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Catsackiety,
Jan. 4, 1934

Dear George -

Was very glad to get your
card yesterday - I realized your time
was very much occupied while in
Came and it is sometimes almost
impossible to send even a postal
when visiting. I trust you had a
good time and did not take cold.
You certainly struck an exceptionally
cold day for being in New York.
We missed you very much - you
stay home seemed so short, but
such is life! Eva left on the
10.52 yesterday morning expecting
to reach Baltimore by 11.00
It was best she decided not to
stop over in New York - such an
experience is not extremely pleasant

For a girl alone especially in winter.
Harold went to Albany after
dinner yesterday to return Friday.
So we had a very quiet evening
and were ready to get to bed before
ten o'clock. I spent a little
while in the afternoon at Auntie's
white pa went to the garage. She
has not been out since Christmas
owing to the severe cold some
dry roads. She would not come
New Year's day, so we had just
Wilma's family to dinner. Mr. had
to go back to work but got P.
staid till night. Emma and
Harold went skating Tuesday
night - it was most zero and there
was no one else in the pond ones
at Haas' - there was crowd
about day on the river.

Sunday was very cold and I
did not go out at all - I was
just glad to rest out. Last
evening I read thro' the book on
Russia by Ray Long - I've read
it one evening & I think you did
too. It is very interesting and in-
formative but did not change
my mind about Communism.
While I understand now many
things about the Russian situa-
tion that I did not know before
I still maintain that no system
and no country can prosper
or succeed that does not be-
lieve in God & allow the people
to worship Him. I hope you will
realize this, too. If I had
plenty of time for reading, I
would read Chamberlains book

but it is so large and looks rather deep, I would have to take a long time to trade thro' it. I am reading now "The Magnificent Obsession" by Lloyd Douglas - it is interesting & has been widely recommended as a most white book.

There has been little change here in the weather since you left - very little sun & thin smelt horses just above zero instead of below. Looks very much like snow to-day - in fact - has snowed a little this AM. - I want to ask you what you would think of a large open space between the front room & bed room in stead of taking the entire wall down. The smaller room could be a library & the partition ends need not be solid but fairly open with posts. If it did not cost too much, built in shelves for books would be fine. Is this a dream? Maybe! Love, Mother.

P.S. Thanks for the second "Alice" clipping. Donald
was very much amused by the first one. I sent him
the second. g.

Hallie T
Cambridge, Mass.
January 12, 1934.

Dear Mother + Father,

It is late Friday afternoon and
I am afraid I have waited too long
to get a letter written in time for
you to get it tomorrow. I sat down
to write nearly an hour ago but just
as I picked up the paper a student
came in for some help and he is
still here, trying to work as I write

we went to a very amusing but very stupid play. Tomorrow afternoon Jim taking Mrs. Curwen to hear Myra Hess, the pianist. Mrs. Curwen is the wife of one of the English teachers at Exeter and one of the half-dozen family wise ^{men} who ever bothered to ^{visit} _{visit} me. She is very fond of music and especially so of Myra Hess. Last year we went together to hear the latter only to find that we had arrived on the wrong day. So this year when I saw that Myra Hess was playing here I invited both her and her husband, counting on her husband declining as he fortunately did.

I have spent the last twenty-four hours making out exam papers for my classes. I have them finished in a sense, but must do them myself to see how hard + long they are as a whole before I pass them in to the printer. I have been working quite a bit on the long paper + have it practically finished. I had a conference with Prof. Morse on Wednesday and may another tonight.

But before this week is over it will have been too gay. On Wednesday night Mrs. Coan, Mr. Roger's daughter from New York, was staying in Boston and invited me to dinner after which

With regard to your suggestion for
not tearing down the whole partition
between the front room and the
bedroom: So far as I am concerned
I would rather have the whole partition
out and I think you too would like
the effect as well. Leaving part of the
partition in would not mean that
you could get on with less furniture.
I see the completed room as one large
pleasant sunny room with white
woodwork - possibly a plain color
blue my with a figured my before
the fireplace - and if you want built-in
book-cases they could be on each side
of the fireplace under + beyond the
windows. And the expense of pillars would
be considerable.
All for now. Love to all, George.

Catsackia N.Y.

Jan. 12, 1934

Dear George -

The weeks are too short for me - you, too, eh? Same old weather prevails here only not so cold. In fact quite mild this week and not much snow or ice left. Tues. the sun actually peeped thro' for part of the time and there was a mild spring like feeling in the air. We went up to see Titus but as they were not home, we drove around to Ramona and called on Bert Palmer. He is able to sit up in a chair but finds it hard to carry on a conversation - guess he'll never be able to work again. We stoped at Auntie's for supper - Harold had gone to Albany to attend the Annual Meeting & dinner of the Bar Assn - he has joined that body. Wed. - Le was

at court in Catskill all day as-
sisting Scully in a case of neg-
ligence case - dont know if there
was an amount in it or only at-
tention & notariety.

We washed yesterday and I'll
try to send you Candy Case
this afternoon.

Dr Van Haesen left for Florida
last Saturday. I hope he will
soon go to Dr W. Trade for an
exam. - He suffers with head-
ache every morning. He says
next week he is going to have
his eye examined again.
It is 3 yrs now since he was
to see ^{Dr} Thuer.

Nothing new going on here ex-
cept the CWB which has caused
considerable gossip. Some are
employed who ought not be

and some who ought to do not
get the work - It is reported
work on the State buildings has
ceased for 6 weeks except the
riveting jobs.

Sunday it rained hard all
day & we have plenty of water
now. We did not go out ex-
cept to church so had a good
rest & chance to read. Haven't
seen J. or B. since Eva left. Van
Schaack & Linnans have their
agency for Oldsmobile - pa thinks
it is foolish but says nothing.
Haven't heard from E. this
week - suppose she is very busy.
It seems I'm had rather a cold
time on my N.Y. & Hartford
trip - it's a wonder I didn't
catch cold.

Did I see notice in the news
that the government employees
do not get the 15% cut back
till July 1st. - We had hoped
& were led to believe that 5%
would be returned next mo.
It is a shame when money
is apparently wasted in other
ways. - Well, guess we won't
go to the poor house, ft. - after
all we're lucky & Casey's
suffered really all thro' the
depression.

It is 12 o'clock & I must
get the dinner. Auntie is here
for the afternoon. She was in
Albany, N.Y. & got pretty tired. I
had to spend holiday afternoon
on bed after the washing. Hope
you are all. - Be good - Love - Mother

Stallis, J.
Cambridge, Mass.
January 19, 1934.

Dear Maicher & Fischer

The end of not such a wretched week
as the last one. I have had two
sessions with Morse since I wrote
last and now the paper is finished -
except for an introduction. It only
remains to have it typewritten -
but then follows filling in the
formulae and reading proofs.

I am sick at Exeter. I don't know when I can take advantage of them. If nothing prevents I shall go to the Hagg's two weeks from today for that week-end.

Otherwise the week has been spent in coaching. I wounded my arm on Tuesday playing squash. I was unable to shave the next day so went to the barber, but by yesterday I could manage shaving again.

I did see something in the paper ^{the government} about not returning to highway yet but I didn't understand exactly what it was about. I don't wonder at the decision though - Government workers are still so much better off

proof less on three times.

Last Saturday afternoon I took Mrs Curwen to hear Myra Hess, as I wrote I intended to. The rental was very good and we both enjoyed it immensely. I think she felt properly thanked for her kindnesses to me in Exeter.

On Tuesday Mr Hagg rucked in at noon and said I was to go with him directly to Boston to have lunch with Mr & Mrs. Rogers. I had not seen them since last summer and it was good to see them again. They gave me a cordial invitation to visit them - I now have three or

then lots of others there isn't get
money enough to go round.

I hope you, father, have had a
good medical exam and that you
have also had your eyes examined.
It would pay you to fool around
with your health at this stage. Two
or three hundred dollars spent now
could set ~~it~~^{you} up for many years.

I enclose a clipping which I thought
would interest you. I shall mail the
laundry tomorrow and will enclose
a book which I said at Christmas
time I would send you when you
have finished it send it on to Eva.
All for now. Love to all

George.

Catsackie Wj

Jan. 19/34

Dear George -

Today again - the
weeks fly faster than ever. This
has been rather an off work week
no washing nor engagements
but other things Rade managed
to creep in to take up the time.

Saturday we all went up to Mt.
Trust to supper - Bessie had a
great time hearing stories & play-
ing games. It was the only time I
had seen them since New Year's Day.
Haven't heard from Eva this week.
We have had the benefit of the sun
now for four days and it has
seemed good to see it tho' it is
still quite cold. This A.M. was
South wind but now is north &
we had quite a snow squall this
A.M. Harold went to Albany
yesterday to attend the funeral
of Mr. Lewis' mother.

I meant to see Auntie Sunday
but was by Lays, & Jules, for I
spent the afternoon in reading
and resting - also the evening.
So I went down Monday after-
noon for 3 hours. She was cough-
ing & raising all the time but it
seemed to me like the old heart
coughed back again, tho she claims
it was cold. By Wednesday she
was no better so staid in bed &
called Dr. W. G. Grader. I did not
see him but she says he ex-
amined her & said she was in
very good shape. She got up
yesterday & is up to-day - says
she feels good but coughs ^{much}.
I spent Wed. afternoon there
and Elsie was out all the time
I was there both days. Now to-
day she wants to go home but the
weather is too cold & windy for
Auntie to go out. I do not feel I

can go down to day unless ab-
solutely necessary but I guess
she will be o.k. - I can keep
track of her by phone. Yes -
let day afternoon Pa & I went out
and called on Mrs. Delfo
and old Mrs. Sickle. There
was a congregational meeting
last evening but we thought
best to stay home. I have started
reading "Founding New Eng-
land" by Adams - No. got it
in the Albany Library for me.
Pa brought home "Hudson
River Landings" & I am get-
ting interested in that, too. - If the
weather is nice to-morrow
we are going to Albany for
afternoon & evening to a range
meeting. Pa was up Wed. to see
Dr. Threlk. & get new glasses - Jay
went with him.

Hoare has been to Court in
Catherine time this week -
He keeps picking up a
little business all the time
but whether he gets hold of
much money I do not
know - he has awful ex-
penses and so the cash goes.
Sorry I forgot to put the
rest of your Christmas things
in the laundry case last
time - will try to remember
next time. Suppose you were
gone about Mr. Modalls sud-
den death last week - it was
a quite upsetting experience for
the whole household.
Now I must see to din-
ner - after five o'clock you has
not come in yet. Hope you are
all at Mr. Modalls to the B. Sign. thing
east side. Were you there? Hester.

Capeachie N.Y.

Jan. 22, 1934

Dear George -

Have just written letter to Eva -
I can't get over the fine letter she
wrote me last week. We left
Leonia about 10 Tuesday & reached
home on 3 P.M. train. Weather was
most like Spring & has been so ever
since. Left the B. Plaza on 4
Saturday & found Frank Sr. & Jr.
Evelyn & Aunt in lobby of H. Albert.
Aunt was so pleased with your call
on her & hopes you'll go again. She
acted as if she were very miserable
but Evelyn says she is always so when
brother Frank is around. We could
not get a room there so went to the
Yankee Hotel next block - much nicer.
Left N.Y. Sunday afternoon - had
dinner at Dan Moore's on 168th St. &
then to Leonia by bus. Prices all
same as usual except Harry is
facing loss of work due to lack of
machines to sleep. Aunt Doll fails
but is still on the go about all the
time. Grace went to N.Y. with
me Monday - did some shopping

in Grace's & Grinbles - I bought
some material for a 2nd best
dress & a few small articles. At-
tended the mchizing Marble
Collegiate Church in Afton on
Evening - big crowd & good speakers.
Met Jack Pota - for remembrance
him - He has a big church in Hackey
Sack - was in same class with Dr. Watt
& spoke highly of him. It had
been a very rainy day & when we reached
the ferry at 4 2nd St. fog was very thick.
We had quite an experience on boat
because pilot could not locate the
slip - we were on boat one hour -
horns blew all the time & bells rang -
the main fear was that some other
boat would run into us - our boat
almost ran into another one - just
squeaked in time to back up - no one was
familiar but all were finally very serious.
Few could stay in seats - there was quite
a big crowd on board - we reached
Grace's about midnight. - Pa is
out this morning on Red Cross work -
he answered an appeal for volunteers.
We were in Catehew Tuesday AM. (dentist) and
around town various errands in afternoon. Now
I must buckle down to old routine. Love
Mother

Haller ?
Cambridge, Mass.
January 26, 1934.

Dear Mother + Father,

Glad to get your letter last Saturday
and hear that you still have the
vim - vigor to rush about in all
directions. I have spent quite a
quiet week. Out as usual on Saturday
night to the symphony - you
may count on it whenever you
listen to that orchestra over the

left at ten-thirty. Mr. & Mrs. Hagg
was to have been down to lunch on
Tuesday but that morning I had
a telegram saying the roads were
covered with ice and that they
couldn't get down. They will
probably be down next Tuesday.

Monday morning and this
morning were spent in giving exams.
I have the first one corrected -
spending all of Tuesday night (or
rather evening) doing so. Yesterday
I was at Prof. Huntington's from
eleven until two helping him

radio on Saturday nights that I
am there - but you can't be so sure
that I approve of everything which
is played there. I did not go out
again until last night - I went over
to Boston to have dinner with
Morris. We were to have gone to
see Carull's Otis Skinner - a music-
ologist but Morris waited so
long to get tickets that the house
was sold when he got around to it.
There wasn't another thing in Boston
worth going to so after dinner
I went up up to his room in the
Boston City Club - next the State
House - where we talked until I

correct exams in his course and
he was over here from five until
six yesterday while we finished up.

The paper is all finished & typed.
I have only to spend this evening
filling in formulae. The rest of
my time until next Friday I
must spend in preparing for
an exam I shall have that day.

I have had no word from
Eva for some time so the only
word I had of Mr. Woodall's death
was from you. A rather tragic
death for him but it is probably

best he is gone for he couldn't
have been very happy. It must
have upset Eva quite a lot.

I received the letter from Mrs.
Beebe today. I calculate that
you must have read it so I want
to state what it contained. I had
completely forgotten that she had
a grandson - ~~he died~~ - I was about
to write that he didn't live in
Rochester while I was there but
I guess, on second thought, that
he did. I don't understand why

They should be so worried about
money. At last reports Mrs. Butler's
sister who lived with her had struck
it rich - they had found large
supplies of oil on her farm in
Oklahoma.

This seems to be all of note now.
Hope you are keeping well & taking
plenty of exercise. Love to all
Grays.

Catsaekie Wy

Jan 26/34

Dear George

Yesterday was spring
like but today is colder &
looks like snow. However
have enjoyed considerable
sunshine in last week. Pa
& I had a treat Saturday
when we went to Albany to
attend 2 grange meetings in
J.W.C.A. & between the sessions
had a chance to go see Little
Horn in Monies. Harold
went to Middletown Sunday &
next day had a case in Court
in Goshen. Yesterday he
professed at Law School.
He is taking part (much to his
disgust) in a local talents show
trial in Opera House next week.

Pa has suffered with toothache
off on all week - at times it
was awful, so yesterday he went
to Dr. Tate - The tooth will have
to be extracted when Soreness is
over. In spite of this affliction
he engineered an regular supper
in Chapel Wednesday acting
as chef and general manager.
Annie is recuperating from
her very bad cold but has not
been outdoors yet. She expects to
come here to day as Elsie insists
on going home for the afternoon.
Jessie has also had a bad
cold but is better. Garage
Premier has been very slack
lately. Don't see much of
the folks up at Melbuis. Last

Sunday we went to Auntie's
& staid to supper - She
is rather pepleless again but
optimistic as ever. We
called again Tues. Evening
just before attending a forum
in High School. It was an
icy night & turn out small
but the talk on Tree Formed Land
(Correct pronunciation)
& Labrador by a native was
very fine.

Tom is drawing near
for the repairing or rather
alteration job. I wonder
sometimes if it will pay for
the expenditure but pa seems
determined. I met in some
way we could have the end

a library supported by an arch way or pillars weren't just a narrow wall projection thus -

If you have any suggestions - speak out. Have not calculated expense yet but it will be appalling, I fear.

The bed room work of sitting room will not be tackled this spring, I guess.

Must get dinner now - Pat & I will go to Cairo to a 3 o'clock meet. of the F. D. A. - trying the higher ups get paid but the little man does this work free gratis. Hope you will not yet be bound up in the Russia situation - I frankly say I can't stomach most of their performances. Sent laundry today. Love Mother



Hollis 7
Cambridge, Mass.
February 1, 1934.

Dear Mother & Father,

We are having real winter again. It has been snowing for several hours - although it seemed to start in fun it has been increasing in thickness all the time and now seems to be at it in earnest. Monday and Tuesday were very cold days hereabouts - the paper had the thermometer below zero but I

had several good outings. I'm sure you must have enjoyed "Little Women". I haven't seen it, but have been told it is a very good movie. I also reckon you enjoyed the farrow - I hope it was well enough attended to warrant continuing it.

On Monday night Marie had me over to dinner and then took me to see a play - "Richard of Bordeaux". It was an historical play about Richard the Second of England - very well done and very well worth seeing - it made up for the previous

found it between zero and ten above. The weeks far seems to have fled rather quickly - possibly because I have an exam tomorrow - my first in two years - I scarcely know how to go about it - Up to that time I had had no break in semi-annual examinations for over twenty years!

After the exam tomorrow morning I shall get a bite of lunch and then make a dash for North Station to catch the 11:15 train for Exeter. I shall stay there until late Sunday.

I was glad to get your letter on Saturday and to hear that you had

one I had seen which I wrote
was so insulting to the intelligence.

I don't know what to write
you regarding the altering of the
parlor. You seem to be convinced
that you want one end somewhat
set off ~~by~~ in some way and
if so you should have it done
that way - I'm not at all sure
that you wouldn't like it and that
I might not like it myself. But I
vote for projecting walls rather
than any kind of arch or pillars -
except that you might drop the

ceiling ten or twelve inches
between the two walls.

I hope father's tooth has
stopped aching. - But why do
you let Dr. Sax look at it - I
should most certainly go to
Bennett - and don't let either
of them start pulling all your
teeth out unless you've had the
advice of some good Albany doctor.
Your head trouble may be due to
your teeth but it may also
be due to ^{any one of} a hundred and one
other things.

The paper is completely finished
and was sent off to the editor
of the journal in which it will
appear this morning.

I am washing my laundry this
afternoon. I am enclosing a
package for Bessie for her
birthday - (Monday?).

All for now - I must get back to
more study. Love to all

George.

Codsackie W.V.

Feb. 2/34

Dear George -

It is good to see the sun to-day after such a cloudy, raw week. But it is very cold still with a strong north wind - the bear has seen his shadow alight to-day. Our water pipes froze several times this week and with the awful south wind a couple of days it was impossible to keep comfortable in this house.

Monday night I went to Aunties while pa went to Dr. G. Gnall for an exam. He did not tell the Dr. about his head-aches - he forgot I guess, because they have not been so frequent since he had his eyes tested & new glasses. Dr. thinks he'd better have the operation some time but must examine further to see how urgent it is. I'm afraid this would put the quietus on our repair work for the present. However we have not discussed the situation much as this matter

have claimed our attention:
The mystery play on Mock Tree
both place Tues. & Wed. nights &
H. took his part like a typical
lawyer. We went down Wed.
evening & it was well acted
& quite humorous. Big crowd
both nights & it was a good ad
for H. anyway. Last night
Pa & H. went to the banquet at
the second Church & I spent
the evening with Auntie. She
has recovered from her cold
but has been housed up on
account of bad roads & weather
this week. Elsie goes out fre-
quently at night (she went to play
& banquet) & I felt sorry for Auntie
alone so much. We have been in-
vestigating about the new bungalow
& Chinese but they ask for too much
for it either to sell or rent.
Yesterday afternoon Pa was in

Albany to a meeting in State
Office building - it comprised
Committees from 14 Counties
Who are to handle the conciliation
project on mortgages without com-
pensation & for acceptia the job -
ah me! ah my!

You must feel relieved to
have that paper out of the
way & of your mind. Has
Prof Moore gone yet? Mr.
Brougham has a 6 mo. leave
with pay & leave on Monday
with his family for Ithaca; he
will take up some special
course on fruit at Cornell. We
will miss him; for went to
Albany yesterday with the new
man & he is very clever & pleasant.
I wish you could see the Mrs
this morning. They seem so near
& the projection out to Cornwallville

is very prominent & plain - I'd
like to view it from an airplane -
it seems such a short distance;
of course the Mts. are white with
snow. Herald is slowly be-
ing absorbed into some Cay-
Sackie circles. To night he
is invited to a supper at
Dr. Sargent's the dentist - He is
a very nice fellow & has taken
quite a notion to Mr. H. Has
been to Albany only once this
week but seems to have a num-
ber of odd & ends of cases here.
He has a divorce suit now but he
did not tell us so we do not men-
tion it to him - Well, I must
get dinner now. - Eva is doing
work now in Plant Physiology.
I hope she is not attempting to whip
I wish I was in Florida - our feet &
legs are so cold when I sit down
here - I must warm up on Lester.
Love Mother

Catsackie Wyo.

Dear George-

Feb. 9/34

I am sitting by the
kitchen stove, the warmest spot
can find tho' my feet are icy.
This is the coldest yet - 22° below
this morning; the sun shines bright
and the north wind blows strong.
What a spell of cold weather! The
worst we have ever experienced. That
is to last the longest. A. drove to
Crook & back yesterday to attend a
hearing on the Pea Case - guess he
put one over on them as a surprise.
Katherine Bergmann went with Linn
last Friday Bessie was quite sick - has
called us up & wanted us to go there - the
fever was so bad called Dr. W. Wade.
It was a case of tonsillitis. She was
better next day but has not been to school
yet. Jessie was so worn out & nervous
I suggested naming Bessie her first-
day - The Lord a great day & was very
good but of course very busy just as
you used to be. B. was in Catohill
all afternoon - You will see an acct
of the new Cam. He is on it's chairman
& in last Recorder. - I sent Laundry
Carl to-day. Dr. Geo. Harkin is home.

Auntie seems to be feeling very
good again but says he regrets
most of the time. She did venture
out for a short ride Wed. & called
her - I was down there Monday
afternoon while pa went to the
dentist, doctor, barber & printer.
His tooth has not ached lately &
Dave thinks may be he can fix it
soon. We were a little alarmed
when the insurance report stated
pa's blood pressure was too high
but Dr. King laughed & said
forget it, it is O.K.

Last Saturday night we went to
Catskill to call on the Brongraves
Mr. B. has a bus. lease with pay
& is going to-day with his family
to Ithaca to take a special agricult.
ural course at the college there.
This is the week of State Grange
at Lake Placid - it has been
35° + more below all week up here.
Four four men bees drove up -
Some time in a can against a heater,
we did not enjoy them.

Wonder if you have heard from
Eva lately. We had a nice letter
Thursday - she seems very well &
happy - also very busy. Yesterday
she had a journal report, so
must feel relieved to-day
that it is over. She helped Dr.
get Progg's dissertation ready for
printing & it is now in hands of
printer. Guess you, too, are
glad your paper is finished -
you must find you have con-
siderable more time on your
hands but I know you will
make good use of it. Hope
you had a nice visit in
Eletti - it is fine you have
a number of good friends
there. I was interested in an
article about Eletti's new system
in a recent Literary. There was
also a fine picture of a group of

the buildings & lawn.
What a terrible time there has
been in Paris! I guess Mrs. Trudy
was glad she was here instead of
over there. Guess how quickly
a revolution can start & people
loose their heads & do such
atrocious things.

We have been quite annoyed
lately by several things - frequent
freezing of water pipes for one.
The pump was out of order yesterday
& we had to get Pat Smith to fix
it after drawing considerable water.
Then the desk got locked several
times & no key - this means left the whole
day off - it has been shut now 3 days
but pa says he'll fix it to-day. The
water cooler is out of order & flooded
the lower part of the kitchen - only
trifles but annoying. I cannot seem
to work much to-day it is so cold
but I must get dinner now. Hope
you can help ma & will not take cold.
Love - Mother

Catsackie U.S.

Feb. 16/34

Dear George -

Another cold snap. Sunday was beautiful and Monday quite like Spring but severe cold ever since. Fortunately the sun shines every day but either the South or North wind is on the job and sifts in every crack. The water pipes are on the rampage most every day and Pa is tired of crawling under the houses. We really have had little satisfaction in the heating line this year for all the coal wire burned. Pa had a bad cold last week end and on Sunday he was a little feverish just enough to repeat all the nursery rhymes.

but there was no one here to ap-
preciate his rental. Harold
was in Albany from Sunday till
midnight Sunday and no one
came in all day. I gave pa
compositum Sunday night
& he had a great sweat, he
feels better next day but did
not get up till noon - Milton
went on route. I fear he has
taken more cold as he did
not feel very good this morn.
but went out just the same.
The cough hangs in as it al-
ways does. Milton was here
a few minutes yesterday &
he too has a bad cold - I gave
him some of the hot powder
too, to take a sweat last night.
Auntie was here to yesterday
all afternoon & till after eight.

as J. Bonner was here in
A.M. I had little time for
myself, flat day & outside
of being hospitable to them
I did not accomplish
much. Auntie seems to be
feeling as well as usual but
she is so forgetful, I have to
tell her things over & over again.
Elsie is as hard boiled as ever
and so things do not go as well
as I wished they might - prob-
ably the Spring will bring
another change of some kind.

Did you know Francis Mel-
dell had moved? I think it
is down near the Water in an
apartment - Why don't you go
see them some time - guess
they have not been home here
since Thanksgiving.

Dear Mrs Deep had had luck
this week when the hot water
tank burst owing to the water
system freezing & the tank
being empty. Fortunately she
was not very near it, she might
have been killed. It damaged
her stone kitchen cabinets and
dishes besides other things.

Deane has 2 more weeks at
school & then he can come
home for ten weeks. That will
be fine for his mother as Wayne
is not as reliable and is there
or less of an anxiety.

We were in Catskill Tues.
day - another visit to dentist
for me. After the usual clean-
ing & my teeth I had an old
root pulled out. The effects
of the Novocaine is just
about disappearing - I

never had it last so long -
must have been an extra
dose.

Your valentine received -
It was a nice surprise
and very much appreciated
and we thank you for your
kind thoughts. We sent one
too. The "ship" recently caught
in Baltimore was being put
near her atode & their capture
caused quite a sensation
in that neighborhood.

Pa has just come in so I
must hurry dinner. I hope
you are ok. I'm glad you
have a warm room - but
be careful when you go out.

Love

Morton

Mrs. MYRON B. VAN SCHAACK
ELMSHADE
COXSACKIE, N. Y.

Feb. 23/34

Dear George-

Well, Spring is not here yet - I saw
in paper here was 2 in snow here around
your section - it is estimated it was 9 in
here but we could not tell as it blew so
the ground was bare in spots & large drifts
were here & there. It was the worst day we
had here in years. Pa went out in A.M. &
did 2 short sections & route getting stuck
twice & had to be helped out - he got back at 2
next day he completed route by releasing
& was home by 4. Have you heard of the
new drastic bill for reduction of R.D.
Carr's salaries - it is in Com. now but
as it has the backing of the administration
it will no doubt go thro'. If it does do well
oh my! tho' it will be worse for some than
for us as we are over the nut. How many
Luis's praying it may be killed.

Mother & Jim had a holiday yesterday.
Pa did not work home all day. Harold
was in his office & Mother's family was
here to a roast chicken dinner. It was
rather a strenuous day for me. J & B
staid till 5 when pa took them home.
I invited Auntie but very wisely she
declined. She has not been quite as
sweet the last week. Last night
the annual Men's banquet at M.E.
Church was held - H. bought a ticket
but pa did not intend to go. However
he came back at 5.30 with a ticket
presented by the firm Van D & F.
So he went too. Consequently I had
to accept an invitation from Auntie
to go there to supper for evening.
I'd rather stay home but one cannot
always do as they choose.
The predicted snow for last
night did not amount to much

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and to day is very clear & sunny
but a strong North west wind & blow-
ing. It is a very rainy scene I view
out of the window, plucking snow
in the fields & on the nearby hills.
Last Sunday while skating H. had
a bad fall stubbing his lower back;
it might have been worse but it will
pain him a good while. Again
Wed. night he went to the B. B. Game
at Cairo & in crossing a Caum in haste
he tripped on a low wire. This fall
hurt his nose & he was a sight when
he came down to breakfast next day.
A. returned W. Dr. in Cairo & stated J. Dr.
Van has put a smaller patch on;
Hope there will be no permanent scars.

Last Sunday was a beautiful day.
We drove to Larchmont in afternoon
taking Dixie & B. with us. Dixie
is staying home from school as
she coughs almost continually.
Sometimes it sounds like whooping
cough & maybe it is as that is prevalent
all over town. She looks pale from
being shut in so much lately.
But was as lively here yesterday as ever.
I had a surprise last Sat when I
received a letter from Geo. W. Deane Jr.
Heard me talk of him - haven't heard
from him since I've lived up here.
Found he had married his cousin whom
Dale knew. If I'm ever in Penna again
I guess I'll go to Jersey City to see them.
Auntie was here Tuesday afternoon while
the car was in garage & she was as sweet but
Now I must pack up for Wash so pa
can take it when he drives in. Hope the Coches
won't break - maybe a few will take good
Love - Mother.

Catsackie Mt.

Mar. 2, 1834

Dear George -

Drawing to the close of quite a
Lecture week. Yes - & below zero, day
and to-day much warmer (15 above at 7:30)
It seems good now to have to huddle over
furnaces to be comfortable. The storm
early in week caused considerable
discomfort. Last pa was sick. He felt
so miserable Sunday he went to Dr. P. who
informed him he had grippe & must
stay in a few days. The vet. medicine
made him feel better so he started out
again Wed. tho' he still coughed - but
was that is improving. Wilbur made the
route Sunday & t. tho' it snowed all day.
H. got to town Tues. all. but the wind came
up & drifted so he did not come home at
noon. At night he left car up street & walked
down the track. as it had pa's car they had
had to walk up on Wed. morning and
pa walked both ways that noon - H.
went to Albany with Panny Beyman.

By night the roads were opened - pa made the
walk with difficulty & got home 6.30 quite
tired out. Mother had a cold day Tues. getting
sick several times & delirium very little sleep
He must have caught cold for he was lame sick
all day Wednesday. Jessie was quite sick
Friday Sunday till yesterday - pa got them
both medicine from Dr. on Wed. & that helped
out great. Bessie has not returned to home
yet as she coughs so much, but has been
feeling ok till yesterday when she broke out
with chicken pox. But she does not feel
bad to-day & is around - she will be ok
in a few days if she does not take cold.
The Walter froze true this week so pa had
to crawl under & thaw it out - I do hope this
is the last for this season. We have not
had the hot water this week - the stone is ob-
erratic that pa could not locate with it
& neither I nor I understood it at all.
Saw mother just a few minutes yesterday
afternoon but talk to her 2 or 3 times daily.
She & Elsie do not hitch - the latter grows &
scolds continually & is out a good part of time.
So there will have to be a change this year.
Have not had a letter from Jim 2 weeks only
a postal - hope she is not sick. Her car had
awful weather too but colder in Washington.
Goodwin went back last week with a
new Buick & has run into near Phil. badly
damaging the car but no one hurt.
We thought of you Sunday - it was a
great day for M. Hayes anyway - I
am glad to hear you have had no cold
& hope you will not get any. I, Jr. can trace
the

The uncertainty of the R.D. business
has kept us from planning on the re-
pair work but he seems to be decided
to change the heating system even if
he must do it on installment plans.
As they are predicting some bad
weather this month, we will probably
not hear up any before he come home
Spill 1st - is that right? Is it not com-
ing I hope you can be here all week.
Harold has gone to Kingston today. He
surely seems to have business enough
but as the pay is so uncertain & expenses
high and imprevsture we can't tell
just where he is at. I hear water
running in cistern - it sounds good & we
wish it would rain as our water is getting
very low - no rain since Jan. 13 & most of snow
has blown off roofs. - Next Wed. annual
Church banquet & he is to be toast master.
has secured Jared Van Wageningen
as speaker - he will be a drawing club.
Sue is bought today but having very hard
Mother!

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Mar. 9/34

Dear George-

It looks as if Spring were
coming along fast. Yesterday after-
noon & evening we had a March wind
so the landscape is white once more
but now the sun is bright and the water
is dripping onto cistern. The banquet
is over and that is sort of a relief to
us both. It was a success in every way
but the receipts were not as large as some
times as the expense was greater - will be
around \$50. The program was O.K.
& Pa was congratulated on his suc-
cess as Host Master. Jaud Van Wagoner
was as good as ever and gave a very
interesting & instructive talk on farcical
conditions; just enough humor to please.

Pa seems to be feeling better but he must
take some sort of medicine perhaps Cod Liver
oil. He talks of having his examination
any day now so as to know just what
must be done. Dr Van Sled right if he is
not in bad shape an operation may not
be necessary as now the specialists
use electrical treatments with success.
I have the house cleaning firm but
do not know just where to start in. If
we do the alterations they will cut us
down one bed room so there will
have to be re-arrangements all around.
If we could it would be most con-
venient to fit grandpa's room first &
move in there, but we do not seem to
see our way clear to undertake so
much this spring. While I am feeling
quite well, I realize I must expect
in two hard any day for a few hours of
hard work knocks me out for some
time. - Jessie & Beattie are all O.K.

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again but Jessie must not mingle
with others for 2 weeks as Dr. says she
can spread the chicken pox in that time.
Jessie was at banquet but M. could
not go. He planned to, but a big fish came
in & that settled it.

Auntie has been more or less "out of
gear" all week. She was here Sat. aft-
noon to call but looked "very fuzzy".
Since then she & Elsie have had such
spells which they lay to the drinking
water. Owing to the thaw, the reservoir
water has been very muddy but I have
not heard of any one else being ill
from it.

Last Friday evening we went to meeting of
Coonenburg Grange. It was very wild &
most of road like summer time. We

Left at 11.30 and it was just beginning to
drizzle. all was o.k. till we struck the
long hill this side of Athens & there
we stalled fast way up on the slip periest
ice we ever saw. Another car was
ahead also stalled & there was danger
of it slipping back on us. Fortunately
I had chains to put on but the other
man did not. However we had some
time & it was just 1 A.M. when we got in
the house - 1 1/2 hrs. for a 15 or 20 min
trip usually.

Sunday afternoon
we drove up to see Patie & found Edsel
there sick with grippe. Also called on
Mr & Mrs Hopkins who have been housed
up now most a year. Then to Auntie's
& home by 6. - We washed yesterday
and I have five cans ready to trail
to-day. - Hope all is o.k. & disturbance quieted
down in the town. - The new salary bill is still in Com.
& nothing yet in daily papers about it. - "We are one of the
nob" because our children are grown up but many
a carver still has children to feed, clothe & educate!
Now I must get dinner. Love, Mother.

Coxsackie N.Y.
March 16, 1934

Dear George -

Tuesday A.M. and more so
here goes the weekly news bulletin. It
is most eleven and Auntie has been
here since shortly after ten. Elsie has
gone to Albany for the day. Yesterday
I had Bessie here all day, one night
but had to send her home after breakfast
just as I do not feel equal to having
both her & Auntie at once - my brain
feels rather befuddled now.

I thought I'd make some headway,
at cleaning this week but alas,
the weather has been too cold and
besides the regular work keeps me
busy & then I'm too tired for extra.
It is getting so near Easter now that
probably there will be no more made
here until you come home. I do

not want to be all torn up while I'm on the
side I want your help in planning and further
more we do not just know how much we can
afford to expend - this helps on several things
has yet determined. Harold went to Allegany
Friday & did not get home last night. Pa
had to go to Catchhill in afternoon, so I
rode along but I really did not have the time
to spare as I had been out the day before to a
church & meeting in afternoon.

Have not had a letter from E. in two weeks
but a postal on Saturday was assurance that
she is O.K. - Glad to hear you have found
Soubreant, too. I suppose next year you will
both have to make some new mounds.

We heard yesterday Elliott's father had a stroke
& doctor says he can't live - E. is in N.Y. but
someone sent him a telegram.

Pa seems to be feeling better just now;
Ira sent him some cod liver oil tablets
& I guess he takes them as directed. He
is afraid the grass is dead from the long
exposure to the severe cold but maybe it is
O.K. as the roots there is not a sign of green felt
on any of the leaves. - We had quite a
snow again on Wednesday but it cleared off
before night & the snow disappeared, so now
it is evident only in sheltered spots. Mud
& water has been plentiful and we will be
glad if it is ever really spring. - Who's Lane
has been in the house for some time.

I wonder if you see the Critic and
I read an article in the issue of
Mar. 3 page 16 on Russia that I
thought you might read - it relates
a situation I have not read of before.
I have been looking for your last
letter to see if there was anything to
comment on but I cannot find
it - must have been mislaid.
Well there is nothing new unless it is
the new Cal. paper - "The Cal. Review"
published by Benjamin Halliwell
(Francis) - the first copy is expected
to-day.

Getting to work now & you may dine
in any minute - so I'll have to quit.

Love
Mother

Catsackie Wf
Mar. 23/34

Dear George -

I meant to get at
this letter earlier but I suppose
has been here & just left. I guess
I treat him too good for he comes
now 2 + 3 times a week & con-
sumes very most valuable time in
the A.M. But I can't be cross to
him tho' I don't know how I
am going to get any work done.
What a cold spell we are hav-
ing again not much above zero
last night & this morning and
tho' it is bright & sunny the wind
is very strong & penetrating. I had
went to Albany this AM. as got
around earlier than usual -
he has a case in the City Court up to
the

and expects to be back before night. He certainly has enough business to keep him occupied but I guess the real cash does not come in so fast.

Milton seems to keep very busy - He was down here Wed. night, the first time in many weeks, that is at night. He has been trying to fix up his accounts which have been neglected & got in rather a mess, so I will try to help him get them in shape & I think he can then take care of them - He knows how now, if he can only get them in order.

We have been out only one evening this week - that was Tues. up to Lake Orange. So tomorrow we have Pomona at Athens. I had a sick spell over the week end, but am all right again - it was a stomach attack.

Auntie has been here twice this week. She does not seem quite as jumpy as she was but insists on going out just the same, even as good as it was formerly. She has had a notion to move & has investigated every available place to rent, but there is nothing as good as she has. She has used up 13 tons of coal & will need more but we think this is partly due to her not understanding just how to run

to school this week - she is some
what chagrined because she had
to go back to first grade - she
was out six weeks but I can
see she is learning all the time.

We congratulate you on the
acceptance of your thesis - I
was quite sure of the outcome. Did
Prof. Murre go away as far ex-
pected?

This is all for now - we will
have much to talk over when you
come home - our repair plans
are at a stand still for the present
& I will probably not get much
house cleaning done before
you visit home - we could anyway
to leave the fire. - Time for pa-
se I must sign off - So long -
Sue Wash
this A.M.) Love
Mother.

MYRON B. VAN SCHAACK
ELMHADE
COXSACKIE, N. Y.

Mar 28/34

Dear George -

I have just called up the bus office to find out about the Saturday night trip. The last bus leaves the plaza at 9.00 o'clock, so if your train is on time, you could take this bus home if someone does not meet you in depot - look around the entrance near Ladies' room - if B. does meet you, I'll tell him to be there by 8.30. If you miss bus at 9 you'll have to telephone home & someone will pick up for you.

I will not write much for I am tired to night and we can talk when you get home. This afternoon Pat & I went to Albany to keep a 3 o'clock appointment with Dr. Nesler, Specialist. He gave me an examination and wants to examine further

in Albany hospital. So we set next things
and pa will have to stay over one night.
There will have to be an operation - of
what nature will be determined presently.
He says he does not look for anything serious
as pa is in good shape he thinks. I don't
think there is anything to worry about.
Pa is feeling very well most of the time
but is anxious to get this business over
with. Don't tell Eva about it.

We do not have spring weather yet
and no sign of anything green. It is
still cold & very little sun & any for
several days.

We are glad you will be home soon.
If you should happen to take an earlier
train, there is a bus down at 3, 4 5, 7, 10 5, 30 & 4
I have quite a headache, nervous & tired, so
I think I'll quit & go to bed. Jo went to Albany
to day but is not back yet.

Will hope to see you safe & sound on
Saturday night Love, Mother.

P. S.

Thurs. A.M.

I forgot to say one thing that is important. About the last time your wash came home, I found a big live moth worm crawling on one of the stockings. There must be others in your room, so you better examine all your clothes carefully and those you leave there this next week could be sprinkled with either moth flakes or some hamless liquid.

moth eradication. Moths are
a serious menace and when
they make a start you know
it is necessary to get busy
at once before the damage done
is irreparable. That's all -

Gene Hunter.

Catsackie N.Y.

Apr. 13/34

Dear George

If you could see me you
could know I have been cleaning the
store room and making room up
here to put the odds & ends displaced
down here by the repair work. - My
Roberts was here yesterday to paper the
room and to-day for a mill paint the
floor so perhaps to-morrow we can
move in there. Then next week if pos-
sible can begin in the front rooms.
Marjaretta was here Wednesday and
cleaned the back room upstairs and
Harold's room - we moved the white bed
and put up the single brass bed for Ho.
Pa has been busy every afternoon painting
etc. He feels fairly good but is sore all the
time and has the morning headaches most
every day. He feels certain that I will
take care of him this year even tho' there
will be nothing but vegetables for me.

I have heard him tell people several times he is going to Albany in 10 days or 2 weeks but I doubt if he will be ready to go as soon as that. However it is best to go some for I think the anticipation is getting on his nerves & the sooner the better. We had a real snow storm yesterday evening but the afternoon sun soon made it all disappear.

Auntie & Elsie went to Albany on Wed. Harold was notified that night that his car had run into a bus (new) & dented it badly. Auntie & E. says the bus struck them but they had not noticed the bumper badly damaged. Consequently H. has this matter adjust. On Sunday night when he & Mrs. Murphy were returning they were run into by another car in Troy. Her car had dinged H's car & it was somewhat damaged but they were able to come home in it after going to Police Station & reporting. Another case for him to get adjusted as other party wants damages. Cars are bad actors at times.

We were glad to get your letter & hear of your visit in N.Y. Also had a letter from Ma. I think it would be best not to tell her about Pa until the worst is over - she thinks it will not be till June anyway. I dread the whole affair but am trying to stifle myself up to it. I am pretty tired out & I think if I do not have anyone here but H. I can get more rest - any one else except for or Ma, would wear me down, especially Ma.

Perhaps I can spend some
time in such reading sewing &
recting, if the weather & day
is as it ought to be. If I can-
not go places, perhaps it will be
the best thing for me - I will get
erms sewing by going to Albany
frequently. Perhaps I'll have a visit
a few days but not close.

Some how to get dinner - Auntie
is coming to-day I think. Last
week Elsie left her on Sat. from
7 P.M. till late in evening & I did
not know of it till night.

Had a nice time at Chapel last night as it was
my affair, I was very fond of it. The Miss.
Fun Radio was very interesting - she graduated
from Hope in 1918 - knows Miss Boyd.
Send the love please plan as for wants to go
that starts - the next relation is ordered.
Be good with much love.
Mother.

MYRON B. VAN SCHAACK
ELM SHADE
COXSACKIE, N. Y.

April 15/34

Dear George:-

Was glad to get your letter yesterday with the plan enclosed. It found us in pretty good shape. I am feeling ~~pretty~~ very good now and have been as busy as a bee. We slept in the new bedroom last night and I finished the shelves in the other room last night. Now the next thing is to get the things moved! The Healdston-

arrived yesterday but Thomas
did not bring it up here.

I saw Neal today and he said
he could not come until the
last of the week, as he has other
work.

What is the idea of the short
bucks A and B. Is it for looks?
Neal says the short bucks could
be taken care of at the side
under the mantle sides. He says
that broken bucks never look
well. The distance ~~to~~ the top
of the first step from the floor
is 57 inches.

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ELMSHADE
COXSACKIE, N. Y.

The height of the room is
8 feet - the length of the window
is 66 inches and the width
is 36 inches and height above
the floor is 25 inches from
top of window sill to floor.
Judy is coming in the morning
to start work. The mantel wood
we will leave until you come
home in June and then if Judy
hasnt the time to do it you can
consult with her I guess that
is all about the mantel.

We had quite a snow storm
last week and vegetation has made
very little progress.

Monday Oct. 14. Pa left this for me to finish. Jump is
here and has the petition & closet out in front
room - it is big enough for a dance hall and I'm sure
we will have to make another petition and could
have a fair sized spare bed room with 1 window -
the living room then would be much cozier - I'm
sure Pa will think so, when he sees it this noon.
It is raining again to day. Julia's day was beautiful
and we drove to Ashby for a call - also I stopped at
Amities a few minutes at 6 o'clock. The first I had
been there in 2 weeks. She was here, Sunday to
supper. Pa is planning on going to Albany next
week some day, if he can get things in shape here
so he can leave. Do not tell Eva - I think it will be
time only when the word is over & then she need
not worry. We both got very tired last week, just
ing to get things done, but we can take it easier
now and will try not to get so tired again.
Betty answered Pa's letter soon so he'll know
just what to tell her. - Love, Mother.

April 13/34

PROGRAM

- "Approach of Spring Piano Duet
Mrs. R. Townsend & Mrs. E. Webb
- "The Old Rugged Cross Quartette
Mrs. W. H. Hallenbeck-Mrs. E. Webb
Mrs. R. Townsend--Miss M. Swartout
- "Because of Thy Great Bounty Reading
Miss Nettie Miller
- "His Eye is on the Sparrow Quartette
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"THE SPIRIT OF MISSIONS"

Written and Arranged by Mrs. Wm. Webber

Cast of Characters

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| The Spirit of Missions | Miss Rachel Truesdell |
| Mrs. Howe (Hostess) | Mrs. M. B. Van Schaack |
| Mrs. Allen (Caller) | Mrs. Wm. Webber |
| Granny | Mrs. H. Cooper |
| Rose Ann (Young Girl) | Mrs. F. Bosch |
| Mary (Member of Board) | Mrs. H. Forman |

Scene 1.

The Spirit of Missions

by

Miss Rachel Truesdell

(Organ Accompaniment "O Love That Will Not Let Me Go")

(Mrs. F. Bosch)

Scene 2.

(a) Mrs. Howe entertains a caller.

(b) Some days later.

Scene 3.

Home in the Hills

(Curtain)

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ADDRESS

Miss Clara Coburn of India

MYRON B. VAN SCHAACK
ELMHURST
COXSACKIE, N. Y.

Apr. 25/34

Dear George -

This is quite a wintry day - a strong N.W. wind + real cold - cloudy most all day. Last night we had a flood - haven't had such a long hard rain in many a day. It must be quite a handicap to the farmers. Well, pa is going to Albany to-morrow. H. will take him up in the m. I will not go till Friday or Saturday whichever day the operation will be; he is to have a bed in a 4 party room. I have been more or less unwell for several days - have been trying to keep a stiff upper lip but it is hard work. One thing has made us both anxious is Eva's long silence. Last night pa was going to

telephone but decided to wait one more
day but there was nothing to-day. So
to-night he will call up Baltimore
and say if anything serious is the
matter with her, he would go to Albany
yet. I'm right in claiming to think her
card or letter miscarried or got lost.
Frank Lamb has been helping Pa for
most a week preparatory to being
carrier while Pa is off route. He is
green of course, & may have misplaced
Pa's letter or card.

The fire place & chimney are fast
becoming a reality. Neil & Bert & another
man have been busy since Monday A.M.
Looks as if they will be several some
days probably rest of week. Pa does
not fancy the little bed room idea
but may consider putting in an
alcove that could have a sleeping couch
in it - we can decide that later.

MYRON B. VAN SCHAACK

ELM SHADE

COXSACKIE, N. Y.

Earl is here this afternoon helping
pa get odd's & ends done. Storm
windows came off, chesten house
cleaned and now they are putting
up the screening on kitchen porch.
Pa has been on the go all week and
will not nearly get done all he
wanted to do. Monday afternoon he
went to woods where the wood
was being sawed by Miller - the
engine gave out & he had to go again
yesterday. But some thing else hap-
pened & still the wood cut is not
finished and 2 afternoons gone.
I have not tried to do much hard work
this week - it is hard for me to concentrate

on anything, even reading.

To morrow I expect Margaret to
here to clean kitchen - the little
room is all in shape and dish
closet all fixed - quite a relief to
have the dishes in a set place. I
used the oil stone last night
but it is too cold to-day. Harold
finished the raking - the grass is nice
& green except in some spots. As
soon many of the perennials are
dead, too bad.

I'll let you hear some news probably
before Sunday - either a card or phone
call. - Hope all is ok.

Love
Theothen.

MYRON B. VAN SCHAACK
ELMHADE
COXSACKIE, N. Y.

April 23/34

Dear George - The last of this month and I wish the next one was over, too. Did not go to Albany Saturday and as I heard nothing I have here thought everything was ok. as when I left on Sunday Dr. Heslin did not think it necessary to have a special nurse so we did not have one. When I got there at 2:15 Sunday, I found he had been in pain touching most all the time since 2 o'clock Saturday afternoon. Sunday morning they pumped his stomach out & that relieved him for a while. I staid with him till 9:30 last night and had a special nurse to care for him thro' the night. They said they would give him some thing

to make him sleep for he was all worn
out & had retained no nourishment
since Thursday not even water.
He was very miserable all the time
I was with him & I had a strenu-
ous time - found the cache was quite
flimsy. Dr. Helm was here about 8 o'clock
& he assured me this would pass over
as it is the usual gas attacks after any
operation. It was what I expected to
see on Friday but thought because
he had not taken ether he was to be
spared that misery. Don't worry for
I am sure he'll be better to day or
to-morrow. I will add a few lines to
this before mailing & after seeing him.
Milton took me up yesterday & I have
come for me - he had Miss Murphy
with him - that was my first meeting with
her - can't judge from such a
contact. Pa was too ill to require

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about anything or for me to tell him
or ask him anything tho' I had gone
prepared to do some discussing. I
had rather a shock on Saturday when
I received a letter from the Conti-
nental Life Insurance that they could
not pay anything for that kind of
sickness. Pa was depending on that
\$60 per ~~month~~^{month} to help out. Also have
not had the check for \$370 promised
from Postal Life - I hope it comes
to-day. Pa promised Brantlow \$100
Saturday & he asked for it but I could
not give it to him. I had \$100 in cash
paid away in Deposit vault & went
down Saturday & put it in checking
account for I had to pay part of ~~last~~

Setal bill yesterday. If the check
does not show up soon I have to
draw some thing out of Albany bank.
Harold is doing fine with the work
here & has been home every evening but
he is quite blue. At present he has
very little law business and is about
out of cash - he has got down in the
dumps so - you see the hospital ex-
penses isn't helping to cheer him
up any. We are both concerned
because the fireplace looks crooked
but Melny says it is level & looks so be-
cause the room is crooked - he thinks
perhaps the carpenter can make it
look different I don't know. I sometimes
wish you could see it before the bill is
all settled - perhaps the mess could be got
out of the way sooner - the furn's room is
awful now. Would it pay to come if there
is an excursion - some work end but do as
you think best. I'll write Eva when pa is improving.
Love, Mother.

P.S. - Since finishing the letter the nurse called up from Albany & reported pa had a good night and is feeling very much better this morning & sent word not to worry for he was quite himself again. There after I see him.

3:30 Albany Hospital

Just going home. Found pa very comfortable - gives the several panics & vomiting all over for now. Special day nurse came this AM & night nurse will be arriving again to night - perhaps that will be all that will be necessary of spec. nurses till next operation - We were late to-day on acct of unavoidable delays so Lane has been here, perhaps an hour or more over so we must get out. Love, Mother.

Will come to Albany
next night
called night nurse
will write to you
from Albany
Wed. 11/11

Cassakers - N.Y.

April 20/34

Dear George -

It is nice again to-day
after rain yesterday. Pa & I are go-
ing to Halifax this afternoon with the
Brandons from Athens to a Grange
meeting - will probably not get home
till midnight. We are pretty much
upset here as you can imagine. Being
back week, I have had to neglect my
work. This a.m. I thought I'd get the
dent closet in shape but it is a long
job & getting a Cati stair + all alone
I did not get very far. Pa helped me
last night get rid of some things &
place others on shelves in play room.
The carpenter was here from 8 to 12.
& did all he could before the fire place
is in shape. Neil has ^{not} come
yet. Earl was here 2 afternoons
to help Pa clean away debris & do some

other jobs out doors. Auntie called Tues.
and had the surprise of her life - She did not
say a great deal but her face & actions showed
her disapproval & she remarked we'd be sorry
if one the year was out. She was here again
Yesterday for afternoon & to supper while the
wrens home.

Pa has had no serious trouble lately but
I fear is trying to do too much - he is always
tired & can't even read at night - He
saw Dr Van Huesen yesterday & they latter
will make arrangements with Heslin
for next week Thurs. or Friday. I will
go up with him & stay probably the first
night unless I find it ~~not~~ necessary.

I see by paper the excursion from Albany
to Boston is this week & Pa says they are
every 2 weeks - I don't know if that means
both ways the same week or alternate weeks.
I will send Cambridge to-day. I thought
there was a pygmy suit of jeans but
when I packed the thing did not see it.
I must have put it with Ho's thing be-
cause there was no mark on it - Tell me
if I sent you the right one. You better see
that your things are always marked as
H's are not & I cannot always remember
which is which. - The Pauline Shlens

Cups etc. & are already filled.
The oil stone is cleaned & on bench -
making a coat of paint - also the
best part of old linoleum for the
floor. - Here comes pa & I
must stop & give this to him.
Our water system is very em-
barrassing today & Ray has not come
yet to fix it. -

Full service - Fine weather

Frank Lamb is on route - with pa
& is to carry mail when he is
away. -

Haellis 7
Cambridge, Mass.
April 27, 1954.

Dear Mother,

Glad to get your letter yesterday with its news of what is going on at home. But I was somewhat disturbed to hear that Eva had not written you for so long. I too have not heard from her in several weeks. But I know she is apt to let a long time pass between letters without noticing it - she keeps so busy she

worried too much over it. You haven't written what arrangement you have made for the time father is away. I hope you have been able to make one that will prevent you from being alone evening. I am sorry I cannot be at home with you.

You mentioned in a recent letter of seeing of an excursion to Boston. There has been none recently from Boston to Albany, and I have just called the station to find if any has been announced, but so far none has been announced.

I must stop & go down to the reunion - only one more meeting after this. I enclose the check you sent me - spend

forget to law the days fly past. The mail for the afternoon has just arrived and since there is no word in it from you I reckon you must have found on calling her night before last that she was well.

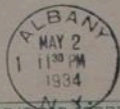
So I suppose father did go to the hospital yesterday and that I shall hear from you by phone either this evening or tomorrow. I shall be in tomorrow afternoon, but out from about 6:30 until 11. I am sure the operation will have been a simple one and that it will only be a question of a rather long convalescence for father. I hope you haven't

it to buy flowers, or anything else you
think father would like. Much love
& regards to you.

George.

P.S. The pyjama suit you sent was
Harold's - I shall return it with the
laundry tomorrow.

J.



THIS SIDE OF CARD IS THE ADDRESS

Mr. George B. Van Schaack,
Hallis 7
Cambridge 38
Mass.

Dear George,

Wed. 5 P.M.

Horatio & I have been in the
all day - I have been with him since
10 AM. - He was moved to a private
room yesterday because the other
room with Foster was too noisy & he
got very nervous - We came up last
night & was surprised but glad
that he was not in as good shape
as on Monday. He is having a
night more as he has been restless
& some delirium at night. He
is considerably better than he
was this morning when I came
has not been able to retain even
water till to-day - is now holding
this a needle in his leg all the
time. His stomach is clearing
up & we hope he will soon be able
to retain nourishment. He asked
for & very much enjoyed some ice
cream this afternoon. He is to have
a little supper now. He wants me
here every day while he is in private.
You'll be sure to say what he
said but has been too ill to ask about
anything or any body. We go home at 7 &
will be back tomorrow. My love to
you - Mrs. S. & all is well. Some time.



THIS SIDE OF CARD IS FOR ADDRESS

Mr. George B. Van Schaack
Hallis
Cambridge 38
Mass.

Albany Hospital
Thursday 3.30

Dear George.

Have been here
since 10.15 - found per
much better but the leg per-
dormies goes to him in
night makes him worse
less drowsy all day. He has
a special nurse every night
as he has such wild spells.
Dr. H. has not been around yet
to-day but house doctor is very
nice & efficient & all nurses ok.
He has obtained more nurses since
all liquid to-day than yesterday.
is still having infusion liquid - just
changed to 1/2 liter. Still seems
this all. A bronchospasm & he coughed
to-night. Next operation is major one.
I hope there will be an operation here
some week end. Don't tell me Monday but
haven't heard from her - you will & remember all

Hacker 7
Cambridge, Mass.
May 9, 1937.

Dear Mother,

Your card came yesterday afternoon. I was somewhat surprised to hear that Father had been feeling so badly again. I had thought he would improve after his trouble on Tuesday. I trust he is feeling better now. Do you know when he will have the second operation? - you said in ten days - does that mean early next week?

The laundry came this morning and I have just read the papers that came

call me tomorrow night or on Sunday
and are unable to get me here you
can call me at Exeter, & D'Arcy Curwen,
Peabody Hall. If I do go to Exeter I
shall be back here by 10:30 Sunday
night.

The mail for the afternoon has just
arrived, with a card from you and no
word from Exeter. So I shall write
a note to Mrs. Curwen and tell her I
am not coming.

As for your card, I'm glad to hear
Father is feeling somewhat better.
However, despite so much word from
you I have decided I would like
to be on the scene for a day, so
you may expect me home tomorrow

in it. According to the Union Father
has been granted a three-months'
leave. I don't realize he had asked
for that much - although I do
think it would be good for him
to have that much time off. By the
way - Have you written Eva yet about
the operation - for if you haven't I
shall not mail her the papers.

I may be going to Exeter this week-end.
Early in March I met Mrs. Curwen at the
Symphony and made a tentative
arrangement to visit her and her
husband this week-end. I wrote her
on Tuesday to ask if she were expecting
me, but so far I have had no reply.
If I get no reply this afternoon I shall
probably not go. Should you wish to

(Saturday) night. I shall reach Albany
at 9:36 Daylight Saving Time. I
shall have to leave Albany on Sunday
at 7:30.

If you feel that you want me to see
Jimmie & tell him what is to be done
I could do so Sunday morning - if so
you had better call him up on Saturday.
All for now - Last meeting of the
society this afternoon.

Love

George

May 4
MYRON B. VAN SCHAACK
ELM SHADE
COXSACKIE, N. Y.


Dear George -

Pa is having the best day yet. He was quite like himself this morning and for the first time manifested an interest in outside things - He has been just concerned with his present condition here to fore and asked very few questions. At present he is sleeping, and his waps to-day are more natural and respectful - He had a very good night - So he says - The night nurse is gone at 7 and I do not get here till about 10 so I have to ask her questions at night when she comes at 7. This has been my first easy day for he has required very little attention & I have not had to call a nurse or orderly at all. Have just stopped to feed him ice cream - He waps just as nurse brought it in. His diet is entirely liquid still, mostly

ice water which I can draw from fountains
right here in room. Tea, some milk,
orangeade & lemonade supplement the water
and last night a little broth. He had some
fever & was irritable at times all day yes -
Friday but seems normal to-day & his very quiet.
Mother & Jessie came at 8 last night & we
got home about 10 - I was quite tired but
fortunately I am sleeping good nights &
feel ok. in the morning. The hard floors
are bad for my feet but have been able to -
day to sit most of time. First thing I did
at 7 this morning was to soak my feet &
rub them thoroughly with Corn Starch -
this rubbed on my temples as night makes sleep.
I suggested to the nurse to use it on pa - she
laughed at the idea but did so last night
& he slept good. - Pa, H. & I each had a letter
from Eva - I have not told her there is to be
another operation for there is no need to
have her in anxiety that long. I am glad

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ELMHADE
COXSACKIE, N. Y.

she did not yield to her impulses and
start for home. As long as I can hang
on + keep well - we can manage very
nicely - its costing a pile but no matter
if pa only gets better.

Milburn showed I am quite con-
cerned about the crooked fire place.
Of course the room is crooked but it
would not be so noticeable if they had
made the opening different - it looks like
this since the tile is laid in just 
one side shorter than the other. Milburn is go-
ing to bath to deal about it - presumably
Ed Parker has none than such a crooked
affair - it would be some job to correct
it but I think it could be done. My.

May, I'm not going to give him any
more money till you or Pa see it &
judge - I gave him a check for \$100
for Pa told me to. Of course as long
as everything is no more here, it will
not be necessary for you to come but
if there should be a week end
excursion, I think that might pay
you to take it.

I left Mazatlan Wed AM. Did
the washing & found every thing done
& house picked up when we got home
at night. I'm sorry about the spot on
your yellow case - a blue sock got
in the soaking water & I did not see
it till next morning. The stain will go
out, probably, after several washings.
Now I must wait this - will send a
card to - morrow. Don't worry - Love Curtis

Healin?
Cambridge, Mass.
May 7, 1934.

Dear Mother,

Just a line to let you know of my safe
+ safe arrival. The train was very hot until
we reached Pittsfield but after leaving there
it cooled off to quite a comfortable temperature.
Fortunately it wasn't crowded so I could have
two whole seats to myself nearly all the way
greatly increasing the circulation of air in my
immediate vicinity.

I forgot to buy any chocolate and got
a little hungry by half-past seven. I bought
a ham sandwich which quite satisfied
me until I reached Cambridge where I had
a supper of grapefruit and iced coffee.

Your letter came this morning - it was stamped at 11 P.M. in Albany.

I was very glad to come home and find you feeling so well. You are always very steadfast through illness, but I think you looked as if it were more than that - that you really felt well. Take things as easy as you can, don't worry, and keep off your feet ^{while} in that hospital room as much as possible.

I met Mr. Hays in the Coop this morning. He had just come back from New York. He went down on ^{Friday} ~~Saturday~~ - he intended to go by boat, but there was such a fog in Boston Harbor that night, that after waiting until nine for the boat to sail he took the train.

I couldn't find my shaving brush this morning. I must have left it in the bath-room. It has a green handle. ~~What~~ needn't send it for I shall have to have another before it arrives. I'll pick it up when I come again. Must have George:



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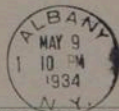
Mr. George F. Van Schaack,
Hallis 7
Cambridge 38
Mass.

Albany Hospital

May 7 - 1874.

Dear Geo.

We got Lee about 11 to-
day - found Pa feeling fine
with prospect of Gen. diet now.
He ate a good dinner & was
wtd to could sit up to-morrow.
I some times think he won't
have such a hard time after
next oper. We were glad to have
Lee home if it was so short
& hope you felt repaid for the
cost & exertion. Had a letter
from E. to-day - She plans to
come home early in June for
2 weeks & then go back again
for a few weeks. She can ride
as far as Middle town with her
girl friend who lives there. It
is beautiful to day & cooler.
Don't worry now if you do not
hear from me every day - I'll
keep you posted but may not write
as often now for a while. Love Mother



THIS SIDE OF CARD IS FOR ADDRESS

Mr. Geo. B. Van Schaack,
Hallis 7
Cambridge 38
Mass.

May 9/34

Dear George -

Pa sat up yesterday and twice to-day. He had rather a fever yesterday but is fine to-day - he looks better than when he came & does not seem to be worrying - Dr. told me the next operation will probably be early next week. Can't write very often so busy - H. went to Tannusville this a.m. so M. brought me up.
Love
M. L.

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Halls 7
Cambridge, Mass.
May 11, 1934.

Dear Mother,

Just a few lines so you will have some word before Sunday. I wish you a happy Mother's Day and wish I might be with you - but I see no prospect of coming this weekend. There is apparently no excursion and anyhow I ought to get some work done. I sent you a small package yesterday which I hope you will receive tomorrow - I hope Father will be able to show it with you.

Glad to get your cards this week and hear Father is feeling so much better. See to it that he is feeling quite fit when

he has the next operation. And telephoned me after it, will you? By the way, did you reverse the charges when you telephoned me last? I remember telling you to do so but I don't remember that the operator here asked me if I would accept them. However I have been charged with them. I don't object to paying, but I don't want the call paid for twice. Will you let me know if you were charged with the call also?

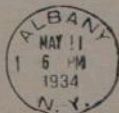
We are having a warm muggy day - the sky looks very strange - a sort of dirty yellow color. I reckon there must be a thick fog about half a mile up, - rather unusual, - probably a heavy fog at sea again.

I shall probably go out to Wellesley sometime this week-end to see Davaldi's niece who is at Dana Hall, a girls' school, there. I ought to have gone a long time ago but have never got

around to it. It seems she doesn't know
any boys hereabouts and feels quite badly
at having no callers. She wrote Dances
recently that she didn't see why I didn't
go out - with Cambridge only ten minutes
away - something of an exaggeration for
it takes most an hour each way.

Alth for now. Best wishes for Sunday
and lots of love,

George.



THIS SIDE OF CARD IS FOR ADDRESS

Mr. George B. Van Schoack
Hallis 7
Cambridge 38
Mass.

A. Hoopes -
May 11/52

Dear George

Doctor says Pa is o.k.
He is not so floppy as two
ago but that is a crumpled
He sat in wheel chair in
Sun parlor twice yesterday.
He slipped on step of chair
& the fall made his leg hurt
So I do not let him get
up today - his leg is alright
His voice has gone back
on him now so he talks
in a loud whisper & does not
try to talk as much.

I am keeping up o.k. but
it is a tedious program - I
long for the day when it
will all be a memory. Some
rain yesterday - lovely today
not too warm. Love - Mother



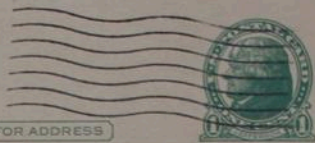
THIS SIDE OF CARD IS FOR ADDRESS

Mr. George B. Van Schaack
Hallis 7
Cambridge 38
Mass.

Albany Hospital

Sat. May 12 - 1. 18

Dear Geo - Just had dinner &
waiting for chance to pay bill
as clerk. I same time think
Pa has been pushed just a
little too much & must go
slower - He acts better than
he did yesterday morning
and is fairly comfortable
but had no pep & not much
appetite - Dr. Sterling told
me again he is so thankful
he did not try to do an
operation - He seems surprised
that things do not come more
rapidly, but he says often the
most promising cases take
the longest time but he is sure
all will come all right -
The boy of candy came just before
I left home - many thanks & much
love. Next week I'll try to write a
real letter some day. Love Mother.



THIS SIDE OF CARD IS FOR ADDRESS

Mr. George B. Van Schoack,
Hallis 7
Cambridge 38,
Mass.

Albany - May 14th
3 P.M.

Dear George.

Your letter received
 this a.m. - had to get up. Came
 up here - later day after struggle
 with Angina & here to-day before
 noon - had to wait for H. Dr Van
 Horem was here last night &
 Mr. DuMont to-day - It is better
 than a dose of medicine. Pain
 is gaining but it is very slow -
 and Dr. Herlin agrees -
 he will not operate again unless
 it all conditions are just right.
 He does not seem to have
 much appetite - but eats all
 he ought to I think, for one con-
 fined to bed. He gets dis-
 couraged by spells but rallies
 again - He said to day he is
 decidedly better than he last
 few days. I had the telephone
 charged to you that night. Mother

Halls 7

Cambridge 38, Mass.

May 15, 1934

Dear Mother,

Very glad to get a card from you, both yesterday and today. Don't worry about writing a real letter - I'd much rather have a card every day or so. I'm glad Father is comfortable and don't wonder that he hasn't much sleep or appetite. I'm sorry he gets discouraged, - after all, he's in for it for a while and the less he gets discouraged the sooner he'll be out.

I did not get out to Wellesley last weekend as I had expected. I had written Barbara I would go out either Saturday or Sunday and would call by phone before. When I found I couldn't go on Saturday I phoned to find if I could go on Sunday. Of course I couldn't talk to her, because the girls

are not allowed to talk to men over the telephone, but I transmitted my message through the office. They told me I could not come on Sunday - that is the only day the girls are not allowed to have callers - which seems a rather strange rule. So I shall call up some week day, that is fine but I doubt that it will be this week.

The reason I couldn't go on Saturday was that I had been sick all Friday night with ptomaine poisoning - quite a number of the Freshmen were also sick - apparently we had been fed something not quite right but I don't know what it was. I felt quite alright again by Sunday, though I still eat rather sparingly.

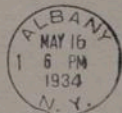
You don't mention having noticed the same effect in Albany on Friday that I wrote of, but I reckon you read in the paper that it was due to a huge dust cloud.

Marrie is coming out to dinner this evening. He had hoped to hear the Glee Club concert on the Library steps after dinner but it has rained all day and still spurtles at times so that I doubt if there will be a concert.

I had a nice long letter from Eva the other day. She seems to be happy and getting along very well. I had a letter from Donald today in which he asked about Father and wished me to send him his best wishes for a rapid recovery.

All for now - Keep up your spirit, both of you and don't worry about time or money.
Much love,

George.



THIS SIDE OF CARD IS FOR ADDRESS

Mr. George B. Van Schasck
Hallis 7
Cambridge 38
Mass.

Albany, May 16/34

Dear George -

I did not get up today till 10 o'clock & pa has been sleeping most of the time (now 33). He had a very good day yesterday but not Monday afternoon after I wrote to you. He certainly has had a pull back but seems to be on the gain again - I think he was allowed to get up too soon - He has not been up since last Thursday - Dr. says he is coming fine now but he has no pep at all - He eats everything but has no appetite. Wished to day - Well try to write a letter soon. I am keeping up ok & sleeping well. P. H. Frank is coming Sunday - here to Albany. Love P.

MYRON B. VAN SCHAACK
ELMSHADE
COXSACKIE, N. Y.

May 19/34

Dear George -

It is 9.30 P.M. & I just got back from Albany - a little earlier than usual. H. took me this A.M. & returned and Wilbur came up to-night. Pa has had another quiet, peaceful day, sleeping most of the time except when eating. Doctor says this is all right as it is a reaction after his setback. There is to be no hurry about the next operation until everything is perfectly right and safe. He has had a night nurse the last three nights tho' he did not really need her last night and did not want her to-night. Yesterday Margaretta was here to wash and I made out the let. bills & did

other necessary desk work & odd ends.
I had dinner at 11:30 & got started
soon after 12. Amy Brate was in
to-day to see Pa but I did not see her.
The letters are coming out and I have
taken several long pulls up. - I may
not get your laundry mailed till
Saturday as I haven't had time yet to
get buttons sewed on & all socks mended.
Took some with me to-day & managed
to get them done just before supper.

Now I will tell you something I
have withheld because I did not
want you to worry about it and now
we are all used to it and our worry
is over. Last Wed. May 9 Mr J.
took me to Albany & returning had
an accident just outside of
Albany - ran into a telephone pole

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MYRON B. VAN SCHAACK
ELM SHADE
COXSACKIE, N. Y.

When I can talk to you, I will
tell you of the experience I had
when called to the emergency
paid less than half an hour after
they left me at hospital. I did
not tell for a till next day and he
did not suspect anything tho'
I left him so often to go down
stairs to attend to things - Wilbur
was very nervous & H. came up
immediately. It is working on
the case but it will be a long
drawn out affair for some months.
In meantime no hospital bills for
Jessie need be paid.

Pa took it very phil. & scphic'ally
and was harshful it was no worse.
Jessie does not suffer now only
it is tiresome lying on her back
all the time & her head so much
lower than her leg. W. fixed up a
small radio for her & all the other
women in her room are glad to
hear it - so that passes some of the
otherwise tedious hours for all of
them. When I get a chance to write
a letter to Eva I will tell her, so that
I can send J. some messages. So don't
send her the papers till I tell you.
I am keeping up fine in spite
all and still sleep good every
night. It is not hope yet but
I have called him on & should be all healed
soon. Now for bed. Glad to get your letter.

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MYRON B. VAN SCHAACK
ELMSHADE
COXSACKIE, N. Y.

When crowded by Myers truck, Mr.
was not hurt but Jessie had
a bad fracture of right leg & some
face cuts - these are almost healed.
She is in the hospital downstairs
and will have to be there a long time
I guess. But she is a good sport
and is always smiling & cheerful.
When I go in to see her she is in a
nice ward with 5 beds - a large
room & her bed is by window. There
are so many worse cases in the
Hospital & so many worse ac-
cidents that we consider it lucky
she was not hurt worse. You will
see account of it in the papers & such.



THIS SIDE OF CARD IS FOR ADDRESS

Mr. George B. Van Schaack
Hallis 7
Cambridge 38
Mass.

May 21/34

Dear George -

Have just come
from seeing Jessie; I go
in there during visitings
every afternoon & evening.
Her folks do not hurt them-
selves coming up to see her
& of course W. comes as often
as he can. Pa had a very good
day yesterday and also to-
day - he has been on the roof
porch in his bed now an hour
each da. the last 3 days.
Uncle Frank got here at 11 o'clock
yesterday - He went with
him to dinner at Cap. Kettle.
He H. took him down to see Annie
& brought back W. & Mrs Cooley.
Every thing going fine - I am
at C. & will try to keep her
at 12 to day. Love Mother.



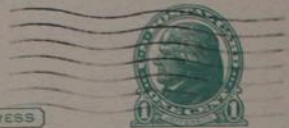
THIS SIDE OF CARD IS FOR ADDRESS

Mr. George P. Van Schaack
Hollis 7
Cambridge 38
Mass.

8.15 P.M. - May 19/34

Dear George -

Have just come from seeing Jessie - she is comfortable and cheerful - had no other calls to night. It brought me up after dinner - had Mary this will to clean. Pa is steadily improving - had a very good day to-day - he was taken in his bed up to the roof and enjoyed the sky, fresh air & sunshine for most an hour. Dr. says he can go every day. The next operation will not be before the last of next week anyway - Dr. told me he does not think he will have much trouble after it as the first time is usually the worst. - Was glad to hear Liss' voice last night & to meet Em home June 1. Love Mother



THIS SIDE OF CARD IS FOR ADDRESS

Mr. George B. Van Schaack
Hallis 7
Cambridge 38
Mass.

Albany, May 28/34

Dear Geo -

Wanted to write a letter but
don't seem to get time. He brought
me up this AM - pa is feeling very
good & is anxious to get the nest
set over - to say to the first
he has had no temperature at
all tho' it has been only a
fraction of 1% for several days.
Dr. Heelin has been away a
few da. & will be here & we soon
then we'll probably learn what
is the next move. Was on roof yes
today but today is cloudy &
cool. He has had 3 more plants
& keep both supplied with
lily pads - also a few pieces of galley.
& today some shell fish. George
is comfortable. I just came from
seeing her. That (Jell's nest) is in
same room as they visit across the
room. Mrs. C. & Margaret's came up
last night. Eva will be home next night.
Will be glad to have you come when
you think fit. Mrs. Tins. & K. Do not mention



THIS SIDE OF CARD IS FOR ADDRESS

Mr. George B. Van Schaack
Hallis 7
Cambridge
Mass.

Albany, May 26/34

Dear George -

Got here to-day
just before 1. Dr. Heekin
had been here & had pa
He was looking fine but is
not plucky enough yet
for next step. Have had a
very cool & showery wet
rain again to-day. Have
just spent the hour with
Jesse - no other callers today.
Pa had a letter from E. Mrs.
A. M. We will be so glad to
have her home. In spite of
all my good intentions &
efforts, I am getting more
or less tired & nervous - some-
days more than others - not
my way, but it means I can-
not keep this up indefinitely.
Pa is anxious to get my case
examined. Love, Mother.



THIS SIDE OF CARD IS FOR ADDRESS

Mr. George B. Van Schaack
Hallis 7
Cambridge Mass.

Albany, ~~Nov 20~~ ³⁰ 1884
Dear George -
After a very busy morn-
ing including a trip to the
and getting dinner at home,
I got here at 2 o'clock. Ho.
& Miss M. went on to visit in
Troy & will come back for
me at 8.30. Pa is feeling fine.
Was out of bed 4 hours to-
day - better day & to-day, he
visited Jessie (wheel chair)
& both afternoons we spent
an hour on radio. Dr. L's wife
said when next will be put
she must tell that she read
it was to be early next week.
Both doctors told us yesterday
they expect him to pick up
rapidly after rest. - Beautiful
day - Hope you enjoyed it.
Love - Mother

Harris
Cambridge, Mass.
June 5, 1934.

Dear Mother,

Glad to have you phone last night
and to learn that the second operation
is now a thing of the past. I hope
Father is feeling much better today
and has not had a return of the
gas pains. As you said last night,
now that he is on the best diet
he will probably get on faster for he
realizes now that there is nothing
ahead except convalescence.

Little of any particular interest has

opera 'The Pirates of Penzance'. I shall go to Exeter on Friday to stay until Sunday. I had thought I might go on Thursday and had asked Milton Talley to stay in my room that night. But Milton's mother died last Thursday or Friday and I doubt if he will be back by that time. She had been in very bad health for two or three years spending most of her time in a sanatorium.

I reckon you must be feeling better now with Eva home. I am glad she is going to stay at least three weeks - that will give us a week together. I don't know yet when I can leave here. The Regent told me the other day that I ought to

happened here since I last wrote. I have spent most of my time sorting my various belongings & bringing them to some order. I hope to get them into such a state of order as they have never been before & may never see again.

I asked Marie & two others in last night to play bridge. I thought I am to go to dinner to the Beattleys. Prof Beattley has been so busy all year that this is the first he has got around to inviting me for a specific evening. He has often asked me to come up, but has always added to wait a couple of weeks before doing so.

Tomorrow night Marie and I are going to see the Gilbert & Sullivan

stay until all the boys have
left - which may mean that I
can't leave until Friday morning.

We had a moderately good rain
here over the week-end with a
nice cool relief from the frightful
weather on Friday & Saturday. But
it is very hot again today -
usual examination weather.

All for now. Hope all is
going well back with father
& at home.

Love to all

George.



THIS SIDE OF CARD IS FOR ADDRESS

Mr. George B. Van Schoeck
Hallis 7
Cambridge.
Mass.

Albany, June 6/24
Dear Geo-
Found far much
better to-day - he had a very
rocky time Mon. & Tues.
but I guess now he is
on his way to recovery. I
stippled leg just died with
infection in leg but that
is likely to be a change
to-day or to-morrow if
he continues to improve.
Tra is coming to night
with Milly & Katherine
B. brought me up this AM.
My lad Tra came to help
out as I felt I could not
hold up the pad much longer
alone. Love - Mother.

Halls?
Cambridge, Mass.
June 17, 1934.

Dear Mother,

Very glad to get your card just now and hear that Father is over the worst. I hope by today he is beginning to feel quite spry again.

I shall go to Exeter tomorrow morning before the mail comes & shall not be back until Sunday evening. Possibly you will need a card to me there, & J.C. Hogg, P.E.A. Should you wish to telephone

get as much work done. I shall live
there as I can if I live in the
yard. I shall have a room in
one of the dormitories, fourth
floor - insulated above by a
fifth floor - and on the east
side where I shall get most sun-
light to be fairly good. The
price of the room is only \$17 -
I shall probably buy my meals
individually for I shall very
likely be away several week-ends.

All for now - I still have many
things to do before I leave Cambridge
next week. I reckon I shall not
leave until Friday.

Love to all
George.

the number is 828-W.

It is now after four and I have
spent most all day with Prof. Morse.
As I was coming home from
breakfast this morning he dashed
out of a restaurant to call me.
He had just returned from Europe.
After spending the morning discussing
some proof reading I had done for
him we had lunch together +
then we discussed my work for the
summer.

I had a nice time at the Bealys
on Tuesday evening. They invited
me to live with them during the
summer session. But I thought
it best to decline. For I couldn't

Albany
MYRON B. VAN SCHAACK
ELMSHADE
COXSACKIE, N. Y.

Saturday
June 9/34

Dear George,

I did not send a card to you yesterday because I feared it might not get to Huntington Monday. Pa has improved steadily; his A. U. the tube was removed from incision & the opening closed up. His temperature is normal now most of time and yesterday noon he began to eat regular meals again. Everybody says he looks so good - I think this is due partly to the relief from anxious thoughts of the second operation and the good color is from being in roof so much last week. Dr. admitted yesterday he had been worried about him but that is over now & it will not be long now till we can leave here for good. - Yesterday Anna & Amy & Betsy called here. I came up morning the first four days, but yesterday & today had dinner home. Katherine brought me to say.

As usual Eva is not having much rest
as she just fusses so much & spends
most of her time in kitchen. She was up here
last night - came with Charlie Robbins.
Bessie is at our house today. We
are having strawberries now but they are
hard to pick as there are more weeds than
vines. Tulips all gone & now I bring up
peonies. Jessie is same only getting aw-
fully tired of lying on her back. We are
having quite a spell of real cold weather
this week. Made woodfire in kitchen & we
had pan cakes for breakfast - guess I ate
too many for I've had a headache all day.
Had a fine rest last night as we were all in
bed before ten - had not eaten food for
several nights. Eva seems tired & nervous -
I'm sorry she can't have a good rest - she
seems awfully blue & worries about
her future. - Hope you are having a good
week end & next Saturday you'll be home.
Lots to do in the two weeks hope you have fun.
Love - Mother.



THIS SIDE OF CARD IS FOR ADDRESS

Mr. George B. Van Schoeck
Hallis 7
Cambridge 38
Mass.

Albany, June 1/34

Dear George -

I staid home yesterday
to get rested out after a hard
week - Mr & Mrs came up.
H & W. came up with me after
dinner to day - W. for a new can.
Pa is gaining weight - he was
an fool in bed yesterday and
this A.M. Just after I got here
about 2 to day, he was helped
up and sat in chair 15 mins.
The change felt good & he did
not get tired. Then F. & Morden
& wife came in to see him. The
region about incision is
about very sore but the nature
just told me it is a perfect
closure and no leaking.
So things are rapidly improv-
ing and we hope early next week
will find us at home for good.
Love the same. Love and by the way
from

Hollis 7
Cambridge, Mass.
June 12, 1934.

Dear Mather

I had it on my mind a dozen times yesterday to drop you a line and tell you I had not sent my laundry this week but there was so much going on here yesterday I forgot it. I hope it will not inconvenience you. I decided not to send the laundry until I leave for I shall be able to get along alright after I get home,

for the annual baseball game. That evening Mrs Hagg & I spent at the movies in the gym. On Sunday I had dinner with the Rogers and spent the afternoon there. And so back to Cambridge. I gave an exam yesterday morning & spent the afternoon correcting it. This afternoon I give a review section & then tomorrow morning another exam. Tonight I have dinner with Miss Kayle.

I shall leave here on Friday morning. I shall go to Exeter and drive from there to Albany with Jack who starts for Chicago that day. We shall argue about

and I needed the case to send extra things when I leave.

Very glad to get your letter yesterday and to hear that Father is doing so well. I do hope he will be able to get home a few days before I must return to Cambridge.

I had a good week-end in Exeter but shall pay for it this week for I have more to do in these four days than I know how to get done. I went up on Friday morning Mrs Hagg started the day by taking me for a walk. The evening was spent at the Curriers. On Saturday Jack & I went down to Andover

Two o'clock and ought to be
in Albany by 9:30 or 10 that
night. Can someone meet me
there at that time? I hope so,
for if not I shall have to
come by train. If no one can
meet me please telegraph not
later than Thursday afternoon.

If I come by train I shall
reach Albany on the train
arriving at 4:30 P. S. T. If I
am not met I shall come down
to Cassville on the next train.

If I come with Mr. Hazz I
shall look for someone to meet
me in the lobby of the De
Witt Clinton Hotel at the top
of the hill at State & Eagle.

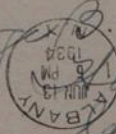
I am too busy and my brain
is too befuddled for me to
think of any more just now. I
must leave & show out to
lunch with the Freshman
dean.

Hope all is going well. Love
to all
George.



THIS SIDE OF CARD IS FOR ADDRESS

Mr. George B. Van Schaack,
Allis?
Cambridge³⁸ Mass



Catsaachie III.

Dear George - |||||
Sorry I forgot to send
card yesterday - Did not
go to Albany till after supper.
Pa had gained wonderfully
in the 24 hrs. - sat up twice
an hour each time - stitches
taken out & now is more
comfortable. Dr. Millner told
him he can leave next Tues.
I wouldn't wonder if it
might be before that. Eva & N
are going up after dinner
and I will go to-morrow.
Having cool weather.
Everything ok. - Hope to hear
from them to expect you so
someone will tell you.

Bessie Mae Rose,
see on right. - Mother.

July 31/34, noon
Dear George -

George Lamb just
came over with Pa's check and
also brought a letter from Jan. Was
glad to hear of your safe arrival
but sorry of the Victoria experi-
ence - the proctor certainly had
some nerve but Jan and Mrs. un-
der the circumstances, not to bail
him out for it. It has been very
hot but we have not suffered here
with such nice breezes blowing
through. Pa is summing him-
self this week & has not dressed yet.
The Colburns called this week.

M. & E. got home Sunday about
4.30 - got Jessie to bed etc. but

No one of them to help. N. & Bernice were here
last night - N. was very glad coming to a
sump as home - Le told E. on p. 6. - So Jerry
Le has so much trouble - it is not good for J.
either. I had to get up in night to shut
off the pump - N. could not find the
trouble, but turned it on to another source
of supply for present.

We miss you so much and surely
appreciate all you did for us. Hope
before you return in fall for good - we'll
all be able to get the new room in good
shape to live in. I picked up all
the small pieces of wood after
Jimmie carried out the larger ones ye-
terday. The mess is swept in a heap
but not yet carried out.

Had peas again yesterday and to-
day the first beet greens and onion tops.
Pa continues to feel good, and has even
the leg pains very much with absorbine.
Had another card from Ho - Le will be
back Thursday. Eva talks now of
staying a day or two longer - but had
she can't stay all summer - she
to expect it soon. She does not

hard. Maybe you look well
I feel sure to do this some va-
cations before many more years.
Sent your laundry yesterday
& trust it reached you ok.
Auntie & Elsie were here Sunday
night.

Nothing more now staying
home as we do but not give
us much news still.

Hope it will not be too hot
in Cambridge this summer
& will look forward to your
return.

Love
Mother.

Catsackie, W.V.
July 12/34

Dear George-

Received your letter today.
Have not worried but laughs for
me just busy. Did wonder a
little about Laundry. We washed
today when things are nice. We
forward yours. Spoon & Garnett
are on the job today. Yesterday
we had the picnic of the
Ladies Miss Society - one as we
did a year ago. There were 57 for
supper which we ate on the
lawn. I had Bessie down & she
had a good time. I think Melba
would have brought Jessie if
Bernard had not been away, but
I think it was just as well for her too.

to be here in the confusion. Pa
went to see Uncle Geo in his
A.M. to our part yesterday. His
manner was the first he staid
in bed late since Eva left. Now
looks good & gains (to day 28th)
but his hands are still stiff
& his leg swollen, but no pain.
I took him to Albany Saturday
to see Dr. Hoslin - he says he
is coming o.k. - thinks he can
go on route by Aug 1st & wants
to see him again early in Aug.
I forgot when I last wrote to you
but I think it was on the 4th - Pa
has dinner here every day since
Sunday evening we went to see
may to see Bert Palmer - after being
home all day. We've had a

Today Le Grand Pitkin's line
is to begin paying a small
dividend.

It seemed very low since
after Ma left & I have not yet
got used to her being gone.
Harold came back Thurs-
day night & has acted more
clever than expected he would.
He has been to Calhoun twice
since & to Albany twice, too.

Auntie has called several times.
Guess this is all. I agree with Ma
about the negligence case in Albany.
I think it should go to the
not admit it: & the doctor would
shield the nurse. I'm sure it was
the cause of almost 3 weeks of the
expense & anxiety. This morning
but even my hands are not today.
I'm going to make it every now till next
morning time. Maybe at I can take some

Very hot spell ^{last week + Sat was}
the climax - cooler ever since
but very dry. We must have
rain soon to replenish our
water supply.

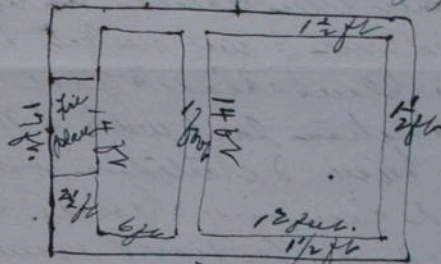
I don't know if you heard I
left Friday on Day boat & ar-
rived in Balt 11.30 - she sent
a telegram. The folks are all on
a trip to Canada & she is alone
with an ^{old} man & a French housekeeper.
She is still undecided about
going to Maine - I sometimes
think you would be tempted to
drive her up if she goes - he will
not let me cancel our room
reservation I mean had Jean
at Ocean Park, but I think it is
foolish to wait any longer. The
lives in Lake Sticks will go up

Cassackie, W.V.,
July 2^d/34

Dear George,

I'm sorry I did not get a letter off to you all week - Saturday was full almost before I realized it and your letter received at noon reminded me of my neglect. In spite of my plans ahead to have a sort of a vacation last week, it was more or less busy. I started in with picking and canning cherries. The men finished up the front room this morning & there was more or less laying up to do. The work is very good but a little more time on the floor where the partition was would have improved it - but the rug will cover that. I do not feel able now to do anything more & hope you & Eva can help some in Sept. to get the room to rights. Pa went to an auction yesterday & got 25 lbs. of old wheat, carpet for \$1.30 & with the odds & ends of other things we think we have enough. So you think we can send soon for the

reg - that is I had to agree that pattern
 of blue & white is the most satisfactory.
 Pa thinks the rug ought to be 6x14 and
 12x17 - that would leave 17" between
 rugs and 1 1/2 ft on the 3 sides - the narrow
 rug would be close to fire place as we
 have noticed in pictures of furnished
 rooms.



The 6 ft rug would ^{23 feet} cover the partition line.
 Let me know if you think this ok.
 Pa is planning to go on route to Mon.
 now - he drives every day & by resting
 afternoons, he calculates he can do
 the delivery - Frank L. is going with
 him to Mon. He has tried to find
 out if all his sick leave is used up
 (he thinks it is) but has not had a reply
 from N.Y. yet. His leg is still swollen
 some days worse than others and
 his hands are stiff & sore, but it may
 be a long time before he is all ok.

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He feels very good & rests most of
the time - sleeps & eats fine - now
weighs 129. Yesterday he sowed
the new seeds. The garden is dis-
tressed looking & overgrown with
weeds but it is so dry & parched that
nothing can be done till rains come.
I did pull out some of the highest
weeds but I cannot stand much
such work. Several times we rode
over to the lot & I picked berries
white & a few vegetables - the berries
are gone now - the last ones dried up.
Bessie came down Wed. for
a vacation - I invited her warmly
to relieve Mrs. Cooney. She went
home to visit yesterday afternoon
& again this afternoon. To night she
is at beach with Wilbur's & Harold.
Jessie is able now to help herself
in & out of bed & gets to table for meals.
Friday we went out to Mike Brooks
for a picnic lunch & got home
time to bring Auntie here to supper.
Wed. we went to a supper in Chapel.
It has been a very hot week here today

is quite cool - clear & north wind.
We have had several inches
of peas - plenty of lettuce, beet greens
and quantities of beans - but we
must have rain soon to save the
rest. There will be corn in a few days.
Pa has not given up going to the mine
but the outlay of money for other
needs makes ^{us} wouldn't hesitate
about the expense. He wants 2 wks if
any. Would like to go in Aug & to get in
the most deep with least loss of time.
I am promising H. can be made up -
but don't know just when you will
be here. Are you coming home when
Summer School closes? I am not
negotiating for sister May but will give
to whatever he thinks we can do.
Do you think smaller peeps (a flor
so each way) would be better or at
least satisfactory - they would be
cheaper - about \$5 ⁵⁷ - It is puzzling
to know just what to say - If Eva could
go to Bas Harbor about the 18 she
could ride with us if we go. - Well
I guess this is all. Pa just said 6x13 and
3. If you have a nice trip. 11x13 will be \$57+)
*Mainer Love - Boston.

Letsacker Wf.
Aug 2, 1934

Dear George.

Have just written to Eva
and will write you practically the
same. Auntie has been here
since Thursday night - Elie has
gone away for a week. The
moving proposition has chief
place in the boards & I hope to-
night will wind it up. H. has
gone with the contract & I
trust he'll be back & have it
all settled. The house is ok.
& will be a big improvement &
I hope warm so there will be
no more "mourning at the tree".
Pa & I are out of it except to have
Auntie here while Elie moves.

It will have to be done before we go away. Pa felt the best yesterday but is rather stiff again to-night. I think the weather has something to do with it - South wind & dampness - threatens rain to-night.

Was glad to get your letter and it will be something to look forward to having you meet us at D. P. - I hope if you would come back with us on Labor Day. I rather dread the getting ready but I have concluded the best thing will be just to take what I have as they are - I cannot do any fussing, I'm too tired. I shall be glad just to rest on beach or in woods with plenty to read. Of course we will not go in bathing, so that will be that much less to take.

Yesterday was W's birthday but I did not see him - just talked on phone. They have had company from Wey. all week Gus & wife - the man that used to board there. Pa was up to see Jessie to-day - I have not been anywhere except on the house business - it takes most of my time to get meals & wash dishes. We want to send the carpet material but it seems such a shame to get it ready, we don't get it.

Harold is leaving in the morn-
ing for the week end.

Heard to-day that C. Lester Robbins
had an accident in the mill last
night & is in the Calhoun Hospital.
His clothing caught in the machinery
& was torn off & his body badly cut.

Let me know if you want me to
send you track next week or shall
I keep it home.

Now I must stop working
more & collect anyway - Guess
the drought here is over & every
thing has picked up - the phlox
is beautiful now.

Love

Walter

Catsackie N.Y.

Aug. 8/34

Dear George.

Glad to get your letter yesterday. We washed to-day but will have to wash again next week, so send your things so they will get here by Tues. anyway.

I am alone to-night. Pa has gone to Mr. Bossch's to a meeting and Mo. went to Albany after dinner & will not be home till late. I meant to go up & see Fannie but was too tired to either get ready or to visit. Auntie went home Monday night and I have not seen her since. In some ways she is not as good as she has been - she is very dizzy and almost falls many times.

But in spite of this, she went to Albany yesterday and ran around on business and shopping; she did not tell me about it till to-day. I hope she will get moved before we go away but much depends on Elsie's wishes and movements. The new house will be better in some ways but not so good in others. I hope they'll be satisfied for we are tired of the fault finding.

I do not get up to see Jessie very much but Pa goes often - he was up this afternoon. W. & J. went to Albany yesterday for an X-ray. Dr. Elling said everything is O.K. & come in about a month again.

Pa seems to gain in weight right along - to-day it was 134 but his hands are very stiff yet & his leg swollen. He does not have much strength & has to let many odds & ends of work undone. Got a bag of feed to-day & could not lift it out. He used the hose on some of the flowers to night. He talks every day of hoeing out the weeds but does not do it. I think maybe the 2 weeks of complete rest & change will be beneficial and I begin to feel as if I must have it or give up for a while. Have had some very pleasant & very cool weather - even had a fine in heater Sat. to warm Auntie up.

Today has been much warmer
but there is a nice cool breeze to-
night. Getting very dry again and
the nice green laurens begin to look
brown & parched. Cloudy to night
& may be rain is near.

Havent heard from Eva in over
a week only a card and she has
not yet developed her plans for the
coming weeks. We think you
would be foolish to go to Chicago. But
let me know what day you are
coming home next week. We plan
to go to Albany this Friday to see Dr. Berlin.
Hope you have not become over-
tired with your summer's work
and will have some good rest
and pleasure in the remaining
weeks.
Love
Mother.

Ocean Park Me.,

Aug. 21/34

Dear George-

I am wondering if you are going away to - woods - expect to get some word from you on this morning's mail. Very chilly this A.M. and a fire in the kiln stone felt good. But it is warming up now. Yesterday was beautiful, cool & sunny but it is very dry here & rain is needed badly. We went to the opening meeting last night of the school of methods and the Temple was most full of young folks. Miss Ackard & friends are here & have been all summer but talk of going to Bar Harbor. The only other members of this family are a Mr & Mrs Melnick & 2 boys about 12 & 16 from Melrose - a very nice family. The older boy was getting breakfast for the family while I was & we had quite a visit - he is a High School junior. The shuffle boards here been fixed and 2 more added and are

as popular as ever. I met Mrs
Fowl in P.O. yesterday & she was
so glad to see me & inquired about
all the folks - Her son is here &
will be here I think when you are -
he is more manly looking.

Pa was about all in yesterday morn-
ing & lay on the bed most of time
between breakfast & dinner. But he
had the best night's rest last night
since he came from hospital.
He seems chipped this A.M. but
complains a good deal of the stiff-
ness in joints & pain in arms. I
think the latter is due to the long
drive & I am rubbing him with
the Baume Bengue. We spent sever-
al hours in the sun on beach ye-
sterday afternoon - we never saw so
many people down there it was
covered all the way up to the pier.
Maybe there was an excursion in
to Old Orchard. The boat was com-
ing in & the rollers were wonderful.
The bathers said the water was very well

but it did not help either adults
or children out.

Had a letter yesterday from
Eva - she evidently is not feel-
ing very well & I wish she would
take a good rest before college
opens this fall. She did not
mention Ba Harbor. I wrote to
her to come up here for next week
but fear she will not. You better
write & urge her to take a rest.

I hope everything is ok. as Louise
Better tell ~~it~~ to put all the eggs in
cellar & pa can take them to
store when we return. Give
Auntie what she asks for &
keep track of it. Auntie & Mr.
Mrs can have all the corn they
want - pa thinks there will be
some ready to eat right along.
They could also have cabbage
if they wanted it.
There seems to be plenty of corn

to rent here according to all the signs. But we have not been up in woods yet. We are the only folks on this floor of 6 rooms so you could live here if you wanted to. When you let us know just when you expect to be here, we'll look up in the woods for you a room.

We were surprised last night to hear that Mr. Keegan passed away in June the day after he reached here. The old lady in the photograph studio is also gone. I did not bring the camera, so if you want it, it is on the marble top table in H's room. It has no films in.

Better let H read this & tell him I'll write to him later this week. Please tell Auntie, too, that all is O.K. & I'll write to her in a day or two. Be good & we'll all be home again soon.
Love, Abigail.

Ocean Park, Me.

Aug. 27/34

Dear George-

Was very glad to get your letter this morning - also one from Harold. He reached home Friday night & found all ok.

This a.m. was very chilly but now most noon, it is hot again. Have not looked up a room for you yet but there are many signs out & we will see what we can do when we know definitely.

I'm sure you had a busy time at home - I know all about it and the only way to get a rest is to neglect things but that means discomforts in consequence sooner or later. Pa has the neuritis quite bad in his shoulders & arms and is sometimes quite discouraged; there have been two

named nurses in this house -
one is gone now - and both have
advised him what to do for the
stiffness in his joints - they agree
as to the cause - a blood condition
but not to the treatment. How ever
he is drinking warm fruit juices
and must eat plenty of Oats.
He feels good and Pa gained
2 pounds here in the week, but
he is tired every night even tho'
he rests so much daytimes.
We have taken only one drive
& that one evening to the Dalton
farm and around by said this
the back country. Been to
Old Orchard once & must
go some time to day for supplies.
Pa said yesterday he hoped
you would come & return
with us as he rather dreads
the drive home with such stiff
fingers. If you do the driving

We can start Monday Morning
& go thro in one day. We
will be very glad to go with
you to Mrs Cassatt's Boothby,
either day - Friday if fair,
how is that? - it doesn't
make any difference to us.
This house is full now except
our room but two others will be
vacant after to-day

We spent several hours a
day on the beach - went for
put on his bath suit but I
doubt if the sun helps him
when a cold breeze blows at
the same time. We have
enjoyed having E's glasses
& was surprised we could
see the town lights at Cape
Elizabeth very plain.

Went to Folke's dramatic Society
but I gave many left Sat. & Sunday

I haven't patronized the
shuffle boards yet as you
don't seem to care for
it - guess his hands are too stiff.
He detects being in such shape
that he has to be careful
of this & that, but I think with
care, he'll be normal again some
day. I am feeling fine
and am more rested than
I've been since I was here
last summer. - We ate at
Wicks a few days but are
going to the hotel (upstairs) now
for dinner - it is more like
a real meal & only 50¢.

Just will be so I must stop
now. I hope to hear again
to-morrow. We'll wait for
if we know when you'll be in
Old Orchard. Love, Mother.



THIS SIDE OF CARD IS FOR ADDRESS

Mr. Geo. B. Van Schaeck
Laubury,
Bellefleur,
Maine
Ball's Pond
R. D.
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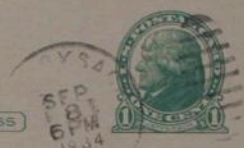
Wednesday Evening
Dear George

Just talked to
Auntie on phone about
the B. Case She
does not care what
we do with it -
so get the justice
if you want to.
I hope you had a
pleasant trip &
arrived o.k. -

We are alone to night
and it seems very quiet.

Love,
Walter -

THIS SIDE OF CARD IS FOR ADDRESS



George B. Van Schaack
Ballston P.O. Danbury,
N.Y. Friends Conn.

Sat. P.M.

Dear George -

Had to get

Your letter to day - every
thing here as usual. H.
Left this A.M. for week end.
Card from Eva - she hopes
to be home the week between
16-23 so you'll probably
both get here about same
time. Rain to day. Quite
was here to supper Friday -
Called on Jessie Thrice.
Evening - she goes to Albany
Monday. Will try to write a
letter early in the week -
Love - Mervin

Cassackie Tex
Sept. 11, 1934

Dear George-

I haven't much to write about but here goes. First I want to congratulate you on your birthday and hope it will be a pleasant one and you will have many happy returns of it. If I knew of something you really needed & wanted and I could get it for you, I would! But you know I don't have the opportunity so you must take the will for the deed.

We are leading rather a quiet life just now as Pa is away most of the time. Pa has been asleep all evening on porch couch and I have been busy at my desk. He went away Saturday morning and did

not return till midnight Sunday. He left
his A.M. for Albany & haven't seen him since
tho' he called up at 7 from down town.
Sunday was Auntie's birthday & she invited
us to dinner - we went to service at 2nd Church
first. About 4 we took her for a ride out in
the country. - Stopped in last night a
few minutes to see Jessie on our way to
Orange. She was up to Hospital in the after-
noon & had X-ray taken & cast removed. Dr.
Elting said her leg is O.K. & now she must
gain confidence and use it, using two
crutches for one week & then one for a while.

Haven't heard anything more from Eva.
Ray has not shown up yet - it was shipped
on Sept 5th & ought to be here soon now.
Earl & pa picked the barbell peas &
to-day I canned most a bushels - it was
quite a big job, but had to be done. The
rest were sold to Cary except one bushel
to remain in cold storage for future use.
Pa has been trying to clean out weeds in
the flower beds but it is slow business for
him. He finds he gets great relief from
soaking his hands in hot water, so does it
often. He says they are no worse than when
we came home & possibly a little better.
We are having cool nights & mornings

Hope you are having a real
good visit and will be very
glad to see you home again.
I have another letter to write
now & will send a card to Eva.
Then to bed & wish it feel good
to get in & rest. Good night
My dear. Oh! H. was in
Catskill yesterday (can't walk)
I haven't decided yet about
Jessie's case - it may lay
over till next term (3 wks.) -

All remaining

Yours

Walter

Caysackie W.V.
Sept. 2 '3/37

Dear George -

It is time to go to bed
but I have been trying all day
to get time to write you a letter.
Pa & I went to 2nd church this
a.m. Janet & Henry & Aunt
Bertha were here this afternoon
& to night Mrs Delp & Deane.
Pa & Eva went up to see Joice
after supper but I called them
up to come home for I knew
they would not want to - Miss
Mrs Delp's visit. Last night
Eva went to see Auntie & stay
all night - she returned at 10
this a.m. Harold left yester-
day morning - he was to
spend the week end at the camp
near Troy. It has been real
warm to day - quite like July

Was glad to get your letters and
hear of your safe arrival.
Deane goes back Oct 15 -
this is his senior year.

Had a card from Mr.
Winnout - he is coming to
dinner to-morrow. His
fortunate you could not do
all the jobs you did here for I
don't know when they would
have been done. I sent you
back Friday & hope you got
it Sat. There was not so much
as I thought, so was able to pack
all in Laundry case. We
are having plenty of Tom.
Now - lucky we bought the
plants that day we went to
Catskill.

I think Eva is feeling better now.

She was pitched rather high the
first of the week & on Thurs.
night she had a break down.
We feared she was going to
be ill but she was ok. Next
day and has been chipper &
good natured ever since. I
think she was worrying about
finances & the strenuous work
ahead of her this year - for
though she ought to stay home
longer but she will not con-
sent to that. Friday night
H. took her to the movies in
Catehill (Mrs. Murphy too)
She will not rest much
but has indulged in the hammock
several times the last 3 days.
She seems happier than doing

housework & said she wished
she was a cook.

Now I must stop & get to bed.
Hope all is o.k. - How are
the curtains?

Good-night & thanks
again for your help
here. Love
Mother

P.S.

Forgot to say H. thinks
he won the case judging
from the arguments and
the remarks of the 5 judges.
But he will not hear the
Verdict for several weeks.

Babson Praises the Church

Roger Babson says: The churches are to civilization what a compass is to a ship or a steering wheel is to an automobile. As a business man I urge my associates to get behind the churches. They alone provide the solution to the greatest problems facing us. Legislation, labor unions, employers' associations, and all of these other things, are mere shells of the egg. So I say that the need of the hour is not more houses or freight cars, not more factories or ships, not more legislation, education or banking facilities, but more religion. The need of the hour is religion.—*Exchange.*

Charles Booth Buckingham

Bridgeport Furniture Dealer Dies at 86

Special to the Herald Tribune

BRIDGEPORT, Conn., July 14.—Charles Booth Buckingham, president of the Buckingham & Sons Furniture Co., died here today. He was eighty-six years old.

Mr. Buckingham was descended from a family that settled at Milford in 1639. In the maternal line he also comes of English ancestry, the Booth family having been established at Stratford in 1640. Mr. Buckingham was a member of the Sons of the American Revolution, was on its state board for six years, and for several terms was president of the General Silliman branch. Two children survive.

38^{1/2} Howell Rd
Waltham 24 Mass.

Sept. 24, 1934.

Dear Mrs. Van Schaack: -

Have intended to write you before but just did not get around to it. Was not as well as usual when I first came home but am fine now and busy as usual.

Boys are in school and seem to like their courses very much this year. I think they have too much spare time. We have spoken many times of the delightful ride which we had with you folks and of course our trip to Kennebunkport was outstanding. It brought back very pleasant memories of my

childhood days and my dear father who passed away when I was Gardner's age. The boys have talked much of the trip and about "Spouting Rock."

Gardner gave an oral composition in school on it and his English teacher was very much interested as she had been there many times.

We are having a very rainy dull season. The grass and shrubs and dahlias are beautiful now. My dahlia blossoms are large and very bright colored, very much improved over the first of the season and I suppose it won't be long now before the frost

will come and kill them.

We all hope

Mr. Van is much stronger now.

Have been

made your pillow yet? I haven't but intend to get my material for the outside cover the next time I go to town. It will be a pleasant

reminder of the happy day we had with you and Mr. Van in the woods. The boys

join me in kind regards to you all and thank you especially to George. And again we

thank you for your kindness to me this summer. Most sincerely
implied & affecting.

Cassockie W.V.

Oct. 16/34

Dear George-

Just time for a few lines
before Pa goes up street - he has a
Frankfurter road for the S. S. to-
day in C. Church field. I want you
to hear in the morning that I will
be thinking of you to-morrow when
you make your initial speech -
I would like to be there tho' I should
not understand what you talk about
I know you will do it successfully
as you have always done. When I
opened the laundry case to day
I found that pamphlet I almost
shed tears of joy for I know it
must be a great satisfaction to you
to have a case filled the way
you worked for so long & so faithfully -
Pa & I both congratulate you and
thank you not only for the gift, but
for your diligence and gratitude
in making it possible. We will
cherish it as long as we live even
tho' we do not understand the contents.

We lived thro' our busy week end
and have relaxed considerably
since to rest out. The conversation
was very good and my speech
was a surprise even to my self
and I was complimented, even by
Mr. Boole. Pa met the Pines
in Ashurst & brought them to chapel
to supper. Margareta was here
Saturday so I could visit. Grace
& Marcella called an Auntie
after dinner - then we took a
drive out thro' the hills, stopping
to call on Jessie & Ber. & on N. at
garage. Marcella went to church
with Pa and at 2.30 they left
for home on bus. They are nice
company & fit into any situation.
Mrs. Porter, Son's wife called here
with Auntie for about 1 1/2 hrs.
Sunday afternoon. Harold was
away, leaving for Portland
on Friday, so he did not see
any of the company. This
afternoon he has gone to Albany.

I will enclose Mrs Whitney's letter - I answered it last week. The address is 38 Lowell Bld - Melrose Highlands.

Pa started heating (coal) last week so with the fireplace & a wood fire apparatus, we kept comfortable for it was cold.

Very mild again now & beautiful. We still have flowers for

bouquets. Our front room rather plentiful all the Camellias - even Auntie sang to praises on Sunday.

Have the new diet closet all fixed and it was much more convenient to eat in the dining room - I would do so all the time if I had a maid or was stronger myself.

To-morrow night is the R-D. banquet at Fitchburg.

So I don't mean to wash this week till Friday, so I can meet out on Thursday. I suppose the socks in a bundle are not to be returned, am I right?

No other special news to write - - Mother took all his family, Mrs B. too, up to the Adirondacks on Sunday - they left 5 A.M. & for there 7.30 home at 8.30 P.M. Jessie can walk now without even a cane but I guess uses the cane most of time - she has even to learn to Albany shopping. Her knee is very stiff yet but not entirely rigid as it was. She uses Dr. Van's sun rays with & occasionally goes in to massage her leg. Good by now
Bessie - Love Mother

Catsackie, N.Y.

Oct. 1, 1934

Dear George.

The past week has been full & passed very rapidly. Monday Rev. Dr. Hunt here from 11.30 to 3.30 - Jessie also here for the day & W & B. & sup-
per & for evening. Tuesday to Catsackie - E & I both had teeth cleaned. Wednesday Eva went to Jersey & I spent evening at Auntie's. Friday Auntie was here all day till 8 P.M. & Jessie & B. came in afternoon mid-
N. for supper. Saturday was doubly busy for Eva - I was rather played out & did very little - was urged to go to doctor's, so did see Dr. Mt. Grace who checked up on E. presumed heart-
both appeared ok - I felt better after laying off a day and might be careful not to put so easy - that means much will have to be slight.
Pa fused with the train from

† finally called Roughton - he
said it was the outlet to tank
was clogged so H. dug up the cor-
nering of dirt & this A.M. the
plummer came & in a few min-
utes the drain was open & we
were poorer by \$1 $\frac{1}{2}$ but it is a
great relief to have it in good
working order again. Sherman
has been here for 6 or 7 days
cutting wood etc. - he simply
cannot work - he gets no better
tho' some days he thinks he is
improving. He has sold the
last Liberty bond (\$5 $\frac{1}{4}$) & will
pay that to Dr. Hestlin & then
get his advice as to a specialist.
I forgot to say on Thursday we
had George W. for supper & the
day was consumed with prepara-
tions. She went to Rusland for the
week end & that all A. true to

drive us to Middletown this
day. We took Bessie & Mary
& left at 11.30 ate our lunch
in a nice picnic grove near
Accord a few miles this side of
Ellenville & reached Middletown
at 3.30. We had a flat tire & had
to get a new tube so was de-
layed in that way. Called on the
Womens a few minutes - Mrs. Jones
were not home but a note on the
door told her where key was & so
we got in the house. To-day
is beautiful & cool & I presume
they are now well on their way
to Balt. We came home by
way of New Paltz & was in the
house by 7.15 - it was nice ride.
Saturday was a stormy day but
the H. S. boys ball team had their
game on the muddy new field.

When I was in Dr's office there
were 6 boys there, 3 of them a Mass
of mud and somewhat injured
tho' not seriously, I guess - Dr.
said he could not tell for the
account of mud. Van Hoesen
is away for the week end.

I have enclosed a few items
from last week's papers that may
be of interest. The one about H's
smoke case was written by himself
but is not complete as a few lines
were omitted by printer. He is
jubilant over the decision tho' it is
not just what he wanted - he wishes
it to be settled but now he must
see the Bd of Supervisors for a
settlement of some kind. Train
has just gone by so that means
time to get dinner & recall is
off. Love
Thomas

*None
written
referred
then to
submit*

Sept 28/34

**ATTORNEY VAN SCHAACK
WINS AN APPEAL**

Mr. Herman Meier of this town has been granted an alternative mandamus order directed to the Greene county Board of Supervisors by a decision handed down last week by the Appellate Division of the Supreme Court sitting at Albany. The higher court reversed an order of Mr. Justice March. Mr. Meier contended, through his attorney, Harold S. Van Schaack, that the Greene County Board of Supervisors has never rendered a decision on a claim under the Farms and Markets Law which was originally filed in 1926.

The Board of Supervisors have been represented by Osborn, Bloodgood, Wilbur and Fray, attorneys of Catskill, and the order which has been granted was opposed by A. Warren, county attorney, and Edward A. Webb, chairman of the board, and also by a certificate of William K. Hagginbotham, County Treasurer.

EMILY HOAG POSSOMS

On Thursday, September 25 occurred the death of Emily Hoag Possoms at her home on Lafayette Ave. The funeral will be held today (Friday) at the home at 2 p. m. Reverend A. C. Youmans and Reverend A. Nelson Doak will officiate. Interment will be made in the Stanton Hill cemetery. She was born in New Baltimore, March 7, 1855, the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Hoag, nee Amy H. Gurney. She leaves two daughters, Amy Possoms and Elizabeth Possoms, both of Coxsackie.

Dr. N. K. Richtmyer who was recently employed at Bryn Mawr college, is now employed in Bureau of Health, at Washington.

**RURAL CARRIERS MEET
AT THACHER PARK**

A meeting of the Capitol District Rural Letter Carriers was held at Thacher Park on Sunday.

Addresses were made by Mrs. Roswell P. Barron, who is the president of the New York State Ladies' Auxillary, and also by Roswell P. Barron, ex-president of the State Association. They reported as to their recent trip to the national convention at Denver, Colorado.

Among those present from Greene county were: Elmer Palmer, Mr. Boomhower and Henry Brandow of Catskill; Myron Van Schaack of Coxsackie; Herbert Antus of Freehold, Bruce Disbrow of Prattsville, Floyd Parks of Cornwallville, and Donald Munson of Windham. They were accompanied by members of their respective families.

COXSACKIE

Dr. John and Mrs. Loutfan have returned from an automobile trip that took them through Maine and parts of Canada.

Mrs. Leon Morse and Miss Dorothy Orr of Bellville, N. J., are guests of Mr. and Mrs. Coplestone, Ely street.

Charles D. Pendell is seriously ill at his home. His daughter, Mrs. Richtermyer and family are here at present.

Miss Ruth Marsh is enjoying her vacation with her brother Sam and wife at Ott City, and will also visit relatives in St. Catharines, Ont.

The Village Improvement society will hold a food sale in the rest room Saturday, September 29.

David Groben, manager of the A&P store is on his annual two weeks' vacation.

Miss Lillian Hotaling is spending a week's vacation at the home of her mother, Mrs. Grace Hotaling in Medway.

Congressman P. A. and Mrs. Goodwin drove to Valley Forge, taking with them their son John, who is attending college there.

Mrs. Dearcup and sons of Brooklyn were recent guests of Mrs. Dayton B. Smith.

The Second Reformed church will hold its Harvest Home supper October 11.

The Methodist Episcopal church will hold its Harvest Home supper October 18.

The First Reformed church will hold its Harvest Home supper at a date to be announced later.

Mrs. L. E. Van Hoesen entertained at bridge at her home last Saturday afternoon.

Mrs. Charles Bailey has returned from an extended visit with her son and wife at Long Meadow, Mass.

Mrs. Elson A. Doak was hostess at a party given at her home Monday evening.

The regular meeting of the WCTU will be held Thursday, October 4 with Mrs. Evelyn Brandow. It will be an evangelicall meeting.

Mrs. Ernest Hoeszler is recovering nicely from her recent operation for appendicitis at the Memorial Hospital of Greene county.

The Rebekah Heernance lodge will install the following officers this evening at Odd Fellows hall: Noble grand, Mrs. Marie Bub; vice noble grand, Mrs. Mary Jones; secretary, Miss Mildred Egnor; treasurer, Miss Doris Smith; Mrs. Florence Brown, district deputy president of District No. 1 and staff will to the honors at the installation.

The county convention of the WCTU will take place at the First Reformed church in West Coxsackie October 12. Mrs. Ella Boole will be the speaker.

Mr. and Mrs. A. A. Vadney of Newtonville spent last Sunday at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Herbert Cooper.

L. Lämpman and Mr. Swartz of Lake Mohonk were also guests there for the day last week.

Mr. and Mrs. H. Y. Cooper and son and Mrs. Mc Chesney of Lathams spent the day with Mrs. Cooper's parents recently.

Mr. and Mrs. Cooper, Mrs. June, Peter Vandenburg attended the Cobleskill fair Wednesday.

Gold Kustn

Near Freehold

Much Excitement Created When Excavators Find Possible Supply of Gold

Excitement reigned yesterday at the Bertrand farm formerly known as the John Calder farm about 8 miles from the village of Gayhead where people from all parts of the country gathered to try to see the place where gold has supposedly been found. Whether the metal found is really gold, and if so if it is in paying quantities, remains to be seen.

Mr. Bertrand, owner of the farm, while having an excavation made for the installation of an oil tank found the shining metal. Several persons who have examined the metal have pronounced it gold.

Samples have been sent for the purpose of analysis and the whole of Greene county awaits the results.

This is not the first time that gold was thought to have been found in this county, but in all cases before the supposed metal turned out to be fools' gold. One man residing not far from Catskill, several years ago while excavations were being made on his property, found what he thought was gold and he at once engaged a lawyer to incorporate and protect his claim. Nothing further developed however.

Another resident of Greene county many years ago thought he had found gold on his property and he took legal steps to protect himself from claim stakers but the "gold" was not gold.

It is very possible that the metal found on the Bertrand may be gold but many are inclined to doubt it.

Village Mourns Youth's Death

Popular Citizen Dies Suddenly at Albany Hospital From Sinus Trouble

One of the saddest deaths occurring in the village in many years and one that has shocked the entire community was the death of Ralph C. Walthers, which occurred Saturday, September 15, 1934.

Ralph, better known as "Butter", to his hundreds of friends, was a member of the Knights of Columbus and many other local organizations all of whom paid their last respects either at the home or at the funeral held at St. Mary's Church, Tuesday at 9:30 a. m., the Reverend Thomas Phibbs, officiating.

He was born in Coxsackie, Sept. 16, 1903 the son of Mr. and Mrs. Charles Walthers, nee, Julia Sullivan, and had been employed for several years by the Reis Oil Company and later by Reis and Matter at the Tick Tock Garage.

Following a day's illness, his death was caused by sinus trouble at the Albany City Hospital.

He is survived by his father and mother, Mr. and Mrs. Charles Walthers, his widow and two sisters and one brother, Dortha, Margareta and Eugene.

A friend of all, the village will long mourn his passing and always remember him as a friend to all and a model citizen of this community.

Catsackie, W.V.

Oct 2/34

Dear George -

I opened your laundry
case this morning and there
were so few articles in it, I am
wondering if some things have
been stolen. You always have
so many more silk socks,
shorts, w. shirts and another
sheet. Here is what I found
in it, so you can check up
if anything is missing.

- 5 pairs silk socks (3 brown,
1 old grey, & one green)
- 6 pairs white socks.
- 1 Turkish Towel
- 2 cotton Towels
- 1 wash cloth
- 1 sheet
- 1 shorts
- 1 undershirt (over)

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Oct. 10/34

Dear George-

Business has been so pushing lately that letter writing has been tabooed except one to Eva. Mrs. Whitney has written but I have not answered. Of course they all wanted to be remembered to you. We went on our annual trip to Halcott on Saturday tho' it was pouring - pa went on route first and F. Lamb drove for him. The weather cleared in the afternoon and it was beautiful on Sunday coming home. We got to Auntie's by 1.30 & found Uncle Frank had been there since 10th. After dinner we brought him here and we all took a short rest. Then

We went for Auntie & drove around
to the new State building & out to
Uncle Andrew's farm. After supper we
took him to Athens to 8.30 ferry. It
was too busy a week end & pa has been
tired ever since. H. was away to Rickland.
Mr. Bergmann died Thursday & H. was
a bear at funeral to-day. I have
been to Leeds to a convention of our
Miss. Societies - It took a load one
this AM & pa came for us this after-
noon after the funeral. Pa says
Auntie & Elsie were there but I did
not see them. I have been spending
my spare time this week preparing
a short welcome speech for our
W.C.T.U. Convention in our church
on Friday - Mrs. - rather Dr. Ella A. Bush
will be the guest speaker. I'm not

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Shuts on my job, but as I was not
consulted before the program was
printed, I did not see any way out.
To cap the climax Grace & Marcella
are coming Friday to stay till Sun-
day, so to-morrow I will have to do
some cleaning up - no time yet this
Fall for real house cleaning. Auntie
too, is to have company - Mrs. Porter on
Sat. & Stanley & wife to dinner Sunday.
Elsie had planned to have the day off
& would not give ^{it} up. Auntie asked
me to go down to get the Sunday dinner
but I was glad I had a good excuse.
Guess Mrs Carr is going to do it.
Jack Foster was at the funeral today -
He was intimate at Bergmans that

Summer he was in Coesacbie.

The furniture came last week
and it is a.k. H. + pa make
good use of it - I have had
little time to sit in there lately as
there has been so much desk
work to do.

Now I think I'll get to bed,
for I am too tired to do anything
else.

Love Mothers

P.S. Sherman has all the wood cut
up + yesterday H + Pa came + cleaned
the heater + pipes replacing new parts
where necessary - pa could not have
done the job - so now we're ready
for winter. Have wood fire in heater
+ hollow stone every day & fire place at night

WEST COXSACKIE

Mrs. Emma V. Jackson is visiting Mrs. Amos Cooper in Athens.

John Beale is having a new galvanized roof put on his house.

Morgan Cole had the interior of the store papered one day last week.

Homer N. Bodell and Jasper Bopce doing the work.

Mrs. Charles Lampman is ill at the present time.

Morgan Cole has leased the store for another year, formerly the Tunis Petchile store.

Keith Brandow was in Albany one day last week.

COXSACKIE

Mrs. Olyer Blossom, who has been confined to her bed until recently, enjoyed a short automobile ride with her husband and called on friends in Earlston.

Mr. and Mrs. Don'ale De Caro and Mrs. George Marsh motored to Amherst Sunday to visit with Richard, who is a student at Amherst college.

Mrs. Gussie Provost and two daughters, Edith and Anna of South Schenectady, were Sunday visitors of Mr. and Mrs. Leland Smith.

Tuesday, Mr. and Mrs. Raymond Smith of Poughkeepsie and Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Smith and son La Verne were supper birthday guests of Mrs. Leland Smith.

LeRoy Spoor has purchased from Francis Worden, Sr., the corner lot in Freleigh Place, also the large barn of Mrs. Beach and will move it to the newly purchased lot and remodel it into a house.

Miss Hanch Bourgoyne, who spent the Summer with her brother in East Orange, has returned to her home in Washington avenue.

The Methodist Sunday school board will meet at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Smith Friday evening, October 5.

Mrs. William Doherty is recovering very nicely from her recent illness, and expects soon to see her dear friends.

Dr. L. E. and Mrs. Van Housen enjoyed last weekend in Atlantic City.

The Village Improvement sale realized over \$15.

Captain Frank Briggs returned to his home having completed the season with the Hudson River day life.

Leonard Lampman and Mr. Garrison of Lake Mohonk spent Monday at the Ely farm.

Rev. Bosch and Mrs. Bosch and son have returned from a month's vacation.

All services at the First Reformed church will be resumed Sunday, October 7.

The W.C.T.U. conference will be held October 12 in the First Reformed church, West Coxsackie. The world president, Mrs. Ella Boole will be the speaker.

The Classis of Greene missionary rally will be held October 18. A large delegation from the Reformed church of Coxsackie is expected to attend.

Mr. and Mrs. Harold Cooper, son Allan and Mrs. McChesney of Lathams visited with Mr. and Mrs. Herbert Cooper Sunday.

Mrs. Charles Hudson visited friends at the Odd Fellows' home in Ruyessant recently.

The Second Reformed church Harvest Home chicken supper will take place Thursday, October 11. Everyone is invited to attend.

The Women's Democratic club met at the home of Mrs. L. A. Warren and the following officers were elected: President, Mrs. L. A. Warren; first vice president, Mrs. Irene Titus; second vice president, Mrs. Julia Warden; third vice president, Mrs. Charles Waldron; secretary and treasurer, Mrs. Martin Haas.

A card party will be held at the American Legion rooms, October 17. Everyone is invited.

Harris 7
Cambridge, Mass.
October 19, 1934.

Dear Mother & Father,

Another rather dreary week is almost over - I do think we have been having the most unpleasant weather. You didn't write anything about having snow last Saturday so I suppose you didn't. It snowed here for about two hours that morning, melting of course as fast as it fell. But there was a foot of snow in the White Mountains.

I'm glad your week ~~was~~ ^{passed} off so pleasantly. And I reckon you had a good meeting at Fuschold on Wednesday night. I'm glad you both feel able to get about as you do. You haven't said anything about Father's hands lately - how

probably be going to a football game.

And that is all the news I have. I am leading a much simpler existence than last year and glad of it.

Tell Jessie I'm glad to hear she is getting along so well.

Love to all.

George.

are they - has he been to see a doctor?

The seminar came off on Wednesday as scheduled. I gave a very dull speech in a most unembarrassed manner - I couldn't have been more phlegmatic. But everyone seemed to have a good time interrupting me and saying back and forth as I shed no tears afterwards.

Feeling out of the mood for work that night I made my second trip to Boston and saw a play 'Ah, Motherfucker' of Eugene O'Neill. I thought it a quite perfect picture of the life of millions of American families. I have so often seen similar scenes at home and heard the same phrases with the same inflections.

Marnie is coming over to dinner tonight. Afterwards we shall go to a trio recital in Souders theatre.

Possibly tomorrow is a good day I shall call up the Whitneys & see if Gardner wants to go for a walk in the Fels. I reckon he'll

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Oct. 25/34

Dear George -

Jessie is pleading to Bessie but I'll try to concentrate for a little while. They all came to-day for the week-end as school is closed on account of Teachers convention in Schenectady. Weather is ideal now - I should like to go riding every day but go very little now. I had a touch of tonsillitis last week end & then in bed all day Sunday. The first part of week I did some much needed chancing up stairs. Yesterday was Harvest Home - Pa did the decorating & we all went up to Supper. Then M. took me to Aunties & Pa came for me at 9. She does not come here lately but I don't know what she is peered at - she has not been here since the 14th. When she came with the Protess. She talks of going to Florida if she can get someone to go

visit her. -

Bernard is on a vacation now and next week W & J. plan to go up to Adirondacks for several days. Jennie gets around quite good without a care now of time. She has up to see Dr. Kling on Saturday. He ordered her to wear orthopedic shoes. She got them at the same store in Albany where I went last year. We have not been to Albany yet & I don't know when we will go. Pa seems to be improving slowly but he gets restless from a little exertion & is very restless nights if he goes out - guess we'll have to stay home altogether. He went to see Dr. Tan. Tues. & he gave him tablets for the neuritis.

Nothing much to write about & I'm too tired to write more now. Hope you had a nice visit with the Wheelwrights, tell me about it.

Love
Mother.

Halls 7
Cambridge, Mass.
October 26, 1934

Dear Mother & Father,

No letter from you in ten days - I hope that doesn't mean anyone is sick - I reckon you are just very busy and that time flies before you realize it - as it seems to with Eva. I had a letter from her the other day. She seemed to be feeling fairly happy. She had at last picked out a problem which she described to me. From the profundity of my ignorance I would say that it seemed like a good problem. She had had a letter from a man in the Botanical Gardens in New York in which he said that in that problem she had a clear field ahead of her.

I have practically nothing to report. Marie was over last Friday evening. On Tuesday evening I was invited down to Ellet House for dinner, but spent the rest of the evening working at Professor Hearn's. Outside of that I have been right here in my chair all week - oh, yes, I did get out for about an hour & a half last

Sunday afternoon. The sun came out late that afternoon - when it did I dashed out to Belmont and walked for about an hour. There was little red coloring left but there was a good display of browns & yellows.

I found the 'turkeys' in the laundry case. I reckon you sent them to have me mend them. I repaired them this afternoon to the best of my ability. I shall try to pack them so that they won't get crushed again.

I see Miss Putnam in the 'Georgian' frequently in the morning. She wanted to know all about you & expressed her sorrow that Father had been sick. She wanted to be in Washington if she didn't have to be here on business! But Washington is a very dull place these days - everyone looks so depondent. And she has told me at least twice how deeply in debt F.D.R. was while in college and how his mother was always having to dig deeper in her pocket.

Well, that seems to be all. Hope I shall hear from you tomorrow that you are all well.

Love
George.