen her. He said that her diet seemed to be fairly well regulated, and that he was somewhat encouraged by the fact that she seemed to be carrying on. He felt she understood herself better than ever before and that there was a good chance that over a long period of time she might 'cure herself' - we were to be particularly careful not to show any abnormal concern over her, that the best help we could be would be to help her forget herself. He felt that she did have a minor psychosis of some kind brought on by her long struggle with the many problems of life, but that the psychosis was not a major one as he had feared. Eleanor's letter and Eva's were written after Eva had been to see Dr. Rennie. Perhaps Eva has not told you that Dr. Rennie has advised her to enter a

psychiatric hospital for more or less extended  
rest & treatment. I have no information regard-  
ing what may have made him advise this  
now when he had previously told Dr. Tilghman  
that he thought Eva might be treated as an  
ambulant patient. I suspect it is not that  
there is any pronounced change for the worse,  
but rather that Eva has not made the  
recovery he had hoped. I believe this the  
more because he did not say that Eva  
must go at once - I take it he rather ad-  
vised it as an ultimate thing and the only  
thing he could advise as being sure of success.  
Of course Eva does not want to give up  
her class now and go back to the hospital,  
and Dr. Tilghman told her he did not feel  
it necessary for her to do so. I feel sure  
that Dr. Tilghman would not have kept  
her this without Dr. Kenzie's consent.

So for the present there is nothing to do -  
above all you must not let Eva know that  
you know what I have written you nor  
in any way arouse her concern over herself  
by showing your own concern. I still feel  
complete confidence in Dr. Tilghman and feel  
that both he & Dr. Kenzie are genuinely in-  
terested in Eva, and <sup>that they</sup> will take whatever  
steps are necessary in so far as it may be  
feasible - it is impossible to force Eva

and definitely worse for her to feel forced than to feel that what she does is of her own accord. She has written me nothing of her plans for the vacation - perhaps she has none. I suppose that you have asked her to come home, in which you are quite right, but I think that you must neither urge her nor say anything which she might construe as urging. To a large extent, I think, her present state is the result of long struggles against urging & necessity, and she should be spared all urging now. Make her feel that you want her to come, but that you realize she may have so many commitments in Baltimore that she cannot get away.

I know this is all very hard for you to take and that it will trouble you, but the situation is so delicate that I feel you must try to be extremely careful in what you say to her. You cannot cease to be concerned, of course, but I think you should try not to worry. Eva can be cured and will be when she comes around to submitting to the cure of her own accord - that may be soon - it may be quite a while.

All for the present. Have as good a time as you can in Buffalo - give my best to Harold & Hazel and tell them I'm sorry I can't be able to stay now. Lots of love,  
George.

Christmas, 1939  
(25 Dec.)

Dear Mother & Father,

Many thanks for the beautiful writing paper, of which you are to have the first letter written thereon. It has been a good Christmas and I'm simply wallowing in presents. We came over here this morning and opened our presents with the Coughlans, with much excitement, especially on the part of Joan. Since dinner I've been reading and trying to get over too large a meal. Now we are about to go out to supper - to Dr. Martin's - a psychiatrist, who comes from Johns Hopkins - he must know Dr. Reine, and I shall try to get his opinion of him.

I have delayed writing you on time of arrival on Wednesday partly because I wanted to see what the weather might promise and partly because I have hesitated to ask you to cancel the way round to Hudson. However, my invitation has given in and I am asking you to come to Hudson.

I wouldn't do it if we were to be in tomorrow evening  
but we go to the theater then and shall get to bed very  
late. To get up and over to Redwood by 11:15 the next  
morning seems just too much when the other train  
will give us two hours longer. We shall reach Nelson  
at 3:25<sup>Wednesday</sup> A. I should a blizzard came up before then  
I shall try to be aware of it and telegraph you  
that will come by a later train on the west side -  
but I don't think there'll be a blizzard - according  
to the weather reports & the weather map.

All for now. I have been thinking of you today  
and hope that you have all had a merry  
Christmas - and have been easy that more of  
us couldn't be with you. I'm looking forward  
anxiously to seeing you on Wednesday. Much  
love from us both,

George