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9 Glenn Gillett
9 Summit Place
Belle Haven
Alexandria, Va.
July 13, 1940

Dear Mother & Father,

With so much moving around it is hard to keep up correspondence or to remember just where it was last dropped. But at last we have reached here and shall be fixed for the next ten days.

The two weeks in Ann Arbor went very quickly, with three trips to East Lansing and two to Detroit. He spent last Sunday in the former place, chiefly visiting Milt & his wife - and collecting the last things I wanted to bring east. Monday we drove from Ann Arbor to Oberlin where Constance has a friend whose summer home is there. The three of us went to

Cleveland on Tuesday to visit the Art Museum
which turned out to be well worth the trip.
Wednesday we drove as far as Marietta, down
on the Ohio River - the first settlement in
the Northwest Territory - a nice town with
an old college - and what is reported to be
the largest elm tree in the world - at least
it is 'said' tree, its trunk a good eight feet
in diameter, waist-high.

Thursday we drove more or less straight
east through West Virginia - rather leisurely
so that we didn't get very far. He made a
side trip to a state park where there is a
fine water fall and ravine - but it was
raining when we reached there so we had
only a glimpse of it. The roads there are
remarkable and often go right over the
tops of mountain peaks - several times we
were up three thousand feet - but it was
too hazy to see the views - it must be
a grand view on a good day. I hope you can

take it some time - its route so east from
Clarkburg, W. Va. - And yesterday we drove
straight here, without stop because of the
rain: Today, I've spent getting reeled up
and cleaned up, doing some necessary
washing of sport clothes, etc.

I called Eva on the phone tonight and
arranged to go up to see her tomorrow. I
shall go alone, partly because Constance
shamed stay here since our babies as well
as back work every day except Sunday,
and partly because I think it may be
easier for Eva to see me first alone. I
have written for an appointment with Dr.
Titchman - I expect it will be for Tuesday -
and I shall also arrange to see Dr. Rennie
on the same day, I hope. I shall write
you again as soon as I have seen them.
Now I must get to bed for a good sleep
in preparation for tomorrow. Take yours both

lots love from your room. I'll hear
Rising well and that

Catsackie N. Y.

July 16, 1940

Dear George:

Your letter received to day
was a life saver for it is two weeks
since we had word from you. Had
you been stationary in E. Lansing,
I would probably not have thought
of you, or more things that might
have happened on your trip. I must
have misunderstood for I thought
you were starting for Alexandria
on July 1st. Had I known the
address, I would have written be-
fore this. I am glad you had such
a nice trip and hope you'll have a
nice time in Vir. I thought you
wrote me some time ago that you
would be here about July 15th.
So we were expecting to hear from
you every day for the last week.
Weather here keeps about the same.
Mostly cool and frequent showers.
Little use so far for window screens
for it is rarely warm enough to have
a window open. The poor farmers
here had discouraging weather
for haying time.

He ever bought in his life, he says.
Yes, we miss the garden products
for this is the first year we have
ever had to buy veg. this time of
year. The chicken business is
very light now - pullets all sold
and some broilers, too - sold 30
to-day. We are saving enough
for Jan if Jan ever get here.
The place never looked better
but so many flowers are gone
now - Lawrence, more varieties
are coming out.

I see by my diary I have not
written to Jan since June 24
but there has not been much
of interest to write about. We
hear from Harold and Seldam
from Maize. Rarely see Milbu
unless we stop at garage and
then he is too busy to visit. Mrs.
Coanley is better as she rides out
again but she is practically blind.
They have been here only once
to visit since we came home
from the south. Sometimes we
talk of selling out & moving away

I am anxious to hear about Paul
visit to Eva and the doctors. We
think Eva's letters so much better
than they were all winter & Spring
and though she says she gets so
tired, her news must be better -
She never says anything about
that part of her makeup.

We are all quite well and some
how or other manage to keep busy
a big part of the time. Pa has
spent considerable time im-
proving the landscape about
the house - he started to paint
the house but it tires him so
he side steps it and does other
things more agreeable. The Veg.
garden is almost nil, not
sun or warmth enough to get
it started well. Pa has planted
some things over time and some
time we may have corn, but also
beans etc. but no peas at all. We
have had plenty of lettuce for
Mrs D. started that near the wood
house along the lawn. To-day
Pa bought string beans the first

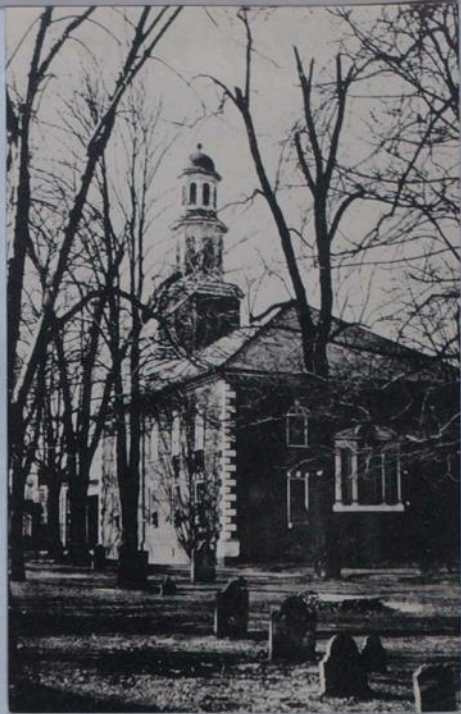
the place is so big to take care of and we are not getting more able but less able to look after things. But on the whole, we keep very well by slacking up & getting plenty. I have read just few books lately - the War news in N.Y. Times and on Radio consumes so much time - another thing I must have perfect quiet to read and that is not always possible. Remember I bought a book for 19¢ in Albany "Sweetapple Cove" by George Van Schoick - I read it - quite a nice light story minus the objectionable zealings of many new books. Recent deaths Dr Van Hoesen (my prof). Since writing we spent a day shopping in Albany and also drove over to Central Park. Ella Thore was here last week and we all went on a picnic taking Bessie too - then Bessie came again to visit Ella all day last Friday. Had a nice visit with the Folkes (4) from Virginia - they were here over night. Had a nice letter from Mrs Schmitzer. We usually end the day by a game of some sort - Last week we entertained In Sapp's evening Mr Bromham, wife and Mother - they too are fond of games. We learned a new way to play Chinese Checkers. Our vacation plans are very vague - I don't care to go to pa de's. So now a few lines to Cousin Anne. Hope to hear from you soon. Love, Mother.



July 20, 1940

Dear Madeline

It seems impossible to get a letter written - what with one thing and another, so I'll scribble a few lines on these cards. It was so good to hear your voices last night after so long a time. We had had a nice quiet party with Eva. She seems definitely much better, but there are many problems, too complicated to write about. I went off on Wednesday & saw Dr. Fitzhugh & Dr. Bratley whose report I'll give you when I see you. Dr. Remy is away on vacation, but I must come down & see him later. For the present there is nothing to do.



[July 20, 1940]

We have been on Thursday
driving through that day. We
shall get to Cascade as
soon as we can but we're thinking
in the near future months
about when we can get the
apartment done over and
we don't know that we'll
not Friday. Hope we can
come to "Widow's Property" Station, Pa.
we shall have to be out of
the apartment while it's being
done.

Terribly hot here the last
few days - wish you could
have enough of the heat
to give you some good
sunburn. Am going up to see
the again tomorrow. Love, G.

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

July 25/40

Dear George -

I am thinking of you driving North to-day and hope you are more comfortable than we are just now - it is a very hot day. This morning at 8 PM I went to Catskill to take the last of my broilers but Milbu has some still that you will take later. We stopped to call on Janette on way back.

Was very glad to get your recent letter and am anxious to hear just what those problems are. Of course you can come anytime - if we are not home you'll find a key under mattress on porch - the upper end. I imagine your letter you will be here next week - let me know if you can. Have

Not heard from Buffalo recently so do
not know just when they come - pro-
bably not till last of August. Per-
haps between your visit and theirs
will take a trip unless you can stay
longer - We will stay home as long
as you can be here. Personally, I am
not anxious to go any where for various
reasons - Have to stay any time.

If you happen to go to Maup's before you
come home, inquire about Venetian
birds - size, material & price - We have
all the dope about M. Ward's stock. Cars
owned here to be put outside frame as
there is not room enough to go inside.
If you want to give for a bird say several
I suggest another pair of those shrikes you
bought at Maup's before - He always liked
them and now they are all gone out. This
is just a suggestion. I hope to hear from you
soon - Love Ben & Bob - Mother!

July 26, 1940

Dear Mother & Father,

We were very glad to have you letter to greet us whenever got up this morning. We reached here about ten thirty last night after a fairly comfortable journey, cooled several times by thunderstorms.

We awoke this morning to the sound of construction out the back window and looked out to find an apartment house going up. So our plans are all upset. Before we can get a date for redecorating we must sign a lease for next year and we are not now sure whether we want to keep this apartment. We shall probably not have settled this matter for the next week or ten days so that I can't get set any time.

for an coming home. The best I can say tentatively is not earlier than a week from now, and perhaps not until around the 12th of August. I'm heavily sorry but there are so many things that must be fitted together - and really none of them can be fitted until we have settled this apartment business.

You seem at least to have got some hot weather - apparently too hot. It's pretty bad here today. Though there is a bit of breeze now & then.

You speak of the possibility of going away between an visit & that of Harold & Marge. To make that possible, if you want to go through with it, I'll do my best to get home as soon as I can. — I shall look into the whole matter of American blinds, etc.

All for now - many regards to all of you.
Lots of love,
George

July 27, 1940

Dear Mother,

Well, we have made up our minds already - have decided to stay here. They are to start redecorating on Wednesday the 7th of August. He would like to come up on the 6th and stay over Father's birthday. He would like to come sooner but we shall work all of next week to shop around for some new furniture and fabrics to cover old furniture, curtains etc.

We're going up to Donald's tomorrow to get one of my large pictures which

we are going to use and with which
all the new things to be bought
must harmonize.

This afternoon, the hottest in four years,
we escaped the heat by going to the
movies to see 'Game with the Wind' -
the show is almost four hours long
so we missed that much heat. The
picture is extremely good and I think
you and Father ought to see it. De-
spite its length it doesn't drag -
in fact, seems scarcely longer than an
ordinary movie.

All for now. Constance says to
tell you she is going to write you.
Lots of love from us both,
George.

July 27/40

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


The beam of light is shining on you & you will see the light of heaven. Do you feel that?

Dear George:

Glad to get your letter today and know you had a safe trip home. I'm sorry you are puzzled about the apartment and I hope you may be able to solve the problem very soon. It is very warm today and has been for several days but there is a nice breeze here now.

Pa seems to have set his heart on going to Maine some time next month but I do not want your visit curtailed. Will you be back here in September before you go to Smith? Had a short letter yesterday from Marge but she said nothing about

When, how, or where of their vacation. They always try to get as many places in 2 short weeks that their stay here is only 1 or 2 nights just before Labor Day, so if we do go away, we'll have to be back then unless they have different plans.

I don't want to ask for the size of slippers but I measured them and they are most 11 inches, short heels, 1/4 in. I know he wears 11 stockings. The upper part is divided thus . He has a nother pair he is wearing but they are not first class & will not last long - the P.O. boys gave them to him several years ago. He has frequently said of Cate - he was sorry the others were going for he would probably never get as nice a pair again - the leather was such a good quality. If they are expensive I would be willing to pay part. Haven't had a word from Ira this week.

Hope to hear from you soon & come as soon as possible
One - W. W. W.

I received this yesterday -
We need the ~~latter~~ size 4.24
You might look at them -

R. H. Macy & Co.
Inc.

34th STREET & BROADWAY, NEW YORK

LACKAWANNA 4-8000

July 24, 1940

129-03
120-991

Look at the drapes
too, please.

MAIL ORDER DEPARTMENT

Mrs. W. B. Van Schzack
Coxsackie
New York

Dear Mrs. Van Schzack:

We have some good looking blinds of Port Orford cedarwood with 2 3/8" slats in ivory or white with matching tapes. These are conveniently 68" long. The 23" and 28" wide blinds are available at \$3.29 each and when packed for shipment to you each of these eigh 11 pounds. The 29" and 36" blinds are \$4.24 each and weigh 15 pounds packed. These are complete with fascia boards and fixtures. May we send you some?

We have an exceptionally wide variety of lovely materials for making draperies as well as many different types of ready made drapes at various prices and in different styles. If you will let us know the type of drape or material you desire as well as you price range we shall be glad to send you descriptions and quotations.

Very truly yours

Virginia Bassett

VIRGINIA BASSETT

BES

All prices subject to change without notice.

If an answer is necessary please use reverse side of this letter.

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Expect
to see you
Tuesday

Cassackie, N. Y.

Aug. 2 - 1940

Dear George:

Your letter received Mon-
day - glad you had your problem
solved. What a relief the cooler
weather is - Hope it is more livable
in your section. We took ad-
vantage of the change yesterday
by going to Albany. Did some
necessary shopping and attended
to some other affairs which I will
tell you of when you get here. Pa
& I were away from 10 to 4 p.m.
and at 6 we all went to Melbuss
to celebrate his bir today though
he was not with us only while we ate
and a few minutes after. But
we staid and played games till
10 o'clock. Mrs. Cooney seems
much better but of course, this is
probably only temporary. Jessie
is very tired out again after all

her house cleaning - she has just
completed renovating her kitchen
two rooms.

Have not heard from her since
the letter she wrote before her
birthday - I fear she may have
been affected by the severe
heat of last week. I have
written 3 times and will
send a card to-day.

Had a severe thunder and
lightning storm Monday night
which did considerable dam-
age in this locality - but we
are in the streak that was not
badly affected - corn, oats and
other crops nearby were laid
flat - it has been a very poor year
for the farmers in this section.
Pa did not try to do much through
the hot weather but has started
in again - weeds will grow when

nothing else does and a place
so unlovely looks shabby when not
"Cared for. It was a bad thing
for us when Clifford Sherman
had to quit washing for we
can't get any one as cheap or
as good as he was. It looks
now as if he will never be right
again - too bad for his folks.
Sunday we drove out to Law-
fayetteville to hear Rev. John Van
Schaick at an annual Laurel
convention service. We were glad
to meet him at last and he
said he was very glad to meet
us. Milton & family went
with us and we ate our picnic
lunch in the grove back of the
old Fort at Schobers. After a
good rest & some naps, we
drove to Experience and called
on Will & Geo. Montague in
the village and Charlie on the
farm. We ate a picnic supper

in Thatcher Park and washhouse
by 8.30 - The day was not
as hot as usual but I think
that was because we were
on the Mts. most of time.

I am glad you plan to be
here for Pa's birthday and
I hope some longer. For

various reasons we cannot
plan definitely on a trip but
may get out in sometime -
it would probably be only
for a week or maybe less.

We would like to go to the Fair
for a few days in Sept. but
even that is not definite. I
ought to be able to knit around
some if I can shop so many hours.
Tell Constance if she has an extra
pair of knitting needles to bring
them along - if she'll have patience
with me, I'd like to make a third
attempt at learning to knit but have
little hopes of succeeding.

Much love to you both, Mother

SEVENTH ANNUAL

HOME COMING DAY SERVICE

Sunday, July 28th, 1940

Organ Prelude:

"Berceuse" - Jarnofelt

"Reflections" - Demorest

"Grand Processional" - Lefebure-Wely

Opening Sentence - "The Lord is in His Holy Temple"

Doxology - "Praise God from Whom all Blessings Flow"

Invocation, The Lord's Prayer, Salutation

Responsive Reading - Psalm 65

Gloria - "Glory Be to the Father - - -"

The Reading of the Word

The Choir - "Thine Is The Kingdom" - R. E. Nolte

The Prayer

Hymn 425 - "O Where Are Kings and Empires Now"

Announcements and Greetings

The Offering

The Choir - "Give Thanks unto the Lord" - C. B. Adams

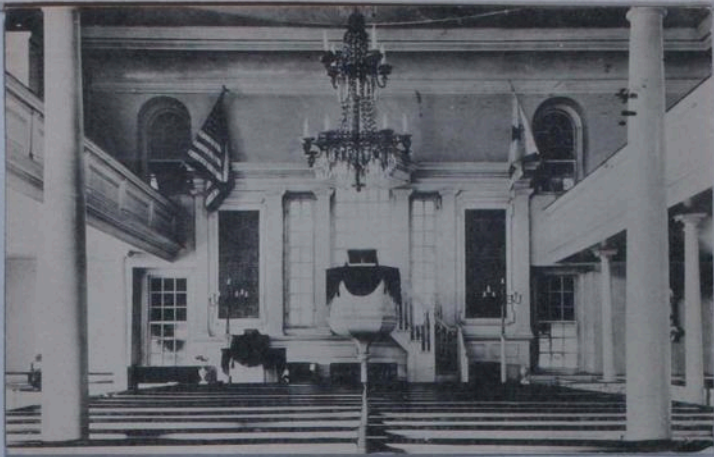
The Sermon by The Rev. John Van Schaick, D.D., Editor
of "The Christian Leader"

Hymn 48 - "God Be With You 'Til We Meet Again"

The Benediction

Closing Response - The Choir

Organ Postlude - "Postlude" - Wilson





Mrs. M. B. Van Schaak
Coxsackie

New York

THIS SIDE FOR ADDRESS

POST CARD



"WHITMAN'S PHOTOGRAPHERS" Canton, N. Y.

Sunday Evening

Dear Mother,
Very glad to get your letter yesterday. We have been making good progress with our preparations for the fair but there are so many things to do. We shall probably get a very late start on Tuesday so shall not plan to get to you by supper time - Will pick you up on the road. Till Tuesday - Love, G.

Interior of Christ Church
Alexandria, Va.

THIS SIDE FOR CORRESPONDENCE

August 16, 1940

Dear Mother & Father,

It is just three days to the hour since we got back - three days of sheer physical activity. But now within the last hour all the major items of cleaning, rearrangement, etc., etc. have been accomplished - what is left can be done in small bites. It has been a chore - more of a physical chore than I have experienced for some long time, but it all looks very well and seems now to be worth it. I wish you could see it - more than that, wish there were another bedroom so that we could invite you down.

I have naturally not done anything about

your venetian blinds so far. As a matter of fact on thinking it all over again I'm somewhat doubtful that with window frames such as yours the resulting effect would be good - unless you were to go to the expense of wooden valances to cover the box of the blind and from the inside of which the drapes would be hung. I think this latter is a rather too expensive proposition and definitely not to be undertaken by an amateur.

I'm a little vague as to the matter of the venetian blinds replacing' those outside. I can't see that you really need blinds as blinds - you need them only as decoration - and the ones now outside look better there than venetian blinds would look inside. For the inside I would suggest ordinary curtains plus drapes. I wish you could get both of these in good quality for what the blinds alone would cost. Think it over again. Will be

were than glad to try to get any material
you decide on or to get the blivids if you
decide on them.

We are going away Friday, the 30th - to
Essex to spend a few days with the Hays.
We are thinking of spending a couple of days
before going to Dartmouth on the 6th with
the kids for Mitchell - though that will
depend on whether they can have us.

We had a fine week with you - I wish
it could have been more. It was good
to find you both feeling & looking so
well - I hope you'll take care of your-
selves so that you'll keep that way.
Many thanks for the jam etc - the
tangerine marmalade is very good.

Lots of love from us both,
George.

Catsackie N.Y.

Aug. 17, 1940

Dear George -

Your letter came this A.M. and I was glad to know you are again settled and hope you will soon get rooted out.

30-day I had a very long letter from Eva. I guess the hot weather must have affected her, she is just recovering from the trouble she had when you saw her. She has received a provisional appointment to same position at J. H. U. and is not certain she ought to accept it. She has one more week after this and says she thinks she will be able to pull thro'. The next week she will be at lab. Pass time by pack up her things in case she has to move them. She also has appointments for 3 days at 10 A.M. at Leontine. Mrs. Boyd has offered to drive down for her and she says she thinks she will consent as she must have a little change & vacation. Personally, I do not think Holland any better place for a vacation

than Caspachie as Eva told me
numbers of hints Mrs B. made
her nervous. However, I will make
no comments to Eva about this
but follow your advice to let
her do as she likes. But I think
you ought to write to Miss Boyd &
state the circumstances naming
her about certain things and how
she must react to Eva's condition,
for I do not think she really
knows the exact facts. If you
do not want to do this, I will, if
you tell me just what cautions
to give her.

We have given up all ideas of
going to C. P. this summer. The
day you left, I had a letter from
Wray & one from Harold both
explaining why it was not feasible
to state a definite time they
would be here. Personally, I am
not much disappointed for after
last summer's experience, I
believe nothing less than a month
exp. there is advisable unless
we go and board outright - It is

So much trouble to gather things to
gather and pack up all the odds &
ends necessary to keep house.

We are now talking of a motor
trip thro' eastern Canada - we
have never been in that part of the
Dominion & only a very few hours
over the border. If we definitely
decide, we will start probably
the day after Labor Day and return
the 10th or 11th - one week will be
long enough to ride every day. Again,
I would just as soon stay home
but pa is determined to go somewhere.
If we do this, will probably not get
to the fair.

We heard on Wednesday of the
sudden death of Rev. Shuyler in Pat-
terson - he was buried yesterday.
It has been cool & pleasant but
to-day is very hot again. We man-
aged to catch or scoop out 12 frogs
from pond & pa dumped them
in the river. Next day there were
7 in sight & now there are even
more - it must be the dry weather
brings them for there were none all Spring.

I have been skeptical all along
about Venetian blinds in this room
but tried to put to solve the problem.
I know you and Constantine have
artistic ability; which neither pa
nor I ever had - it has been a
cause of regret to me ever since
I have been keeping house. Pa
does think the whole thing too
expensive and so do I, so we
will probably drop it. If you
want to, when you are in Mass?
You might get a few samples of
material for draper and I
could send for it later. We
can get curtains in Albany
most any time when we go up.
Thank you both for your kindness
and trouble. Pa + I went
up to the doctor's Med. afternoon.
He said the wounds were heal-
ing fine and after removing
stitches, he put small pads on which
I may remove to-night. He also
thought my nose was o.k. but
said it would not look much
different for some time. Last

even it is not ⁵ very noticeable.
We did some shopping and drove
home by way of South Bethlehem,
a drive we had not taken in
several years. Reached home
in time for supper.

Pa took Jessie, Berrie &
Theresa to Altoona Fair and
Jessie was miserable after the
heat & exertion - just why I
would not go. Guess the girls
had a swell time. Of course
Pa met many folks he knew
and enjoyed the day. It is
still very dry here and everything
seems more wilted every day.

Pa notices some of the flowers
every evening from the North well.
Mrs Delp is going to her brother's
up on Stanton Hill after supper -
We will drive her up there &
she will be away till Sunday
night. Ella Moore will come
back with her and on Wednesday

They are going to Hudson to help
celebrate Putney's birthday. Pro-
bably Pa & I will take that day
to drive up to see Anna in Ballston
and Rev. Dummer in Glenville.
We have talked of it all summer
but just kept putting it off for
various reasons. Pa has gone
to Wilbur to sow grass seed on the
new lawn - it is really too dry but
Wilbur wanted it done.

I had 4 letters this noon and when
I lay down to rest, my mind just
worked every minute answering these
letters - this is the first in reality
and I guess the rest can wait a while.

We were glad to have you here
and look forward to your return
in Sept. Sorry I did not feel good
the last days - it began with the hospi-
tal experience which shattered my nerves
after the worst was over. Then a series
of aggravations which I did not seem
to be able to throw off at the time - also
result of our conversation about Eva.
Tell Courthouse Mrs D & I faithfully kiss
at least 2 rows every day. Hope you will kiss
fairly one this long the letter I love to you
both - Mother.

August 23, 1940

Dear Mother & Father

I shall dash off a few lines to wait in
time for you to get them tomorrow.

First about your projected trip to Canada.
I think it would be fine for you to go and
much more of a change than to cast things
off to Ocean Park for so short a time.

But - have you considered the question
of getting back into the country from
Canada? You know there is no fooling
about it - you simply have to have
proof of citizenship. The most usual proof
is a birth certificate (plus identification
that the birth certificate belongs to you).
In fact this is the only simple form of
proof - passports are expensive and them-

elves require a birth certificate. I hope
you can well get the certificates in
time to go - but don't go without
them. (Can say you can get an affidavit - see
them. (the town clerk or county clerk).)

In regard to Eva I shall write you
something next week - and I shall write
Miss Bayle so that you shall have
to.

I think you are wits to give up the
American blinds. As for sending samples
for drapes that is not very easy in
sake factory. If you want me to buy
the material myself I'll be glad to
try on Tuesday or Wednesday - or after
I'm back from New England - if you want
me to send the measurements of the windows.
If you are to make the drapes you'll have
to hire them to make them look well.

Well I must dash out with this if you
are to get it tomorrow. Glad to hear your
wounds have healed so nicely. Mother.
Lobs of love from us both, George

Catsackie, N.Y.
Aug. 24/40

Dear George:

Was glad to get both your letters to-day and glad to hear you are about regulated again - I would like to help in on you. Wonder if it has been and is cold like it is here - it has been cool every day this week and the fire place has done its duty every evening. After dinner this noon, I went out on the new lawn back of the bushes to sit in sun and get warmed up - on my return he made a fire in fire place and I am shut in here waiting some letters - I always have several to answer.

Wednesday Pa and I drove 168
miles - we left at 9 AM & reached
Ballston soon after 10.30. Took
Anna Betts by surprise but
she was quite tickled to see
us. We took her to Landoga
for dinner as she is not
very well and we did not
want to make her any trouble.
After 2 we left and drove to
Glenville but no one was home
at the Duncanson House. We
came home around a-bout
May reaching here 6.45 after
a short call in Clarksville.
Mrs D. went to Hudson Thursday
to Pat's birthday party and
did not get back till next 10.
Last Saturday night Beane &
Theodor came to stay till Monday
night - Jessie & Milton went to
Plattsburg - they have gone again
to-day to bring the journals back.
Illa Moore was here from Sunday

To Wednesday. Had a card today
from Marg stamped Boston -
they will be here Thursday noon
- till Wed. All. - This is the first
I've heard from them since
they left Buffalo.

In regard to Canada trip, we
had printed information
about entering ^{Canada} re-entering
the U. S. sent with bearing
information & maps no passport
necessary and just same
papers we've had other times.
However to be on safe side
I have written today to the U. S.
Immigration Bureau and
also Canadian Bureau. None
of us have birth certificates.
I did not see in your letter that
you had been to Baltimore or
was going. I have had not even
a card from Eva since she
wrote last week about going to
Mich. This is her last day and I

hope she has survived the ordeal
to the end.

In regard to the drapes, I would
be very glad if you and Estabance
would purchase them or the
material - whatever you think
best - I will leave it to
your judgment for for some
the room is as well as I do - I
think Mrs. D. could make them.
The three front windows are 1 yd.
and 32 inches from top of frame
to window sill and 1 yd. 7 inches
across from edge to edge of frames.
The 2 South windows are 1 yd. 2 in
long and 1 yd. 3 in wide. If
you have time next week to get
the goods we could make them
as soon as we get back for I am
anxious to get windows covered.
Please buy me some of that brass
polish, too. Now I must write
more letters. Will wait patiently to
hear about Ma - She is on very
kind continually - I would ^{love} ~~love~~
nothing to have her well again. ^{mine} Mother.

Exeter, N. H.

September, 1940

Dear Mother & Father,

Well, things piled up last week in such a way that I didn't get around to writing you. I trust you will not have left before this reaches Caxcochie on Tuesday.

I don't believe I have written you anything about seeing Dr. Rennie. I went down to Baltimore by train a week ago Wednesday and saw Dr. Rennie for about forty minutes. He is quite young - perhaps 35 - and though rather reserved not without an appealing personality. A large part of the interview went in his asking me a great many questions about things Eva had told him. He has not seen Eva since last November so could not say what her present condition is. Judging

From what he saw last fall he feels she
was then & must still be in a state where
nothing short of psychiatric help will
change her condition for the better, although
it is not necessary that she go to an in-
stitution for this. The really discouraging
thing which he had to say however is
that he fears she does not really want help,
that there is something in her condition
that makes her rather enjoy it. How to
shock her out of that state is the problem.
He advised me to urge her repeatedly to
see him - that will upset her, but per-
haps that will be just what is needed. I
have written her at length but have had
no answer. I suggest you make mention
of it for the present until I see what her
first reaction is. In the meantime, of course,
she can't see Dr. Reevie for she'll be
in Michigan. I really think that help
will be good for her, although as it may
seem to you - it may not be ideal, but

We drove up here on Friday all the way
in either rain or fog - and the heaviest
traffic I have ever met out from the
city. Still we made good time reaching
here about nine thirty, not having started
till near noon. Tuesday & Wednesday of
this week we go to the dentist in Boston.
Friday we shall go up to Worcester to
stay till Sunday morning, and then
from there to Hanover. The address
here is of J. C. Hays, Market St. In
Worcester & N. W. Webb, High St. In
Hanover, & American Mathematical Society,
Trayer Hall.

We found the Hays all very well. They are
now living in a house to themselves near
the gymnasium. They both asked after you.

Betty Tweedy & her sister arrived in New
York yesterday by way of Lisbon, having
left Boston July 28. I guess they got
out just in time for new America

she want to under the emotional strain
she would be under with any of the
family and she will rest more than at
home. I have written Miss Bayle, so
that she knows enough of what to expect.

I have not been able to send you any
draps material. Can & I did look in one
place last week where there were very beauti-
ful things at very low prices - and we
bought some stuff for you. But it was
50" wide, and the next day I decided it
was too wide above and too narrow
cut up the middle, as it would have had
to be, so I took it back. There was not
enough of the only other thing, which
I felt sure would look well. The proper
width to buy is 36", but there was no
suitable material of that width at that place.
So we have had to postpone. I'll be
very glad to try again at other places
after we get back. If you can wait, as I
hope you can.

can't take money out of France.

I shall be looking far word from you here for I don't know just where you are going or when. If you are driving through Harvour while we're there do stop - just call at the address above & find where we're staying.

All for now. I hope you'll get off without being too tired from preparation & that you'll have a delightful & safe trip. Lots of love from us both,

George.



THIS SIDE OF CARD IS FOR ADDRESS

Dr. Geo. B. Van Schaack
c/o B. Hoff
Marston St.
Elyria
N. H.

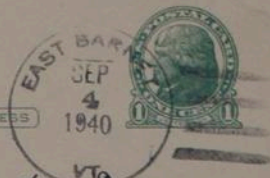
Mrs. Sept 2/50

7.45 AM

Dear George -

Working season trip
to Canada - now at P. O. and
just received your letter
but haven't read it yet.
Would have written before
but I did not know where
to address it. All O.K. -
had heavy rain Sat Sun
- yesterday - fair and
warm now. Am for -
Warding down letter just
received from Mich. State.
Had long letter Sat. from
Ava. Can't give you any
address but will plan to be
home Sept. 10th ^{hope to hear} from you then.

THIS SIDE OF CARD IS FOR ADDRESS



Dr. George B. Van Schaack
% J. C. Hogg,
Marston St.,
Elyria, Vt.

Bradford Vt
Sept 31/40

Dear Geo. & Constantine.

We are settled for the night in a fine modern cabin. Drove 205 miles did not hurry - dinner in Bennington - drove north from Brattleboro up W. side of Conn. river - by antique Chubb's & Company. Had a picnic trip for two far back. Saw several signs few miles to Dark Mountain Camp - we were there once several years ago - would stop to see you if you were there - you we will return probably thro' the Adirondacks. If by any chance we were not home when you arrive (but we're sure we will be unless some thing unforeseen happens) Wilbur has say. No need to comment on it - we must accept conditions as they are and trust the trip will prove a benefit. Glad you saw the doctor and hope she will consent to see him. Remember us kindly to the Hays and the Nobbs. I am referred to when Mrs. T. is back in N. Y. - Love forward to seeing you on 12th Nov - Mother.

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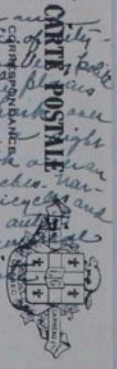


CITADEL AND PLAINS OF ABRAHAM, QUEBEC CITY LOOKING WEST.

Domacoma, Canada Sept 1740

Dear Mr. Courtois;

To-day we did make a
little excursion to the N.E. of
Montreal French population and
I was expected to walk on the
of Abraham - very a beautiful park
looking like St. Lawrence Park
seeing here this afternoon - took a
hour and half - many churches, nar-
row streets and very noisy - bicycles and
horse-buggies as numerous as ants
Washed face - took 5 P.M. on way to Montreal
Love



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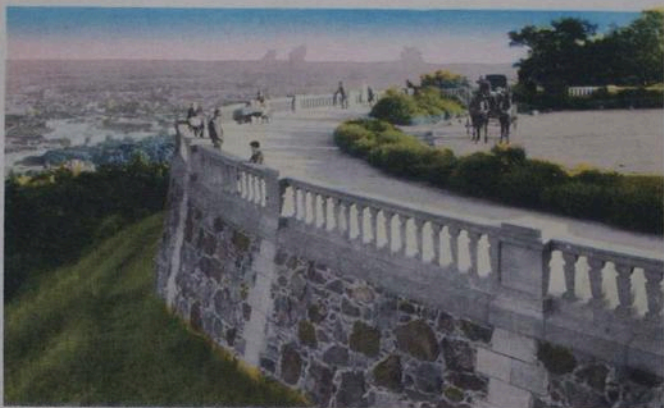
Dr. George B. Woodhouse

Wiscasset

Maine,

U.S.A.

40 N. W. West
High St.



THE LOOK-OUT ON MOUNT ROYAL, MONTREAL, QUE.

Montreal, Can
5 Sept 7/43

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ADDRESS

Dr. George B. Van Schoeck
Hayes Hall
Kawano,
New Hampshire
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C.L.C.

Montreal, Can
5 Sept 7/43

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ADDRESS

We are about to leave
drive to Ottawa reached
here yesterday noon - now 2:30
Big City - look kept all
around - to-day went
to stores - nice weather -
cold nights - Soldiers
in evidence everywhere
My train is tied up in
some exchange and delays.
Love, Mother

"The blessing of the Lord be upon you,"
Psa. 128:8



Just a cheery greeting
Old, yet ever new,
To make your pathway brighter,
The skies a deeper blue,
To give hope to each endeavor,
Joy, to each success,
And help to make of coming days
A Year of happiness!



From Mother & Father Sept. 13/44

MADE IN U.S.A.



September 20, 1940

Dear Mother & Father,

A few lines to send a last word from here before starting west. I plan to leave as early Monday as possible and get half way across Pennsylvania by night. I am told that the best route at present - due to construction elsewhere - is across the southern part of Pennsylvania. It seems strange to go so far south, but the mountains of eastern Pennsylvania will thereby be avoided.

We made a quick trip to Katauch last Sunday reaching there about three. The next afternoon we drove over to Danbury to stay the night. Both Betty & her sister seemed remarkably well considering their struggle in getting out of France - but they gave us no explanation for not coming before!

I hope Uncle Frank & family arrived as expected and that you told them we were

Sorry not to be able to visit longer.
I wish we could have made a longer stay
with you - this summer has gone so
quickly and in such disorganisation -
but it was good to be home among both.
My daughter was in town Wednesday and
under his guidance I spent the birthday
money - for records. You know all records
have recently been reduced 50% in price -
though still I can't afford them except as
a gift. I brought a lot of my records with
me last Sunday - I have a friend - Will -
in E. Lansing who has a good machine
so I shall be able to play them. The
ones I bought Wednesday are top-notch
and I shall enjoy knowing they are
from you.

The rest of the week has gone rapidly
and it seems as if only a few hours were
left. - Do take care of yourselves &
get lots of recreation. Lots of love
from us both,
George.

Catsackie, N.Y.

Sept 22, 1948

Dear George:

Your letter was received yesterday and was glad to hear of your week's activities. I am so sorry you must take that long ride all alone and wish it might be the last time you had to do so. Do let me know as soon as you get this, if only a card, for I shall be eager to hear from you. I am glad you brought your birthday presents just what you wanted and perhaps some time I may be able to hear the records, too.

Uncle Frank & folks missed the first train from N. Y. So did not get here till after 12 - they came up from Athens on bus and walked down from the corner up street. We took them for a nice ride and all had dinner - rather supper - at Jessie's. Dan and Miss Delp went up to Stauhin Hill to see the other folks & Miss Delp came to Jessie's & helped her at 5 o'clock. We took the folks to Athens at 8.30 they were very sorry to miss you.

We did a three weeks' wash Monday and it has been rained in sections all week. Tuesday AM. we three went to Albany and did not

get home till supper time. Reached
the hospital for appointment at 10.
But the Dr. was on vacation. However
I saw her substitute, Dr. Ordway, who
has long been one of the leading
physicians there. He examined my
nose and saw no reason he said, for
another treatment just now. He said
I might go back in about 4 or 6
weeks if there seemed to be any
change and not to worry at all -
nothing to worry about. I asked him
what the trouble was & he said a long
name I never had heard which
meant some kind of skin trouble.
After an hour on S. Pearl St. went
to Mont. Wad's where we just
had a good lunch in the restaur-
ant. He bought more rock wool
to put up over four bed room &
hall - He expects Blossom to fix
the roof soon & the patching can be
done same time. We looked at
Curtains there but did not buy -
could not get correct length in
kind I wanted. Also looked at
draper & materials. Then back to
Whitney where we bought the cur-
tains - they are Rayon Marquette
plain & hem stitched, egg shade. I saw
ad. of same things next day in *Newsweek's*

Admiration in N.Y. times and at a
little higher price. I don't wonder
You could not select drapery ma-
terial - we saw so many different
colors, patterns & material it was be-
wildering. We did see material
heavy enough for use without lin-
ing but 50 in & high priced. I saw
some I liked even better than the silky
ones & found out just kind for skirts;
not stripes, but a large flower pattern
up & down on a blue ground. Perhaps
at Christmas time we can go to Albany
and pick something out to suit
all of us. ~~Monday afternoon~~
~~Wednesday~~ I went to dentist and
had to go again Friday morning. The
first was for cleaning at which time
there was discovered a piece of root in
gum where a tooth was pulled several
years ago. It never gave me any trouble
but it was beginning to show infection.
So that was extracted Friday and
I never before was so effective with
Marsellium - guess there was an ultra
bit put in gum - the process was
painless but some nerve wacking.
We had various other errands to do
but for had to tend to them - I was too
shaky. Gum is healing & I don't re-
port any more trouble.

Thursday we canned the peaches and
 Friday Mrs Delp canned corn. I
 was up at night and went to Albany
 with pa getting home 11.30 He had
 a meeting up there & hated to go alone
 and I did not like to leave him come
 home alone so late.

Weather has been quite warm all
 week and getting very dry again. Pa
 has been having some some lead
 trouble but has felt very good today
 after a very good rest last night. We
 went for a nice ride this afternoon &
 called on Bob Moore's family - left
 Mrs Delp at her sister's for supper.

This coming week we expect a friend
 from Cherrango County to visit a few days -
 We visited there last summer. We met
 her in Florida in 1939 - very nice lady
 of 83, smart and interesting. Her brother
 of 76 is bringing her here & he is going to
 the Fair - I want pa to go with him. I
 would like to go but suitable for several
 reasons but may be I'll get down yet.
 Anna Betty wants to catch for a visit
 but I have put her off all the months
 of Oct. as we have more coming to do,
 some business to attend to some cleaning.
 Just a card from her this week - she does
 keep us a guessing. Now I want to pray
 you'll get to St. L. safe and keep well. We
 think you look well and seem so happy.
 Much love from Mother & Father.

You might include this to Mother as I may not have time soon to write her.

Carysackie, W.V.
Sept. 29/40

Dear George:

Was so glad to receive your card and hear you had arrived safe. Weather is beautiful here now but we have been so busy, though we do know enough to take time to rest. Last Tuesday we had a couple from Sherburne, Chenango Co. come to visit - We were out there last summer - a year ago. They are fine folks - Man is 76 and his wife is 86 both quite spry but about time they staid home. I met them in Florida in Mar. 29 and last winter they drove to & from California. The man was en route to N. Y. to see the Fair so I persuaded Pa to go with him. They started out 6:15 Wed AM in the rain and it was a terrible day - the worst the fair has had. But they spent all next day & evening and saw a good part of it. Friday they did N.Y. City & was home for supper. The folks left Sat AM. Pa is going to take me & Mrs. D. down on the 7 for 2 da - we will stay where he did at a fine home in

Forest Hills: They had a good
time and it was fortunate for
meas with Mr Barrows who
is somewhat deaf and easily
confused, tho' a bright, intelligent
man.

To-day Mrs. Telf went to
Hudsony to see her folks here
and the new baby that arrived
on Thursday.

Had a letter from Pa today.
She is going back to Ballwin on
a day or two but seems doubtful
of her ability to teach the class
this year. She says she doesn't
know "what else" but seemed cer-
tident some thing will turn up.
We are very much concerned about
her situation and feel that some
thing ought to be done, but what?
She said she had a good rest
but do not think she is really any
better. Perhaps you will find
out from Miss Boyd what she
thinks about it all.
Pa is writing a talk to be given at
a Orange meeting in Scheme study to
Monday night. He is scheduled for
another radio broadcast some if he
can find material. Love, Mother.

October 3, 1940

Dear Mother & Father,

Well, I have been here a week yesterday without so far having been able to sit down & write you a letter - there have been so many things to do - even now I am still faced with quite a lot before the routine sets in.

Friday I had a brief message from Eva saying she was still in Holland but that she thought it best if I didn't come over for the week-end. I was naturally perplexed and wrote at once to Miss Boyd to have her call me on Saturday. We had a long talk but without my getting any very clear idea of what the situation is. She said Eva had been very nervous early in September but was considerably less so now. However Eva seems to dread the year in Baltimore and is strongly considering not staying but returning to Miss Boyd for the winter. I should be sorry to have her lose the counsel of Dr. Tolghuen and to have her not see Dr. Reznicek, but apparently she is dead-set against the latter and wouldn't see him even were she to stay in Baltimore. Were there any one in Baltimore who could keep constant watch

If her husband urge her to stay in the hope
she would see some psychiatrist there - but
there isn't and I'm not sure she should be
left to her own devices. I don't think it's ideal
that she should stay with Miss Bayle, but
I do think of the only place she can stay
Miss Bayle is likely to be the place where
she will rest most - there she has to deal
with only one personality and that's the maxi-
mum number she can deal with at one time
just now. I'm hoping that if she comes back
she will rest enough this winter so that she
can be reasoned with next spring - though I'm
not too optimistic of being able to reason
with a Van Deventer! I have written long
accounts of this to Dr. Tuttleman, Dr. Reubin
and Dr. Beatty, in the hope that if she sees
any of them when she is in Baltimore they
may have the latest information at hand,
but I doubt they'd be able to influence her
just now. Miss Bayle says she is terrified
of being forced to do anything and consequently,
for the moment, we must again wait & see
what she does. I assume she went back
yesterday - if so I should hear of it from
Miss Bayle today or tomorrow. In case she
has gone I shall probably go to Holland this
week-end & see what I can find out from
Miss Bayle.

So you're going to the Fair! I'm glad you've
decided to go for I think it's something you
shouldn't miss - and I know it's something

I shouldn't have missed - but I did. I do hope
you'll have a couple of good days for it's hard
to get about in the rain. It will be your
wedding anniversary, won't it? Congratulations
and may ^{you} have a very happy time. I'd like
to be along to help you celebrate it.

Classes started Monday and we are now
under way. I have three five hour courses
this term - every day at 1, 3 and 6 - so I
have mornings & a two-day week, and free -
but these classes so regularly is something of
a grind.

My trip out was not very eventful. The
road across Pennsylvania proved very good
and quite interesting - especially through the
Alleghenies - I had dreaded Pittsburg, but I
found they have an express highway through
most of the city so that was easy.

Now I must run along to lunch. I'll write you
more when I've seen or heard from Mrs. Boyd.
Again best wishes for the anniversary and
lots of love,
George.



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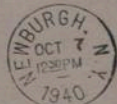
Dr. Geo. B. Van Schaach
247 Delta St.,
E. Lansing,
Mich.

Catsackie N.H.

Oct. 10/40

Dear Geo.

This is the last of a series of cards & letters I have written to-day. We had a nice time at Fairport and I'm glad we went tho' I am feeling the weed of Felt's more now than the Lulo. Night - home 11.30
Mrs D. has gone to Hudson
Dane's wife is sick - Anna
Betts is coming for a visit
I spend days in Sab. Hope
Mrs D gets back to W. soon
Card from Eva - She taught
last Sat. & Nettie took them
Pa has gone to Albany and
I am to meet him to night
to see G. D. Deane - he is help-
ing to get stage ready. I will
send G. D. a check & some supps.
Now for a 2 Hr. rest.
Love Mother



THIS SIDE OF CARD IS FOR ADDRESS

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

Lakewood, W. Va.
Oct. 6, 1946

Dear George:

We are all set to
start off early in the morning,
but I fear it will rain. Could
help it. Wilbur & family were
here to supper. There was no
mail from Eva yesterday AM.
& office is closed Sat. afternoon.
I could not wait to hear from
until Wednesday. I
called her on phone this even-
ing and was glad to hear
her voice. She talked good
& said she was not "too bad".
She had written Friday AM.
but nothing was in our mail
it will probably come to-
morrow. We will be careful
not to spray - will clean car on
Sat. AM. + use Subway. Glad to
get your letter. Had a fine ride
over into yesterday to Halesott -

Catsackie N.Y.

Oct. 17/70

Dear George:

At last I can take time to write you a letter - such a rush we have been in ever since returning from N. Y. In first place Mrs. D. had to go to Sweden for a few days to help out there and she worked so hard just after the storm (our time in N.Y.) that she has been dead head ever since. I have spent considerable time at intervals in resting especially this week while entertaining Anna Pitts. Her sister brought her here Saturday and we will take her home tomorrow. She is very much incapacitated - quite similar to Auntie and as ever, very touchy and extremely jealous of Mrs. D's. Last night we had a very hard freeze so everything is gone now. Tuesday night it froze too and he pushed most every thing he could - the flowers were still beautiful but now are all gone. Monday we four took Jesse too, went over the Mts. - up Mudham

and down the clove - the foliage
was at its best except on tops of hills
most of the trees were bare - they
had the first frost Aug. 15 and
another very bad one Aug. 25.
Pa is still painting on the house but
it is slow work as he has been in-
terrupted so often. New Valley
wants him to go to Buffalo to bring
back a car - he plans to go out on
train Monday & back Tues. if he
can get some one to go with him.
Had a card from Eva - she
did not say anything about
how she feels or what she plans
to do but did say she had her
class again last Sat. + Nature
Walk Sunday after dinner at
Eleanor's.

It has taken me some time to
feel a bit rested after N.Y. trip
but I am gradually getting down
to normal. Yesterday I bought a
bottle of hyperphosphite & I guess
that will renew my pep. If you
had been here ^{with me} I think I'd think
I needed renewing.

Now for a real bit of news. I did not mention it before because it has not been definite till now. Harold is coming back to Col. Marge came Tuesday to look for a house - her friend Peg from Troy was with her. It was not as easy a job as she anticipated for houses are scarce. Those suitable are for sale & not to rent - the only one available was the one on New St. Where Auntie used to live and that is not a good location as he intends to have one room for an office & will be in Catskill part of time in with Lawyer Ref. Marge, Peg & little girl were here to dinner at noon & when she left she was still undecided & yet was heading for Rutland to be there at 6 o'clock. Milton seems to think H. can make out here now if Marge does not ruin him but his quite pessimistic. Marge intends to open

a kindergarten - that really would
be O.K. as there is a need for it
in this town & she could manage
out if anyone could.

Well, I guess this is all for
now - I have a big bunch
of stockings & socks to attend
to - they have stared at me
all week - Mrs D. is finishing
the ironing.

I wrote to Constance Sun-
day.

This will early Bessie
drew for 4 1/2 hours to the Fair -
this time with the Girl Scouts.
If I could land down on the
grounds without the effort of
getting there, I would like to
see some things we missed.

Hope you are keeping well
and not working too hard.
I am eager to hear the result of
your visit to Holland.

Love,
Mother.

October 21, 1940

Dear Mother & Father.

Well, I guess I've put you on the anxious seat again for it is over two weeks since I've written you. I have not been ill, merely busy, with so many letters to write.

I went to Halland a week ago yesterday, just for the day - which proved to be the day of this fall for beauty. - Miss Boyd & I spent a long time talking about Eva, but without really getting anywhere. I'm sure I don't know what I can write you about her of sufficient definiteness for it to mean anything - my accurate information about her is just too ^{meagre} ~~poor~~. It is clear that there are two main problems - one, to get Eva into a state where she will be willing, really willing, to see a psychiatrist, and two, to decide whether to try to get her to leave Baltimore now or not. There is no doubt she needs

psychiatric help, but she is resisting it to the
limit - she says she simply cannot go to Dr.
Rennie whom she dislikes. I think this is merely
an excuse - Miss Boyd calls it. If Eva returns
here she says she wants to go to see a doctor in
Kalamazoo, whom she knew at Hope, and
that she will take his advice - I'm inclined to
doubt she would in her present condition. - Of
course, I want her to go to Dr. Rennie, but I
feel certain that she won't go to him - and as
far as I can see if that is the case she may as
well leave Baltimore, unless I could see some
other psychiatrist there, and that I doubt.
I think she needs to rest a while before she can
face the ordeal of a mental operation' and
she is simply not resting in Baltimore. But
now that she has gone back and got into the
routine again I fear she may simply settle
down for the winter and get the benefit of
no other help or rest. I have written at length
to Drs. Fitzhugh, Rennie & Bailey and to
Eleanor to ask for the reaction of any of them
who may see her - though even if they answer
it may not mean much for Eva wants her-
self as well.

Well, all this is not very encouraging or com-
forting, I know. It will worry you as it does
me, but I don't think there is anything posi-
tive you can do at the moment. I do think
you may well show concern for her without
being too explicit - and I also think you should
not urge her to come home. Much as she would
like to do that she feels she simply can't and to
be urged to do so only creates another strain.
And I'm inclined to feel that if she keeps anything
about coming out here for the winter you
should not dis courage her - I really think
it is the only thing she can do which may help
her get into shape for getting real help.

That must be all on that topic for the moment.
There really isn't much else to write about. In
general I do nothing but eat, sleep & work. I have
decided to try to work at home this term anyhow
to avoid the interruptions at the office, and
finally on Friday I got my books & papers so
arranged in my room that I can find what I
need. Yesterday I got a little exercise playing
some golf for the first in two weeks, but it
was cold, dull day with no sun.

I'm glad you had such a good time at the
fair and feel that it was worth the question -

I hope you've both reeled out from it by this time.

Your news of Harold & Marge was unexpected but not surprising. Marge seems to have scored another victory. I hope their coming back will not prove a mistake. I don't think it will. If they will both realize from the start that the first two or three years are going to be heavy going and that they will have to work harder than they do in Buffalo - I think they will simply have to cut down their social life for a while.

Well, I must terminate this and get at other things. I enclose the pamphlet so you can see what kind of a place we live in in Long Island City. To a large extent it is as attractive as the pictures seem to show.

Do keep well and don't worry any more than you can help - worrying will do us good. Lots of love, George.

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Cayce, N. J.

Oct. 27, 1940

Dear George:

Your letter of last Monday
was received Wed. and we were glad
to hear about your visit to Miss Boyd
and the ~~is~~ ~~and~~ ~~and~~ about Eva.
It seems to be an unsolvable problem
and we are all so helpless about it.
I learned from a recent letter from
Eva, that she is considerably worried
about the \$100 due on account of
lack of her thesis - she said it would
have to be paid first ~~they~~ unless she
finished the thesis & had it printed,
or if she left the College before then.
In fact she admitted she has been
worried about both thesis & money
for several years. So I wrote her
not to worry any more as I was
willing to pay the \$100 any time
she said and I hope this will ease
her mind. She replied she would
consent to this if necessary. She
seems to think it is best to continue
her work for present - She has only
12 in class which reduces the pay
some - don't know how much, but
she said she did not have room
for more than 12 and it was a very
nice class. We are, of course, over

Pa is working on a radio speech to be given over W.P.M. - no date yet.

was for her to have some kind of regular treatments but I do not dare suggest it. It does seem as if there must be some doctor somewhere that could help her. I thought maybe Miss Bayd would suggest taking her to the near Grand Rapids where she took her several times years ago. Pa says he wishes you would not worry about her for you have all you can stand with your own problems and you have done your part. Of course, we want you to call and do what you can but try not to worry. I confess I have it awfully on my mind and am frequently very depressed over it. If I could only go to her and do some things to help, it would be easier to bear. I try to be very guarded in what I write for I do not want to make matters any worse. Do you think she will go to Holland for the holidays? I almost feel she will not come home now until she is better for contact with Naze would only make her worse - the latter means all right but is very confusing at times even to me.

Had a nice letter from Constance yesterday.

The latest news is Marge has engaged Wilbur to purchase the house she wanted to rent but it was only for sale. It is about opposite Deanes in Maxim St. not far from Palm works, this side - a very nice house, I guess and just where H. wanted to locate - that is where Wilbur advised him to as the latter thinks he can help him out this winter Justice & Peace work. Marge's father is paying the down payment of \$1,000 besides fitting out a kitchen garden room which she is planning to use as soon as possible. We would not agree to furnish any cash but father did sign a note for Harold under pressure.

Thanks for booklet - I think we saw similar houses from the right seeing bus as we came thro' Long Beach City. I am so sorry, so often, you must bunk in some where so far from your home - hope you will have better air -

arrangements before long.
Pa has been painting the house
and has it almost finished.
The last 3 days he had Harry
Blossam here to help re-shingle
the roof front of house - they
also shuffed in some more rock
wool which he hopes will make
hall & front rooms warmer.

I enclose a program so you
can realize some what what I
have been busy with off you
ever since July - Confess,
it is a relief to have it off my
mind but a great satisfaction
that it was a success & I had
a number of compliments to it.
I refused a re-election for a
believe in passing around the
honors and also I did not care
to have it on my mind another
2 years.

We expect to go to Syracuse to the
National Maysse from 12 to 15 - it
lasts 9 days but we are paid only
for 3 ea. & the rest of time is mainly
business. Have had some very cold
weather but mostly fair. I initiated
my new dress in bed - also a new top
hat and a new hand bag. Pa that I
looked "Sweet" - I am considering the "hane"

and photo but I mean both experiences were from the carb. ^{for the}

Cassackie N.Y.

Nov. 7/40

Dear George:

I do not think I've answered yours of Oct 2nd but may be I did - We had a great deal of writing to do lately and its a job to keep track of it all. Pa depends on me entirely to attend to all his clerical work, and he has so many things to his house, it takes some time to keep them all in track. We had a few nice Indian summer days especially Saturday, Sun. & Mon. But it is quite winter now as far as temperature goes. Pa has finished painting house except a few blinds - also awning down, storm windows up etc. This week has been drive on for Farm Bureau and he has been scouting around for new bees. Also is supervising work on telephone line.

We have surplus the pond and caught 12 fish to keep in

the house - one died but others seem
ok. - one is quite a little black baby.
Pa & I had a trip over week-
end. Saturday we drove to Mountain
cells in Sullivan Co. - a brand
new section for us. There was
a fair county Grange meeting
there and as I did not care
to go & return so far in one day,
(94 miles each way) we found
a nice place to stay in a private
house. There was also a bus
load of 20 folks + 2 cars full
they all returned after midnight.
We would not have gone if
Pa was not Deputy as he was
supposed to be one of the leaders.
Sunday we drove to Wallkill
35 miles + stopped for Church
Services where Rev. Bosch is.
They seemed quite tickled
to see us + insisted on our
staying to dinner so we did
not leave for home till 3.30

They have a very interesting & lively group 47 & 8 and I
think they are you better of than in Cuba when.
Mrs Depp had gone to Hudson but otherwise some
often we did at 5 o'clock. The weather was cool
and the drive enjoyable - besides we met folks
from other localities that we have become ac-
quainted with. Had a nice visit with Mrs Depp
the former Springfield Nursing Co. wife - she lives
4 miles from New Mills - still a Granger there -
her husband is now in Phil. in a small little
town & working a boat.
Harold & Margie are coming the 22nd or soon after.
The house Mary was going to buy has not for been
made over for Mike James couple's cabins about

the exchange that are not yet cleared
up. However they can move in &
may only rent it for present.
Do not see much of Tubber
or family - Jessie keeps very
busy and always seems so
tired - She has a boarder (man)
who makes more work.
Mrs O'Leary found out Roy has just
been in to tell his mother he has
enlisted in the aviation and
will take a 3rd course in the
engineering. He is 20 - of course
his mother is upset & yet she
tells it is the right thing to do.
There is nothing to remark in
the election - I hoped there'd be
a change but perhaps the
present candidate is best - time
will tell. Can't beat Paula Claus
& that is what the president
has been to many folks. The
war news has got to be monotonous
& we do not listen much.
We leave for Syracuse Tues afternoon
and will be located at Onondaga Hotel
until Friday night & maybe Sat.
Hope to hear from you soon - Love, Mother.

Mrs March is in E. Lansing - do you know if the boy was any track?

November 12, 1940.

Dear Mother & Father,

I hope you reached Syracuse safely this evening and I suspect that by now you are comfortably slumbering in the Onondaga. Again you seem to have chosen severe weather, at least if you are having anything like ours. We had a furious and damaging windstorm here last night, with low temperatures, and tonight still lower - I believe the thermometer will go down at least as far as 15°. And how extra cold it feels coming so suddenly.

Yes, you did answer my letter of October 21st. Can it really be that I haven't written since then? I write so many letters it seems impossible. But the days go frightfully fast. I'm usually up at nine, at work here by ten thirty, washing till lunch at twelve thirty - at school till after five, then a walk, dinner, walk from eight till twelve, letters etc from then till one. One might think that with such a routine the days might seem to go slowly, but they don't. One of the few breaks in recent weeks was the president's reception a week ago Saturday night - the one occasion of the year when I have to get all dressed up in my tux. It was a rather more pleasant occasion than usual this year, perhaps because I knew so many more people now. Besides that I been practically as when, ex-

cept for a fairly short midnight party election day
to hear the returns. I'm sorry you were dis-appointed
by the results of the election. I was not surprised. In
many ways I thought we should keep Roosevelt -
in many ways I feared Milkier's election. Quite apart
from his own integrity, he would have been largely
a haul of big business and I think we would have
seen much retrenchment and much reprisal. I don't
think will have a rosey time under Roosevelt, but as
part of the world is going to see such a time again
for many years. I hope that half of you may be
able to live out your days in comparative security -
I'm by no means sure that I shall. I save money
regularly, via insurance, but even that may go during
the next thirty or forty years. I am pessimistic, though
not particularly despondent. I shall probably never be
drafted and I shall always be able to amuse myself
given a pencil and a sheet of paper - in which I
may be rather fortunate.

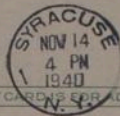
I have had one letter I think from Eva since I last
saw her - no, two. In both she seemed cheerful,
though I ^{have} come to consider that as not very signi-
ficant. In the first she admitted that Dr. Telford
had advised her to return to Holland for the
winter - and I understood from Elvira that it was
at first Eva's intention to do so. But for some
reason which she doesn't give she changed her
mind & did not take Dr. T's advice. I wrote
her that I was sorry she had done this and
that I wished she would consider changing
her mind again. Her only reply was that I must

Trust her and believe that she is better and that she is doing things to get still better. I see nothing to do for the present but to keep hammering away. If I get nowhere by Christmas and if she stays in Ballinacree through the holidays I may get down to see her. I cannot take your advice not to worry about her, for I think I know even better than you how serious the matter is. But I also know that at present you can do even less than I can - some one must, and in the family that someone is I. However, I don't think any of us should worry in the sense of not feeling that all is being done that can be done. The trouble is definitely psychosomatic and no cure can come until Eva consents to be cured - forcing her physically to see a psychiatrist would be worse than useless - the forcing must be largely emotional. Just how far any of us can get I don't know. I think you can do this much, namely let her know when you write her how concerned you are, even if you exaggerate to the point of saying you can no longer sleep because of being concerned about her. I suggest you try it once and let me know the reaction. I give you this advice on the basis of advice ~~frankly~~ got from a psychologist friend of hers who is pretty well acquainted with such cases.

I am glad the meeting at Leeds came off so well, - I'm sure the compliments you received, Mother, were well deserved. As for the 'wane', do

please get it, and a couple of days after
when it's abits hot, take father, go to a
good photographer in Albany and have some
decent pictures taken. Don't contract to
buy any until you have seen the proofs
and don't make a down payment. Frankly, I'd
like to see the proofs myself before you
give the order - can't you send them out?

Well, I simply must stop. It's nearly one
and I must write to Can yet. Please don't
let me go so long again without writing - I
keep no track of the letters I write and I write
so many it seems I write more often. I
hope you'll both have a very fine time in
Syracuse - I wish the meeting were here.
You must come out here sometime.
Lots of love, George.



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THIS SIDE OF CARD IS FOR ADDRESS

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

Syracuse NY
Nov. 14, 1940

Dear George - So glad to get your
letter to-day. This is the big
day here and Craygens have
captured the Alij - 4 classes
10, 2, 5 + 8^{pm} in Louis's theater -
for wife, for members, all day
I am going it alone - nice
to quiet in our room to sleep
with here to rest. Had soft trip
I found clear dry roads after
blowing middle busy - had a heavy
rain home that morning. We
leave here Friday afternoon for
Sherburne town - stay there till
Sat. afternoon & then home. We
are both feeling OK - better than we
did for several days, while rush-
ing to get everything done before
leaving. Had nice letter from Ma.
Will write letter after our return.
Love - Mother.

Catsackie N. Y.
Nov. 18, 1940

Dear George

This noon we received the enclosed letter and we are non pleased and don't know just what to do. We could go down there but would not know what to do after we got there. Pa is quite upset and we feel you are the only one who can handle the situation. Would it be possible for you to get away long enough to go there and perhaps take Eva back to Miss Boyd's. You could talk to Miss Boyd on phone first. We would gladly have her home but she ought to be somewhere where she can have some kind of treatment - no one here to do that. Pa says he will pay all the expenses so do what you think best - we will be quite un-nerved till she is taken care of. I wrote to her this AM. in answer to two letters - one type written - received last week - My wife & same - said she is talking better than 2 mo ago. We reached home Saturday at

5 o'clock & found all OK. Meant to
write you a long letter today
but am too upset now to do so.

You are see only physical
refuge in an hour like this for
neither of the other boys could
handle it. Send a telegram or
an air mail & tell us what you'll
do or what you want us to do.

I think Miss Taylor has been an-
noyed by me & wants to get rid
of her but there is no use in her
getting another place and where
would it be? She wants & needs
complete mental rest and some
one to have oversight over her.

Pa says if necessary he would pay
some one to substitute for you
while you are away.

No more news as I can barely
write.

Love

Walter

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Saturday, November 16th

Mr. Myron Van Schaack,
Coxsack,
New York.

My dear Mr. Van Schaack;-

For some time I have been thinking the matter over and felt that you should be advised of Eva's condition, and even now I hesitate to write, but feel that there is nothing else to do. Eva is far from well, and while she has a good many friends here in Baltimore, we can only advise, and feel that it is up to her family to take the responsibility. She is not well enough to decide for herself.

I am asking you, as a favor, not to tell Eva that I have written you but, fond as we are of her, we cannot go on. Whether she is worse, or just unable to regulate the insulin, I do not know. She is having a good many reactions lately, and also gets confused at times and wanders the streets. If she was in her own home and under a doctor's care, or whether she needs observation in a hospital, I do not know. My niece and I have both been under a heavy strain with sickness in the family until just lately, and we feel not only that this is your responsibility, but that we cannot assume it any longer.

Please let me hear from you at an early date, and again I request that Eva is not advise that I have written you.

Very truly yours,

Betha P. Taylor

Catpachie N. J.,
Nov. 24, 1940

My dear George:

By the time this reaches
Earl Lansing you will probably
be there and I do hope the whole
 ordeal has not upset you too
much. We do appreciate
your efforts to help and there
could not have been a better
team to carry this all out
than you and Laura. When
you have time write me all
about it for we are wondering
how you got Ira to consent &
and how all the details were
managed. It probably would
have been useless for me
to attempt to accomplish
what you did. We hope. In
leaving Baltimore with all
its anxieties and problems
will be the first step toward
her recovery. We think she

ought to be in a Sanitarium
where she would get care and
treatments - maybe after this
first shock is over, she can
be persuaded to do something
of this sort.

Yesterday Mr. Mrs. Sudder &
Halcott Carter came here to
stay one night. We had invited
them as Mrs. Sudder was re-
turning from Battle Creek
where she has been 6 weeks
and underwent a very serious
operation. We thought it would
be best for her to rest here be-
fore driving home - her help-
ful met her in Albany - they
left at 9.30 this morning. She
says Battle Creek is a wonder-
ful Sanitarium and ^{has} the most
valuable cures for nerves. Do
you know anything about
the place and is it in your
realm of knowledge.

I know the evening of all this night & 31. U. and
the friends she had made in Baltimore for
such a severe trial for her, but I trust she
will be remembered and see the good that may
come from this move. I want to write you
but have not got - I write for once and in
a few lines. Send us the information as soon
as you can.

I went with the children up to N. G. F. and it
was quite a novelty to see the whole set up. It
was just about like sitting in a room as some
one else does about a few feet as Walter's next pair
as if as some. He was very calm & the whole was good

and he has had many consultations.

Just now he is having one of those awful headaches which come on day times some days and are just same as at night. He did not have a bit of it, night or day, while in Syracuse and last night slept like a Lamb all night. I wonder if he wouldn't get help at Battle Creek. Mrs Scudder thinks he would. They are very serious while they last but other times he feels fine.

How may we have under they get better?

We are looking for Holl. late Tues. night - the house is not empty yet but I hope will be by that time. Milner has had the benefit of that affair and at present the business proposition is all off. It is still pessimistic & the whole project so far as we really are business men & things. Milner is branching out again & preparing to raise a disconnection of W. E. Webb is putting up the money - another society. Love, Mother.

November 29, 1940

Dear Mother & Father,

You have, of course, had my card telling of our safe arrival. We left Baltimore Sunday afternoon and got along without trouble until within forty miles of Lansing when it began to snow. It was a real storm and I could not let them go on alone from here so I drove over to Holland with them. We reached there about six Tuesday evening - just time to let me get a meal and return on the bus.

Eva bore up very well indeed all the way, though I expect that now it is all over she may be having a reaction. It was not particularly difficult to persuade her to leave Baltimore, for she seemed more or less already to have decided that she ought to. She simply didn't want to feel that it was her own action alone which brought her to leave. However when she gets to thinking it over she will be very

much upset for a long time. She likes to give up and she likes to leave academic commitments. And I think that only in so far as she begins to feel better physically will she feel less distressed at having left. Just now I see no chance of getting her to see any doctor - we must simply wait until she is rested. Going to a sanatorium would be ideal only if she went of her own accord - I think it would be disastrous under any other circumstances. If I were you I would not make any suggestions right now regarding her seeing any kind of doctor. It is quite evident from many of her reactions that a part of her psychiatric difficulty is connected with her lack of independence - she has been told so much what she ought to do that she has become perverse in all kinds of ways. It may take months for this to abate.

She was, of course, too upset to make any real selection of her things in Baltimore which she wanted to save so we had to pack everything. Beside what we brought in the car we left the following to be sent ^{to Kalamazoo}: 5 packing cases, four trunks, two suitcases and her bicycle.

I'm afraid it will cost quite a lot for the transportation but there was nothing else we could do. The expenses for which I paid are the following:

Car	21.83
Meals & Room	33.46
Telephone & Telegraph	4.66
Trunk	5.70
Cracking Bicycle	2.00
To Mr. Luman for taking care of shipping	5.00
Buying padlocks, etc	<hr/>
	\$ 72.65

Had I remained here I would have spent about \$12.65 so I'm out about \$60.00. That is quite a sum but it's much less than it might be and I think it has accomplished a great deal. I paid, of course, all of Laura's expenses, for she was essentially an investment within, and we had the use of her car.

Well, that's all I can take time to write of regarding this now - I can tell you more when I see you.

Yes, Badde Creek is supposed to be a pretty good place, at least for certain things, though reports about it vary. I doubt it comes up to the Mayo Clinic in Minnesota or the Leitch (?) Clinic in Boston, but I simply don't know. It's quite near here - about 50 miles southwest. I do think Father should do something about his headache - the East is full of good diagnosticians and I think he should see one. I should think the surgeon who operated on him could advise someone in Boston or New York.

I'm sorry we missed the broadcast last Saturday - for one thing we were very busy and for other we had no radio strong enough anyhow. Con-
jectulations just the same - next time it will probably be a national look-up and will surely hear it!

Maybe I'd like very much to know the color of your new winter coat - Just plain misery!
Please send the word soon. - Now I must stop and get along to work - three weeks from today the term will be over - it seems scarcely possible. Lots of love to you both. George.

Nov. 31/41

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

Dear George -

Saturday morning and I am writing letters - its nice not to have to work as hard as I used to but many times I wish I could for "all is not gold that glitters." I am writing up in parlor as pa has Mr. Brougham down stairs. We were glad to get Miss Boyd's card, Tom's letter and your card from E. Lauring. Now we are waiting to hear the details of your trip. Im glad you could go and that you had no bad roads. We had quite a snow Tuesday night and to-day is the first they have shown since. The landscape has been beautiful but part of roads have been icy.

Harold & Mary, arrived at 10.30 P.M. Tuesday & staid here all night. Their furniture was here next a.m. & so the

House was in good order, the large pieces
were put right in place. They had meals
here 2 days and Thurs. Mr. I went
over and helped un pack + clean dishes
There was nothing broken except one table
leg and refrigerator is out of order.
Harold has an acci dent case in Jory.
Marge is going to open a Kindergarten
after the holidays.

Mrs Cooney is very sick again - now
it is Grip - Bessie has been home with
a cold - so Jessie is very busy.
Mrs Delp is going to Penn. with Jordan
to-morrow for a couple of days - I
doubt enough in this cold weather but
Jordan has a good car. Milburn is giv-
ing up Prekall Agency but has a new
bug in his head. Backed by Ed Webb
he is opening a diner on 7 W. - a
possible food project to be followed
I think, by Cabinet garage service
if successful.

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

I ought to have told you before but
just didn't, that I had a permanent
on Nov. 1st. I am wondering if
you will like my changed appear-
ance especially in a photo - if
you don't think so I will know your
haste for we are planning to go
through the awful ordeal of a
photographes on next Thursday Nov 5.
Pa dreads it - but as you suggest I think
we'll keep the proof for your approval.
My hair is more or less of a trouble to
keep it good but Mrs D. is my life line
and attends to it every other day about.

Much was cut out so I have only a short braid to my shoulder - pa was just about sick when he first saw it. It made me look older & was not becoming, feeling it soon in my neck in a fall, but I changed & fix it up higher & am getting used to it.

again! Colds again? Love Murtie.

On Dec. 7th we go to State Grange in Kingston - that will not be very far away & we will be gone till Friday afternoon. So this week will be a busy one preparing to leave - pa has 2 evenings of installation and there are other activities - which we may or may not attend according as we feel. Pa is able now to take it easier as all preparations for winter are over and the Christmas rush never happens here. Hope you had no ill effects from your trip - are you going to have more children

Cassackie Ill
Dec. 3, 1940

Dear George -

How glad we were to get your letter and again we thank you for all your trouble and efficient manner in which you managed and carried thro' the whole project. I agree with you, of course, in thinking the best work at present is really no more at all, only just to wait developments. I wrote you a long letter Saturday and tried to make it as natural as possible. I have not for a long, long time made any suggestions nor given any advice except to urge plenty of rest and freedom from worry. I have not heard from her yet since she reached Miss Boyd's. I have hopes she will soon settle down to the inevitable and I'm sure the rest alone will do wonders for her. If Miss Boyd does not annoy her (I know she would not intentionally) she may pick up more than we can hope for.

I am enclosing a check for \$65 dollars - we could not have managed with less and what would we

have done about all that packing -
I can't imagine why she had so much.
She wrote me in Sept. that she had
cleared out all the trash and even
sent a box of things home here.

Now my winter coat is dark brown
but please don't get a hand bag for
I bought one recently to match my
coat with money you gave me
last year.

We are having very cold weather -
it was 15° when Pa went out after a
late breakfast so it must have been
much lower early. To look out it does
not appear cold for the sun is very bright
and we are cozy in the house. The
front hall has hence been so warm owing
to the rock wool Pa put on roof under
the shingles this fall - I mean on the
floor of the would be garret. The
front wind was fierce yesterday &
we all never were hot when that
blows in every crack. But we are
in living room a good part of time
and have fire frequently in fire place.
Pa is having a chance now to lead
to his heart's content but he does not
make much headway as he so soon
drops asleep. He has been free of head

aches for a number of days but had
a bad one last night. He never
seems to have one if he is out some
where in the evening.

At present I am reading Dr. Peen-
fells book "40 Years for Labrador";
it is mostly description and stories
of his life here but very interesting.
We have 3 vessels with gold fish
in and the first thing I usually
do after breakfast is to feed them.
They are getting quite tame - yesterday
one stretched its head out of
the water and really ate from
my hand.

Have not seen H. or W. since they
left here Thursday night but just
talked to H. on telephone - they are
still getting settled - wonder where
they will put all the odd ends
they have.

Mrs. Deely did not go to Pt. Lunday
because it stormed Sat. night and
the road conditions were very un-
certain. She may go next week while
we are to St. John's or she may
just stay with the children in Hudson.

The trip will be short for us - just
to Kingston so we will not leave
till late in afternoon on Monday
and will get back Friday afternoon.
We have reservations at Governor
Childen Hotel, so you can contact
us there if you want to.

Mrs Cooley is still in bed and
quite miserable. Bessie is better &
back to school.

There have been many deaths of
old Cox folks among them Frank
Bedell & Cony - others whom you
may not remember.

We are looking forward to seeing
you during the holidays. I am
trying to keep from worrying about
Eva but at times it overcomes me.

It seems a cruel fate that we
must be separated when years
ago I looked forward to hav-
ing her home part of the time.

Love,
Mother & Father.





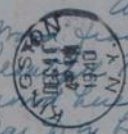
THIS SPACE FOR ADDRESS ON

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

Kingston, N.Y. Dec 4/40

Dear Geo -
Am looking for some
news from you soon. Having
been here for a while - big
crowd here - we are glad to have
car to go back & forth as the
hall is 1 mi from hotel. Mrs
D. is a delegate here, too. More
later and lots of love.

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Calsackie Me

Dec. 17/48

Dear George:

These are busy days
and I am not indulging
in long letters. We reached
home Sat. Friday night.

Had a busy week but a
very pleasant one - it is
nice to see old friends again
and they are real nice folks.
Found your greeting card
in air mail and yesterday
the package came. Thanks
so much for both. I'm
sure the pencil will be
very useful to me.

Had a nice letter from
Dora & today a card. I
think she is getting plea-
sured - says she is getting

along all right. To-day
I sent her a ~~box~~ contain-
ing articles from her that
she requested sent to her. I
am heart sick that she
can't come home and
sometimes I am quite
oppressed about it. It is
best for me to keep busy for
otherwise I think too much.
We had rain & hail, felli-
day and icy roads. We
were booked to be in Jewett
last night but thought it
wisest to stay home.
We are looking forward to
seeing you next week - let
us hear soon just when.
Mrs. D. & I are going to Elbgum
to-morrow - I can't get shop
much in Lyngdon & have had
job - on the hills for this week
in Cottrell, Lone, Moore,

December 17, 1940

Dear Mother Father,

I'm terribly sorry you didn't get that word from me which you were 'looking for soon'. Life has been increasingly hectic these last two weeks and with less than three days left before I leave I have work for twice that period. A large part of the rush comes because of the close of term, which in addition to the other things that cause this kind of year is a confounded nuisance. A couple of extra jobs have come up, one not yet finished, so that I'm still only one-third of the way through my Christmas card list.

I'm glad you were able to go to the State gauger and am sure you had your usual good time. I trust the birthday card was waiting for you on your return and that the parcel arrived safely. After promising you a cheap pencil holder, I gave up the idea of sending you one because I had two go bad on me within a few days I have been using one such as I sent you for some time and I think it is a really good piece of workmanship.

I have heard from Eva fairly frequently, but none of the news has been very encouraging - however the time has been short and perhaps another month will bring better news. I'm going to call her up on Thursday. I would like to have gone

over for a week and, ~~though~~ ^{but} I simply couldn't manage it, - and perhaps it's better for her not to have to just on a show for me so soon. All of her goods arrived safely from Baltimore, except the hire of which there has been no word. I don't understand it, for I engaged a man who seemed perfectly reliable to get it & ship it. - Many thanks for the check which you sent so promptly. I feel somewhat guilty about accepting it all, though my finances were in such a crumpled state that I felt I had to - paying for insurance, repaying a big loan from the insurance company some years ago and building up a library are keeping my bank-account down to hell. rock all the time.

I know you must be wondering when Constance & I are coming to Cox's. So far she has not definitely set the date I suggested to her though she seems to think she has by what she has written. We are planning to come up on the Friday following Christmas to stay probably until Monday. It is barely possible these dates may have to be changed. I have one important appointment in New York the date of which is not in my hands and which has yet to be set, but I should know that soon.

I'm wondering if you had your pictures taken - I hope so and hope that you went to a really good place. Do keep the proofs until we can see them.

It isn't immaculations against all that I take - but a couple once a week - I've been taking them since Labor Day and have had no very bad cold so far.

Well, I must get back to my Christmas cards. I hope you're both keeping well and not minding too

Shawlin's day - need try the
apparently
being
forward copy
the looking
much.

Week has been a very busy one
trying to catch up after a
week's absence from home.
Had a big wash and poor
weather for drying which at
times prolongs the process.
A has been having some
trouble to walk and when he
came home last night,
he was missing 4 teeth -
front lower jaw. He did
not want to go to Catapell to-
day to court but again Mon-
day + Tuesday and it may
last a couple of weeks yet.

I hope nothing will prevent your
coming Friday - we will plan
our Christmas dinner for that
night so be sure to show up in
some time that afternoon. What
fun will be yours & please
be so pleased to have her here. We
are all invited out for Sat. Eve-
ning at Harold's.
I'm so glad to hear of your
returning to stay till Thursday - I
and I are invited to Nelson's for

Christmas Day. It looks as if
we here can have a real
old time Christmas as usual.
Sorry to say no we have not
had our pictures took yet. The
day we planned to go it was a
terrible day - raining, hail & ice
so we staid home. Then came
our trip to Kingsbr & this week
has been so full with pain
Cystitis 4 days & withache in
the back pain. But we will try to
do the job some time next year.
I had to go or back of back so
I had to give him I just have
to keep busy some day so as not
to brood & worry about it.
Love to you both, Mother.

[Dec. 24, 1948]

Monday evening

Dear Mother & Father,

No, I didn't get your letter to East Lansing, but I suspect Mrs. Jewison will forward it though it probably won't get here till after Christmas.

We are still planning to come up on Friday, and you can be sure that we are going to get there for the Christmas dinner that night. I'm wondering if you can possibly meet us in Hudson as you did last year - I hope you can for it makes the journey ever so much less in time and wear & tear. If you can meet reach Hudson at 3:22 Friday afternoon. If you can't, telegraph us on Thursday, in which case we'll come on the train reaching Cassadocia at 3:12. I realize that Father may be on jury duty and that there would be no one else to come over to Hudson. I'm glad that you want Joan to come along, for I'm sure you'll enjoy having her very much. You'll see a great change in her from the time you saw her in Uster nearly nine years ago!

Dad was in town over last night - to attend a territorial dinner to Fritz Keebler. I saw him

briefly yesterday afternoon and at more length today. He seems quite well, but Betty, who does not come down, is not so well. But she has been so far so many years that I guess her condition is not alarming.

I am sorry you've not had your pictures taken for I was looking forward to seeing the prints. However, I want to make sure, Madam, that you had your hair done right, as perhaps it's just as well.

I must get off a few more Christmas cards, - I don't say well before leaving Lansing, but still have half a dozen to send - they'll get there by New Year!

So all till today. Will see you in Hudson unless we have a telegram from you. Or you could call, though it's hard to find us in! Still - well 4-9068. — Lots of love from us both,

Geary

December 31, 1940.

Dear Mother & Father,

We reached New York exactly on time, were met by Joa's parents, who brought us over here in the car - so that all told, the return journey was very simple. Many thanks for taking us to Hudson - the train journey is so much simpler on this side.

We had a very good three days with you and they seemed to go so rapidly. I do wish we could have stayed longer - perhaps before too long I shall be living out again and able to get home more frequently. Joa had a perfectly wonderful time and couldn't wait to tell his parents about it.

I hope that you will have had a pleasant New Year's Day and the coming year will bring the resolution of a number of your problems, particularly that by a year from now Eve will be greatly improved. I wish I could have been

more unamusing and more helpful in sug-
gestion regarding her. But I think you must
realize that she is very ill and that we
must not hope for too rapid improvement.
However I feel quite sure that she is curable
and that with time we shall find a way to
get her to seek the proper help. I shall be
seeing her within three weeks, perhaps sooner,
and then I hope I'll have more encouraging
news.

Now I must run over to New York on a number
of errands and to meet Littel for lunch - he
teaches at Rochester, and it is a year since I
have seen him.

Lots of love from us both,

George.

P.S. (To Father) Don't forget to go to Dr.
Helsel right away!

P.S. #2. I've been thinking over the photograph
matter and have decided that you ought not to
have your picture taken together but have one of
each of you - with the former of one is good the
other is nearly always bad. As for place, be
sure to really fool - go to Bachrach if there's
a studio in Albany.

January 9, 1941.

Dear Mother & Father,

I was glad to get your letter today and sorry you didn't get the one from me which you had hoped for. But it is the same old story - so much to do and so little time.

Our days after I last wrote you went rapidly. Tuesday afternoon & evening we spent with Carl's sister's family and they spent New Year's night with us. We had hoped to have David & Betty come down New Year's, but Betty was not well enough.

Thursday I had lunch with Seidel in New York - I had not seen him for a year so we spent the whole afternoon talking. That night Carl & I saw Charlie Chaplin's latest picture, *The Great Dictator*. It is very interesting, quite good in parts, but it is Chaplin's view of Hitler, satirized, and is quite incomplete as an evaluation. But I think you'd enjoy seeing it when you get a chance. Friday night a friend of Carl's in Dobbs Ferry had a dinner party for us and that about wound up the vacation. - I saw the man

from Amherst Friday morning. He got along very well, and had a long congenial talk, some two hours. But of course I got nothing definite except to find out that the fat is very good - all things considered about twice as good as the one I have. Until I hear more I'm simply trying not to think about it.

I got back here late Sunday afternoon after a pleasant trip, for I met a fellow on the train who knew a lot of people I know in Rochester. Since then I've been trying to get settled for the term and I think that now I am. I have a heavier schedule than last term, but very well arranged so that I shall have lots of time to myself. I found my old buddy John had got married during the holidays, so was in a sort of wolver. The old order changeth.

I'm glad you had such a pleasant time in Syracuse and that you're planning to go to Florida. I think it will do you both good to get away. But remember, Father, that you can't go until you've had your fare lifted!

With regard to the trust fund for Eva that you spoke of, I'm afraid I wasn't definite

enough in saying that of course I'd be
more than glad to take the responsibility
of it. Somebody who knows Eva & cares
for her certainly ought to be in charge of
it and I hope you'll have the necessary
changes made before you go to Florida.

I've had no word from her since before
Christmas, except for packages - I found one
here when I returned, containing cookies
& stuffed dates. I have written her that
I'd like to go over to Halland a week from
this coming Saturday.

How about those plates?

Lots of love,

Grays.

P.S. I enclose Miss Hayes card to me -
hers to you - addressed to Milton! was
sent to me in New York - I didn't realize
it was meant for you.

West Coast, Jan. 10/46

Dear George:

Just a few lines as it is lunch time. Received your letter to-day and was glad to hear from you.

I am feeling very good and have kept busy. Went to bank Tuesday - Miller took me to meeting yesterday - it stormed all day - Jessie took us up street and told me. I was surprised to hear about the Wellers in Washington.

I am sending you a letter that came to-day - it may be important.

Next week there is to be a wedding in this house - Friday 18th - it will be quite a change - yet they will probably stay here.

I have been cleaning out the shelves in the closet - I may do more this afternoon. I have

will find my fault surely

all four things washed
and ironed and the
socks all mended.

I haven't much to say for
I hear very little. I have
about 8 letters to answer -
& will try to catch up. You
did not give me the ad-
dress at Danbury.

Lucie is busy all the time
getting ready for next week.
Hope the specimens will
be all right.

Must quit & get something
to eat - Can't get any better
anywhere.

Much love. Mother.

Letter today from Eva - she is
tired out but all right.

Catsackie, N.Y.
Jan. 14, 1941

Dear George:

Pa and I have just returned from Lou Warner's office where we had that matter all fixed up and we both feel much better about it. I'm sure you are the best one to handle it and I'm certain you will do your best - I thank you so much for consenting to attend to it.

We are having a very cold spell; thermometer hovering about zero about all the time. Sunday and yesterday and this AM. there was a terrific wind blowing - we washed this morning but it was not very large - I made out telephone slips for this mo. Pa & I spent last part of yesterday in that awful annual report for P. S. Commission about the Cay Flats Ill. Co.

We got the most of it done and I can finish it up alone some time.

To-night we are all going to Catchell to spend evening with Mr & Mrs Brougham - we have not been there even to call since last summer. They have also invited us to dinner for Jan 26. Next Sunday the 19th we have company - Mr & Mrs Floyd, Miller & Mr & Mrs Moore & others. Thursday of this week we are sponsoring a Covered dish supper in Chapel for coal fund & Saturday there is to be a game party which we will attend & I must help. Next week I must be in Albany 2 days at a Con-
-servation Conference and just about all the time is taken up till Feb. 1st. We have

really refused to make any date for Feb. 9th March as it looks as if we will be in a different church.

Friday Paris going to have influenza taken for this with and I hope the new ones will be etc. We

actually have had our pictures taken and I hope

they will be good for me to not want to go this.

The school again. Pa & I went to Albany ~~about~~
last Thursday & attended to his business first,

and then some other odd's ends. It was not
then all afternoon but not down here. Pa has

objected so much to leaving his face covered for
now that I have made the following proposal -

now. I said if he would go see Dr. Haskins with

and one about the library business sent to College. Karpowicz - looking for work

week when he is in Albany and he agrees the operation can wait, without any danger, until April or May, I would be satisfied. So he promised to do that.

We were glad to hear Mrs. Hayes is still living - I hope to see her again some time. I sent a card to Mrs. Boston before Christmas and yesterday it was returned after being to St. Petersburg looking for her but the address was not definite. I'm glad she can be down there.

We were glad to hear the report of your first work with the man from Cleveport and do hope you will be the fortunate one to get the place. I have not heard from Cousine but suppose she, too, is busy. I rather dread getting ready to go away for there seems so many details to attend to in relation to going and also to leaving the house. But we are all well and able to pull this I guess. I wrote to Mrs. Boyd Sunday - letter to her home.

Catsackie, N.Y.
Jan. 17, 1941

Dear George:

I am sending the proofs. You will notice on back of each of Pa's a letter to designate them and on mine a number. Let me know which one you prefer. I will enclose a slip to tell you the ones we the rest of us prefer, but don't look at that until you have made your choice. I suppose the majority ~~is~~ ought to rule.

I am accused of moving twice so only have 2 proofs, but we are satisfied & think they are as good pictures as could be taken most anywhere. Of course, proofs are untouched and the real photos will be touched up & eliminate imperfections. They cost \$18 per dozen - we will get $\frac{1}{2}$ dozen of each. Send back as soon as possible.

Snow here again last night fol-
lowed by rain & hail and
very stormy looking to-day.

No news of Eva this week. I
am so concerned about her
and everything else is secondary
to me, though by being active
I forget my troubles that way.

Pa & Mrs D are going to Colobville
to dentist now (pam) I meant
to go & do some calling and
a little shopping but I did
not rest good last night & feel
too weary to extra visit or shop.
I must be up fixtures so pa
can mail them.

Lots of love,
Mother -

January 20, 1941.

Dear Mother & Father,

The package containing your letter and the photograph proofs came today. And that being the most unpleasant thing I have to write about I'd take it up first. I hate to speak out as frankly as I feel and I wouldn't see the matter as of great importance to me. I asked you to get your pictures taken so that I could have a good picture of each of you, not only one showing a good likeness of your external appearance but showing also your personality, and you simply would not satisfy me until you get such a one. I feel convinced that the photographer you went to is just no good, for a photographer worth anything in his art wouldn't be satisfied to allow such work to bear his name. The picture R of you, Father, isn't definitely bad, but it's far from good. And those of you, Mother, are simply intolerable, the worse of the two being the one every one has voted for! I cannot vote for any of them because I don't want any of them. If you really want to give me a picture of yourselves that I would & shall cherish you'd have to try again and perhaps again.

It is not a matter of price - I confess I don't know whether \$18 a dozen is enough to pay, but I should think it is. The best picture I ever had taken would have been about \$8 or \$10 a dozen and was taken in a department chair, but by somebody who knew how to treat his subject so that he got a good picture - and I want you to find such a person. Any reputable photographer never accepts a deposit and will take pictures & submit proofs again & again until his subjects are satisfied - this is a well-established fact & you should have no reluctance to keep going until you get what you (or rather I!) want. But I suggest you don't go back to the Kendall studios because if that's the best they can do in your state they're not likely to hit it with any more. Please stop it now until you're in Florida, have plenty of time and care for in a relaxed state. And tell the photographer that you don't want a picture made up largely of the part of your body below the neck - this one missed little more than your legs!

Well, I guess that's about enough on that - I want it to be enough to convince you not to have these pictures made up - I want a really distinguished picture of you, and in this day of so many ^{photographs} that is possible for no very great sum. Why not try two or three studios the

same day & get in the evening of it - the third
one would probably hit it. - I trust you
did not fear a deposit, but if you did, let
me know and discontinue you, rather than
have you go ahead!

How to make pleasant things! Remedy
my report on Eva. Miss Bayl had written
me that she was afraid I would not see
any great improvement in Eva, but I really
think that I did. I can't say, of course, that
there has been any significant change in whatever
inner conflict there may be within her, but
externally she is certainly somewhat better.
Except for the period last Thanksgiving ^{which was unusual} this
week-end was the best I had seen of her
continuously for a long time, and she acted
more like her old self than anytime for several
years. She showed some nervousness, but really
very little, did not seem to get confused at
all, was irritated, and spoke with very
little difficulty. And Miss Bayl told me
of a number of very distressing symptoms
which she had before Christmas that seem
now to have disappeared. This is not, of
course, to say that she is well, nor that
she can necessarily get fully well by this
process. But she is definitely somewhat
reined, has better control of herself and
ought in time to be back in a condition
where she can be reasoned with. I think

There are a great many things about which she has worried for years and about which she has largely given up worrying. I believe one of these is the thesis and that she will presently write you and ask you to pay the \$100.

I am wondering if you have made any financial arrangement with Miss Boyd. In a recent letter you spoke of having written her 'about the money business' - what did you mean by that? I really feel that Miss Boyd should be re-entrusted to some extent - partly because she is poor & ~~ought not to~~ ^{ought not to} be paying out money she will eventually need, but also partly because if she should be the expense she will rightly feel that she has the major voice in what should be done in the future. And that I think we must keep. For while, at present, I think there is no place other than an institution where Eva could be taken care of so well, perhaps not even so well, Miss Boyd doesn't seem to me to understand the depth of the trouble and in time it may be necessary to make her see it. Her actual cash outlay for Eva cannot be large, at least so long as she maintains that house - how much I don't know, four or five dollars a month at the most, perhaps less for Eva's food is not very expensive & there is very little other extra expense.

Another matter, to be mentioned now, regards your possible going to the school next June. For the present you must not even suggest

As Eva that you might go - regardless of how she might feel about your coming it would be something in the future which she had to prepare for and would expect her no end - the announcement of my coming last week-end was not good for her & I should simply have arrived or given her only a very few hours notice.

I think we can be definitely encouraged & hopeful, though I think we must nevertheless be prepared for a very long recovery, and, for all we can tell now, perhaps an expensive one.

Well, this covers the major items I have to write about - the rest would be trivial and I'll let it go. I hope you are keeping well, and avoiding the flu - do be careful of that - and that your days of preparation to leave will not be too taxing. - Please don't be annoyed at all I said about the proofs - it is of real importance to me, or I wouldn't have said it - and since it is it shouldn't annoy you! Lots of love,
George.

Tuesday morning. I have just read this over again and am a little fearful that I may have offended you - I do hope I haven't - I lay all

The blame on the photographer, not on you - though I realize that to ask you to go again is to lay the burden on you. Still, I have enough to ask you to do it.

The next step in the Ankerst business came last week when the head of my department was asked by Ankerst for a letter recommending me. And this morning I had a letter from Ankerst asking me to come there for a conference with the president next week - the choice has been narrowed down to three and the conference will decide - I shall probably be there a week from Saturday. Keep your fingers crossed! - Lots of love, George.

Cassachie W.V.
Jan. 22/41

Dear George-

Your letter received this
noon. First I want to say I
was very glad to hear you think
Eva is improving. I feel certain
that the thorns had been a weight
on her mind for several years
and perhaps she has been seri-
ble enough to throw off some other
thing. I have been really thin
on her condition somehow it
has weighed on my mind con-
siderable since you were home &
told some thing about her. I have
not had as rest full nights and
consequently been tired & nervous
daytimes. I've felt very keenly that
we ought not to go South & spend
so much money when there is a
possibility of being obliged to spend
considerable on Eva. We are not
quite millionaires and yet the bills
of Kate have been enormous. Of

Send proofs back - We plan to leave Jan 30 or 31 if possible.

For she insists on having the Touch book & thinking other even
unimportant - and we do not think she is well enough to do
so. If she had let us visit it as first she would have had
a little extra cash to help out this emergency.

Pa went to Albany yesterday AM & will not be back till
Sat to - night. He is attending a Conventions Conference
in which he gets some pay, also expense. - every chance he
has for a little extra income helps. So he has not yet
sent Jim letter & I dread his re- action to it. I confess
the children did not exactly suit me but I felt it was be-
cause we neither of us ever take a good picture - we
simply cannot look our natural personality. The man
with great pains and in consideration excellent photographs
I think maybe has been trying out & changed the appearance
of his nose. I paid \$1.00 to have my hair cut & thought
it looked good, but a permanent makes me look different &
not at all natural. It was just an undertaking for

course this is always a bad result
with untold bills to pay for man-
icure, coal, license, taxes, dentists
etc, etc. I sent Ma \$5 in Nov & 6 in
Dec. + last week she asked for
\$18 to pay Miss Boyd - buy mesu-
lin so I sent her \$25 = I wish
I could get at the real issue
& know definitely what the outlay
will or must be. Miss Boyd
has not answered my letter &
seems very hard when we have a
good home & everything to offer
Ma and it would not cost much
more for her to live here than
we will have to pay her board
somewhere else. I am willing to
stay home & cut expenses but Pa
will not hear of it as he says we
have sacrificed all our lives &
ought to have some good times
now before it is too late. So I
have agreed to go to please him for
year another year may bring
about some conditions so we
cannot go away. But I have
little heart to pack up & go. I have
been worried too, about Ma's \$1000

us to go thro' the ordeal & I doubt if
I can persuade pa to do it again.
The man insisted on a \$5 deposit
& pa paid it. Of course after what
you said I would never be satisfied
with my photo but I doubt if any
better one could be taken. The only
solution to my mind would be for
you to take me yourself sometime
when you are here. I guess I would
have to feel more, can feel than
do at present to have even a chance
of a better photo. I don't know what
more to say for it is all too big a problem.

The weather has been awfully cold for
days & no end to fierce winds - now
it looks like snow & is very disagreeable
at. I have not been away from home
at all since Saturday except twice to the
mail box. Mrs D. & I may go out to make
a call on Training from end (Pobber wife)
have not been there in a year.

Probably Thurs. evening pa & I will go
to Dr. W. (made for a check up & on
Friday evening I hope to have W. & H. &
Janice for supper. Was glad to hear
about the Amberst business & trust
your trip there will not be in vain.

Love, Mother.

January 23, 1941

Dear Mother & Father,

Your letter of yesterday came this afternoon - fact service. I am sorry that you took the photograph matter so hard - I mean not only what I said but the having it done good heavens, can't you take it as a look? You treat it like an execution! I'm glad you talk me about the deposit for it gives me the satisfaction of having the proof that your photographer is no good - any photographer who accepts, let alone demands, a deposit is a charlatan. A real photographer is a professional man and would no more think of accepting a deposit than would a doctor, a dentist or an artist - he simply won't accept money for unsatisfactory work - it's too expensive in the long run, anyhow, as a business proposition.

I enclose a check to cover the deposit
as I promised. If you, Father, refuse to
try some one else I suggest you have proof
R made up for you. It isn't too bad, though
I'd like it better. But I simply cannot see
paying good money for either of your pictures,
mother. And it's not your hair - it's your
eyes & mouth - you look scared to death -
your hair looks alright. Well, I've had my
say on that subject. If you want to visit,
mother, I'll be glad to go with you some-
time - but I still suggest you try in
Kovida - and no deposit. The proofs
will reach you via Eva & Can - you didn't
say whether to send them to them or not,
and I figured they had as much right
as I or Marge to vote! - so I sent them
on.

Well, I'll answer the rest of your letter
later. Don't stew too much about the
photos, nor about getting ready to go away.
Take it easy! Lots of love,
George.

January 28, 1941

Dear Mother & Father,

I don't know just when you are planning to set out southward, but since I suspect it might be Thursday I must get this off to you this morning so that you'll be sure to have some word from me before you go. I hope that your preparations will not have left you too tired to enjoy the trip. Do take it easy and slowly - I shall be worried somewhat about your progress until you get south of the region I mean, so do write me as time frequently as you get southward.

I am to be in Ambush this coming Saturday, leaving here Friday afternoon & returning Sunday. I suppose that my first letter to you in Florida will contain the needed. I

Hope so, for I am getting tired of this suspense.
The job is so good, and ^{promised to be} so ideal a solution
of several problems that the possibility of not
getting it is rather appalling. Still, I am
trying not to count on it.

We have been having very reasonable weather
lately, just cold enough to be comfortable -
and to keep the skating rink in shape - so
that I have been skating frequently - each
of the last few nights as a matter of fact -
slipping off with two hours last night. It
seems to be very good for me as I shall pro-
bably keep it up as long as it lasts - be-
sides I have eighteen years of not-skating to
make up for!

Well, there is no real news at all - this time
of year one day or week are just about the
weather. So this will be all now - I must write
a note of condolence to Mrs. Grantham at Harvard,
- her husband, one of my teachers and better friends
there, was killed in an automobile accident last
week.

Again, my admonitions to be careful - and
to keep me informed. Where can I address you
'Gus's Delirium'? Lots of love, George.

Cassackie Mf.
Jan. 29/41

Dear George -

I have just written to Eva and this will probably be my last letter before we leave. It seems I have had a great number to write since Jan. 1 and I think I'll take a rest for awhile except to write just to my auny folks.

We were so glad to hear your good report from Eva also from her & Miss Boyd. Eva really enjoyed your visit & is looking forward to the next on Feb. 14. Miss Boyd wrote a very nice long letter. She says Eva does the cooking & is a great help & comfort to her and she does not want anything - she even buys whatever E. needs. I will send E. an occasional check for medicines - perhaps it is best not to be too lavish now as there may be much

Profo not yet received.

greater need for money later.
Miss Boyd is going to advise
Eva in buying Baby Bonds
and keep the certificate in Lee
Deposit box. While I think
it foolish to be satisfied with
about 2% interest when she
could have 4% or more in
excellent stock, I was more
concerned about Eva's ability
in her condition to attend to
the transaction alone and al-
so the safety of the certificate
after she got it.

We are still in winter weather
for the 12th in ^{memory} that fell last Thurs-
day is still here & more too. Pa
& I had a disagreeable experi-
ence last Saturday when
we skidded off the road (ice
under snow) & landed in a
snow bank. Did not stop only
but a man in passing helped
shovel us out - it delayed us
about 40 min. & was rather
nerve wracking. Pa had
a bad cold for several days

but is pulling out fit - but has been quite an opor-
tunity I calls and answer. Last night I help Mrs.
Delp has one & last night I wrote in. Outside
of some news, I feel good this one I mean
to collect it with for this one but thought I had
to stop home. She has had great success
for several days. Pa has had great success
with his new list & has paid me about 1/2
are in list to Harold's purchase & night &
hope to get off tomorrow AM. I AM in the great
with a - I would like to see you. We will stop here
I do not know how many - we ought to see about the
All the you know our remaining address or how to
me so down from Lansing & Ypsilanti & another address
with & don't remember it. New York (New York)
over - clear roads to Norfolk - South & Maryland
along coast of Pennsylvania (this out of the corner of the)

We aim to drive down east coast of
Florida, mainly to Ft. Pierce Beach if
we do not stop at some other ab-
tracting place sooner. Wilbur
is overhauling our car so it will
be in good shape. If it snows hard
or we are not all well to-morrow
morning, we will not start off.
Don't worry about us. Pa is trying to
barricade the house against in-
vaders - possible thief has visited
me lately.

I will think of you Sat. as being
in Aubrey - Hope that may be your
future home - so good luck to you.
Thank you for the check tho' I do
not like to accept it. As H & M &
Yellum are satisfied with the
pictures (H & M really want them)
we may have just 2 each for
them if the man will agree & it
will cost them \$6 (31 more than ^{dep't} paid)
In this case I will return check.
Some time you may take us some
where; it would be foolish for us to risk
another failure. Now I must get
busy & finish our packing - the house
is pretty well upst. M.D. is making
cookies for our trip - We don't make
lunches. Much love, Mother.

M. B. VAN SCHAACK
ELMSHADE
COXSACKIE, NEW YORK

P. S.

Dear George -

Received your airmail letter this noon before my letter to you was mailed. Glad to get it and I want you to refrain from worrying about us. I'll try to keep you posted often, maybe everyday.

We had quite a snow squall while eating lunch but now sun is out. We go to Maye's for dinner to night Lane disposed of about all the food in the house. Pa is resting & then must go out again mainly to get business

settled at the bank. This departure
from home and leaving it unin-
habited is quite a chore - I don't
know how I would manage alone
without Mrs Delp. She is so efficient
& does things easier & calmer than
I can. Yet there are many details
as to our personal packing, reports,
letters, finances etc that I must
do myself. Send a card to Gen
Delaney Jacksonville - airmail
from Amherst & we'll probably get
it Monday or Tuesday. All good
luck - you deserve the job and I
pray you'll get it. Now to resume
my work. Must get Feb. Telephone slips
made out this afternoon. I am feeling O.K.
but my head is somewhat congested. ^{Lots of love} Mother.

THIS SIDE OF CARD IS FOR ADDRESS



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

Dear
Worship

Steam boat on Ches. Bay
Jan 31, 1941
6.30 P.M.

Dear Geo.

We are crossing water
from Cape Charles to Norfolk -
about 2 hrs. sail. Have been
on road since before 8 a.m.
Left Cal. yesterday 2.15 and
drove 1 1/2 hrs. to Monument
7-7. Where we staid in private
home one night. My cold is
still in head but I feel a little
bit very happy. This rolling
sensation is not very pleasant.
Lots of folks cars & trucks on
board - too bad it is dark but
not as dark yesterday in Cal.
going to see Wmble interested
with our schedule. I hope you
reached Amherst as I will
have favorable results - an
answer to Jean. Roads here
are nearly good - left all road
behind, soon after noon today
near Dover, Del. Love to both.

[Feb. 2, 1941]

On board the *Belleville*
to Detroit, Saturday Even.

Dear Mother & Father

Just a few lines - partly because this train
is so jittersy, and partly because this may
not reach you - though I hope it will, to
greet you in Florida.

The interview episode is over - and I simply
can't guess what the outcome may be. I think
it all went well, but there was a studied
air of reserved judgment on the part of both
the president & the department head. And it
may well be two weeks before I hear more.
I am so much in the dark I am neither
hoping nor despairing. The major interview,
of course, was with President King - a one
time shoe company president. He seemed
rather direct, but also rather charming and

I was sorry when the half term was over. It made me so much of the talking, of course, mostly ~~and~~ third about myself, the rest about Michigan State - the latter to rebel perhaps I don't know, unless he wanted to find out to how different a kind of place from Harvard I had been able to adapt myself.

Just a number of other people briefly. Had lunch with the family of the department head, toured the lawn, saw the library - the least satisfactory aspect of the college to me - and then left. It was a marvellously beautiful day - New England winter at its best, and it was good to see the snow covered hills again.

I hope I shall have some word from you on Monday, for I shall be concerned until I hear ~~that~~ you are safe in Florida. - This is the end of my paper - and the end of my ability to write against the westing of this train! - I shall be back in C. having my usual tomorrow. Lots of love & don't lose courage yet! George.



THIS SIDE OF CARD IS FOR ADDRESS

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

Heard, Lockwood's, Sunday night.
50 miles. Post-tube, Midway, Georgia.

Dear George;

We stopped at 6 to night
and are nicely located in a cabin.
Have driven so far 1036 miles
and came the shortest route
along the Ocean highway, coming
to a bridge burning yesterday
between here and Jacksonville
We must detour to Morrow about
50 miles. We are now about
30 miles S. of Savannah - could
not make time as traffic today
has been lively. Staid last night
in Georgetown S. C. & attended
church in Charleston at 11 after
driving around city & seeing old
historic places. Hope to get to
Jacksonville & may be further to
Morrow & look forward to getting
a good card from you. Must
take us safely back to night in
E. Lansing. We are all well except
for the remnants of colds we all had.
Good to see the flashing sparks, palms,
flowers, lawns, trees & new planting.

Send this address to Posthouse.

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1941
FLA.



THIS SIDE OF CARD IS FOR ADDRESS

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

5:30 P.M.

Feb 4, 1941

906 North L. St.
Lake Worth,
Florida

Dear Group -

If I didn't write you
(I'm not sure) about receiving
your letter I'll tell you to note
We reached here just before
noon and have been look-
ing at apartments ever since
just located here at above
address - nice location up-
per apartment with large en-
closed porch like a living
room - also a living room 2 or rooms
kitchen - 1 other family below us -
very reasonable compared to the
prices of other places. We will
get settled & started out soon.
This is a fine section a little South
of Palm Beach. Write later.
Love, Martha

Bathing Beach Scene at Lake Worth, Florida





POST CARD

Dr. Geo. P. Van Schick
247 Delta St.,
East Lansing,
Mich.



906 North L. St. Lake Worth Fla.
Feb. 6/41

PLACE STAMP HERE
DO NOT WRITE MESSAGES
HERE

Dear Geo-

Jack wrote long letter to Ira
and will write to you soon. We
are moving rather after trip &
getting settled. Weather has been
cloudy here 2 da but sunny. We
drove to beach yesterday - short
distance - it is similar to the one
at C. P. Maine. We like our apart-
ment & location - 10 blocks from busi-
ness section. Hope to hear from you
soon. Love, Mother.

906 North E. St.
Lake Worth, Fla.
Feb. 7/14

Dear George:

I hope you received all the postal cards I sent you. I tried to keep all four children informed of our movements and this is only the second letter I've written - first to Ira yesterday. To-day, I received short letter from Laura sent to Jacksonville, but apparently too late - we were there at noon Monday, and since reaching here I sent this address up to Jacksonville via Del. I guess Ira is about the same. The hope to-morrow we may get some news from Casparie. Mail reaches us here at 12.30 daily but to-day pa hired a box No 969 in the P. O. here, so we can get mail any time we want to. We are 10 blocks from Center of City where all the business places are, the P. O., Am. Center, Movies, etc.

We have been down every day to get supplies - it takes some time to get really regulated for real house keeping. When we got into Jacksonville Sunday we made a Blue for the P.D. - the streets were full of cars and traffic was very slow - impossible to find a place to park. So I got out at P.D. & pa drove around the block. We were very happy to get your letter and hear about your trip - we do hope it was not in vain & shall eagerly await the result. We have had two very rainy & windy nights here and this afternoon was really the first sunny time we've had. Pa was invited to go to West Palm Beach, in fact, we all were but Mom & I were lying down. We took a walk about the neighborhood & when pa came back we all went to get some supplies. To night we are in the living room reading - Last night our neighbor, Lauer,

stairs came up to call on us. There
are no other folks in the house. This
flat is big enough for 2 flats but
the landlord is a real "muddle" and
very peculiar - He looks like a laborer
but he is worth $\frac{1}{2}$ million pa was
told. He seems to be anxious to please
us and the rent is reasonable com-
pared to other places we've seen. The
stairs are outdoors in front & the first
room entrance is a very wide porch the
width of the house widens on 3 sides.
Porch furniture and linoleum rug -
every room has lin. rug. The pre-
vailing color is yellow - Behind porch
is sitting room and kitchen - both
good size & comfortably equipped -
Then a narrow hallway ending in a
perfectly white bath room with mod-
ern outfit - From the window we look
across a large lot still covered with
bushes, palms & sand, clear to next street.

We have 2 large bed rooms, ^{one} on each side of the passage way. You see we are not crowded. Cook with gas large stove, gas refrigerator, electric lights - running hot & cold water. Washer will enough not to need fire tho' there is a small wood stove in case of need - We brought & used our electric heater first evening.

We think we will like this smaller town between 7 & 8 thousand people and doubt that this little town - same contrast to St. Pete with 50,000 pop. more than doubled in winter. We will have many pleasant hours on the beach only a short ride over the bridge across the lake which is really only an inlet of the sea. Our colds are better tho' Pa still coughs some at night & I still have some chuffed up feeling on my head. Pa had no head aches coming down but had one since. His teeth are getting up some so he has more pleasure in eating. We are all well. Hope you are well too, and write when you can.



THIS SIDE OF CARD IS FOR ADDRESS

Mr. George Van Schaack
West Cassachie
New York

Greene Co.

Feb. 11, 1946

Dear George, -

Just to say thank
you for the very nice
glass dish. We will
use it lots I know.

We are all well -
and Judy now weighs
21 # 3oz. - I'm so busy
between caring for her
& trying to settle the
house, I'm dizzy.

I'm glad you could
all come to Albany -
hope you can get to
Medina before long -

Love to all -

Marge

Cossackie N. Y.
Nov. 13, 1941

Dear George:

I have just written to Eva
& now a few lines to you. It is a
beautiful Indian summer day,
we have had many like it since
November set in. Pa left for Green-
ville at 8.30 but will be home this
noon & will be busy on the flats
after lunch. He seems to like the
work but is mentally tired at night.
Yesterday he took off & drove me
& others, Jessie, Mary, Fannie & Ben.
Garetta to Albany to a Woman's Meet-
ing in the old First Rfd Church. It
has been redecorated & is just
beautiful, so bright & pretty but
simple - quite a contrast to the old
dunness & gloom. At noon, I
bought a new pair of shoes which
I always dread breaking in - it
takes so long before they are really
comfortable. This has been a busy
week with washing & ironing -
we are so economical, I find I
can easily iron without getting too
tired. Friday we went to the

Will you please send me a new box - 4 nos. old
I'll give you a haul for Lamb's Sn. Spiny?

supper & fair in Chapel - I had the
easy job of selling the tickets - there
was a big crowd of hungry folks -
Henry for butchery, tho' the Council
has had a long series of butchery suppers
all Fall. Our Grange installations
are about to start - there will be
eight of them before Christmas -
the first will be mine at East
Durham Saturday afternoon. Pa
says this is his last year as Deputy
& Jim agreed tho' I don't know how
he'll manage if he loses the Con-
servator work, too. He has a great
desire to go to California after the
Holidays, but Jim not too keen. It will
depend on our conditions largely.
Jim also wondering if we ought to go
in aid of Eva but Pa can't see any
connection there as long as we can't
go to see her & she can't come here.
I've written her to get bill from W.V.
& send to us - we want to know the
amount & what to expect coming year.
Mrs Delp was here Sunday - she said
she would be back in 2 or 3 weeks.
Just heard one phone that Frank Moore
died suddenly within last night or this AM.
Poor Mrs M. Will go insane I fear. I knew

Love Mother

Now I must get busy

He had heart trouble.

P. S.
Eva says, "Many thanks for the generous check."

Holland, Michigan
November 3, 1941

My dear Mrs. Van Schaack,

At last I have done what I have long been intending to do- put a new ribbon in this machine- so I hope the letters will be a little easier to read from now on.

This past week has been much like its immediate predecessors, some good days and some that were not so good. On the whole we feel that there has been a slight increase in the number of good days but they are still very few and far between. Perhaps we are coming again to the beginning of a period, such as we had earlier, when we felt we were making real progress. We hope so. Since the middle of August there has been only one good week, when we had five good days in a row. It is so discouraging to have to fight this nervousness so much of the time. I marvel at Eva's courage and determination. She gets very tired but seldom does she talk of giving up and she never really means it when she says it. Her diabetes is under good control and she has not had a reaction for some weeks. Her teeth are in bad condition as a result of her nerves but she takes calcium faithfully and we hope they will get better. It is very hard to tell you much about how Eva feels for the changes are so rapid and there seems to be no reason for them.

We have been at home closely this past week. On Friday evening we drove to town and watched the Homecoming Parade. It was a cold rainy night so we did not get out of the car but took a place on a lighted street where we knew the parade would pass and waited. Eva did not go to the Homecoming dinner because she thought it would last so long and she would have to talk to some people. She does not like to see anyone except strangers. It is a real problem how to help her overcome this aversion to seeing people. I hope it will pass when she gets more stable so we are doing nothing about it at the present. Eva is less nervous when I am at home than when I am away but I can't stay here all the time and even if I could it would not be well to make her so dependent. She tries so hard not to be dependent and she insists on my going to social affairs if she knows of them. She has not been at church for some time.

We have had such a lot of rain and a little snow lately so the season for the garden is about over. Eva has been bringing in the vegetables and storing them away. She has arranged the fruit cupboard and labeled everything. She enjoys such work. We had a woman come for a day and wash windows and she is coming again this week and clean wood work and walls and air the curtains. These are tasks that Eva finds it hard to do. She would much rather cook than clean so we do not force her too much.

We shall be thinking about you on Wednesday in Albany. We have been reading of the meeting in the Intelligencer and shall watch for the account of what happens with interest. Eva reads some now and likes to have me read aloud to her. That is a step in the

right direction because she has not been able to do that for a long time. She reads the papers and has finished two books.

West Coxsackie, N. Y.

February 14, 1946

Dear George:

I hope you are nicely
stationed and will have a
good time. I have little
to write. This A. M. I did some
cleaning - the refrigerator,
closets (small one) etc. I had
canned chicken for dinner
and it was very good. I have
done some washing, mending
and reading. Just finished
a letter to Jennie Miller.

Yesterday Milbu took me to
back at 2 P. M. & I put in all

The papers you told me - ~~the~~
those we had & the rest that
came in mail yesterday.
Milbon then left me at Mrs.
Berch's and I had a ride
home at 5 P.M. with Mary
Forman. Had 9 members
and we had plenty to do to
get through.

This morning we received
2 letters for you which have
been mailed to you. Alex
Mary's letter ^{and} came and I'll
put it in this letter. I
had a valentine from Eva to - day.

To-day was cloudy and
frequent rain. I have
not been out doors to day.
Tracy has been in my rooms
off & on all day - if Josie
was not here, the dog would
not come in here.

Haven't got the drawers
yet - wish I could get
straightened up again.
Now I will listen to radio
and hear the town meeting.
I'm lonely without you
but I have not yet let out
a tear. Much love
You from Mother.

Friday -
Hailing
snow flakes
now but
sun is
trying to come
out.
Just had my
usual breakfast.
So Long -
hope it will be
short

P.O. Box 969

Lake Worth, Fla.

Feb. 15/41

Dear George-

How fast the time is slipping away - I see it is over a week since I wrote to you. I thought perhaps you might go to see Eva this week end and then you could read the letter I sent her a couple of days ago. I have heard nothing from Eva since our arrival but have had two letters from Laura. She seems to think Eva is gaining slowly and I hope she really is. It seems her diet letter is not controlled very well and I should think some reliable doctor could get her well regulated again. Eva wrote me that her insulin cost about \$5 a mo. and I have sent her more than that last mo. & this. It is hard to tell just what to send her for she is liable to spend it on some one else than herself. There may come a time when she'll need cash more than need so we don't think we ought to be too liberal

just now. When we have to lay
out much money for her we
will have to stop spending so
much for ourselves.

Pa has not had one bad head
ache since we've been here.
We think climate here is better
than on West Coast - it is not at
all damp as it was over there. Pa's
cough has left him and he feels
fine and is so enjoying himself
tho' in a quiet way. It is a relief
to be freed from all responsibilities
for a while. Thursday we got
a bundle of letters forwarded
from Capt. P. O. & today we got
a letter from Jessie with a post
note from Mother & yesterday a
letter from Maye - Mother for-
warded all our mail that was
not first class so we have a
quantity of papers to look over -
Some Cox letters & Colburn letters.
Guess everything is O.K. at home. W.
was home sick 2 days last week
but is better - it was probably flu.
They had quite an excitement one

2

nights when a nearby house burned
down - the one where Elliott Williams
used to live.

Thursday was a beautiful & warm
day - We packed up a lunch & drove
to the beach about 11 after getting
the mail & other necessities. The
beach is similar to the one at Ocean
Park only there is a board walk
with several covered places
supplied with chairs. Every body
seemed to be down there either
bathing or sitting on sand. We
staid till 5 o'clock and we all got
quite burned - I was the worst and
have had to be greased well - it
is o.k. now. Yesterday we bought
a beach umbrella at Mont. Woods.
So we will not get so burned
again. You & Constance can see
it in back yard next summer.

We enjoy the drives here so much
there are so many beautiful flow-
ering vines & shrubs, mid flowers
and beautiful palms - many of
them Coconut palms with many nuts

on him but still green. Yesterday
we went to West Palm Beach and
did some necessary shopping at
Mons. Wards. There is a very nice
attraction Stone. We also went out
on the dock to see the Chinese
junk which has sailed here all
the way from China - it was the prop-
erty out here of a Chinese War Lord.
Palm Beach is a beautiful place to
drive this - the drive is along the
ocean and the estates on other side
that they are well screened with
Jewels' shrubs.

Sec. Stevenson's mother is in this place -
we saw in to-day's paper here that she
had talked at the Women's Club there.
She is a Communist but has a long name
besides Stevenson. She is to talk on inter-
national relations next week - I'd like
to hear her - She saw one name in paper
& thought it meant Miller so came here
to see - I met her in Jim's land so I did
not see her.

We are going out now to find a few
Juncos where we can get eggs - they
are high & maybe not fresh in the stores.
Milk is 17¢ qt. and all eggs are higher than
at home. Oranges are 1¢ each & 2¢ fruit 2¢.
Hope soon to hear from Aunt Lucy - write
me soon about you & see us when you
come - Mother.

February 18, 1941

Dear Mother & Father,

I was glad to get your letter this morning, but rather perplexed by the fact that although it was written as late as last Saturday you seemed not to have received the long letter I mailed you the morning of the 10th. I hope you have received it by now, for if not you have had no word from me in a long time - and I shrank from writing all that over again! Do let me know - it was chiefly concerned with Eva and my interview with Dr Peelen regarding her, and with the Ambush matter, which needed by my not being made the offer.

In wondering if you have received the photo proofs from Constance: I hope so, and in case they were so delayed. Eva mailed them to her January 29th (or perhaps it was January 22nd) - and for days if not weeks they lay in the superintendent's apartment where Con lives, despite the first class postage. I hope

you will be pleased to learn that Con wholly disagreed with my opinion of them. She thinks that most of them (all except the bad one of Father) are quite good - and she really knows good photographs. I suppose she is judging them more as photographs than as witnesses of you - somehow or other they don't look like you to me. I do wish however that I had been more gracious a said nothing. If when they were finished I hadn't told them I could have eventually taken you to go to get some I did like. Perhaps you'll still give me a copy!

I shall be off again this week-end to be interviewed regarding a job. This one is at Lawrence College, Appleton, Wisconsin, 180 miles west of Chicago. I have practically no expectation that I shall be interested in the job, or that the college will be interested in me. But I go at their solicited invitation and their expense, prepared to see myself very dear if at all. Should they want me badly enough to pay me 3000 or better I might consider it, but going there would be a rather decisive step and I'd want to think it over pretty carefully.

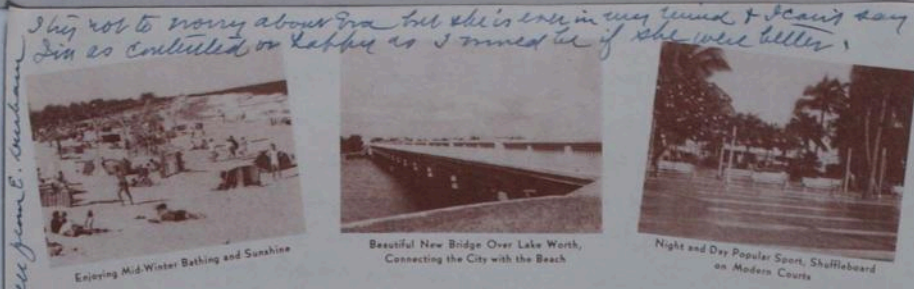
I am glad to hear that you are finding Lake Umbagog such a pleasant place to be and

that you are having good weather - and to
hear that your colds are gone - and your
headaches, Father. I hope you are getting
along better with your teeth, Father. - Are
you seeing any people from home? Where
is Mr. Demant - Orlando? - Too far away for
an afternoon call.

We had a pronounced warm spell last week
which cleared the ground & revived the skating.
We are back in snow and ^{zero} temperatures
again, but from now on it will fluctuate
and I suspect there will be no more skating.

There seems to be no other news. I manage
to keep well - no flu, no cold - and to keep
busy, but the time goes so fast & I seem to
get so little done.

I must close & drop a note to Con. Let me
know soon if you received my previous letter.
Have good times & don't worry. Lots of
love, George.



Enjoying Mid-Winter Bathing and Sunshine

Beautiful New Bridge Over Lake Worth, Connecting the City with the Beach

Night and Day Popular Sport, Shuffleboard on Modern Courts

LAKE WORTH, FLORIDA

Feb. 21, 1941

P.O. Box 969

P.O. boxes are not used - no more available. Rev. Bennett is at Orlando. Just had a letter from E. Searham. Some Game Co. folks here but we are not well as yet.

Dear George:

We were certainly glad to get your letter this M. For it is the first we have heard from you since the Jacksonville letter. We are very sorry you did not get the position at Amherst but it is just one of life's many disappointments. I hate to think of you going further away but if it is to your advantage, I must not object. We will inquire this afternoon at the P.O. about your letter of the 11th - such a mess of mail, I can see in there and no wonder if some are misshipped. Last week about same time your letter ought to have been here, I received one from Marge but the envelope was a wreck and fearfully dirty as if it had been stamped in the mud. A couple of days after I saw in local paper that 2 boxes of mail had been thrown off the train and got on the track and was spread out over 2 blocks. That accounted for the dirty envelope and maybe will account for loss of your letter. If we do not receive it eventually, I'll let you know and you must tell me what about Eva. We have a P.O. Box because we can go in office any time and get mail, there are 3 or 4 daily. The mail is put in a box here if street address as now, just once a day - the best is to send for papers or packages. Pa usually goes down in A.M. & we all go again in A.P.M.

The weather is very mild now but there is generally a
 breeze, some times quite cool. White sun is very hot.
 Yesterday we took a lunch and went to a pine
 woods a few miles south of here, right on the lake
 border. Pa wanted to sunbathize the car and we
 staid there till after 4. It was quite secluded
 and we took our rest on blankets over the sofa
 bed of fine needles - it was remarkable there were
 even no birds about. In fact, birds are scarce here,
 we don't know why, have seen only 1 Mockingbird
 & heard 1 or 2 others. One morning we were awakened
 with birds calling & right outside our windows ^{there}
 about 6 kinds, one all red - the others pretty - they
 were probably migrating. Pa went to woods this
 AM. and finished the job. He had the first bad
 head ache last night. We all over the colds and
 in fact feel very good - sleep fine - Coaly beds and
 rest every day a good deal. It is really too lazy for me
 and yet I fear I could not do all this sleep does. We
 do not get up early, usually 7.30 - often 8 as it was this
 AM. Have not been out at night as all for if we
 go afterwards to beach or play shuffle board or shop
 we are glad to stay in and read - often play 1 or
 2 games before going to bed by 10 or little after.
 Gen. Stevenson's Mother is in this town - Pa met her - she
 is Countess La Salle and has spoken at Women's Club
 and at a Padreschi (he is at Palm Beach) anniversary (silver)
 of his first visit to U.S. - The Countess passed tea we
 may be able to hear her next week if the affair is public
 when she is to talk on Justice at Alcatraz.
 Several letters from Laura - all about same - in no more &
 quite better - nothing from Ma. - Letter from Cous Paul
 & day. Wed. I wrote 2 photographs to return all points
 and we did not like photo & would not sit again.
 Since lunch I wrote again and ordered 1/2 doz. of
 each of the perfoms receiving larger Vates. (I amally I
 do not like either perfume very much especially after
 perfume. But probably they are as good as we will ever get and

It is so hard to get started for another sitting. I suppose I can ever trust to write as
 for me should we all, we'll go! Done.

L. W. 104 MUNICIPAL GOLF COURSE OVERLOOKING THE LAKE, LAKE WORTH, FLA

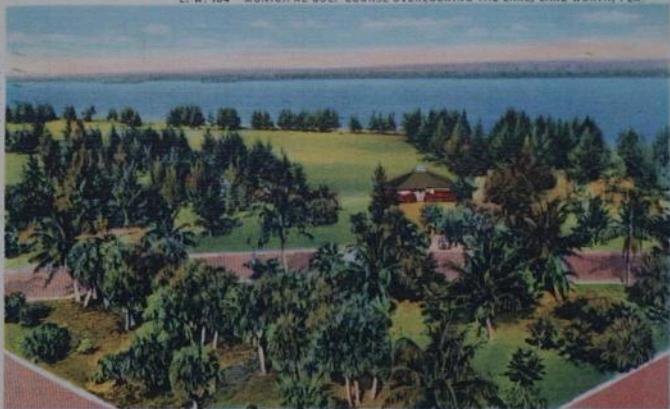


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Box 969 Lake Worth, Fla.,

THIS SPACE FOR WRITING MESSAGES

Feb. 23/41

Dear George -

I had opportunity to look
over remnants of those last
letters but nothing was like
focus in the top piece of script
in P.D. here. So you'll have
to send me the news again.
I have been thinking of you
and have tried this weekend
with hope by word (P.D.)
you are safely back. To-
day has been cool. This
afternoon we attended a
Musical Exhibition for P.D.
Crosby in Art Museum
for Palm Beach. Same is passing
very quickly. Love, Mother

POST CARD

THIS SPACE FOR ADDRESS ONLY



Am

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

P.O. Box 969
Lake Worth, Florida
March 4/41

Dear George:

Time flies so swiftly here and yet it seems ages between letters. We go every day twice to P.O. - last week the only word received from anyone of our folks was from Miss Boyd just a short note about same as usual. She did mention that Ma was having treatments from a Kalamayoos doctor. We are eagerly awaiting your version on this. Have had not a word from you since before you were going to Meausin & some days I wonder if you went & if so - did you get back? Sunday I sat next to an elderly woman in S. S. who said she was from Appleton, Wis + she told me some things about the college here. I am hoping you'll get located near N. Y.

We had quite a cold spell over the week end after a number of delightful summer days. But it's warmer now 70° to-day but

There always seems to be a breeze. The Sun has shone most lovely kindly for over 2 weeks but most of the houses here seem to be built to keep the sun out. Striped wooden awnings such as are on this house are much used and I suppose they keep the houses cool in peak hot weather. Many houses are secluded & dark by trees and high shrubs.

Would you believe that I have actually taken up bathing again but much against my own wishes. He insisted on it & I finally gave in and purchased a dressmaker suit which is more modest and very popular this year. We have been in only twice but will go more when warmer. The sun time is slipping fast - just a month from today and we start north. The water here is much warmer than in Maine & that was what made it so urgent. I also bought a good pair of bathing shoes which I just had to have. One day it was very rough but we had a rose to grab when the waves came.

Yesterday we received last weeks
 Cent. Union & evidently the younger
 Van Schaacks shown as the President
 Langell - W. is President & he introduced
 the visit mostly, Schuyler Bishop, who
 introduced & speaks one of whom was
 Harold Vand. - wouldn't I like to have
 been there.

I heard that Mrs Boston was in
 St. Petersburg, so I wrote her and
 had a reply. She is there alone &
 quite lonesome - wish she were
 near us so we could take her out.
 Also a card from Mr. Dumont - he
 does not expect to get down here &
 we will probably be off to Orlando.
 Had a card from Fannie that
 they had been to Miami & passed
 thro' here but it was too late in after-
 noon to look us up. The Hallenbergs
 were with them & I guess they did not
 want to stop - they are all on way home
 now.

Did I tell you I had ordered the photos
 & they will be sent to W. collect. I think

Maybe we'll like them when Jim
wishes tho' I confess I was not
overjoyed at any of them but I
took Constance's advice. I con-
fess again I was quite upset by
the whole affair - one feature of
which I'll tell you when we can
talk it over.

Pa had to go a London here one day
recently to have blood pressure taken.
He had been taking tablets & Dr. W. had
wanted it checked up. It is not too high
was at home 170 - went to 150 but went
again to 164 none of these alarming.
He had awful headache all last night
but sometimes gets along without any
for several days at a time. He is en-
joying his stay here immensely. Thanks
to his days here.

Sunday we called on the Countess -
Geo. Thomson's mother - She was so friendly
Miss Truhey - I met her aunt at Jessie's.
She has a class of nurses - teachers also
nurses and bathes - was one time quite
wealthy & owned a beautiful place here.
I am still quite on edge about Pa.
It is an awful cross that we can
neither go see her nor have her as usual.
Never heard the like before. Love, Mother.

March 5, 1941

Dear Mother & Father,

I am flabbergasted to find that it is two weeks
last night since I wrote you. And I believe
that tonight is almost the first night since then
I have been able to stay in my room & work.

Well, I'll cut explanations & apologies short
and plunge in medias res. Don't worry you didn't
get the long letter I wrote you three weeks ago. I
shall not regret the part about Anthea - that can
wait. But I'll give you the gist about Eva and
add what has happened since. On the 8th of
February I went to Kalamazoo to see Dr. Peckham -
do you know of him? - he was in Eva's class at Hope
and has since become a rather noted surgeon in
these parts. Eva has said he is the only doctor she
will talk to. But on no condition must she even
know that I went to see him - so don't mention
it to a soul. I quite liked him & had a long talk
with him, giving him as much of the history as I
could in the time. He said he was very much in -

hesitated and would be glad to try to diagnose as far as he could, and if it seemed beyond his knowledge to get the proper advice. He said he had met a doctor from Hapkins whose opinion it was that Eva had a pituitary tumor which might be at the basis of all her trouble - a proper diagnosis could tell and then steps could be taken to treat it. I have since heard from him that he has seen Eva twice and had two long talks with her - apparently she confided for he says he learned essentially the same story from her as from me. With one exception, which he feels is quite significant - five years ago Eva's menses became irregular and three years ago ceased entirely, returning only within the last few weeks. He feels that proper notes of this case was taken at Hapkins. He wants to treat that first to see how important it is - the treatment involves hormone injections and it will be some weeks before any effect is noticeable. So, at least, something definite is being done - and Miss Boyd writes that Dr. Peelen seemed very optimistic. I repeat, however, that Eva must not even guess that I have any contact with Dr. Peelen - in fact I suggest you say nothing about it except as you may discuss whatever Eva hears Miss Boyd writes you about it.

The week-end of February 22nd I went once to Appleton, Wisconsin for the interview. It was quite interesting and pleasant, - the president I liked very much and I think the college is a good one. He ended the day by offering me a position - an associate professorship at \$2800. A very good offer and very tempting financially - but I have decided to refuse it - going there would mean striking myself in a few cards, probably for life - wholly out of contact during the school year with mathematical activities. I thought perhaps my getting the offer might bring a little reaction here, but so far it hasn't, - though there's no telling whether it may eventually count. I was careful not to make as a condition for my staying here a matter in rank or salary, so I am not embarrassed. The salary here is wretched, but I am considerably getting more & more influence in the department which is some compensation - Helmer & I believe we essentially have just made the selection of four new associates for next year, and apparently you was pleased to have us assume the initiative of making the recommendations.

Carstensen wrote that Joan was terribly pleased with your card, but that her mother was having a hard time to get her to answer!

The winter term is drawing rapidly to a close. Two weeks from now we shall be in finals. I'm not looking forward very eagerly to the vacation for now & I have decided - in fact decided at Christmas time - that I will save the money rather than have me make the trip east - it is so expensive for so few days - the same amount of money just run - we would give us quite a trip. I shall probably spend a large part of the holiday making - and perhaps getting my car in shape again - I don't know - I haven't had it out of the garage since before Thanksgiving. I wanted to go see Eva but I don't think it would do her any good - Miss Boyd wrote recently that she doubted Eva would ask for me to come before the middle of April.

I'm glad you seem to be having such a good time and are keeping well. Apparently you have again missed severe weather up north. We have been having very fine weather the last few days - lots of sunshine, which has been a boon after the darkness of January & early February. I must get to bed - I am amply swamped with work - but I'm keeping fairly well as I guess I'll pull through. Best regards to Mrs. Deep and lots of love to both of you. George.

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Lake Worth Fla.,
March 11, 1941

Near George -

Just had dinner and I'm
going to try to get a letter written to
you before I rest if I don't fall asleep.
Have written 3 letters today & some cards
so this may not be one of my best.
Was very happy to get your letter on
Saturday - it seemed a long wait but
it really was only 2 weeks. The news
about Eva was optimistic and I do
hope the treatments will do some good.
Now she has started she ought to keep
on with medical care till she is cured
if that is possible. It is very hard to
get even a card from her, but if
it means her silence is really helping
her, why we must bear it cheerfully.
Was glad to hear about your Wisconsin
trip; the salary was good but after
all maybe you were wise to decline.
Perhaps you'll get a raise when you
are at some better position in East.
Had a nice long letter from Harold
yesterday. They had a big snow Satur-
day - in fact the whole East had and

as I came from the cottage for the
too. Geo. went to N.Y. with W. & Ed.
Webb & they left him at his brother's.
I don't know what has become of
the elec. light business.

Mary has nine regular kids &
2 extras at times - She must have
help 2 da. a week in house. H.
seems to keep busy and Wilbur
says he makes enough to earn his
living.

He had a coal week end but
it is warm & nice again. He plan
to go to bath this afternoon. I was
going to a book review but we can't
here will divide up activities.

Last week we spent one day explor-
ing around the region of Lake Okere-
hile about 40 miles west of here but
our trip was about 150 miles. The region
around the lake is mostly much
soil and there are hundreds of acres
of ~~wheat~~ vegetables in ~~potatoes~~ as far
as one can see. Recently the frost
ruined about 75% of crops but they
will immediately be replanted. There
are numerous drainage canals and
we drove along them for many miles.

We visited the U. S. Sugar mill, largest in country at Lewiston and we saw the process of sugar making from seeing the darkeys cut the stalks in field to the finished raw product put in large bags & put on cars to go to Georgia to be refined at Savannah. Very interesting but the smell in the mill was disagreeable and the noise of so much machinery deafening. The tourist group consisted of about 15 or 20 & the guide talked thru a loud speaker.

This State has about 50,000 migrants here and a major number are in the section we drove through. We saw 2 camps - drove thro one for darkeys & visited at one for the whites. These have recently been built by Federal government and already are to be enlarged very soon. We also saw some of the dreadful old camps where there are still some migrants living. Further on near Pskoke we saw two immense camps almost completed, one for whites & one for colored folks. I was particularly glad

to see and get information on these projects. The government has done well at the request of Missionary Union but there remains much more to do to make life more cheerful and livable for these neglected citizens.

I am sorry you & Can can't be together at Easter vacation but it does seem a pile of cash to spend for such a few days. I hope by next year you can be together all the time.

We are in our 4th lap here and in 4 weeks from now we will be well on homeward way. There is a busy spring ahead of us - we had planned on some extra repairs at home but I don't know if we can carry them out - either for time or money. I wonder if that \$100 to J.H.L. must be paid - have heard nothing lately about it. - The others are to bed & I must get twenty minutes before going out. Love, Mother.

March 19, 1941.

Dear Mother & Father

I seem to have gotten into the routine of writing you so infrequently - but the days are past faster than ^{they} used to, I'm afraid. Here it is practically the end of the second term, with only a third of the year left - and you with only a third of your Florida vacation left. I hope it has continued pleasant and that the severe cold of this last week has not reached as far as Palm Beach. It was near zero here Sunday & Monday nights, but has much moderated now, and we have just had the first of the series of ten 'last snow storms of the season'.

I was glad to get your letter a week ago and hear about your outings - visiting Lake Okechobee, the sugar mill and the migrant camps. I'm sure you found them all very interesting. It's too bad some of your close friends like Mrs. Boston & Mr. Demont are not near to you. Mrs. Boston would so much enjoy going around

with you.

My own movements have been restricted as usual - with only one sortie - down to Ann Arbor last Saturday, with a dozen others, to attend some mathematical meetings - it was the first I had been down there since last July when Can & I left there. Most of my time lately has gone into work for my classes and for the department. We have been choosing some new assistants for next year and I was given a large part in making the selection - there were some twenty five applicants and it was something of a job to sort them out - but I was glad to have my hand in it for now I think we shall have a very good lot there next few years, which will add to the interest of the department - if the deaft doesn't get them meantime.

I have no more word of Eva since I wrote you last. I suspect Dr Peelen either saw her last week and or will see her this week-end. But I doubt he'll have word to report yet. - I don't know what to say about the note for \$100 at Joshua Hopkins. I hesitate to have the matter brought up with Eva again - fits out of her mind it better left out - but if it's

worrying he should be relieved of that
worry. I think Dr. Livingston has every in-
tention of paying it if no one else does - but
of course that will not satisfy Eva - I she
thinks of it - I'm afraid that for the peace of
mind it will eventually have to be done - or
Dr. Livingston paid. I suggest you don't write
to her. ^{about it.} Did try to find out - or why don't you
try to find out - from Mrs Boyd whether
Eva has said anything about it lately.

Have you been seeing any good movies? I
saw for the second time recently 'The Long
Voyage Home' - I think ^{not} just saw your like
it, but it is definitely one of the very best
photographed & acted movies that I have
ever seen. It is about the sea and sailors,
rather rough in spots, but full of a lot of
essential food.

I must stop & get to bed. My exams start
tomorrow and three days from now I will all
be over. I must spend some time next week
getting caught up on sleep. - Keep well & have
a good time - With lots of love, George

Lake Worth, Fla
Mar. 26/41

Dear George:

Glad to get your letter Saturday,
It must have crossed Pa's letter in way.
Letter from Miss Boyd is about same except
that Pa's eyes have improved and doctor
seems to think there will be other improve-
ment soon.

We have had very sunny weather
with birds singing early in morning and
insects singing at night. Last few days have
been cloudy most of time and to day we are
having a typical tropical storm - rain
is coming in torrents. We have not been
doing many stunts lately for I was under
the weather for about 10 days - two days
did not go out at all. My head was
cutting up shins and after 4 days
saw a doctor - for some unknown
reason my blood pressure was too high.
I saw him again yesterday and as he
could find nothing the matter with me,
he concluded it all comes from my
eyes, which ought to have been treated to
before we came down. Coming to Dr. El-
mer's death, I have just neglected them
though I have felt often that they were not
just right & I have been using them a

good deal here reading and writing.
So I have let up on both, consequently I
hardly know what to do sometimes and
will be glad to get home and straightened
out again. Pa had visions of all kinds
of things that might be the matter, and
since we saw the Dr. yesterday & had
his assurances, we both feel better. I
had almost completely lost all my
sleep. I feared it was all owing to going
in the ocean but the Dr. said that was
good for me, also good to play shuffle
board. He is a very good physician & they
busy but took time & interest in my case - has
a wonderful personality. - We plan to go
to Miami tomorrow if weather is nice.
Our Dale Hill friends here gone home we
miss them. Yesterday Pa & I attended
a book review - wish we had gone before.
It was given by a woman in the church here
and she is a professional in that line - the book
was one of latest, came out Mar 17 "With
Laughing - an autobiography of Irving Cabbot
Pa says he is going to read it. - He has read
2 books out loud to us lately "Mrs Minerva" and
"Winter in April". I must stop now, my head
begins to swim - Pa wrote to say that we are
not letting her about me. I feel fine, enjoy this
May - sleep all night - blood pressure & heart excellent
will write again before we leave. ^{not much news} from home.

March 30, 1941.

Dear Mother-Father,

It scarcely seems possible this will be my last letter to you before you leave Florida. But I guess spring is pretty definitely on the way - I have been awakened nearly every morning by choruses of birds - many cardinals and jays - one or two staid through the winter but most of these are recent comers.

I am wondering, Mother, how you are feeling. Your report was a little confusing for you said both that your blood pressure was too high and also that it was alright. I hope you referred to different times. Do keep track of it and be sure to have a really good doctor look you over very soon. It's hard to believe it's just your eyes. By the way, when you do have your eyes examined why not go to an oculist now that you are changing doctors anyhow. If there is anything enough

the matter with your eyes to cause high blood-pressure you ought to see more than an optometrist.

The variation has gone, rather rapidly. I have been quite lazy - haven't got much done but feel somewhat settled. I was invited out 4 times twice - at John's and at the Holmers, saw one manie and spent an evening at the Graves. Had quite a long talk Friday with Richard Marsh who dropped in my office while I was cleaning out my desk. He is sure he will be drafted as soon as he gets out of here a year from now, if not before, and since he hates the idea of the army so he is scheming to get into something in defense work which would defer him. It seems he has an aviation license already, and if he drops out of school now and goes to aviation school right away he can become an instructor by July. Since instructors are in such demand he would not be called for army duty, although he would apparently be some sort of army instructor. He told me of several fellows in Cassachie who have been drafted - Charlie Callin, Frank Bedell, etc.

I was glad to hear what news you had of Eva, for I have heard nothing for some time. Had the doctor been there a second time - I took it so from what you wrote. I did hear some time back that Eva had re-ceived her bicycle from Mr. Swan - all in good shape and that she had been using it.

I hope you will have a safe and comfortable journey home - do take it easy if you run into any storms. And I trust you'll find things at home in good shape, with the house not having been beaten into as last year. — Lots of love, George.

P.S. I'm sending back the account about Mrs. Wheeler. I was glad to see it - what a woman she must be!

P.S. Send along a card telling me how you are - and if you're not alright see a doctor!

Lake Worth, Fla.,

April 2/41

Dear George-

What a joy it was yesterday to get your letter on our return from a day spent in West Palm Beach & Palm Beach. The Sales are all now and Miss Deep & I needed a few things - She bought a new hat & coat and I got goods for a dress & a pair of gloves also we all bought some odds & ends.

First I want to relieve your mind of my condition - Could you see me this week & how happy I am, you would not think anything is wrong with me. We all think the first time I went to the doctor my blood pressure had gone up because I had to sit & wait for him 2 hours with a severe head ache. The 2nd trip, pressure was down to 142. Dr. W. G. gave me exam just before we left in Jan - then it was 140 & he said ok. - Heart is right on dot every time & I haven't a pain wache - for hypophosphites & that brought help. When I first went to doctor I was having a little stomach & intestinal trouble & I think that, too, helped to raise b. pressure. My only trouble which is eye strain as I have done a lot of reading & writing & ought to have had new glasses before coming

here. I was reading a book with print very close & not very large - I foolishly persisted in reading it tho' not more than 1 or 2 chapters at a time. I have quit all reading but have had to do more or less writing.

I am enclosing a letter from Eva - also the last from Miss Boyd. I think the Dr. has seen Eva at least 3 times before this last letter was written. Eva wrote last week about the \$100 - she seems anxious to have it paid & I told her I'd pay it. I do think the University might cancel it under the circumstances. I am sending Eva some money \$8 in Feb. \$10 in March & \$10 again to-day. This will help out with medicine & odd ends - she cannot need much clothing when she goes out so little. I think she helps pay her way by getting the meals - Miss Boyd wrote that. Later the Dr's bills will have to be settled.

Do you remember anything Dan Thayer says said - Mrs D's brother? He was married in Feb. & now has been drafted - it has been deferred till end of college term - He married a Texas girl who was Secretary to a Dr. in Medical College at Columbia.

Weather is just wonderful here now - I imagine April is really the best month here. Pa has ordered 300 baby

chicks to arrive Apr. 15. He is also making
out a seed order. He has had only
2 severe headaches here - maybe this is
the climate for him. Wish you
could have seen us all in ocean
on Monday. Water was warm 70° but
there was a cool breeze. Ocean was
about the wildest I have ever seen
it tho Pa & Mrs D. thinks it was no
more so than last week when we
also took a dip. As the waves approached
they looked like mts. We ex-
pect to go in this afternoon & to mor-
row also if o.k. We have started
gathering things together & will pack up
to-morrow. Will not go to St. Pils
as it would mean 138 miles more -
Mrs Boston was to go home yesterday
so we could not have seen her. We
will go to the Islands & try to see Per.
Dumont - that is about 175 miles. Then
right up to Georgia tho we may not get
there till next day. Aim to be in Virginia
Monday morning & stay here over night.
This is at Dr. French Moore Abingdon - Mrs.
Delp's father will be there for me all way
going to his home or Palace. Mrs will
drive to Sterling, Va. (not far from Wash D.C.)
to stay over night at Wm. Rector's - his wife

Will drop card or two on way home - don't worry - cut it to the

is a sister of Mr. Delf - this family lived
 near Litchwood when Ira was down there -
 Ira met them - the 5 children are all
 grown up now - Wednesday eve stop at
 Mrs D's niece in Elford Pa. (Mrs. H. Edwards)
 Thurs. morning start for Grace's & will
 stay in Lewis over that night if all is
 all. - Grace asked us to - come Friday -
 Good Friday Apr. 11 - Guess you can
 help back of us with these addresses.
 Had a letter Mon. from Marge - that
 was just from Cal in over 2 weeks.
 They are all so busy, too. Marge has
 quite a class now I believe 10 or 12
 and she has a Roberts' girl to help
 in house several times a week.
 Harold seems to get enough work to
 keep him busy. Expect to find
 the Webb - Van Schaack Diner in
 operation near Bunk farm when
 we return. M & H go to
 Rutland for Easter week end.
 Glad you had a good rest this
 four vacation - too bad you could
 not go to see Ira but maybe it is
 best. That is the main thing that
 shrinks for us - that none of us
 can see her - it is a sore trial -
 Have sent you some pecans - we think them excellent

Hope you have a nut cracker - Just Ira some oranges but it really don't matter
 that they are worth \$10.00 Can - only 1 letter from her. Some the other



THIS SIDE OF CARD IS FOR ADDRESS

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

Just north of Jacksonville,

April 5, 1941

Dear George, 4 P.M.

We left on 9 a.m. Friday & have not reached so we are not out of the state yet but very near the border. We are all feeling fine and weather is beautiful. Nice visit with Rev. Dunmont yesterday - staid in St. Louis last night and called on Valney, Helen & wife this AM. This afternoon visited Camp of Blandine on Kingsley Lake. It is an unusual place and only partly ready for the boys. Will tell you about it when we can visit. Will send card to Eva now. Do not worry about us. We are behind partly on account of delays and some road construction here & there.



THIS SIDE OF CARD IS FOR ADDRESS

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

Apr 7
North of Asheville N.C.
April 6/41
Dear George
Last night staid in Bay
ley Ga in cabin - drove 317
miles to day & also went to
morning clinic in Augusta
Ga. where we also had dinner.
Weather beautiful & roads good.
Many trees in full blossom.
This afternoon drove one
Mts. and are staying
to-night in most modern
cabins we ever were in.
It is a little coal & we have
heat & every convenience.
Hope sometime you may
see this section of country.
We have come upon all
new road to us but from
Va. it will not be new. Only
120 miles to morrow A. G.
but mostly one mts. to
Abingdon. Everything ok. & all
well. Love, Mother



THIS SIDE OF CARD IS FOR ADDRESS.

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

Tuesday Apr. 4th

Dear George -

3 P.M.

We all stalled for a few hours but owing to some car-trouble - no accidents - only turned bearings due to leaking the oil from oil tubes. Luckily we could reach a good Road Service Station - Hope to leave in 15 min or have but may not make starting to night - however will be back by hope on Sunday. Weather beautiful & road ok. Nice visit in Chicago - but Mr. Moore could not meet us here as Mrs. D's brother took her out last night & we met her this A.M. Hope you are keeping well and not overdoing. We are all well and thankful for our good luck.
Love Mother.

April 9, 1941

Dear Mother & Father,

Just a few lines to greet you on your return - I hope they'll reach home on Friday! I've been glad to get your cards from Jacksonville - Abingdon and hear that you were proceeding safely. You must have had a marvelous trip - I was just thinking tonight of how beautiful Virginia was at this time of year when I was there three years ago.

The package of pecans came through in good shape. They are simply marvelous tasting - many thanks.

Thank you for sending Laura's & Lois letters - I hear so little from them. I shall return them to you when I route next - I want

to look them over again but haven't
time now. I have heard nothing more
from the doctor.

Glad to hear you are feeling better,
Mother, and hope you will get your eyes
'fixed' by a good man.

We have just had four May days in
April - not a speck of cloud in the sky
for over three days. Played my first formal
round of golf yesterday - the first day a
course was open - but have been out
to practice before. I won't have another
right away, however, for Jim is busy.
Friday morning five of us set out for
Chicago at 5 AM to go to some meeting,
not returning until Saturday night.
So I must get to bed for some rest sleep
ahead of time.

Hope you will have reached home
without accident and that you will have
a pleasant & happy Easter - probably sat-
ing! Lots of love, George



THIS SIDE OF CARD IS FOR ADDRESS

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

En route Frederick to
Baltimore Md.

Apr. 9/40 4:30 PM

Dear Dad -

all o.k. - car fine
all night cabin near Nat.
Bridge - drove 186 mi
to stop at noon to visit
left at 3 + hope to get to
Baltimore for supper.
Weather continues fine
farmer busy in fields -
Some trees in blossom
I also sold flowers -
We skipped Washington
but will soon be in
Baltimore. Feel fine in
spirit & ready for pleasure
& expect. Love
Mother



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Mr. George B. Van Schoeck,
247 Delta St.,
East Lansing,
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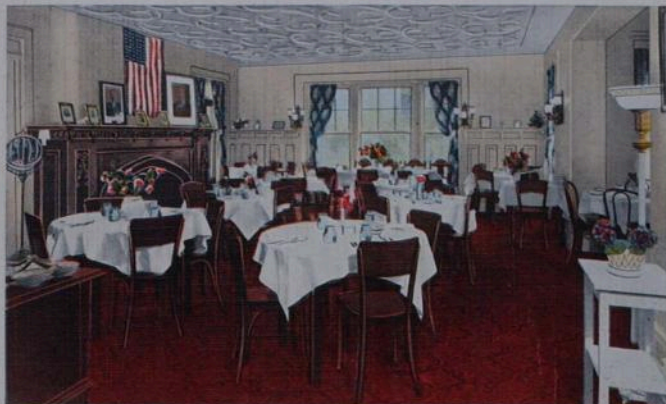
Apr. 12/41

Dear George-

No time now for letter -
We are head down hills in
getting to rights again -
Reached here 3 P.M. feedin'
day and naturally all
some time after one
17 00 miles drive. Was
glad to find your letter
in our mail and will
write sometime next
week. We are all well -
no one but W. had been
here with plumber - so
we are not disturbed by
any carols. Weather like
Spring - no rain at all on
trip. No word from Eva.

Love, Mother.

ANSLEY WILCOX ROOM, KATHRYN LAWRENCE'S DINING ROOMS



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POST CARD

April 17/41

Dear George

When I get new flannel
sweater shirts - We must
go to Albany yesterday
We both had eye spasms
all feeling fine and very
tired and sore and a bit
Reddened quite warm a few
days - Indo account of very
strong - Cool in day
and dark and from the
that all in about 3 weeks.
Hope you are fine.
Love, Mother.

Dr. George B. Van Schaack,
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Mich.