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Cassackie WY

Jan. 2, 1940

Dear George-

Was so glad to get
your letter today and hope
you all had a big time on
Joan's birthday. We were
glad to have you all here
and sorry to see you go so
soon.

Tuesday was a wild day
for our washing but we man-
aged to get the clothes dry.
Yesterday was a beautiful day
to start the new year. Gooden

came to see his mother after
dinner - he just had the one
day off. He left at 4 and then
we drove up to Moore's and
brought Ella back with us to
stay till Sunday. Have been
busy to day with odd job and
principally cleaning away the
ques and putting away the
Christmas things. We are about
ready to move on early to-
morrow to get the 8:55 train
from Albany to Syracuse.
Have not seen either of the

bags but expect 4 or 5 M. & W. bags -
They were in bag for Mrs. & Mel.
Had a nice letter to day from
Miss Boyd - she said Eva was
looking good & had gained
several pounds.

I have finished my book "My Son
My Son" so now I can get some
rest done - it was too interesting
for me to leave it alone, but it
must be better if paid for it
were cut out.

The photo machines is quite a

This bug bear to us but we'll try
 to go through it soon - maybe
 next week.

Now I must write a few
 more notes - my main ac-
 capation seems to be at the
 desk - I wonder if any
 other private botanists have
 so much desk work.

Hope your rest of vacation
 will be enjoyable and you'll
 have a safe trip to E. Lansing
 Let me know how Aubrey's comes
 along. Here Mchies success &

Love to you & family

New Year & you both

Catsback U. Y.

Jan. 5, 1940

Dear George -

As I write this date I am reminded that it is Grandma's birthday - she would have been 92 yrs. old. We are having a very quiet snow fall but it looks as if it might be a big one before night. We had a nice small snow storm the night after you left and it has been cold since to keep most of it on the ground. In fact it has been very cold, around zero, most of the New Year.

We went to Milburn for dinner on Monday. Did not mean to go but Mr. called up and urged us to and we consented as cash donation would not hurt too much and she didn't. We had planned a very quiet, restful day as we had to go to East Durham at night for Pa had promised to install the new affairs at Catok St. Valley Grange. Tuesday was wash day and the

Extreme cold and awful strong
wind made it a lively time when
the clothes blew off and one line
broke down. Wednesday at 11
AM I went to Catskill, to keep my ap-
pointment with the dentist. It
was more of a job than anticipated
as the cavity was deep and I had
to have Novocain to stand the grind-
ing out. Mr. ~~rested~~ after dinner
and then pa went downtown
while I called on Fannie J. Jell
dell. Harvey is hoaxed up with
a heart attack but he was sitting
up and dressed. Dr. Van Haeem
is also laid up in Albany Hospital
with heart attack & must take a
6 mo. vacation.

Yesterday pa went to the first Con-
servative meeting of this year and
Mrs D. went to visit for afternoon
and evening at Deauville house.

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After supper Pa & I drove down
below Athens back of 9 W. Road
to spend the evening with Mr. &
Mrs. Chas. Moore; they are very fine
folks & good friends & we had a
fine time. We stopped on way
home at 10.30 for Mrs. Deep.
This AM. has been busy with the
work of cleaning away the Christ-
mas decorations and getting w-
gain normally settled; I wanted
to go to Jewett to-night but the
snow has saboted that trip.
The "Florida" talk continues and
I begin to feel Pa is quite set on
the trip, tho we have made no defi-
nite plans. On figuring up, I find
I was away from home last year
about 16 weeks & Pa 11 weeks -
I really am satisfied to stay

Same for awhile, but will con-
sent to go if pa urges.
Had a nice letter from Col-
Chance yesterday written on
train en route to Boston.
Was glad to get your card written
Sunday and that your trip West
was not too tiresome. I thought
of you thru the time and
at 12.30 Monday night as we
reached home, I imagine
you as just reaching E. Lansing.
I do hope the time is not very far
away when you & Cassie may
not have to be separated so far
and for long ^{periods} ~~times~~, too. We
were very glad to have you home
but sorry the time was so short.
Expect to be in Syracuse the 18th or 19th for the
Annual Deputis School at Hotel Niagara.
Have played several ranges of Conyack.
Hope you will keep well & have a pleasant
time as possible. Now in sleep.

Starkley New Year & much love, Mother.

Catsackie, N. Y.

Jan. 8, 1940

Dear George:

I hope we will get some word from you to day. We have been so occupied since you were home and there seems to be a very busy time for the rest of the month. We went to Syracuse by train; there was over 3 in. Snow fell Thursday night. Syracuse was slushy but no fresh snow and Saturday was bright, walks dry and all very much like Spring. We struck snow again at Utica on way home and there is still plenty here. Days are bright and cold - zero this AM. We had a nice time at Syracuse - Staid in Misspoh which has been re-decorated and is in very good shape now. There were about 100 in our group evenly divided as men and women and we all ate in the big church dining room for the 3 meals we were there. Mrs. Deppella met us at 6.30 train Saturday night.

Marge opened Dr. Kinkel's apartment Monday with six children. We went in on Sunday for a few minutes after church and found it all in good shape - She has very clever to get it

fixed up so appropriately.
Monday night we went out to
East Durham for the last bronze
installation of new officers. Pa is
very proud of this change because
he organized it and they are doing
very fine work in every way.
They voted to organize a juvenile, &
that will be ^{one} of my pleasant jobs
this month, if they do the preliminary
work.

Yesterday we all went to
Oatbriell in the morning. Mrs D.
& I had dental appointments &
Pa had Dr Gardner look at his
gums & he is to go next week for
impression. I also had my wave
set and it looks much better than
before. We plan to go to Albany
tomorrow if weather & roads
do not balk us.

I think I wrote you I had a nice
letter from Miss Boyl but nothing
from Pa. Pa is planning to go to London
early next month but I am very half
hearted about it. Pa is in back of my
head all the time & I just wonder
yet I am thankful she is in a good place
and perhaps time will bring about a
more normal condition. Marie & W. are
having trouble with Geo. - he is in bad shape

and will have to be taken away, I guess. Love Mother

Jan. 15/48

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

Dear George-

Mrs D. and I have just had
lunch - Pa is in Albany to a (Circulation
Conference - he will be gone till tomorrow
late afternoon. Wed. he is going up again
to the Agricultural Meeting (State) but will
not stay for Luncheon. Thurs. 7.45 a.m.
we start for Syracuse for 2 days - will
be at Hotel Mizpah till about 2 P.M. Friday.
Last week was very weather all the time
but yesterday brought a thaw and milder
weather with heavy rain last night. The
snow is about gone and I guess wells and
streams are "better" than they were - we are
still carrying drinking water from Javicus.
Pa's headaches at night have subsided - no
trouble that way in about 2 weeks but I fear
for course quemes after the week's disrup-
tion. The daytime pains over nose has

let up, too, - it was aw full for a while. His
eye were tested in Nov. & he got new glasses
so that aught else would be the cause.

Otherwise we are all feeling fine. We
usually end up before going to bed
with a few games of something - just
see how I have more time than we
used to, to read daytimes and the
evenings now seem so long - we seldom
go out after supper. We planned to
go to Kingston last night to hear Dr Paul
Harrison of Arabia but weather too bad.
Had a long letter from Eva last
week - says she is greatly improved &
Dr. J. is so pleased. She does not
want to see Dr. Cuneo now as she is
not ready to consult with him. She
suggested she go with us part way for
the ride or else meet us coming back.
Guess we have about decided to
start on Thursday 29th just 2 weeks
from today. Will probably stop

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ELMSHADE
COXSACKIE, NEW YORK

over in Leona and get to Baltimore
Gues. after noon if Eva thinks it O.K.
We could go further same day & not
bother her at all.

I can guess I dread the preparations
for if we get our meals, that means
extra preparation & to get house in shape
to leave is a bother. H. Rea will have to
let all the water and pipes & radiators.
Pa says he does not want to come
back before April. Not being sure
of accommodations, I fear a big
expense but this I say there are lots of
places to rent & Miss Elliott's (Auntie's land)
wrote me there has been many new
houses & apartments since last winter.
Pa does not believe me when I say I'd
just as soon stay home, but of course,
I will give to get in a better climate
when I can be put down more. Perhaps

It will help Pa's head condition too.
If we find it too expensive, we probably
won't go again.

I wrote to Constance yesterday,
and am wondering if she is
back at school - I suppose so
by now.

No doubt you are as busy as
ever - Marge wrote me that they
enjoyed meeting you in the depot.
Well, I guess I'm sleepy for my
eyes feel heavy - must water, a
nap & then Mr D & I are going
to make a long promised call
on the Townsends down the road.

Much love,

Mother.

January 16, 1940

Dear Mother & Father,

I must say that I am astounded of the way I have started the new year, so far as writing home is concerned. It has been on my conscience both day and night - I have dreamt about you all nearly every night for a week. Now I remember that you are to go to Syracuse on Thursday and probably won't get this before you do so I'll send a note there saying I'm writing it.

I was glad to get your letter of something over a week ago and to hear of your doing and that you were both keeping well. I'm glad you're still talking about going to Florida. You have both wanted to

go for so many years that I feel now you
can you should. You would have had
a great deal of fun out of it I'm sure
and I'd feel better about having you
down there during the worst of the
winter rather than at home coping with
the weather of February & March. So you'd
better plan on it.

We, too, have been having some pretty
severe winter weather, at least as far
as temperature - many days 20° or below
all day, and several nights down to
zero - frequent snow though only in
small amounts. You'll be surprised
to learn that I have taken up skating
again. It was in 1921 that I last skated,
giving up in disgust then because I couldn't
keep clamp skates on my feet. When I
was in New York I watched the skating
in Rockefeller Center one day and rather
decided then & there to get some skates

when I should get back to Lansing -
which I did, a week ago Saturday. I
persuaded John, who had never skated,
to get some too. I wondered how much
I'd remember - for the first few minutes
I was disappointed, but soon it was
skating better than I ever had and
wondering why I had waited so long
to start again. Skating with skates
having shoes attached is very different
from that with clamp skates, - one has
so much more support. So far I've
been out five times - on both the
small river here - scarcely more than
a creek - and down town on the muni-
cipal rink - which will be kept in
shape even if the river gets spoiled. I
can already see the effect of the
exercise on how I feel - and on how
I eat - hugging skates is the least
expensive part of skating - it's the upkeep.

We are now well settled in the term with the routine established. I have the smallest number of students of any term so far, but probably the most work for less of my courses are rather more advanced than usual - one of them is my first graduate course, which I am enjoying a great deal since what I am teaching I know only to a very limited degree and hence must learn it as I go along. - I have found a boy in one of my classes whose health I had known somewhat at Harvard several years ago. - Saw Richard Marsh just after college opened - he had driven from Cape Cod to Lansing in 16½ hours - 618 miles - with snow nearly all the way - he'll kill him - self yet.

Now I must stop - write a note to Constance and then get some sleep - the beginning of the week is the best for me and I lose sleep which must be made up later. Much love
George.

THE MIZPAH HOTEL AND FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH, SYRACUSE, N. Y.



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POST CARD

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



Seymour Jan 19/40
It was fine to get
Paul letter when we
got here yesterday. Mother
yes but Jan - Slept on
Chandagha last night -
leaves for home at 2 - will
crawl - nice time.

Rose
Worke

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

Jan. 25/40

Dear George -

Time has flown so fast since we returned from Syracuse. The train we meant to take home was snow bound at Buffalo and the later one got us to Albany much too late for Capt. Train - so we had to wait for bus & reached here after 8 P.M. We have been lucky to escape all the big snow storms that have been in West & South. It is fortunate we were not on the way this week and perhaps next week the worst will be over. Had just snow fall in night to clean up the landscape again and to-day is warmer (30°) and Sun is bright in fact a beautiful winter day. Pa has been packing away the canned fruit & Veg. on his storage closet in cellar and now gone up street with the plants to be placed in Dr's office. My head begins to spin with all the necessary preparations but will

have made a good start tho' the house
is all upset. We will not have to hurry
Monday AM as we will go only as far as
Lewisa and that will not take many
hours. Eva wants us to stay in Balt. only
Tues. night, so we will please her.
Last-Thursday Dr. & family were here
for supper and the evening. That
day they took Mrs. Coakley to Hospital
She had been quite bad again for
several weeks and Jessie was most
wreck. The foot is badly infected and
the bone rotted but an X-ray did not show
the leg infected yet. However Dr. W. G.
did not have much hope of recovery.
Dr. Van H. is still in Albany Hospital &
it is rumored he cannot practice
again - anyway not for many months.
Saturday afternoon we have annual County
wide officers meeting at Climax Hall - this is
the event when we deputize relate to Prange
officers the plans of P. work for year as we
learned it at Syracuse. Hope for an enjoyable
four new sports and will keep well all winter.

Address us Gen. Delaney St. Balt. until we send new address.

much love from

MICHIGAN STATE COLLEGE
OF AGRICULTURE AND APPLIED SCIENCE
EAST LANSING

DEPARTMENT OF MATHEMATICS

January 25, 1940

Dear Mother & Father

I've been thinking about you this week as making final preparations for leaving home for so long. I'm glad you've decided to go and hope that nothing comes up to change your mind. However I hope you wait it out in bad weather or with bad roads ahead. According to the papers the whole eastern seaboard has had a pretty heavy snowfall the last two or three days and I'm a little concerned that you should set out before the roads are clear again. And when you do please take it easy and stop when a storm comes along. I reckon this part of the year is not the best for stopping and seeing everything enroute, but there are several things you ought to see going or coming, - in particular Charleston and Williamsburg, probably both best coming back, for it will be spring in full bloom at both places.

There is little to report since I last wrote. We had the same severe weather last week that you had in Lycium; it was the pleasantest yet weather I have ever seen, not damp - rather deceiving because it wasn't raw. I

was finally reduced to wearing ear muffs - they are very common here. I haven't been skating in over a week - too much snow, but I must get out soon again. Am keeping quite free of a real cold, though Dixie had an infection for a week which I think Entocel has kept from developing.

And that's about all. I must write a bit to Louise now and then go home early to bed for the first long sleep this week - the only way I can keep my eyes in shape is getting enough sleep, and that's not always easy. - I hope you'll let me know whether you still plan to start Monday and where you'll be when, so far as you know. Is Mrs. Deely going with you? You haven't said - I hope so. Lots of love and a safe journey,
George.



THIS SIDE OF CARD IS FOR ADDRESS

Dr. G. B. Van Schoeck
247 Delta St.
East Lansing
Mich

Baltimore Md - Jan 31/46

Dear Geo

The others have gone shopping and I am waiting in car - was nearly 11 AM. Roads like summer till now here. plenty of snow on sides but good driving. Very cold and please last night. Owing to reports we are not hurrying but will go on to-day to Wash. and further.

Had a great misfortune last night that immersed us all but not now. it might have been worse.

While we were in Birds eating sup my somebody took Mrs. Delfors suit case out of trunk of car cost nothing all her dresses & many other things

also a suit box with her white coat & mine too - probably all they could carry - this explains the necessity of any shopping. Had it been the case

With my 10 dresses in - we would have turned homeward for you know I cannot buy ready made dresses. It is a black eye to the trip but we'll see time it. More later - Love - Mother.

I am all the way



THIS SIDE OF CARD IS FOR ADDRESS

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

Wilmington N.C.

Feb. 1st 1940

5:15 P.M.

Dear G, Just arrived here and
going further before we stop.
Stopped in a fine double heated
Cabin last night 35 mi. North
of Richmond. Plenty of snow in
Fredericksburg and some slippery
roads but had no trouble. Got
up this AM. about zero. Heaps of
snow all around us - Richmond
is a mess but got this OK. Now
it is like Spring here but chilly -
Saw first palm tree just a few
moments ago - Farmers plow-
ing - strawberries plants green
etc. Will probably not get to
Jacksonville till Sat. Still over
400 mi away - roads fine now - to a
long long way. Must go on now.
Love Mother.



THIS SIDE OF CARD IS FOR ADDRESS

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

Florida - Feb. 7/40

Dear George -

We have stopped
for the night in a cabin 23 mi.
North of Jacksonville after
driving over 400 mi today
from Wilmington N. C. Weather
has been fair every day - it is
still cool but not cold - we
saw ice in streams in Georgia
I marvel at winter so early
this late in the year. I was
very poor health. We came out
the shore road but struck the
ocean only and at Myrtle Beach
N. C. 17 1/2 mi a typical summer
brook but not in full view -
It had breakfast here after
going 70 miles. Roads excellent
except in Georgia but they were
not so bad. For long still sleep
we were practically alone on
road. Have had no trouble and
hope to reach St. Pete. tomorrow.
Will write you more in a letter
later. Hope to hear from you soon.

MICHIGAN STATE COLLEGE
OF AGRICULTURE AND APPLIED SCIENCE
EAST LANSING

DEPARTMENT OF MATHEMATICS

February 4, 1940.

Dear Mother & Father,

Very glad to get your card from Baltimore and to hear that you were making progress toward the sunny south. But I was much distressed to hear of your semi-major catastrophe in Baltimore. How did it happen - I ~~was~~ suppose it was just one of those things and that one must feel lucky it wasn't worse. But it was bad enough for Mrs. Adolph. Do tell her I'm so sorry. I'm sorry you lost your white coat, for you looked so well in it. I hope you'll get another straight off for if all places where you can use it is Florida.

How did you find Eva? Please let me know as well as you can. I'm wondering if she's seeing Dr. ^{Felshman (!)} (I seem to have forgotten his name for the moment) often enough. If you think she's not getting on I'll write to him again - but not to her about it.

I'm wondering what kind of weather & roads you found south of Washington. The weather here has moderated a great deal since Thursday, with quite a thaw yesterday. Still we have been able to get in some skating

nearly everyday - or rather night, for the city has been
keeping the rinks in good shape.

It's Sunday evening and I've just finished two
pretty heavy days of work - though not so much
as I had hoped. I was getting pretty far behind,
but I am somewhat more caught up tonight.

All for now. Hope you'll get this and that I'll
have word from you soon that you're all settled
very comfortably. Lots of love,
George.

M. 282 TRAVELER'S TREE, (RAVENALA MADAGASCARIENSIS), FLORIDA



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POST CARD
PLACE FOR ADDRESS ONLY

ST. PETERSBURG
FLA.
FEB 23 1940
8:30 PM

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

Feb. 27/40 8:30 P.M.
950 1/2 - 12 St. North
St. Petersburg

This plant, a member of the banana family, is a native of Madagascar and also thrives in the West Indies. The name derives from the plant's habit of growing in the shade of the banana trees. The seeds are edible and are used for the thibary trade. The seeds are also used for the thibary trade.

Dear Geo -
Arrived safe in St. P.
This AM. Remain by visiting
in Orlando & sight seeing -
occupy hunting all day & now
coolly settled at above address.
Will write details later. Much
foliage is ruined by frost but
plant is still ok. Weather fine
a little cool now but no hard wood
store to light some wood.

St Petersburg Fla.
Feb 7, 1940

Dear George:

Here we are
nicely situated in a little
apartment away from the
street and in a large yard
with shade trees that will
be fine when it gets warm.
The nightingales and jays
sing to their hearts content.
Mother seems quite tired
out and is in bed. Mr Dell
is also writing. We had
quite a time hunting an
apartment went around
with an agent for awhile
and then went it alone.
I wish we might have
gotten two bedrooms now
Mr Dell sleeps in the living
room, but later when it

gets warmer the snow can
be put out in the screened
in porch. Our trip down was
much better than I expected
to find it. The road from
Lima to Battenburg was like
runway. From there down it
was a different story although
we had no trouble.

But the amount of snow thru
Virginia and North Carolina
was something to marvel
at. Through Fredericksburg
and Richmond the snow
was piled in huge heaps
just like a typical New
York state city after a big
snow storm. The night we
stayed near Fredericksburg
it was 5' above zero and
12 or 15 inches of snow on the
ground. They had done an
excellent job of road opening.

I was much interested in
the country and conditions
than Georgia and South
Carolina. The extreme pov-
erty of the Negro and some
of the whites is tragic.
I didn't suppose there was
any human being in this
country that lived under
such primitive conditions.
Hundreds of cabins with no
glass in the windows only
just solid board blinds.
We dodged every thing from
razor backs to pickaninies.
I was quite favorable ~~at~~ struck
with the appearance of Florida
& doesn't have that distress-
ed look that you ^{see} further
north. The cold wave was
a severe blow to the country

at large. All of the ornamental
shrubs and flowers are killed
at least for the time being.
Many of the palms are injured
but strange to say they seemed
to stand it better than one
would think.

The leaves are falling from
some of the more slender
shaded trees. So while I find
much to interest I will
miss seeing the beautiful
shrubs, vults and flowers.
We went to Daytona and
looked at the house where
Auntie lived. Then we went
west thru the Orange coun-
try. We drove for miles thru
orange and grapefruit orchards.
It was a beautiful day and
the run on the bright green
leaves and yellow fruit was
a wonderful sight.

One has to see it to realize
the immensity of the industry.
Where they used powder
smudges there seemed to
be very little damage.

In other places the damage
is very severe. In the end
it will be a blessing in
disguise as there is really
too much fruit for what
grown to get a decent price.
We stopped to the dentist
and had a nice call he
seemed very well indeed.
The weather here now is
very nice. Yesterday it rained
80°. Last night we had a
thunderstorm and today has
been cooler. Just looked at
the thermometer on the porch it is

next day at 9 P.M. You ask about
Eva. Well she seemed quite
nervous when we were there.
But I think that was due
to circumstances. The night
before Mrs. Duker had been
disagreeable to her and then
the bluffs of Mr. Delp's clothes
tended to make her worse.
She has a lovely place but
Mr. Duker is very peculiar.
I think she is improving, but
what the outcome will be no
one can tell. I doubt if she
finds anything to do and
what will become of her is
a problem. She would never
be contacted at home. I hope
she will come down here for
a few days and return with us.
Well I managed to use quite
a bit of paper. Just this folds you
all right. Don't worry about me. I
could not write. Love, Father

February 13, 1940

Dear Mother & Father,

I was very glad ^{to} ^{get} Father's long and newsy letter yesterday and to hear that you are pleasantly located and ^{not} suffering from the cold. I hope that by the time this reaches you Mother will have voted out - I'm not surprised she'd hied after the long ride - even in that car! I'm sorry you must see Florida just when it's somewhat blighted by a cold wave. But I suspect that before you leave the last signs of damage will have disappeared. And then I think, too, if you take a trip further south you may find there has been no damage. You didn't say anything about seeing people from home, but I reckon that you probably have. I had wondered whom you had visited in Orlando, but now I recall that Mr. Deunout is there in the winter. I'm glad to hear he is so well. He must be getting pretty old. Have you been out to the beaches yet? The water in the gulf must be quite warm and I'm wandering if you're going in swimming.

Thanks for the news about Eva. I'm glad you think she's a little better. Of course she would have been nervous anyhow from excitement.

From what I hear Mrs. Dexter is very peculiar - just about the most difficult case Eve has ever tried to handle, I guess. Despite that I think Eve has more comfort in her living quarters than for many years and perhaps that is helping her. I hope you will be able to persuade her to go down to Florida for a few days. She ought to get out of Baltimore now & then and forget her troubles there and she would benefit a great deal by a few days in the sun & ocean.

There's not a great deal to write about in this outport - days roll by, weeks roll by, with little change - and time seems to pass even more quickly. There's been shading only since lately, partly because of work, largely because of the weather - a long spell of cloudy weather with daily thaws. Despite the weather and people with colds all about I manage not to get one - I'm beginning to believe that so far as I'm concerned I have found the cold preventative - and it's a great burden off one's shoulders to feel he won't get a cold.

I don't reckon any of you are very ardent stargazers, but there is a show coming along during the next few weeks which occurs only very infrequently and you ought to see it. All five planets visible to the naked eye are to be seen at the same time just after sunset - Mercury lowest, Venus next, I believe, then Jupiter Saturn & Mars in some order. With your likelihood of good weather you ought to get a good view of them - I'm not so sure you will see them here - it's been cloudy after sundown for many days now.

Must write a letter to Cambridge, go out and mail these and then to bed. Hope you're all settled by now & looking out & flourishing. Best regards to Mrs. D.
Lots of love, George.

950 $\frac{1}{2}$ - 12th St. N.
St. Petersburg, Fla.
Feb. 14, 1940

Dear George -

We've just had lunch
and I'm sitting in window seat in
the sun. We've had some warm days
but to-day is cold & and wind blows
but sun is shining. Pa says it will
be real cold to-night. We keep Cam-
fordale with our little wood stove.
We've had 75¢ worth wood (a very
little bit) and must get more.

Planned to go with a Cange party
to-day on a water trip but decided
it was too cold & windy. We are
going at 3 o'clock to Manis - Pa
wants to see the Hunch back of
White Dame - I don't care about it but
must fall in line. This morning
I took a nice walk around this
section - many new houses being
built.

I've been about 4 days last week
in bed about 7/3 of time. At first I
thought I was just tired & nervous
but then I had headaches and stomach
disorder with frequent shooting pains.
Friday I decided it was intestinal grip
& I went to bed with a mustard plaster.

on my stomach & a dose of Castor oil.
Said I'd have doctor next day but
I woke up feeling fine and have
improved ever since - a.k. now.
We called on Le Albanis Saturday -
they have a very nice new home.
Sunday we went to the big Fall
carnival. Three Aunties so plenty
went. It was nice to see to see
but there was a big crowd. In the
afternoon we drove several miles
to Gulfport to a Community
Sing at 4 o'clock in Civic Casino
and then went across bridge to
the Keys and Rose Grill beach.
This is a very section but a nice
beach. Monday while sitting in
the big park listening to band and
then a Radio program - pa
spied old the Divay from 4 hrs.
paint - he is over eighty & live
alone. Yesterday when we
returned from town, we had
3 callers - Chester Spoon and the
Deane boy, Donald Burton. Chester
has been here since fall but the
others are on a trip returning this
week to Cal. This is a nice
section & neighbors are pleasant

But we have such a private apart-
ment we don't have chance
to get acquainted very much.
But it is nice to be able to do as
we please - we annoy no one
and no one annoys us. One
day last week when it was quite
warm, Pa put our little cot
up in yard in the sun for me
to rest on - I got a good sunning.
I was glad this morning to wear
my winter coat when out walking.
But we will have plenty of time
for summer clothes probably
before we go back. I mean
to buy a new white coat if

I can get a good fit & it's
not too high - many things are
cheap but others are out of sight.
Mrs D. has bought several very
becoming dresses real cheap,
but I cannot do that.

There are about 5000 tourists
here and we find the streets down
town very full - it is rather tragic

to see so many lame, blind,
crooked etc. - all sorts of
maladies and I marvel how
they cross streets alone in the
awful traffic. It is a job to
find a bathing place and we
frequently get out on a canoe &
drift till we find some where
open a block or 2 away.

We have not been out since in
the evening and with so much
traffic, it's just as well to be in-
doors. Probably when we hear
of something to call us out we'll
go. We all read some and
usually play 1 or more games
before going to bed. This is ok
for a few weeks but we all agree
a whole winter would be too long.
I hope Eva can come down for
the last week we are here - it
would do her good. I think it would
not cost much. We plan to return
by way of the Annapolis etc. & could
take her all or more all way back to
Bilt. - Now I must rest before going out.
How far are you all? How long?



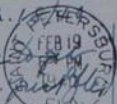
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THIS SPACE FOR WRITING MESSAGES


9-2561

Dear Guy -

Feb. 1919



POST CARD

It was so nice to
have card (to) Wed. ~~just~~ ~~just~~ ~~just~~
I mailed letter to you and
then your letter next day. Had
a nice letter from C. yesterday.
Weather was warmer to-day.
but showery - we have had
Been out twice to-day - it
is not far downtown. Will
write letter soon. All well -
do not hear much from C. 
Have asked C. to come and hope
she will last of Mar. Love Mother.

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



BEACH SCENE IN FLORIDA

St. Petersburg Fla

Feb. 22, 1940

Dear George,

It is quite cold - most noon and 50°
Have had only two warm days since we ar-
rived here. But Sun Shines every day, not
always all day, and for a Florida this is a big
improvement over blizzards. Wonder what
kind of a time you had with the storm. We
were in the Dulles Mail + Caf. Union it was
very bad in Greene W. - roads blocked and
schools closed - our place must be shut
right in. We do not get much mail
lately - I don't think they are forwarding
all of it from Caf. Have had 2 short notes
from Wilbur and that was over a week
ago before the storm - not another word
from any one in Caf. Paper states that
Harvey + Fannie Fessell were coming
down this week - but they go to relatives in
Orlando and 100 miles from here north east.
No mail to day. We have a fire in our
small stove (a very good heater) most of the
time we are home. Wood was very high
when we came, but is cheaper now and it is

Hope you are keeping well - Write when you can. Nothing from Joe in a while. At the
good prize - heats and lasts - must get
more this week. There is a great deal of
building going on and even they put
heating systems in all new houses.
Despite of the cold, there has been a big
influx of tourists the last week. Yester-
day we went to the Library and it was
full of people reading and looking for
books - most of the readers were old men.
Yesterday morning Pa and I went down
town to bank - we had no trouble to cash
checks but had to pay 15¢ ^{each} for two ones
\$15 + less than \$20 - we also did some
shopping mostly groceries. There is a depart-
ment store here called Webbs - they have
anything almost a person needs or wants
but their quarters are small and it is al-
ways crowded - they have bargains tho.
Pa seldom has that might head ache but
sometimes in day time he has pain centering
right over nose. This city is nicely laid out
streets are mostly wide and well marked.
But it is often confusing for there are streets
numbered running one way and the other way
the streets are div. by numbers - Culbert Ave.
divides the city into North & South. The Mon.
we saw last week was "Disputed Passage"
not "The Hunchback etc" as I thought it was to be.
Tuesday afternoon we attended a meeting of
the All States Orange Club and after that to
see "Mr Smyth goes to Washington" Very good.
Mrs Delp has just finished ironing + Pa is
enjoying a book. We will go somewhere this
afternoon as we do everyday. I'm glad to be out doors

Snow Removal Presents Big Task Locally

Work Being Done As
Fast As Possible,
Trustees Declare

Village President Arthur B. Haysom confronted a serious problem this morning as a result of the blizzard. He was at the Village Building early today arranging for snow removal, the biggest job of its kind in many years.

"We must first get the streets opened before we start removing the snow," said President Haysom. "We have made a good start, the village plow was out all night and is still working."

"At the Standard Oil Company's plant near Catskill Point, we encountered a drift eight feet high and it was necessary to put a V-shaped plow on the truck to break through the drift."

"I have received at least 50 calls this morning from Catskill people requesting that the streets be opened up. Last night I was called out of bed by telephone calls from people requesting that their streets be cleared."

Big Job

"We are working as fast as possible, but it is a big job. Our first task is to get the streets opened, and I expect to put on trucks and a large force of men at 4 o'clock tomorrow morning, to remove the snow."

"The men will be kept busy all day today shoveling off crosswalks and opening the streets. Tomorrow at 4 a. m. we will put on an extra force to remove the snow banks."

President Haysom this morning asked the local police to try to stop the shoveling of snow from sidewalks and banks out into the street.

"In some cases we have plowed the streets and then soon after people shovel snow back into the thoroughfare, necessitating plowing again," said President Haysom. "This is a waste of time and money."

It is requested that there be no parking of cars on Main street from Summit avenue to Greene street after 11 o'clock tonight.

The job of removing the snow along Main street will be an expensive one, it is said, but no estimate of the expenditure could be made. The work will be completed as rapidly as possible.

There will be 15 trucks and 63 men on the job tomorrow morning.

Snow Paralyzes Greene County

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trucks to get through the deep snow until the roads had been cleared. Men, employed by Charles L. Anderson, equipped with skis, made delivery to some of his customers.

Snowbanks, almost as high as a man's head, lined Main street in places this morning and it was back-breaking work to shovel the big drifts from the walks.

Estimates early this morning indicated that at least a day would be required for all roads to be returned to their normal condition.

All business activity was at a standstill yesterday afternoon; stores were deserted and most of the people apparently stayed at home. Doctors found it almost impossible to make their calls because of streets choked with snow; grocers made deliveries only with difficulty and, in many cases, the milkman was the day's solitary caller.

The mails were late this morning and so were the New York papers. This was due, however, to the blocking of the streets leading to the West Shore station. These streets were impassable and trucks were unable to get through. By 10 a. m., however, the snowplow had cleared the way and it was possible to bring the mails and the papers to their destinations.

It was reported this morning that about 200 trucks and automobiles were stalled on the highway between Catskill and Schoentag's and 60 between this village and Cementon.

Hotel Filled

At the New Sulpaugh Hotel last night every room was taken by motorists who were stalled here and several persons employed in this village, but living out of town. It was said that some of the employes at the Atlanta Krilling Mills remained there all night, as they were unable to reach their homes.

Owing to the fact that the school buses were unable to operate, many pupils from outside the village, who attend school here, remained in Catskill all night.

The Central Hudson Gas & Electric Corporation reported little damage from the storm. Two high tension wires at Greenville were burned out last night, the wind causing them to rub together. A repair gang was quickly on the scene and service was soon resumed.

The 9-W State highway from Albany to Catskill was opened to traffic by 9:30 a. m. today, but from this village south, conditions were still bad.

At the office of Raymond L. Towner, Greene County Superintendent of Highways, at the Court House here, it was said this morning that the men operating the snowplows on the 9-W were handicapped by stalled trucks and automobiles and also that in places the drifts piled up so rapidly that it was impossible to keep the highway open to traffic.

The big snow plow belonging to the New York State Bridge Authority performed excellent service in clearing some of the streets and roads.

Route 23 between Catskill and Cairo was opened for traffic this morning. On the Leeds Plains a drift ten feet or more in height, was encountered. This drift extended entirely across the highway and was solid. It was necessary to use shovels to clear the road.

Route 23 from Cairo as far as Dorso's Restaurant, which is about half-way up the East Windham Mountain, was open by 9 a. m. today, but at the restaurant a huge drift was encountered and this necessitated considerable labor to dig through it. Two plows were stuck in this drift and were extricated with difficulty.

Roads Impassable

The highway from Cairo to Greenville was impassable this morning, as was the road from Cairo to Round Top. On Purling Hill along this thoroughfare there was a solid mass of snow eight feet high. The streets in Cairo, however, were all opened by 9 a. m.

Many Catskillans were out taking pictures along Main street this morning. On several side streets leading from Main there were cars completely buried in snow and they had to be dug out.

Herbert S. Moon, the milk dealer, was fortunate in having a big sleigh and a team of horses, with which he made deliveries to his customers this morning.

The New York Telephone Company reported very little damage done to its wires by the storm.

While the 9-W State highway from Catskill to Saugerties was impassable this morning, it was open from Saugerties to Kingston.

KINGSTON MAN IS VICTIM OF STORM

Kingston—A victim of a paralyzing blizzard which swept this city yesterday, Alton Teetsel of Orlando street, Town of Ulster, succumbed to a heart attack last night after he had been rescued from a snowbank on Esopus avenue. Snowbound roads prevented medical aid and an ambulance from reaching him, despite desperate efforts by deputy sheriffs and an Ulster County snow plow crew.

Teetsel, a middle-aged man, who was employed by the Central Hudson Gas & Electric Corp., was found in a snowbank on Esopus avenue, not far from his home, about 6:30 o'clock last evening by Floyd Crantek and George McKeon. They placed the man in their car and attempted to reach his home but huge drifts halted the machine and they returned to the home of Lee-man Chase, a short distance away on Esopus avenue.

There, Crantek and McKeon administered artificial respiration while a call for help was sent by a neighbor to the

sheriff's office. Deputies Vredenburg and McCubough were able to get within a quarter of a mile of the Chase home when their car became hopelessly stalled in drifts.

After more than two hours, a county department of highways snow plow was brought to the scene and plowed the way to the Chase home.

Emergency Crew Called

In the meantime, however, it was found that the man was unable to be moved. Another call was sent for the Central Hudson emergency crew who worked over Teetsel for some time. The Central Hudson company also sent Dr. Kenneth LeFever to the house. He pronounced Teetsel dead, upon arrival.

Deputy Sheriff Vredenburg said that Teetsel had driven his car home from work yesterday afternoon but had been unable to proceed beyond the Chase home because of the drifts. Teetsel's own home is some distance farther on, near the Esopus creek, at what is commonly known as "Crantek's."

Leaving his machine at Chase's, the Central Hudson employe started to walk toward his home, carrying a box of groceries, Vredenburg said. A short distance down the street, he apparently suffered a heart attack and plunged into a snow bank where he remained until the two youths came along.

Crantek also lives on Esopus avenue, and McKeon lives with the Teetsel family.

Several Trips Needed

Snow drifts as high as a man's head prevented the officers from reaching the critically ill man. After the county truck had been procured to plow the road, it was necessary for the truck to break a new path for each vehicle entering Esopus avenue, so quickly did the road fill up with snow. Several trips were made by the plow, one each for the sheriff's car, the Central Hudson emergency truck, Dr. LeFever's car and intermediate trips between the Chase home and the house of a Mrs. Williams, the location of the nearest telephone. Finally, the county truck itself became stalled in a snow bank and a second snow plow was summoned to free the first.

Teetsel's body was turned over to the W. N. Conner Funeral Home. He is reported to be survived by his wife and two children, one son, William, and one daughter.

Blizzard Halts Traffic, Plows Battle Drifts In Worst Storm In Years

Wind Piles Snow 10 Feet High
In 28-Hour Fall---Schools
Closed---Food Deliveries Delayed

Catskill and Greene County were digging out today from one of the worst blizzards this section has experienced in many years. Roads were blocked with drifts many of which were 10 feet high, all highway traffic was suspended, and hundreds of cars were stalled along the roads.

This storm, which set in about 10 o'clock Tuesday night and continued without cessation until 2 o'clock this morning, was said by many older Catskillians to be the worst since the famous blizzard of 1888.

The schools of Catskill, as well as those all over Greene County, were closed today and those in this village will be reopened tomorrow morning.

All yesterday and throughout last night, a high wind from the north, piled the snow into huge drifts and the snow was still drifting this morning, although the skies had cleared and the sun was shining. The weather was cold, however, the thermometer registering 20 degrees above zero.

Drifts waist deep covered many sidewalks in Catskill this morning and along Main street trucks, buses and automobiles were stalled, some of them having been marooned all night. One automobile at Main and William streets this morning was completely covered with a snowdrift, which extended two feet above the top of the car.

Many Catskillians living on the outskirts of the village were unable to reach their work until late in the morning. Snowplows worked on Main street and other thoroughfares in the village most of the night and early morning pedestrians walked in the street, as the walks in many places were piled high with drifts.

About 16 inches of snow fell and the wind, which during last night reached a velocity of more than 40 miles an hour, piled the light snow high. In some places in Catskill drifts reached almost to the second stories of houses which were in the more exposed places.

Several social events scheduled for last night were called off and Main street was almost deserted. Some people, however, braved the elements and went to the Community Theatre.

A large truck became stranded across the highway just beyond the viaduct on upper Main street last night and held up many cars which were unable to pass. The cars could not turn around neither could they back up the hill and they were held there for a long time.

Cars Held Fast

At Court House Square this morning two large buses were parked, having been there for several hours. On Bridge street, near Main, a large truck was fast in a drift and further up Main street there was another stuck in the snow. More than a dozen other cars, some of them from other states, were abandoned along Main street.

Efforts were made to keep the 9-W State highway open last night, but it was an impossible task. The drifts piled up faster than the snowplows could remove them and this morning that thoroughfare was impassable, some of the drifts being more than six feet in height.

At the top of West Bridge street this morning, there were scores of cars, including some trucks, that were stranded, the drivers being unable to get their vehicles through the snow and drifts.

Further north along the 9-W many drivers abandoned their cars in the road and sought shelter in nearby houses. Two Catskill men, who drove from Albany late yesterday afternoon, said they were two and one-half hours making the trip. They said that it was impossible to see the roads at times and twice their car brought up in a ditch.

Some men employed at the Lehigh Portland Cement Company's plant at Alsen were unable to reach their homes in Catskill last night and remained at the plant.

Several men employed at the other cement plants started for work this morning, but their automobiles were unable to break through the drifts.

In many of the mountain towns snowplows were out all night trying to keep the roads clear, but the drifts accumulated faster than the plows could remove them.

Buses Marooned

On upper Spring street near the approach to the Rip Van Winkle Bridge, two buses, in which there were several passengers, were marooned in a drift for more than two hours last night. Near the same place, a couple of trucks were stuck fast.

Word was received here this morning that a large bus, filled with passengers, was stuck in a drift near Saugerties and unable to move.

Milk deliveries in Catskill were late today, as it was impossible for the

March 3, 1940

Dear Mother & Father,

Well, here it is March already, and a long time since I wrote you - I have simply been up to my ears in work for weeks and now with the end of term coming it will get worse - but there are only two weeks to go. Thank you for writing as often as you do - I am always glad to hear the news although I don't always find time to answer. According to the clippings you sent me you missed the blizzard of blizzards - I'm glad you didn't have to fight with it. It did not strike here - in fact we have had no heavy snow all winter. I'm sorry you're not having warmer weather - I hope you have been able to keep warm, and that now or soon the days will get warmer. Your card showing the golf course made me quite nervous, but I probably couldn't afford to pay the fee even if I were there!

I am still avoiding a cold and the flu and am beginning to believe I shall get through without them. As I say, I work all the time, although I have been down to Ben Arba on both of the last two Saturdays. The first trip was to attend the first meeting of a fortnightly seminar, so I shall

be going down regularly. Yesterday three of us went down to hear a talk by a famous Polish mathematician. I was anxious just to see him, but it turned out his talk was very fine, one of the best I have ever heard. He staid to lunch afterwards with the mathematics group down there and then a couple hours were for some bridge. Got home at six and worked all evening - and am surprising myself today by feeling quite well.

I am wondering if you have heard from Eva lately. I have, and she writes that she is moving, in fact has moved by now. Apparently Mrs. Decker was just too mean. I'm sorry Eva can't visit there. I have a feeling now that Eva is all worn out again. Eleanor wrote me recently to say that she was worried about Eva but that she seemed to have no influence over her. Dr. Bailey seems to think that when she gets settled in a new room she will begin to improve markedly. I don't know what Eva may have written you regarding her possible trip to Florida, but I have a definite feeling that she does not feel equal to the trip although she likes to disappoint you by saying she won't go. Whatever you say, don't suggest that I have written you regarding this at all. I think you should give ^{up} any further reference to the trip and let her make the best use of it she makes sense that will mean that she has not felt equal to going, and I don't doubt feel so she shouldn't go. I think too that it might

be well. If you don't plan to return by way
of Baltimore. Eos is always excited by such
an occasion and I'm afraid that just now
she can't stand that much excitement - or
rather, can't afford it. You can quite reason-
ably visit Baltimore by taking in the States -
which I'm going to say you see!

This isn't very encouraging news I know,
and I believe you'll be disappointed. If Eos doesn't
come to Florida. However I think it's another case
like last summer - Eos resists all 'pushing' and
we mustn't push her. It's hard to take I know
but it seems to be the only way. - I have written
(a week ago) to Dr. Fitzhugh, but have had no
answer so far. I am hoping that he will be
able to persuade Eos to see Dr. Reenie regularly
again.

Well, this must be all news - I ought to write
half a dozen more letters, but I don't know
where to find time today - I'm a mountain
of work to get done for tomorrow. I hope
you're keeping well, and having an 'occasion'
every day. Lots of love,
George

March 5, 1940

St. Petersburg, Fla.
"The Sunshine City"

Dear George -

We have had no letter from you since the one dated 7.13. Perhaps you have written and it has not arrived. I know you are very busy but just a card would make me feel easier to know you are not ill. I had not heard from Eva in 2 wks and the last she wrote she had a bad cold. I was uneasy about her over the week end but yesterday we received a postal. Her cold is better but she is expecting to more - she had no place yet. Had a nice letter yesterday from Wilbur. He said no use coming home yet as there is a drift by our house about 5 ft. high. Weather has been around zero up there for over 2 weeks. Nothing from Jessie & Billie at all. Fannie and Harve called last week but we were out. They are coming a gain on way home - perhaps today. There are 2 Cal. women here expect to get back with them; they told us yesterday they expected Goodell last night. - Weather has been lovely for about a week - that is all much warmer - Pa says it has been lovely since.

From Mrs. Roberts to Mr. Roberts

Sunday after church we took a lunch
 and went down to the pier to eat it. We
 meant to sit outside by the water but
 it was very windy. They are nice accom-
 modations inside for picnics and
 there were several such parties. We
 stayed for the Community singing in
 the big auditorium up stairs - hundreds
 of people. We met Mrs. Elliott the nice
 woman who rented the apartments to
 Beattie last year - we took her house.
 Yesterday we went down at 2 to the
 Park to hear the band followed
 by the Current events Forum.
 We stopped to shop at "Webbs" and
 met the Lealbuys from Medway.
 We called on them the first week
 and they were here to see us one
 evening last week. Pa called
 on Mark Rightmeyer and troupe.
 Mrs. was sick in bed but recovering.
 They stay in the Swanwick small
 hotel. Wilby wrote that Ed Webb
 had left for Florida, so we'll prob-
 ably see him some time. Pa had a
 letter from Siv Lerau to say he
 said he had seen Jim Hallenberg
 just returned from 4 weeks down here

Some parties here with them, but not for us yet.

I have written to Wa. & Mice about coming
 down if she leaves Sat or Sun Mar 23 or 24
 she would have only till mid 7 week
 here. we may leave Friday. We expect
 to stop - maybe over night - at Mrs DeP's
 sister in law's home in Marion N. C.
 He is partly an invalid - was Mrs. D's
 sick, also a life time friend of Mrs. D.
 We meant to go there last spring when
 in Virginia but it meant 350 mi more
 & we were anxious to get home. Mr.
 Moore (Mrs D's father) is visiting now at
 her brother's in Abington just north of
 Marion N. C. - we said there last
 year several days. So we can see him
 on our way up - he is 84 & is telling if
 she may ever see him again, tho he
 is very well just now & quite spry.
 We are not planning on any other
 stops unless in Baltimore & Leona.
 I told Wa she can leave us any time
 & return to B. by train but she wrote
 yesterday she thinks it best not to come.
 I presume I think the climate would
 be good for her but I hesitate to urge her
 to come - We will stop to see her anyway.
 We expect to drive over the Smokies & has
 was eye place she wanted to see.
 I do hope you are well & drop me just
 a card if you have not written.
 Love, Mother

I heard Annie was here again in Norfolk.

Sponge Industry In Grave Danger

Washington, March 4—P—The fisheries bureau has warned congress the sponge industry at Key West, Fla., was "completely paralyzed" by a fungus disease.

Elmer Higgins, chief of the division of scientific inquiry, told an appropriations subcommittee of the house sponge fishing also was seriously handicapped at Tarpon Springs, Fla., on the West coast.

In testimony made public today, Higgins declared:

"There has been virtually a 70 per cent destruction by this epidemic of the valuable species of sponges in Florida, particularly in the Key West territory, where it is the most severe, and there has been serious destruction in the deep water and the offshore grounds of the West coast of Florida."

He said the commercial industry, which had been operating 40 or 50

years, probably had explored all the areas where sponges might be produced. He added a belief there were no other sections in the country that would be productive.

He recommended a program of artificial propagation in Florida, and a "judicious planning of the fishing process" to protect the natural crop that still is available.

Representative Johnson (D.-Okla.), a member, told the subcommittee he visited Tarpon Springs and was "amazed at the magnitude of the industry." He said he found out there never had been an individual in the town on relief, but added half the town would be on relief in the next few months unless something could be done to help the sponge industry.

Representative Peterson (D.-Fla.) declared much of the sponge life had been deleted, adding, "a great industry is threatened with annihilation."



THIS SIDE OF CARD IS FOR ADDRESS

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

St. Pete Fla.
Mar 7/40

Dear Geo.

Received your letter first
after I had recalled mine to
you. Was glad to hear from
you and hope you are not do-
ing too much. I hope you have
no colds. Harold had a serious
time with his & had to go to a
specialist. They are looking
for you & Carstace soon - Are
you going? When. Just wrote to
Ira & did not urge as all -
Jack ~~W~~ says it is best for her
not to attempt. He got willing
to give her something so she
can have a change or rest
during her vacation if she wants
it - May be a week in hospital would
help. I said nothing about what
you wrote. Let my boys know what
you say. Had work pulled pretty
good job - ok. To-day weather
cool again but surprising.
Love. Mother

Right
you have
a nice room
in Miami, Fla.
p.

950 1/2 - 12th St. N.

March 12/40

St. Petersburg, Fla.
"The Sunshine City"

Dear George:

I am having a very uneasy day due to tooth trouble - did not get up till most noon and to bed again after dinner - now 3 P.M. May have to have it extracted but it is too sore now for that - hate to lose it anyway. Last week that loose upper tooth started a jumping pain and before supper I had it out. Went to an oculodentist - a dentist that just extracts - I was some job but loose without pain - I was in chair most an hour. To-day is just ideal weather 76° on porch now but it has been very cold since I wrote last Tuesday. You two have had some severe weather. Wilbur writes that it snows every day and it rains and streets and roads are very bad.

Last week was a hell week just happened so. Friday evening Harvey & Annie Smedell were here. They left for home next day. Thursday

We met Ed Webb's wife in "Sunken Gardens" they had tried to find our place but got lost & gave it up. He had the wrong street down. So they came here Friday evening. Saturday there was a picnic at Pasa-a-grille beach over on the Keys and all Greene Co. folks invited. It was a very cool and a blustering day so we had to eat in the Coffee Shop. We knew very few - only the Webbs & Chester Spoon, the rest were from Oatavilla & vicinity. Yesterday we went to see third movie and it was disappointing - "Grapes of Wrath" I would not recommend anyone to go. There was very little objectionable in it - we were disappointed in the story and the production. The other two movies we saw were very good - "Disputed Passage" and "Mr. Smith goes to Washington". We had planned to take a nice ride on the beach road as far as Indian Rocks today but we have just staid home on my account. Must get some groceries down town and I guess I'll ride along.

St. Petersburg, Fla.
"The Sunshine City"

I am wandering and wandering
for and ~~through~~ ^{conspire} will be in Buffalo
next week.

Soon after I received your letter
I had a long see from Eva. She
expected to move either yesterday
or to-morrow. I hope she tried
it done, I sent her \$5 for that
purpose. She will miss her very
nice rooms to be in one small one,
but I'm sure the loss of all the
annoyances will help her from
being so nervous. She wants us
to stop to see her on way home and
sent address of a tourist place
not far from University.

Time is flying fast now and
three weeks more will find us on
the way. Pa plans to start from
here Saturday Mar. 30th and
drive up through Central N. C.
and Western Virginia. I rather

Eva wrote she won't come and I told her that was OK. I could be for a day or two anyway.
Miss B. Dr. Pringle

dread the packing up Lee, and the
unpacking and getting settled
again at home. There will be
plenty to do to get fixed up for
summer indoors and out.
Pa is getting really fat - weighs 150,
more than he ever did before.
We are annoyed at his headaches
and want him to stop in Phil
and see Dr. Griffith. He had a
very severe one last night and it
effected him all morning. ^{Some}
days he doesn't have a bit of ten
fat several days. They seem worse
lately than when we first came
down. We think the aches that
settle over his nose and affect
his eyes must be some sinus.
Otherwise he is O.K. Mrs Delp
seems real well most of time -
She has laid off only once for a day.
She always has had occasional
head aches and hip pains & gas in
stomach but they are of short duration.
The others are ready to go so I must stop.
Hope to hear from you soon and
don't work too hard. Love, Mother & John

Dr. George B. Van Schoeck
I have been so busy
and I don't feel
very well but I am
getting along. For
over work as can be
done. I hope some
day you may get here
and W. I am glad
you are better and can
do your work.

I have several more
works if you want it.

Come when you can.

Dr. George will
be near you.

Love from Mother.

March 16, 1940

Dear Mother & Father,

Here it is, nearly two weeks again since I have written you - this time time is at a premium. But that is nearly over, for there are only two days left after today - I give my last exam Tuesday morning. I shall have so much to clear up, however, that I shan't get away until Wednesday, and since the train service is so poor I shan't be able to get to Buffalo until half past nine that night. Constance will arrive about a quarter hour later. Theoretically I am supposed to be on the job the following Monday morning at 8 o'clock, but I may be able to get a stay of one day, which would mean my leaving Buffalo Monday evening.

The news of Eva seems to be more encouraging just at present. She has finally moved and says that she is feeling much better. I think she feels relieved not to have to face the journey south - for her getting ready to go anywhere is a task and being confined to a railroad car rather more than she can stand normally. I wish she would go somewhere for a little vacation, but I don't know where she'd go. She hopes that now she will pull through the rest of the year - only ten

weeks. I shall plan to go to Baltimore early in the summer and see what the situation is - I wish I had been able to see Dr. Revere last summer - I think there must be a great deal he should know that he doesn't know.

I'm glad to hear that your weather has turned warm and hope that these last two weeks will make up for the cold of the earlier weeks. I'm sorry to hear about your trouble with your teeth, Nathan. I trust that it has cleared up and will not further prevent your having a good time. I'm glad to hear Father is feeling as well, except for headaches - I really think you should plan to stop in Philadelphia and see Dr. Griffith - there's no point in losing time & energy fussing around with such a miserable condition if it can be altered.

I'm not surprised you don't like 'Paper of Wrath' - I saw it last Tuesday and was quite disappointed in the vein - I don't think the first part was very moving - the tragedy of leaving them home - and I thought 'Ma' played extremely well all the way through - but somehow or other the general effect was poor.

Our own spring seems still far away. Wednesday we had a steel storm of which there are still some witnesses - it fortunately did not do much damage - I saw pictures of the one in New York which must have been tremendous. Apparently you chose the right winter to get out of that part of the country. - Now I must write to Constance, then to lunch and off to another exam. Am keeping very well & hope you will. Trust love, George.



THIS SIDE OF CARD IS FOR ADDRESS

Dr. George B. Van Schaack,
121 Stratford Road,
Buffalo,
N.Y.

St. P. Fla.
Mar 19/40

Dear George-

Very glad to get your letter
yesterday and hope you and G.
will have a pleasant vacation.
Tell Mary I was glad to get
her letter too and will write
her later. We have had some
very cool weather since I last
wrote with a few warm days.
Spent 2 hrs. on beach yesterday
Some folks in bathing it was
like Rug - also one day last
week, we were on another very
nice beach near Clearwater, this
a.m. Pa is improving a lot - it is a
beautiful day. Have had used
some tea and it was quite a
relief. I am still having
trouble - not pain but some in
back and I have a date with
dentist at 1.30 - it upsets me
a good deal so I can't concern
with anything Pa had a
cold Sunday but is better. Will
write you a letter before leaving
Mrs. Co. Love to all, Mother.

March 27, 1940

Dear Mother & Father,

I think this will just slide under the wire to reach you before you leave St. Petersburg - I hope so. I must say I'm a little concerned about your coming back so soon considering what the weather seems to promise to be. New York has just had its worst snow of the season so far, and the temperature all over has been much below normal - on Easter morning the temperature in Grand Rapids was five below zero. I do hope that on the way and when you reach home the weather may have moderated - it won't be easy to spring from the warmth of Florida to the cold & damp of New York and I hope you'll be careful.

The holiday came & went very quickly - all four of us had a very good time though not a hilarious one - there was no party and we went out only to dinner on Sun -

day - that was partly due to the fact that
my cold returned and I felt it necessary
to stay in away from the raw weather.
Bert Harold & Marge seemed quite well,
and though they still talked somewhat of
getting out of Buffalo, I thought that on
the whole they seemed more contented.

The new apartment is much more roomy
than their old one - but I'm glad I don't
have to live in it, for I think the people
downstairs are dreadfully noisy - still it
doesn't seem so bad as H.M. They showed
us the oranges you had sent and we
had a large part of our share as orange
juice - I suppose you have been simply
guzzling orange juice all winter.

I got back here three o'clock Monday morning
and am just now beginning to catch up on
sleep again - it was a long drive back.
Classes started today. I have a pretty good
schedule - no classes Saturdays, other days
at 11, 2 and 3 (except the latter on Tuesdays &
Thursdays). It just suits me for I can get in
my exercise in the late afternoon, study late
in the evening and still get eight hours
sleep. - Bert wishes for a very pleasant
trip northward - I shall envy you going
through the Smokies - I hope you'd have
fine weather through them. Drive carefully

lots of love, G.
and take many times to see everything.

St. Petersburg, Fla.

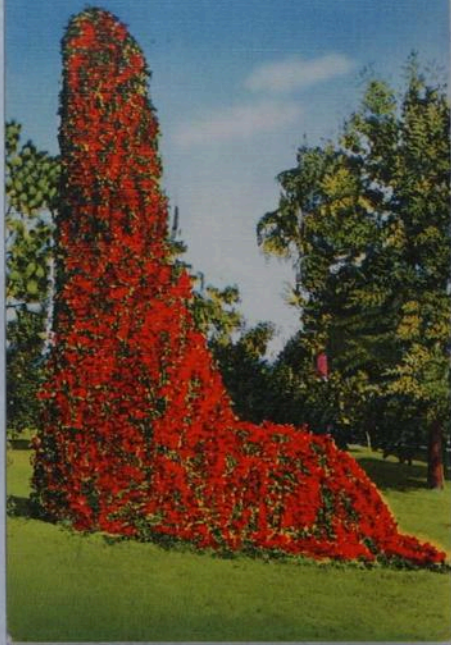
March 28, 1940

Dear George -

I suppose you are back
on the job and working as usual.
Hope the little vacation was en-
joyable and helped some. It
was fine to see Leona's face and
I do hope soon you can be
together all the time. Have you
heard from Buffalo since before
you went there. Have just written
to them also letter to Eva. I have
more to do before dinner so this
must be short. I want to tell
you as near as I can about
where we'll be en route home.

Grace has written they want us to
stop over - we expect to take them
a few oranges anyway. If you &
Ed. had been at home together, I
would have sent you oranges, but
it is so high to ship them (oranges are
very cheap) it would not have paid
to send a few to both of you. I hope
you were able to enjoy some at Harold's.
We are going after dinner to Indian
Rocks where there is a big place for
fruit & it is a nice ride that we
have not yet taken. Pa's cold devel-
oped into some throat trouble like ton-
sillitis but he had reflexes & did not
feel bad otherwise - it is much better now.
Hope to hear from you soon.
Much love, Mother

Your loving mother
with father
cleaning up



THIS SPACE FOR WRITING MESSAGES

Mar 31 - 4 PM

1-5607

Driving thro' Atlanta Georgia
big city - beautiful
day - many blossoms
of all kinds out - very
large pecan orchards
in bloom. Will write
again this week. *
Love Mother

ATLANTA
MAR 31
6 00 PM
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GA.



POST CARD

Dr. G. B. Van Schoon
247 Delta St
E. Lansing,
Mich.



THIS SIDE OF CARD FOR ADDRESS

Dr. Geo. B. Van Schaek
247 Delta St.
E. Lansing,
Mich.

Winchester, Va

April 4/40

3 P.M.

Dear Ann -

We are bustling right
along - over road today and
hope to be near Balt. to night -
Will see Eva in Morning.
Came up to day thro' Shenandoah
Look Valley - Very warm all
week - drove about 700 mi
thro' Mts on winding roads
before we reached Alexandria.
Hope to get home Sat. night.
Will be glad to hear from
you - it seems such a long
time since we have.
Thought I'd hurry on now -
Love, Mother & Father -

Cassackie Mt
April 27/0

Dear George.

Was very glad to find your letter in our mail last night when we reached home - it was forwarded from St. Pete. We had a good trip home - it was quite warm until we got to Baltimore - since then folks are wearing overcoats & fur coats. No snow here now but Mts are white. We saw a few patches in woods here & there as we got further north. Guess we should just right time to come. Stopped a couple of hours with Eva Friday morning after making her in Oriole. She has a nice place now and I'm sure the rest and quiet will do her good. She does not go to University - now every day - is quite nervous again but we don't think

7 week - is to go to a Quaker in Albany -
We left Phil about 10 Sat. and
was in Leonia at 2 after having
dinner at Woodbridge. Trilled
about 4 1/2 min. & then home
by 7 - found warm house.
Had purchased groceries
in Coatsville so was all set to
keep house to-day. I was in
all day tired & headache but
got unpacked and at 6 went
to Milbous for supper - Mrs D. to
her folks. Was somewhat
upset to find some one had
broken in the cellar and stole
some of the canned fruit and
a quantity of tin canned vegetables.
Penalty of going away.

She is as bad as last fall. She has
made up her mind to go somewhere
this summer and get cured - Dr
Reinie thinks she ought to - she is
going to see Dr. Silyman this week.
I was quite upset on learning she
and yet there was nothing I could
do. Don't think she is so nicely
situated - nice neighbor hood house
& room and she is pleased with it.
Mrs. W. had a treatment by her doctor
in Phil. Friday night - we had stopped
at Bedford Pa to see her niece & she
phoned from there. Pa had an
appointment Jan 8. 30 Sat. am.
with Dr. Sufferin & Mrs. W. & I had
breakfast and waited at fareway
for Pa. Dr. said he is very much
better & to keep on with diet - he wants
also have something injected in back

Just struck ten and I must
take a bath & get to bed - will
have a very busy week ahead.
May not write much for a
while as there will be so
much to do but hope you
will send an occasional
card if no letter.

Much love, Mother

P.S.

Will either write or tell you
about trip some time - too much
to tell at present - will say
we drove over 700 mi. on
very curvy roads thro the
Blue Ridge Mts & Smokies.

Capeachie W. L.,
April 25/40

Dear George-

No letter this week but
I try to think "no news, good news".
Did I tell you I received your
card from Notre Dame? Was
glad you had a chance to visit
that noted college.

We are having a very stormy
day - the second one this week.
Pat is working in the cellar
trying to fix up the door
in a "more substantial" way -
preparing for another in-
vasion - he says to - like the
U.S. preparing for war.

We have been here 2 wks.
and it has just flown. We
must have been used from
the long trip for we rest

and sleep every afternoon.
Have had only one real spring
day so have not accoun. (shaded)
very much aside from getting
settled down and regulated.
I am wondering about ^{and} ~~and~~ ^{and}
for I have heard nothing from
her since before you went to
Buffalo - I hope she is well.
Pa's head aches continue almost
every night and he is quite dis-
couraged about them. He feels
that Dr. Guffitt has let him down
as doctors usually do when they
don't know what the trouble really
is. He wrote a letter (I mean the Dr.)
saying continue diet and have
heat applications (electric) on
throats and said no more
about a doctor in Albany. We
started the using the Violet ray

Machine but it got out of order
in a couple of days & I have sent
it to Albany to be fixed. I really
think maybe steady applications
might help. If not, he will try
therapeutic treatments. I wonder
if the Mays Clinic could help.
In spite of the cold weather still
here, the grass is green & birds on
trees are busily open. Tuesday
we got 350 little chicks - it
has been cold for them but they
seem to be doing all right.

Monday & Tuesday evening I
went with pa to Latabell Valley
Grange and Echo Grange for
his inspection visits. Last night
we drove out to Jewett to visit
the Jewett Grange. The hills
still have some snow - in fact
plenty in some places but the

roads all clear as summer.
Have not heard from Buffalo
in most 2 weeks & wonder
what is going on there.

We are planning on some
repair work and until that
is done I cannot do much
other house cleaning. I want
to have new window frames put
in four rooms to try to get rid of
those awful flies. In spite of the
cold while we were away the
floor is quite covered under
the windows with dead flies.

We talk of "doin' over" the liv-
ing room and that is a big job.
When it is warm enough, I'll try
to clear out some in the 3 stove rooms.
To-day had a card from Ma - she
does not seem to either care for the
letters or is not well enough, tho'
she says everything is all right.
Hope to hear from Lou soon. Love, Mother.

Cassackie N. Y.,
April 25/40

Dear George:

Pa is washing up
the supper and breakfast
dishes so I can write to you
and Eva. Mrs Delp went to
her brother's on Stanton Hill
Wednesday morning after hear-
ing that her nephew 26 yrs.
old, had died in the night
after an emergency opera-
tion Tuesday. She will be
away probably till Sunday.
This distressing news upset
me very much right after
hearing from Uelge that

Had to get your letter Saturday.

Harold is to be operated on this Saturday. This Murphy is out there now and Marge's friend ^{to hospital} Peg from Troy is going ^{next} week. I would like to be near enough to go substituted but as I cannot be of any use, it would be foolish to go out there.

This has been rather a depressing week for I have spent hours looking over and sorting out and disposing of many of Auntie's things. Three dresses packed full have dwindled down to one entirely empty and parts

The other two - here is still much to sort out and the sooner I can do so, the better.

Last Saturday, Sunday, & Monday were very stormy days, rain, sleet and snow & wind. The Mt. men have looked better than last few days especially the 3 peaks covered in snow & snow & rain shining in them.

I have not been anywhere in a week except Sunday after noon to Mrs. Morris for a fitting. Mr. Thompson & family & Albin St. Morris for here

put it off indefinitely. Early
in the week, I asked Mr. F
Faculty to come to-night
for supper, not knowing
Mrs D. would not be here.
I have planned some
thing simple, and will
have them again later.
Just a year ago this week
27th. since Auntie died;
it is hard for me to keep
from rehearsing the events
of that week.
We are so glad to hear you are
well and are looking for-
ward to having you & Co. visit
us this summer. Now I must
get to work. Love, Mother.

I had feared that these lectures #1 is going to - will be your answer

Dear

THIS SIDE OF CARD IS FOR ADDRESS



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

2.30 P.M. Cassachie W.P.

Apr. 27/40

Dear George -

Just received
telegram from Wase -
Operation over and suc-
cessful - Emergency
Hospital, Pine St.,
Buffalo -

Mrs D. not back yet -
the funeral is to-mor-
row - a long time since
Wed. - She'll be back
probably Monday. Pa
has had a man to work
several days and I have
been kept busy and am
very tired. The mental
strain has not helped.
Love - Mother

April 22, 1940

Dear Mother & Father,

I was very glad to get your letter this morning - though I didn't need it to remind me that I haven't written in a long time - I'm genuinely sorry and ashamed and have no excuse except must wash. In a sense I have more time than ever this term, but I'm washing about twice as much, so the gain is negative. However, don't worry that I'm washing too hard - actually I'm feeling very well, with lots of energy and little nervousness - I guess just plain wash eyes with me.

I am sorry to hear about Father's headaches, but I don't think he should be discouraged yet. It seems strange

outdane themselves in making up.
Just a week ago Thursday an air way
back from Lake Umbagog we drove
for eighty miles through quite a
bad snow storm - the worst driving
I've ever had to do. - I had wan-
dered if you were getting chickens
again this year - I do hope you'll
have no trouble with them and
that the good weather will come
in time for them.

I have had no word from Evie in
a long time. I reckon she is fast
managing to hang on, although
she can be quite well & still not
write. A long time ago she wrote
me to say that one of her requests
seemed to be that she simply could
not sit down & write letters, even
to you or me except very infrequently.
I do hope she will stick to her
plan really to get cured this summer -

to me that the diet helped him so
much at first, if it doesn't now. Is
he sticking strictly to the diet? Very
likely the Mayo clinic would be able
to help him if any one can, but I
think it quite likely that there are
clinics in Boston equally good &
not so far away - I know there are
first rate doctors there
whose names I can get. If this
trouble doesn't clear up by sum-
mer, why not plan to spend
a couple of weeks near Boston this
summer & have a thorough exami-
nation?

I'm glad to hear you are all taking
it easy now that you're back and
glad that the weather has not kept
you so weak longer. Still it must
be a little discouraging not to
have spring yet. We have had little
here, but yesterday & today have

if it takes every day of her vacation.
Have you any idea where she is plan-
ning to go? I shall not get back East
very early to see that she gets
started at the beginning of the summer.

- There is to be an important conference
in New York June 24 - July 6 which
I plan to attend. I shall drive to
Buffalo before then to pick up
Constance and bring her out to New
York. - By the way, I'm sure
she is quite alright, and has not
withered only because of too many
engagements. - Can't tell you what
is going on in Buffalo for I haven't
heard myself.

Well, it's five o'clock and I must go home
for a nap so that I can work tonight.
Hope you'll be having better weather,
and Father will be feeling better. Love
Flora, George.

April 29, 1940

Dear Mother,

I was glad to get your letter Saturday and card today, but sorry to hear you have been so distraught of late. I hope that now with the news of the success of Harold's operation you will feel relieved and begin to feel better. I'm sorry you have worried for I don't think there was any real danger. The operation can scarcely be called internal - more painful, undoubtedly, but not much more serious than a large sized men.

I'm sorry to hear of the death of Mrs. Deep's nephew - please give her my sympathy - poor woman, she has so many things like that to bear. What happened - was the operation ^{was it} bungled - or, something that couldn't have been helped?

You seem to have been having rather miserable weather since you returned home. It hasn't been very good here, but not as bad as you report. Luckily we have had several fine days. I get out for a little

golf now & then, but on trying to keep it
to a minimum. It is very time consuming,
and though the exercise is good, too
much of it tires me out so I can't work.
As it is, I am feeling so very much better than
for a long time I don't seem to need a
lot of exercise. My eyes have given me
practically no trouble for the last three
weeks - I don't understand it - the trouble
disappeared very suddenly - the second day
I was in Notre Dame - perhaps there
was a miracle worked on me!

Saturday I was in Ann Arbor at some
mathematics meeting. I met the department
head from Hope. He said he remembered
Eva well, and wanted to know what had
become of her - he had thought she had
become a medical missionary - I believe he
was on the benevolence board while
she was there. I meant to ask about
Miss Boyd, but we were interrupted. Next
Sunday I expect to go to Pontiac, northwest
of Detroit, with the astronomy club - I'm
not a member, but have certain contacts -
and a car! The university has an observatory
there which we shall visit, after which
there will be a picnic.

Well, I must stop & get to bed. I hope
both you & father are feeling better and that
you don't work too hard - do take it easy.
Lots of love, George.

May 3, 1940

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

Dear George -

I had a nice letter to day
from Constance - I marvel at what
keeps her so busy - but I was just so
when I taught school and kept house too.
Lately I have wished often I were able to
do as I used to without getting so aw-
fully tired and nervous. Weather is
still quite cool tho mostly fair. This
week we had a carpenter 2 days to
put in new window frames in game
room - it is a good job & perhaps will
keep out those awful honey flies - The
floor was well covered with dead flies
under the windows when we got home
from Florida in spite of the cold. - I
believe they must live in the attic
above & crawled down thro' the loose
places in the window frames.

C. Swanton is here to-day trimming trees.
Pa finds plenty to do - too much and
comes in so tired.

Mrs Delp is quite well but seems to
have something to keep her upset all
the time. Just now it is selling the
farm - she hates to do it and has dilly
dallied all week - now she expects a
prospective purchase from Mr Y. to
morrow - pa got up early to-day to get
a special delivery on early train 6.30
to this man.

Had a long letter yesterday from
Maye - Harold must have had quite
an operation - he was out on table from
8.45 to 11 AM - guess it was more
serious than expected. But he is gaining
and quite cheerful after a ram-
bunctious time coming out of
the ether. Did you remember this

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

is his birthday? Mary's mother did
not go to Buffalo - expected to stop there
yesterday for a while with her band
on their way to Kentucky Derby. I
would like to have been near so
I could go see it. but there seemed
no feasible way to plan it and
besides I have been more or less
upset over one thing & another.
I'm wondering what the outcome
with Ira will be & what she will
or can do next year. It is a long
time since she wrote a letter and
her cards contain very little.
This afternoon Mr. Duncan
stopped for about 15 min. an

his way up to Glenville. He left
 Florida last Friday reaching NY
 Monday by steamer. William & wife
 were with him to drive him to
 Glenville. He is very smart.

Was very glad to get your letter
 and hear you feel so good.
 It is nice you can go to different
 places and meet congenial
 folks. How awful the war
 news is just now - wish I didn't
 have to hear it. I wonder if Mrs. D
 Kennedy is still in France. Did
 you read of Mrs. Honora Morrow's
 death recently after her returning here
 from England. She just recovered from
 the ^{and} had an awful ordeal to get out
 of France into Spain - even to France
 will person. I shall miss her articles in the
 Christian Herald.

Spring comes so low here - all the new little bushes
 freeze - too bad! Paris is ready to move tomorrow.

Mother.

Cassackie, N. Y.,
May 10, 1940

Dear George:

Time flies so rapidly, and I must refer to my diary repeatedly, to see what I have done these last days. I thought it was a long, long time since I wrote to you but I see it was only last Saturday. Perhaps you have heard from Marge; I had a letter Monday and a card to-day. Harold seems to be improving rapidly; he was to sit up to-day and may go home Saturday.

We receive only cards from Eva about once a week. Have you heard from the doctor lately or do you know what plans Eva has when school closes? She tells us practically nothing except that she is O.K. and we hardly believe that. To-day I thought of writing to Eleanor but didn't.

No doubt she told you Mrs Boyd's
father died last week.
Weather is not very sunny yet
for the morning & nights are
very chilly - a few hours in mid
day it is warmer and pleasant.
Trees are slow in coming out but
our lawns are wonderful and
shrubbery doing fine. The
Yorshire is nice now and
along the chimney the hya-
cints are in bloom. I think
I told you the new tulip bulbs
all rotted from the frost -
there are a few scattered old
bulbs coming up. Pa and
Chas. Swainant mowed the
lawn and the back one is
like velvet. The latter was
here 2 days to trim hets and
clean up the orchard. Mrs D.
sowed some lettuce, radish
and parsley to-day down
near the wood house - the
other ground is still very wet.

Mrs Deep has agreed to sell the
 farm and signed the first
 paper Monday - rest to be
 completed next week. For some
 she has been like in a fog
 for the problems and work
 ahead of her are on her mind
 all the time. I think eventu-
 ally she will keep house a-
 gain for Gordon - when he gets
 wages increased enough to do so.
 He works with his brother Deane
 at Knaut's in Hudson and
 it seems very likely he will work
 up. She wants her own home,
 too, and I don't blame her.
 Of course, it will handicap us,
 but we'll work out of it some
 way. She will probably be
 with us this summer & may
 be longer. I am sure of one
 thing! I cannot run this big
 house without help. Sometimes
 the little work I do, tries me

and very much. But we are not
worrying for there always seems
to be a solution to every problem.
To-day Pa painted up in John's
bed-room. The new tight win-
dow frames are in and we hope
no flies will bother us here this
year. It has been too cold to
work much in clove rooms
but I have cleaned up there
some.

Sunday we called at Wilbur's
but he was not home and Jessie
had a crowd from Ravenna, W.
came in before we left. Monday
evening we were on the Mts.
at Jewett to the fifth in-
spection and we have 2 more
before the middle of June.
It is nice to see Pa honored
and so respected after being
misered by some folks. He has
been nursing a very sore leg for
and had to wear slippers Sunday
and Monday night - at home a
shoe with a hole cut in it - it is
healing. Headaches no more.
Love, Mother.

Dr. F. A. Elmer, Optician, Dies

Dr. Frank A. Elmer, 67, of 173 N. Main, practicing optician for nearly 45 years, died last night at his home after a long illness.

Dr. Elmer came to Albany in 1911 from Hudson, where he was born and educated.

In failing health for a number of years, Dr. Elmer's condition did not become serious until about two months ago, his family said. He was a member of the Masonic Lodge at Hudson, and



Dr. Elmer active in the Kiwanis Club of Albany and several bowling leagues.

Surviving besides his wife are a daughter, Mrs. George Eager, Nassau; two sisters, Mrs. George Van Vleck, Kinderhook, and Mrs. Peter Ham, Greenport, and a brother, Edward Elmer, New York City.

Funeral services will be from the Ray & Mutterer Funeral Home at Nassau at 1:30 p. m. Tuesday.

May 15, 1940

Dear Mother + Father,

It was good to have two letters from you last week. Glad to hear you're both feeling fairly well, but I think you still work too hard. You must learn to let more things go. I hope neither of you has given up the regular afternoon rest. I try to get a short nap in every day before dinner and find that it puts me in shape for the whole evening. I don't know when I've felt so well. Perhaps it's partly due to some new vitamin compound I've been taking - Cerophyl. Have you heard of it? It's a green powder, simply dried & powdered leaves of young grain sprouts. It makes a rather unpalatable brew but I manage to get it down twice a day. I think it has helped my nerves, and something has helped my eyes, which lately have been better than in several years, despite all the work I put them to.

I suspect that by now you must have had some real fine weather. We have had several sweltering days which brought everything into leaf in a hurry. I'm glad the place looks so well and wish I could see it. It's a shame though that you lost all the hullets - they are such a bright spot in the spring. How did it happen they froze - was it as much colder than usual?

Have heard nothing from Buffalo new in quite a while. I guess everything must be going well. I had a brief word from Eva about ten days ago. As usual nothing about herself. I wish I knew what she was planning to do, or even that she was planning to do anything. I have had no word from Dr. Tutghman in a long time - I fear she has not seen him. I have written her to urge her to plan to get away from Baltimore early and not hang around trying to make up her mind and cleaning up the lab. If she doesn't answer me even I shall write to Eleanor to ask her if she has any idea of what Eva is going to do.

I have stuck pretty close to work as usual, but have had a few outings. A week ago Sunday I went to Parkers with the astronomer club to see the solar observatory of the University of Michigan. We were given a most interesting trip through the observatory with a demonstration of the main heliograph. After that we had a picnic in a nearby State park - called "Dodge Bros. #10" - it seems the Dodge Bros. bought up a lot of lakes & land in that area and gave them to the State for parks. Last week I saw the movie "Abe Lincoln in Illinois" which is very good and which I hope you will plan to see. And last night I saw Mill & his wife to see "Rebecca". You must see that too. It is as nearly perfect a movie as I have ever seen - the plot isn't much, but the acting & directing are superb. - I get out for a little folk about twice a week - not as

much as last year - I've given up the idea
of ever really learning to play the game
passably well, and go out chiefly for the
exercise - the change.

The news from Europe in the last week has
been overwhelmingly depressing. I got up in
the morning having forgotten it, and then
suddenly remember, and from then until
bedtime I can't forget it. Yes, Mrs. Tweedy
is still in France, and I've been thinking of
her repeatedly this week. As a matter of fact
I think she has been in Paris these last weeks -
he didn't want to have an operation for cataract
there a couple of weeks ago. They were to have
come home the end of this month via Genoa,
but now I'm afraid they may not be able
to. I don't know what will happen to them? I
they don't. But, - what will happen to the
world? I must say I think we should stop
this non-cooperation and send all available
supplies to England & France. It's small thanks
will get from Germany if we don't & she wins -
as I'm so desperately afraid she may unless
we help at least with supplies. It is surely
a dreadful world, and no matter who wins,
of either side does, I don't think people of my
age will ever again see normal conditions.

I hope you're not worrying over the possibility
of Mrs. Deep eventually leaving you. You
shouldn't. There always has been a way and
there will be again. So don't try to cross

That hurts until you have to.

Well, I must be getting to bed. Hope to hear
soon that Father's foot has completely healed -
if it hasn't, don't monkey with it. Lots of love,
George.

May 15/40

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

Dear George:-

Sorry I am so tardy in thank-
ing you for your nice card & check
received last Friday. I have several
things in mind to purchase as a special
gift when I go to Albany. Had cards
from Emma, Harold & Milton - also a box
of candy. The terrible conditions in
Europe are enough to drive one distracted
to say nothing of the radio & press com-
ments here about the inadequacy of our
Army, Navy & Air Force. I wish you would
not listen in for the endless all day broadcast.

Our house cleaning has been rather a
lectic experience with the weather so
unstable almost continually, besides
so many interesting things that hinder.
Over 4 weeks ago Ray Spoor procured

to paper lining room and this week says
he will not be able to do it at all. Very hard
to get real good paper buyers. As we are
at a stand still and the new paper on
hand, too. Yesterday, Mrs. D. finished
up her sale of her farm - it too, has been
a chain in us all, with frequent calls
including agents & buyers, telephone calls,
globe arguments, plans and trips to
town etc. Her folks have evinced little
interest and no co-operation - he has
been the main stay & spent all yester
day afternoon in Harriett's office. Next
week Mrs. D. will have to go home & tear
up & dispose of her blue jeans - I think
she will still have things, hoping to some
time, sooner or later, make a home again,
Country they free & blossom out but the
frequent showers keep us from being
to plough up for garden - it will be a chore
summer and later vegetables for us.
I am eager to hear from you about Mr. D.
She has but 1 or 2 more weeks & when then
Harold is home & quite all. Love Mother

May 25, 1940

Dear Mother & Father,

I was glad to get your letter yesterday with the enclosed letter from Eva. I hadn't realized she hadn't written you more than a card in so long - since late March I have had only one brief card from her. I agree with you that this letter does sound good, much more like her letters used to. How much this may mean I don't know, but in a letter a few days ago Eleanor wrote that while Eva had seemed in pretty bad shape for the past two months, just now she seemed much better - this does seem to be reflected in the letter. By no means let Eva even guess that I have heard from Eleanor, whom I wrote about a week ago to find out what I could. According to Eleanor Eva is not planning to "take a cure" as she told you, though whether that's because she feels better I don't know. She is talking with the idea of doing summer school work under the public school system with settlement children - "helping them with their gardens" - at a very underpaid rate. Whether she has agreed to do so I don't know, but I do know she would be able to resign at any time. It seems she has told Dr. Fitzhume what she plans to do and that he has raised no objection. That is, of course, in line with his belief that Eva can cure herself and will if given

time. I have written him, without letting him know that I knew his opinion, to suggest to him that it seems to me better for Eva to take a rest. That he will answer I can't say. I wrote Dr. Reine a week ago to tell him that if Eva consulted him and she should object to going to a hospital on the score of expense he was to get around that if he possibly could. He wrote a note in reply, implying that Eva had not seen him recently.

Well, I think at the moment there is again nothing to do. For one thing, Eva must clear out of the lot - and you know she will drag that out until the last moment, no matter what - so until July the first we shall simply have to stand by, unless something happens, which I doubt. Shortly after then I expect Constance & I will be getting back east and then we shall see what should be done. In the meantime Eleanor said she would write me again in a couple of weeks.

The war is too horrible to think on, and I think of it as little as possible, watching hard as that I wait. Whatever happens it is the end of civilization in Europe as we have known it, and there must ensue a period of exhaustion such as one cannot now conceive. I had a letter from Donald Lacey - Betty & Helen are still in France and will probably not now get out before the end of the winter. If the need is not then Helen was to have an operation for cataract, as I may have written you. Being allergic, they couldn't go to Paris without permission, which was a matter in coming. Finally it came, and they arrived in Paris May 9, the

day before things began happening. The operation was cancelled and they returned to Caracacas. They are probably in the safest place in France, if any place is safe, - on the west coast, the far western tip, away from any large city. But they must of course suffer the privations which the Front suffer, and should Paris fall, it might become impossible for Davaud to send them any money. I don't know why they didn't come home. I'm afraid it is wearing on Davaud, he is very depressed over the war as it is, and this added burden makes it all so much more real.

I have told you, have I not, of our early plans for the summer? There is an important conference on mathematics that I want to attend at Ann Arbor June 24 to July 6. Cambridge - I am planning to meet in Buffalo about the 19th, chat with Margy & Harold - couple of days - then drive out here. We have no other definite plans, except to get up to New England for a spell to see some at least of our many friends up there - and of course! to get to Cascadia, which scarcely needs to say.

I'm sorry you're having so much trouble redecorating the front room. I'm glad you're having it done, and I hope you'll find some one good to do it. Most I could have some of that asparagus - it is so expensive here, and they cook it so badly - strawberries too, which I haven't tasted, they charge so much for them.

Now I must get to bed. Please stop worrying about the war - dreadful as it is you can't do a thing about it. And don't work so hard. Lots of love, Grace.



THIS SIDE OF CARD IS FOR ADDRESS

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

Cassachie, W. Va.

May 27/40

Dear George -

Yesterday received
a telegram from Charlie
stating his mother died
in the afternoon. The
funeral is 3 P.M. Wednes-
day and pa and I plan
to drive down ship at
Leonia for lunch and
home again that night. To-
day we cleared out big
room ready to paint to-
morrow - men carrying
thurs. to paper. Mrs. D.
came last night and will
stay till Thurs. Charlie's ad-
dress is 338 N. Y. Ave. Union City

Love, Mother.

Catactia N.Y.

June 1, 1940

Dear George -

"Oh! What is so rare as a day
in June" - This is an ideal one
but I've been too busy to go out and
enjoy it except to shake rugs. We
are still quite upset - It takes a
long time to renovate a big room.
The paper was put on Thursday &
since then pa has given border
drawn rug & priming coats.
Roy Spoon will grain it ^{Monday} ~~to~~ ~~Monday~~.
Mrs Delp came Sunday night &
staid till Thurs. a.m. - expect Lee
back Sunday night - it will be
a hard time for her for a while after
she leaves her home for good.

Pa & I drove out to Cornwallville
Thurs. after dinner for a couple
of hours to the annual R.D. gather-
ing. Several new folks & a small
group altogether. It was a beauti-
ful day & some may have re-
mained home to work. Again
a heavy rain all day Friday & how
another long wait to plant garden

all ground is dried out again -
They disagreeing to farmers who
must make their living from
the earth.

We went to New Jersey & back
on Wednesday driving 265 miles -
left 8:15 & back 8 P.M. Reached
Lenox about 11:30 - cordially
received & had lunch here.

Was surprised to find Mildred
in hospital a week, was oper-
ed on for appendicitis Tuesday, hav-
ing a hard time as we did but
Dr. says she is O.K. Kate

went with us to the funeral
in Union City - She was neighbor
to Annie's folks in girlhood.
Cousin Frank & Aunt Addie
were at the funeral which was
held in Underbaker's Chapel.

We were glad to meet Charlie's
wife & her folks from Penn.
and found them cordial and
very respectable. Charlie was
calm at first but almost a
nervous wreck after ward.
Their home was very clean & neat
but also very nice place.

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He will miss his mother very much
if he could only get some thing to
work at, his nerves would be
better.

We got back to Oraces at 4
and left at 5 after another
lunch. I was very tired yes-
terday after the previous full
days and did not try to do a
thing but get meals & eat. So
I felt able this AM. to get some
what cleared up for Sunday.
L. Swabour is here this afternoon
to mow the extensive lawns -
ja cannot do it when he has
so many other things to do.
If we ever get settled & here
Mrs D here regular we can
take tramp caries & enjoy
the place & summer weather.
Was very glad to get four letters
but what a surprise about Ma.
She was very definite about the
treatments this summer and
I marvel at her change & tenacity.

The sent for a pair of saddles of
her's that were in her room
just when we were expecting
news of her either coming
home or going somewhere for
a permanent cure. I try
not to worry about her but
I do hope she will not be
foolish again this summer &
get worse. Let me know if you
hear any more from Dr.

I think the terrible war news
is getting on the nerves of many
people - I could stand it if
the Allies were winning but I
have not given up hopes of their
doing so - Surely the world
cannot succumb to the devil
entirely - Hitler is surely the
devil. I am anxious to hear if
Mrs. Breezy is home yet. I can
imagine it is an awful experience
for her and a very anxious time
for Mr. Breezy. This is a terrible
struggle but I'm too tired to do better
now. Love - Mother

June 6, 1940

Dear Mother & Father.

I'm afraid it's longer since I wrote you than I intended it should be, but until yesterday I have been straining to make the most of what was left of the term before having to stop work. Now that exams have come and closing up is imminent I have had to stop without much prospect of getting a great deal done again before the fall.

About a week ago I heard from Dr. Falybman. He said he had not much to add to what he had said before - that Eva seemed to be much the same and that he was still opposed to her entering a hospital, feeling more strongly than ever that it will be far better for her to recover outside an institution than inside one. He does not think that she should go home - the unnatural strain of being with people who matter to her and to whom she matters is just added to all the rest and would only retard her progress. Which is probably the reason he advised her to take the summer job - it was a sort of last resort at having something definite

for her to do. But there was the additional
reason that he felt she could do it - it is
simple work, out. of doors - and in the
doing of it she would gain confidence. I
am inclined to think he is right. What she
needs is full-time employment at something
which is not physically beyond her and which
keeps her mind off herself. However, I do want
to have a frank talk with him and with
Dr. Reuter, and shall when I get to Balti-
more.

Our plans for the summer took on rather
definite shape today when I heard from
Couslaine that we shall not be able to
go to Buffalo. Marge finds that she must
go home at exactly that time. It is too
bad, for all four of us had counted on it.
However, in a way it's perhaps just as well,
for we shall spend these few days with
Couslaine's aunt in Albion, where we should
go anyhow. I shall meet her in ^{Rockefeller} ~~Buffalo~~ on
the 19th. The previous two or three days I
shall spend with Daniel in Allegany Park.
I am present plans for though, - what they
may not. - Marge wants us to come to
Buffalo after Ann Arbor, but I don't think
we shall, for we have so many places to go
this summer we shall have to choose where.

So if we can get invited to Alexandria we
go shall go from here to there directly
by a southern route. That will enable us
to see Eva's doctors about the middle
of July, which is about as late as I'd like
to have that happen. Don't say anything
to Eva, however, about these plans, for
they might fall through, and I think it's
better if she knows of our coming only very
sharply before. - If all this works as
planned we shall not get to New York be-
fore the 20th of July, at the earliest and
perhaps the 25th. I hope then we can
stick around New York for a month, during
which time we shall visit you, and
perhaps spend a few days in Danbury where
Danaud wants me to help him sort out
his files. - At the end of the summer we
must get up Boston way - to the dentist -
to Exeter and to see some other friends -
as well as to get to Dartmouth for most
of the second week of September, for
the summer meeting of the mathematical
society. - Well, that's quite a schedule,
and seems to leave no time for work!

I think I have not written you what I
last heard from Danaud. Betty & her
sister got to Paris the day before Holland
& Belgium were invaded. They cancelled

The operation Helen had planned to have and returned to the west coast of France. Whether they have since tried to get to America I don't know - and if not, I can't see why for there are opportunities.

I was sorry to hear about the death of Charles's mother. He will miss her a great deal, for he has essentially never been separated from her. I'm glad to hear he has a nice wife, but I wish he could get some work. I'm glad you were able to go down - I'm sure your being there was a comfort to him.

Glad to hear you've finally been able to get the living room fixed - I trust by now your are all strengthened and again. - Too bad about the garden - it will be very late. Mine had a lot of rain here too, but not apparently as much as you. The week has been dry and barid - the lightest clothes have been too much.

Now I must get to bed. If tomorrow dawns fair I'm to go out to Nell's for breakfast at eight and then a round of golf. I give my first exam at one. After that the deluge. - Hope you're both feeling fit, and will keep so. Lots of love, George.



THIS SIDE OF CARD IS FOR ADDRESS

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

Catsackie Wy

June 7/40

Dear George

Such a busy week
here could not get a letter
off to you so this is just an
apology. As last the living
room is habitable and
more tho. there are still a
few details not complete.
Having a few nice days and
hope to may continue so you
can get a garden started soon.
Had a long letter from Ma - she
told me about the Umbrella &
said Dr. J. had advised it.
So what can anyone say?
He had one or two very hot
days with some showers
well but since it has been
just beautiful. The pool is
in shape again and grad-
ually will get caught up the
water on. Love Mother.

Catsackie N.Y.,
June 9th 1940

Dear George -

Now seems bad to-day - pa is so upset over it - he has lost his mortgage.

I'm all alone and so its a good time to write letters. Mrs Deep has gone with Deane up to Traque's and pa has gone to call on Mrs Worden. Weather is fair but not sunny - Sun was out a little while this AM. after more rain last night. The garden got rain most every day or night - had one very hot day last Wednesday. Today is Children's Day and as I sat alone in church this AM listening to the exercises very vividly wandered back to the years when four little children dressed in white sat with me - well such is life! The S. S. is small but the program was well rendered.

At last we are again living in living room and it is a relief to be cleaned up and not cluttered up as we were for 2 weeks. We are talking about getting Venetian blinds - The old shutters are very

shabby and any way we can't close
them in winter on account of
the storm windows. Do you know
anything about these V. blinds
and if the steel ones are better
than the wooden ones - they are
higher priced anyway. The
curtains, too, must be replaced
as one is gone to pieces. I think
perhaps plain colored drapes
over the V. B. would look
nice - something contrasting in
color to the blue rug possibly
like the foot stool. They
are expensive, too, so would
probably not get both at once.
Friday night I had to go to
Jewett Jewell Grange and
pa expected to go, too, but could
not. He was called to a meet-
ing of the Riverside Quilting ^{Assoc.}
in regard to transfer of Spoon
Quilting. So Mrs D. Stone will
not & we took another lady
with us - got home before 12
& pa was in bed. This coming
week we hope to finish up the

adds & ends of the house cleaning
but pa will never get through
with all the work he has planned
for our doors.

Was very glad to get your letter
yesterday but sorry Maize has
talked you plans. If you go
to Albion be sure to go see Bob's
Mrs Schmitzer will be very cordial
don't care and Bob will welcome
you too, I know - wish I could
see him - I miss him more
than anyone knows. I am
glad you are going to see the
Dr. and I hope his idea that
Gwa is doing just the right thing
is correct. We had thought
if she would go to Maine with
us, we'd hire a cottage again,
but have given that up now.
We have been away so much
we can enjoy life here in good
weather tho' pa seems to long
for Maine & the Ocean. The
Sauds from your itinery that
Jan & Cousin Anne will not be
here very soon or very long. It

Some times seems to us foolish
 to keep this big place and
 work so much just for a
 place to live - then we talk
 about selling out and getting
 a little place, house & yard
 and then we decide that
 wouldn't be home after all.
 We wish you were all near
 enough to come home often
 for the lapses between seem so
 long. Pa has been having
 some terrific head aches lately,
 if the Violet Ray machine ever
 gets fixed & returned we are
 in hopes that may help. I am
 feeling better since Mrs D. got
 back last Sunday - Some how
 I get so tired when I have all
 to do but it makes a big hole in
 our income to hire so much
 help indoors & out. Pa feels etc.
 then he doesn't work - He is plan-
 ning another trip for next winter
 to parts of California. I am glad to
 be home for one must put up with
 some inconveniences then in change
 places on the road. You must try to rest
 some this vacation - I fear you planned a rather
 strenuous one & you need plenty of rest after

Much love mother.
 and a busy year.

Bob White Van Schaack
c/o Joseph Schmitzler
204 E. State St.
Albion, N. Y.

Catbackie N. Y.
June 16, 1940

Dear George:

Pa received letter and
Book yesterday - we did not real-
ize this was the last week for you
I was somewhat surprised to learn
you have really started vacation.
Hope you had nice weather and
a nice drive and are now safely
in Salamanca. When you write, I
hope to hear Mrs. Kennedy is safely in
the U. S. A. The war seems to get more
and more serious and there seems
to be little hope now that the Allies
will even survive.

Yesterday was very hot but to-day
is fair and quite cool. Pa is pre-
paring a paper for a radio broad-
cast from Kingston on Wednesday.
This will be his first and he is

be done such as putting up curtains, painting porch, cleaning the front hall etc. I find I cannot stand real work very much and so there is much that drops from one day to next etc. Mrs D. cannot do everything as she, too, goes out if she attempts to do much.

I have not heard from Ira since Monday and I wonder how she is surviving this hot weather. Did she write you about losing her zipper case & contents? Some one stole it right under her eyes as one of the garden places. Mr sent Elman a bunch of Asparagus and had a nice letter from her. She indicated that Ira's work was somewhat hard for her. Ira said it was very

not very keen about it though I think it will be all right. He really counted to help out as a favorite Mr Brougham.

At last we have a veg. garden started. Pa was able to sow quite a few seeds yesterday afternoon after working in the flowers all afternoon. He seems to find plenty to keep him busy, and does and then is so tired every night - he simply will not let things go, so it is well for him to get away once in a while. One day last week he was in Albany to a district Conservation meeting.

We are about three miles the most of the clearing but there are some necessary details still to

down there. I still can't see how
she is better of than of her enjoying
the shade, flowers & air.

We are to have company from
Virginia the last week end, this
month. Mrs Delp's brother (deceased)
& wife, maybe her father, too, are
coming up to World's Fair. We
will be glad to have them, they are
very fine folks.

We have made no plans for any
trips - Pa wants to go to Maine but after
discussing it often we think we better
remain here most of time - not knowing
when Ira may decide to come home.

Was sorry to hear you are to go to
Hawaii this week - I wish he might come
home & enjoy this place but it seems it
will just be "hello & goodbye" when they do
come. Give Bob a good bye for me -
I see Lane & Camera take his picture
just the girl I possible remember up
to the faculty. Have a nice time & come back
you can. Best wishes to Mr & Mrs - & C. - Write

M. B. VAN SCHAACK
COXSACKIE, NEW YORK

Dear George: -

Monday morning

Mother just called me in to write this short note. I want to thank you for the nice present you sent me. We all shall enjoy it. This is a lovely day one of the very few we have had so far.

Made a little garden Saturday noon to day. I wish you might be here to see how since the place looks now with all the rain we have had. I shall have to excuse mother's letter for I think she makes things worse than they are. My headaches have

been better lately and I am feeling
all right. I do ~~worry~~ worry some about
the awful mess the world is in
and who does not? I fear we all
are in for a very serious time
even if peace came today. Trust
you will have a pleasant vacation
and will come home as soon as you
can. Give my regards to Mr Tweedy
and my love to Constance.

Sincerely
Father





POSTCARD

THIS SPACE FOR ADDRESS ONLY

Dr. George B. Van Sickle

East Ave,

Albion

N. Y.

C. Van Seltow

AMERICAN AIR MAIL

June 29 1914

Dear George -
 Suppose for all in Albion
 has news from any one since re-
 ceiving yours last Friday. Having a
 real cool spell & mid hours like
 20 miles but some shivers. Broad cast
 a/c field day. I was alone all day
 doing this & that. So today I'm
 off - hope to get some good
 fire wood - to be painting bowls
 day - no more things to do
 County place - wonder if it pays -
 Winton

THIS SIDE OF CARD IS FOR ADDRESS



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Casachie N.Y.

June 23/00

Dear George -
Sorry I did not get
a letter written today but
I have been resting after a
very full week of activities.
Feeling very good and hope
to relax more from now on.
Glad to get B's letter yesterday
and I have heard nothing
from you since you left E. R.
Nothing from C. in 2 weeks.
A card from M. June Post.
but nothing from H. We
are planning a full day in
Albany tomorrow - some
errands & some shopping - have
been up only once since we re-
turned from South. Write a
card, occasionally I'll know
what you are - May get a letter
from D. & E. Loving. Mother

Cassackie, N.Y.
June 24/40

Dear George & Courtauld.

We did not go to Albany to-day as it was raining and I have no desire to run around a city in the rain unless it is absolutely necessary.

Received a letter from Eva this noon. She wants your address but I don't know where you may be by the time she would write to you, so you'll try to contact her. I guess she finds her work rather strenuous. Last week you found Jean Alexandria, called me on phone and they had lunch together. The family was on way to New York.

There was a series of Grange affairs last week that we could not very well side step but there will be a summer lull now for some weeks. We attended special meetings in Hammarovist & Athens, Monday & Friday nights. Thursday

Don't forget my card sent to Mrs. M. B. 4.

night to Knapp in a first meet-
ing of Deputies & Ministers at
range for State Grants there
next December. Saturday was
quarterly Picnic at Jewett,
this was one of the largest and
longest ^{well kept} we've ever had, but it
is gratifying to meet so many
old friends from all over
the County. But Wednesday
capped all when Joe talked
in pades at Jewett on the
History of the Range in Greene
County. He had a well written
talk and delivered it. A 101-
has received many congratula-
tions. I was home alone
and heard it in titillation.

Last evening we attended
the Baccalaureate Service in
our church - only 20 of the 29
graduates were there and quite
a small audience but
Dr. Livingston gave a fine and

appropriate sermon - he quite
outdid himself. Anna Berlin
is one of the Senior Class - it
doesn't seem possible - she
plans to study nursing at the
Albany Hospital.

Mrs. Coakley is in very bad shape
and Jessie is confined to house
most of the time. Milton is
so busy we rarely see him.

Mrs. J. Harold went to
see you at Albion and tell
me how you found Bob and
the Schmitzer family.

Mrs. Delp is again wavering
between "to do or not to do" - her
son Gordon is urging her to
buy a house and make a
home for him. Some of the
other folks don't want her to
and it just keeps her on the
fence and absent minded.
Of course we would not try to
influence her at all but to

...would really be tragic for her to
make such a move. She can
not work hard nor long at a
time and her son is no help
at all. She talks of taking board-
ers but that would soon floor
her. This continues a well-
family is not very pleasant.
This week end her brother &
wife from Alexandria, Va. will
be here for a day & night -
they are carrying work to the
World's Fair. They are very
fine folks and we will all
be glad to have them.

I hope you are having a
good time and wish you will
plan some time for a good
rest. Let me know when you
can about when you will
be here. Mr Lane made no plans
to go any where but I read he
wishes the birds that he will
advocate a trip to Maine some-
time in Aug - he talks of it fre-
quently but I am sure for I

am obliged to my home this part. Love Mother

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Ann Arbor, Mich.
June 28, 1940

Dear Mother & Father

You have been so good to write so often since I left East Lansing that I feel the more guilty at not having written in so long. But there have been a heavy two weeks with so much moving about and so many different people to see that my correspondence has been nil except to make necessary arrangements - and to write Eva, after I heard from you that she wanted my address. I should have seen that she had it before, but the poor child has written me so little of late that I neglected to send it. I am wondering how hard she is finding the job - you seem to feel that it is proving too hard. My guess is that it is not the job but the task of clearing out of the laboratory which has been being her. I have reason

to believe that on the whole she is feeling somewhat better for Mrs. Gillett wrote Canshame that when she saw Eva recently she was impressed with how much better she looked and how much less diffidently she had with speaking. —

I reached Allegany Park on that incident a week ago Sunday. Danced & had a good visit but not much outdoor life for the weather was bad with overcast skies & rain. He seemed fairly well and less worried over Betty than I had expected - he said he had given up worrying over what he could do help. In considering what Betty has done - of course she never expected France to surrender and certainly never expected the Germans to reach where she was staying, as they did a week ago. —

Wednesday morning we drove to Rochester, Dances going to the Vaca and I going off to see my various friends there, most of whom I managed to see before nine that evening. The Halbaers seemed the same as usual. Mrs. Beeler, very much the same, but saddened by the sudden death of her sister last spring - the latter

had lived with her for twenty five years
and the best was last. I also saw the
Mellson. They have moved into what he
calls a small house - actually it is
larger than the old one! But it is much
nicer. They, too, seemed to be the same -
he looked as vigorous as ever - just feet
so - as was raking the lawn when I
drove up - still goes to work every day. I
had dinner with Miss Cummings, whom
I was glad to see after a lapse of so
long - so all told I had a pleasant
though packed afternoon.

Constance arrived at 9:30 and we drove
at once to Albion. He had a quiet time
there for two days, largely spent in front
of the fire, for it was quite cold outdoors.
He had a very pleasant call on the Selstons -
they are very nice people. But they had sad
news of Bob. Three weeks before he had
suddenly taken sick and within a day or two
died. They were quite heartbroken over it for
they were very fond of him - Mrs. Selstons
said she had felt so bad and knew you
would feel so bad that she hadn't yet had

the courage to write you. They don't know what
the trouble was but suspect it was partly
due to their having had to keep him tied
up out of doors. Exactly, the same thing
happened a few doors away with another
dog which had been kept tied up. They gave
me the enclosed pictures to send you
and told me to tell you that they still
want you to come & visit them soon
though Bob is gone.

Saturday we drove as far as London, Ont.
Finding a very nice tourist home to stay
in - it was very unusual, being completely
furnished in beautiful antiques. The next
day we drove here - in rain all the way - we
have a very pleasant & comfortable room
in the dormitory - top floor - airy & bright
and in the center of things. The meetings are
held morning except Wednesday as there is
time for a little gadding other times. Tuesday
we drove up to East Lansing, staying
over night with a colleague of mine who
generously offered to put us up. Wednesday
afternoon & evening we spent with Keith
& his wife. We go up again tomorrow for
the night. The same colleague is having

a bridge party for us tomorrow night so
that we can easily reach some of the well
departments - a rather necessary base which
will most conveniently be taken care of this
way.

Our future plans are still tentative but
we shall probably go from here to Alexandria-
Lyon. I would rather you come out
here for the present. I'll keep you informed.

Glad to get your letter sent to East Lansing.
You certainly spent a busy week with all
those grape funerals. Congratulations
to you, father, on the radio talk - I'm
sorry I couldn't have heard it - you'll
have to give another!

- With regard to Venetian blinds - Con-
stance says she understands the wooden
ones are better if you get them made of
well seasoned wood of the right kind -
cypress I think it is - I'd be a bit wary
of untreated larch wood ones - we might
be able to get them at a good price in
Macy's.

Well, about all for now. I'll take this to
the P.O. in the hope you'll get it tomorrow.

Mr. Tweedy was glad to get your greeting
& sent you his. Of course all the people
I saw in Rochester asked about you
and wanted to be remembered to you.

Lots of love from us both,
George.