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[26 Dec. 1955]



May the
JOY OF CHRISTMAS
BE WITH YOU
all the year.

Love,
Eva

Sunday Noon

Dear George -

Every minute seems to have
been filled since we reached
here Saturday noon. I am
staying in bed to-day for I
have a vile cold and it seems
wise to stay put. I should have
stayed in on Sunday when I
had a sore throat. However I
felt better yesterday and h.
and I drove ^{to Fayetteville} to see Mr. Newson.
He was not encouraging for he
has no money but he didn't
turn me down flat on our one
call. I haven't yet been able
to get an appointment with Dr.

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Webster. Mrs. Thompson offers only
1 semester of botany and
feels its foolish to offer more so I
can not as much interested as I
was. Botany used to be stronger.
That is the 4 year course. But
these general survey courses in
biology are numerous of botany
for a student who wants to learn
a little botany would take a year's
study to fulfill a prerequisite.
Carrie King was third Thursday
and the service was Sunday
afternoon with burial in Iowa
this morning. Ann has gone
~~on~~ with her sister (from Boston)
to Denver for the holidays so
has Ann's car to use.

I didn't bring my checkbook with
me so your ^{to} check for a "check" ^{to}
will come later.

We are comfortable in the apart-
ment and happy to be with
friends. We may be also as Christians
but that will matter for always.
Cousin Henry has been in family
and Harriet who has more times been
with all of us is going to school.

Laura will go for usual and
then I may hear from you -

My love to you as ever and always.

So much has happened I can
scarcely believe it is only a week
to night since you left -

Thank you so much for being
that. Eva

Miss Eva B. Van Schaack
Wheaton College
Norton, Mass.

Dec. 24, 1955

Dear George.

Thank you so much for calling
this morning. I am sorry I was
nervous but when I try to explain
what happened at Wheaton I do
get upset. I saw the loophole when
I accepted the plan in March 1953
and I think I'd have done better to
make the break to teach in a
denominational school at that
time. But to turn down an offer as
good as the Wheaton one was on the
surface seemed foolish. For at
the time I tackled the matter over

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with Olin Copeland, Mrs. Harris
secretary, who was a good friend of
mine and with Ruth and they
felt so certain that Wheaton would
be impressed by my good teaching
that I was bound to win out.
Jane said, "they (the academic
dean and president) hounded me
for specific instances of your inability
and I spent last year collecting
them." Well anyone could have
collected them last year. But
the fact that the administration
insisted upon something to support
its decision to let me go shows
it was a more or less fait accompli.
The administration had seemed to
make Cleton Chairman and to
get rid of Elizabeth which would
have been easy under their

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circumstances for E. Ly. & Cleaton
do not get on at all. Had to get
rid of E. Lybech with Jane as chairman
was more difficult and if ever I
had a chance it was lost when it
was decided to keep E. Lybech. Jane
can't get on with E. Lybech very well
but E. Ly. is a capable person. And
Jane would get rid of Cleaton to begin
if she could. It was no credit to
me that I was able to get on with
everybody - I am a good teacher - I
have no doubt of that - but I
may not think it stays so new to
me and my deep interest in the
students as persons has probably been

agreed me. ⁴

I do think Laura will be with us
next year. This business has
upset her greatly and for the
time being she feels that perhaps she
has been a detriment & nevertheless
she knows full well the decision
was made months before she came
to town. While the teaching at
I hope would not contain much
work in botany. It is in a college
community where I have some
friends and where I wouldn't
need to make the effort of trying to
make friends. That might make
my first years here easier. Hope
is obligated to keep the two young

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Ph.D. is it took this fall for at least
two years. With college requirements
increasing it is probable at least
one of them will be offered a better job
sometime next year, possibly this
year. I fear I might have to teach
Physiology and Hygiene, a subject
in which I have little preparation
and no interest. But I would walk
up interest in it. There are 108 teachers
it now - in three sections - the only
people who will teach in public schools.
Apparently Mr. Lane's own document
favors giving bacteriology often and
now that one of the best views has been
in a course in Clinical Bacteriology a

course which I feel has no place in
a liberal arts college but I'd like
Lynn's to say so) students will
learn analytic techniques there. I
feel that is one aspect of training in
biology which should not be neglected.
Should I hear of a job in cell botany
I think I should take it if it
seemed promising for the hope
place may not be offered to me.
But I might be wise to use the money
I can (or hope I can) get from
Kearse's estate and keep along
financially for a year and take
some work in zoology (probably some
fly biology & hygiene) and do
whatever part time work I could
get. I'd love to trust that leaflet

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would come to see as time goes on.
I've been awfully hard but I
haven't been nervous. I have a
good friend, a former student, at
the University of Minnesota. She
is in her first year of graduate study
~~and~~, was I at the University, I
would be a friend. I haven't yet
told her I've lost my job. I'd would
address her. She was a 200 major at
M.I.C. but took several botany courses,
two with me. And is doing
graduate work in botany at Minnesota.
I think I could live at Carleton
easily enough if I could get a room
not too far from campus. I know

of the Xunxuntes & his wife in Delicias
who haven't read a cover but their
home is downtown & too far away -
I know a Chinese student who commuted at their
home:
Here are just ideas -

Laura is taking a bath & says to
tell you we need a toilet in the
bath room here! Bless you for
all the hard work you did in
Norton.

I must tell you something I meant to
tell you when you found. I sent
Judge the last pair of sneakers Grandma
made - they were yours and I
didn't know why you didn't wear
them out. Maria kept them for
years and said shortly before her
recent fall that she wanted Judge
to have them. I meant to send

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Mrs. East Christensen. Grandmother
made them dusty before she died in
1918. I also sent Judy a book but
I think she was far more pleased with
the letters. I wrote her their
story. I've figured out that Harold
has about 1/2 a. acre. Seems a paradise
to me but that's because I'm coming
to give up my bit of ground.

Mrs. Godfrey came at 1 p.m. and
left about 10 p.m. The women have
had us there to-day but we had
had two diseases there and
wanted to have her see. He's
going there to know how to
to Dr. Durrence's Wednesday night.

He is so now and not very well.
 His niece married me once. Through
 the grace Laura has gone there about
 once a year. He was president of Hope
 in many years there. He lives with his
 sister and two nieces in a fine
 home in town. A year ago we were
 at their summer place at a
 party of ~~faculty~~ people who were
 on the faculty when he was president.
 Dining was well then and it was a
 gala event. He is a grand old man
 but I am still much what I am
 then.

We've been out several times -
 last Wednesday, Thursday and
 Friday to dinner and will be
 going out to a holiday meal on
 Thursday of this week. I feel this

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being away from Norton has been
good for me - I could not see very
well in going to the ANMS meeting
in Atlanta - There are few people
and cannot expect people who have
helped me in the past to help me
now. It is true that has happened
these times had such times through
times forced by my own. It is been
in unfortunate circumstances.
Undoubtedly, it is made possible -
Everybody does. I think I shall
write to the a codicil dean at
Mount Holyoke and ask her to
send a letter here or to give a
letter to the Hopkins Bureau of
Cottons matter. She thought highly

of my teaching and of my interest
in students and I think she
might understand why the place
at Wheaton had fallen through -
But I'd let them see a bit -

One reason I am sure I must not write
a good recommendation is that she is
known a favorite of standing
with the administration. Perhaps
she has to be - When she went on
leave she wanted to find up being
Chairman but she changed her
mind during that year - Well to
see to go on - there are so many angles
to it -

Now don't let yourself worry -
I'll get your letter to - morning
morning. Much love - Laura
Sends thanks for your Christmas
greeting - love - Eva

[30 Dec. 1955]

HAPPY NEW YEAR

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Dear George -

Dec. 30.

Post Erie, Ont.

We are warning Bygones and are in time. We
may be able to get a reservation there - If not
we'll live through it. Have been in ^{very} 4. ^{times} for table
coach from Detroit - I think the Dops job may
come through for year after next. I heard to-day
that two biologists are leaving Grand Rapids
Ivan College so will investigate that exp. & way.
We went to see Matt yesterday and had general
fly-outs as well as a talk with him about the
Dops plan. He is in the executive board. ~~and~~
Dr. Hubbers had said that if the Thompson
favored giving me the fund opening that he

(Dr. Hubben) would try to
get the executive board
to agree to the 1 on Jan. 13.
Such an opening would
lead across for a year or
more. What said I am
in fair shape and he would
do all he could to help me.
My love to you. Please
take a few minutes to rest.
W. say "Happy New Year to
you with love - Eva

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GIBSON

CINCINNATI, OHIO, U.S.A.

5N 61231

January 10, 1956

Dear George,

Thank you so much for your letter. I am sorry you had to sit in on a court case and waste all that time. With so much to do at the Garden I should think you would be nearly frantic.

wrote

First of all let me say that Wilbur ~~xxx~~ that according to the last two income tax reports the estate fund for me would amount to about \$1800. I had no idea it was that much and it is too bad I didn't know that sooner for I need not have suffered quite so much from a feeling of insecurity and I might have looked further before I took this position. I saw the loopholes in the arrangement here even before I seriously considered accepting the offer and I talked the matter over with Olive Copeland, Mr. Ham's secretary, who was a good friend of mine and also with Ruth. I think however, if the administration here had been pleased with me (a diabetic!!) Jane would not have pressed letting me go. But she is so loyal to the administration and so adverse to anyone or anything that Clinton likes that she couldn't have had an unprejudiced viewpoint. She knows in her heart I am a good teacher, she has had ample evidence of it. I may not be as up-to-date as she is but I am not hopelessly old-fashioned. But she feels she can't recommend a person who has a disability that might sometime interfere and she feels that mainly because Mr. Meneely and Mrs. May preached it to her. When it was decided to keep Elizabeth I feel certain it was definitely decided to let me go and I feel certain Jane knew it then. College presidents do queer things where budgets are concerned and department heads seem not always to think of the needs of the department. She would never have let slip the statement, " They hounded me for specific instances and of your inability and I spent last year collecting them!" if she had not felt she hadn't a leg to stand on. ~~xxx~~ Anyone with a long-lasting and painful bursitis and especially a person taking a lot of pain-killer (that is a diabetic) would have been unable to avoid some evidences of inability last year. However I think the administration, as Mr. Meneely said, made up its mind early in my stay here and kept Elizabeth to please Jane only because it wanted something from Jane, that is support in letting me go. When I came here to be interviewed Clinton told me that rotating chairmanships were being introduced here. I didn't ask him who would be chairman the next year but I did ask both Mr. Meneely and Mrs. May and was given the same answer by each one, " Miss Chidsey does not want to be chairman." She had been chairman four years. I think the administration hoped to let Clinton be chairman for a bit and so easily get rid of Elizabeth who had done and still does very fine work. They knew that with Jane as chairman it would not be so easy to let Elizabeth go. And of course there is no telling what tales from South Hadley may have reached here after I was appointed. Well, enough of that.

I had a message from Walter Berlinsky today telling me that his mother had died last week following two heart attacks. Apparently she was ill just a few hours. She was about Laura's age and a very wonderful person. I am sorry we did not get to Cossackie this past summer to see her. Walter wrote that he and his wife who have a baby daughter would stay on the place. I had not know Walter was married. It is quite a number of years since Laura and I last ~~xxx~~ called there.

When I've written I've meant to tell you that Mr. Dumont died last April at the age of 98. I heard that through the Truesdells and Mabel. I had asked Mabel to ask Marian about him.

I am enclosing a check for the three bow ties. Its a good thing you mentioned buying them for I'd have forgotten to send you your Christmas present. Now, cash the check!!

I have not heard anything from either Mr. Lubbers or the man in Grand Rapids. There has not been time to hear from the latter and I doubt Mr. Lubbers will write before the executive committee meets although he said he would let me know what Mr. Thompson said; that is whether or not Mr. Thompson would favor having me ~~xxx~~ in that department. Hope is building a new dormitory for men and a new music building and Mr. Lubbers is very busy and probably will not hurry about ~~xxxx~~ other matters of lesser importance. I guess I told you that I had been in to meet the dean. The teaching at Hope would be hard but I managed at Kalamazoo with big classes (although not with unfamiliar work at the same time) and I would learn to manage at Hope. I hate to think of teaching so little real botany but I've taught very little here and as time went on I'd become accustomed to teaching the less familiar subjects. I think I could make the botany more interesting than Mr. Thompson does, though I would not be able to do the field work as well as he does, at least not at first. I could make it more interesting partly because I'd put more time on it. With him it has always had to be a sideline and since he has lived twenty ~~xxx~~ miles sway he has not had time to breath. Of course with so much else to teach I might have to slight botany too but if I were near campus I could do a lot even though I might have to give up working on Sundays. I could always work at home on Sundays. There was a time when I dreaded buckling down to the restrictions of a college such as Hope but I've been through so much that I no longer ~~feel~~ feel that I'd mind such restrictions.

Laura and I were able to get a bedroom at Buffalo. The train was on time reaching Buffalo and I made beeline for the pullman reservation window. We were asleep ~~xx~~ shortly after eleven (train left Buffalo at 10:25) and slept until eight Saturday morning. So we arrived here feeling fit and ~~able~~ able to go a lot that afternoon. The train was late getting to Boston but we reached home by 12:40 and found everything in good shape. We had turned the front door light on for the carolers the morning of the day we left and had forgotten to turn it off but that didn't matter too much. Perhaps it looked as though we were at home, and so was an advantage with respect to prowlers.

I can join the American College Bureau again. ~~xxx~~ I had considered going there while I was in Holland but it is not so many years since I was there and I think that will suffice for the present. It is almost too early for colleges of the type which would consider taking me to be active in looking for teachers. That bureau let me know about a number of moderately good places in denominational colleges in 1947-48. I could live anywhere but the period of uncertainty would have to be lived through and I hesitate to go through that again if I can avoid it. In Holland I'll have not a care in the world about Laura and gradually I can fit into life there. When I lived with her, I took no active part in any group and always that will have to be restricted for me. But I'd be welcome in a number of groups. And were we to live near the college I might again be able to work on my mayapple rust ^{samples}. Here I don't know how I'd ever have gotten the use of the equipment necessary for that ~~xxx~~ work. I'll probably never do much with it and I'd be hampered by lack of library facilities. That ^{and} giving up this piece of land are harder for me than anything else.

Laura and I found a fine place to live just across from campus. It is one of the very few npt-too-large houses for sale downtown and the only one near campus that is a good buy. We are hoping this thing at Hope will come through so that we could arrange to take that place. It has a small yard, enough to give me a little

place to dig but not enough to be a burden spring and fall. We had the business executive (really the college treasurer, I guess) go over the place with us and advise us. Of course we could not afford to buy it were I not to have a job in Holland within a year or so. I alone know how essential it is for me to be near my work and as Laura grows older it will be more essential. She doesn't appreciate how essential it is for I have cut corners this year and have not worked as much at night as I did even last year. This next semester I'll have to work more at night. Jane gave me an extra lab ^{for a few extra hours} so I told her I'd have to have either Monday afternoon or Friday afternoon free for I'd need some long week-ends. I drove the bargain for it is hard for me to sit with that group now and I see no need for five faculty members to work with nine majors in a seminar. I've never been in the seminar and there is no need for me to learn the ropes now. Last year we had only two majors and the first year I was so snowed under with bacteriology that I couldn't do seminar on Monday. I had looked forward to it this year but the work here now no longer interests me very much. I am not working toward anything.

Well, I always seem to revert to the same subject. I will drop that and thank you once more for the wonderful lot of bulbs you sent. They came when I was so heartsick that I could only weep over them but perhaps tears will have given them a good start. I did not realize that the autumn crocus would bloom this year so I sent them to Eleanor and she has written wonderful tales of their blooming. The last bud opened during Christmas week. I also sent her a few of the other bulbs but most of them I put out where we can enjoy them this spring. We may not be here long enough to dig them and it is barely possible that when we leave here we won't know where we are going to live permanently. But if we do I shall take a few of them with me if possible. I saved some of the February golds to grow indoors for they did so beautifully the last two years. Or perhaps it was just ~~xxx~~ the first year I was here that you sent some. No, I remember now, I put them all outside a year ago.

Now I must get to bed. I am giving reading period in one of my courses and so have a little more time than I did. I had not realized that practically every spare moment was spent on that course in microbiology.

Good-night and much love and many, many thanks. Laura sends greetings. She was touched by your concern ~~for~~ ^{for} her. She has been wonderfully brave but the first night she seemed to grow ten years older overnight. She so firmly believed that I'd be kept for my good teaching and she just didn't think Wheaton could be so unfair. After all the academic dean persuaded me to come by telling me that teaching biology and helping to put more ~~botany~~ botany in the beginning biology was a challenge. There I am again. I am well nigh incurable. Once more lots of love.

Eva

Thursday, February 2
[1956]

Dear George,

Do you suppose the Boyd-Van Schoeck ground
log is preparing to emerge today?

Bless you for your letter and the offering help.
I trust I shall not have to accept it but it
warms my heart to know I could.

Dr. Hubben has gone on a vacation according to
his secretary. Which that means I don't know.

Apparently he would really be busy the
matter before the executive committee of the
board. Has he yet talked to Mr. Thompson
^{at that time.}

I am afraid the whole thing may fall
through but have known him very well and
she feels he would business as he would not
be giving us any encouragement. In all
probability it won't happen next year but I could.

I had letters sent from Mr. Van and Mrs.
Cameron (Cameron dean of UNC). There were
letters on file and I think they were good ones.

Now about the offering too. I asked Harry, who

has just been presented to an assistant professorship
 whether or not he was continuing full time next
 year. He has been looking after greenhouse and
 grounds heavy work. He said the plan was to
 let him teach the new course to do that
 work ^{passed it over to him.} ~~and~~ The new course would
 but not necessarily the courses heavy lecture
 now. Of course heavy work takes as much real
 botany as he can get. He said the letter that was
 sent out. If you can see it let me know what
 it asked for. I am curious to know. Jane,
 who teaches only physiology & anatomy - I am,
 can teach any thing including general biology,
 and genetics (none of the ecologists here will
 teach genetics!!). The president has would take
 no responsibility for what we would teach. I
 know that. I am sure I'd say "Beware of Whiston" but
 I'm prejudiced. When we talk with Jane she
 seems very reasonable but she isn't much
 interested in botany at all and that makes it
 hard to build up botany. I think heavy work
 they have. He doesn't want to teach horticulture
 so I think the new course will do that but I
 don't know. I know Jane's Ph.D. from Harvard
 and knows nothing about horticulture except what
 she taught here and I know very little. But
 he talks big. However I think he is a good botanist.
 He was near the year I came.

I should see Clary - here. E. W.

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NAMES

P.S. Charles spent 9 hrs here for a beginning at looking in that new pots so later
 cleared & tall, bearing and is ^{or} such a weed. down bearing. gave supplies
 with a berry, begin but 9 hrs led by Charles when 9 cases that a margin
 could begin in 20 days, berry, or berry. When as per 1 & expand from
 a student body of 550 to about 1250 more found 4 & 5 years so then many he

These drawings & got history
There are 4 to show the
and to 5 feet have paper in
in present history of present
led by a horse!

July 15
Wednesday a.m.

Dear George -

The dogs just get by and I almost
find my self on the way to the
next meal which I believe from
the former one - It was good to
have you here. I do hope the bread and
milk has helped. And Owing I mean!

I think, George, I want you up the
place to go to Norton before I have a good
rest - As I have thought about the

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Settling in there (this seems to me was
how) I feel I can do it in early
September. I am more tired than I
thought - I have been pushed or two feet
pushed for so long. I don't think there
is much hope for my various physical
difficulties clearing up until I have had
a period of freedom from work and the
right kind of food. I ought to be possible
to achieve at least a August the kind
of thing I had at the university in
late April. That set me on my feet for
a long time. There is, of course, the
problem of my possessions here. Every-
thing except my typewriter (which I
can't see to use at present) can be sent
by parcel post or express. The typewriter
I must carry on the ^{next} train to London. It
has to be sent between here & (London). I have
tried to come for her or take her to Milton
in early September - at least she seemed to
want to do that but I think I can manage.
I think if she were to come for me in mid-
August it would mean very little except for
her on the way & no rest for me on the
way back. I am sorry not to get you
help in that your plan don't fit. I
am also sorry I can't help you about

all that stuff in storage. I don't think
you will gain any thing by securing &
protecting Wilbur. Wilbur is honest but he
does take his time + is slow to his business.
I don't see how he continues to let Jessie
live in the two rooms and never makes
the final effort to get the lines done. He may
feel I'd not save the money but he is
mistaken - I realize why too well that unless
I can keep on working like he hard past 6:00
and even if I can work until 7:00 65-
I need to save for the period after that -
unfortunately it costs me a great deal
to live but I have no other ways now -
I've a few years of - Well, I must rest

go on.

After you left I spent the day in
 classes + labs and also happen on
 the way home. I was in bed by
 6/30. Hey, I was tired for 2nd half
 so much pain ^{that} ^{after} ^{you} found I can do
 the bacteriology lab work more
 easily by standing. Sitting is
 too difficult. I was sorry you
 had such a plugging on whole

I slept. I went back to the boat.
 Sat. Sat. 9. m. to try over some of
 the things I intended to do on Friday
 I am trying to learn to do the things
 I have met & difficulty in doing.

If you don't have to be concerned
 about the perishes you can get at
 the Albany & Crossroads problem
 earlier. I am willing to keep paying
 storage & to pay back storage in this
 thing I have in the Albany place.
 However, the like kind of very being
 able to use these old elements ^{soon} will
 very great. I doubt whether these
 storage place would be very large

Wahid's address in Colchester is
 41 Serrano Avenue. If she
 Now about the things you have
 for me - You could leave them
 with Dr. McCoy in Norwell which is
 nearer Boston than Nordin - Dr.
 Clinton V. McCoy - The new botanical

Jan 1947 - 1947 Spring - Dr. McCoy
 she will take the things to the
 will take the things to the

Mem. of Miss H. B. - Howard Pl. D. 5
& parents near Dr. Lawrence Mish
will be in campus ^{from} August 12th and
will be living in an apartment on the
first floor of a house on the main street.
Try in case urgent at Information
in the Administration Building &
get directions how to get into the
Science Building. The door of my office
B 5 (Basement 5) was unlocked when
I was there & I left a few things in it.
I wish I were to be there with you to
show you around. The house -
12 Howard Street is grey shingled
& across from the faculty duplex

[Well - here goes on a scrap of paper]
 apartment at the south end of
 Campus - I feel certain Mrs. Bates
 would be willing to look after the
 things. If you see this in any
 weather the Campus will look very
 sad -

Trust you were to be here again -
 You were here so briefly. But it's
 a long time out here -

Kit writes to Mrs. Hamilton & makes
 her understand that the place
 must be cleaned by the time I arrive
 Sept 3 or 4 - She will see how much
 furniture I have & will have had time
 to dispose of ^{some} hers. I have to write to
 her anyway for I want to remind
 her about a number of things -

Do send me word to let us know your
 thoughts is behaving - And how you
 are in general -

Write us and spend Sunday
 at - jellies - had seen & say I spent all
 morning writing checks, a

perhaps I don't intend to
repeat this Sunday -
how -
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I am in the Wachs to
remember me to Dr. Wachs and
his little daughter who is no
longer here. The name is given.
I suppose I should remember her Mrs.
Wachs but I don't. Better
remember me to the whole family!

E.



[23 Feb. 1956]

Bless y.m., George.

for the Valentine letter
and for the lovely present
which came on Feb. 15.
I had had a notice about
the book but had no
notion that I'd own a copy
of it - at least not so
soon. It is beautifully
done and very correct
botanically, I suppose. I've
used Manscher Key to
Woody Plants for years. Henry

doesn't like it but I know very
way around in it. "Garden of
and Wild Pot Herbs" goes to bed
with his sword. They look to you
and the very thistles.

Ena

Feb. 22

We have had two good prospects
for the house but this is the
telling what may happen



Uncle George -

March 19
[1956]

We are as pleased as Punch to
have wild rice. What a treat and
what a friend! I truly would
to thank you before this. Hope
does never to get ahead of me.
I was in Boston or Cambridge
five times within twelve days -
quite a lot of out-of-town

activity for me. I went twice to
Harvard to hear Prof. Wigglesworth
lectures, once to see Dr. White at
Torrey Herbarium, to hear Weyen
and to the flower show (Wass.
Herd. Society). There were Diver
and Schomburgk, especially and wood
cut in exhibit at the Peabody Museum
and I had a chance twice to see
them but only briefly. Needless to
say I enjoyed Weyen's time with all
my heart. She was very gracious

Read your letters after lecture -
Lillian and I had a delightful
drive home through the early part
of Friday's storm after we left the
flower show Friday noon. To-day's
storm is much more severe - I
haven't seen such a storm for years.
We hope we have sold the house but
am not certain yet. I am glad
you hold in words so this would be
just a wave of the hand.
Love, Eva

William is at home and
sent me a check for \$200.
He wrote he is having a
nasty time dissolving a
partnership with Willie Park(s).
I hope it will be more than a
nasty time. I never liked that
man -



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It'd be taken on either part time or full time depending upon the need and my health. I wonder whether anything will ever come of it. As soon as I am out of Norton - that is as soon as we reach Halland - I'd try to make a plan about next year. I am writing to Dr. Hubber now to find out whether or not he knows about next year. Through an agency I tried to get something but perhaps I should go to school and learn more Zoology and Phytozoology. Love and many thanks - Eva

Dear George, Wednesday
[29 March 1956]
The tea has just arrived and we have had some. It's very good. Thank you so much. I've been home all afternoon trying to bring order out of chaos and making various phone calls etc. On Monday Laura and I decided to "take off" for the holiday. We're driving to Beldinnes and Richmond and returning by way of Co. Wick. I haven't seen her three nephews since

September 9's when her brother died
 and I can't persuade her to go alone
 on the train. We're leaving Friday
 morning and returning a week
 from Saturday.

I do not have an appointment at
 Hope College. All I have is a statement
 of action taken by the board of trustees
 which states that when the College
 needs help in the Biology Department

We have used the house finally and
 will move back in 2 weeks

Norton, Mass.

May 31, 1956.

Dear George -

Every day for weeks I've wanted to write to you but each day comes and goes without its being done.

Wanna and I plan to leave here next Thursday, reaching Aunt Whitwell's either Saturday night or Sunday. (122 East 25th Street. Tel. 6-6307)

The movers are supposed to arrive at 8 a.m. Thursday. Since we have just twice as much to be loaded as when we left Holland last July it may take nearly all day for the loading. However, this house is smaller and the distances are not so great. We

We'll have a phone June 11/56

shall have to sweep the house after the
movers leave & that is all. Did try to
have the car packed the day before.
The papers etc. for the sale of the house
are to be signed on Wednesday but that
shouldn't take too long. The purchaser
is getting a loan (G. I. loan) and
the red tape is endless. However we
have very good lawyers in Tallahassee who
will see to it that things are done
up properly. We did lose on the house
and when I bought it I knew I was
paying more than it was worth. And
for the sake of being so was anxious I
felt I wasn't making a mistake. The
too bad I spent so much money for
the best kind of storm windows and
screens but I thought I was buying
something for the next fifteen years use.
However despite the cost of mortgage

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payments and the taxes and the
loss I've had, ^{over} two years past and
the freedom and security and privacy
one gets in one's own place. I couldn't
have gotten through the pain of the second
year here had I not had a refuge
at night. And for a while now I've
had a piece of land for which I had
great plans - an experience which
is denied many a person who loves the
earth as I do. I feel that the
administrators and the head of the
department here have treated me
shabbily (sp.?) for I've done a good
piece of work there three years and
in leaving ^{to go} ^{please with} on a firmer
basis than it was. A home is not
an investment for two years and
besides what I've lost in that there
is the cost of L's moving which was

Could have been saved. ⁴ I see now
that the plan was made at the end of
my first year here if not earlier.
That is why June ~~had~~ wrote to me to
revisit Botany outlines when she
had told me earlier we'd use the old
outlines another year. Harry is a good
botanist but he is an awfully poor
student in many ways and when Jim
was here to coach him he'd find
himself stuck many a time. Well,
I must not rattle on. Jim very better
and has been all year but I've done
a good job this year and I can
hold up my head.

I don't know how you can do so much
but I think a person who can throw
off a virus in one day can do
nearly anything. I feel distressed

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over Mrs. Tweedy's flight. If and
when you hear so let us know.
Perhaps Helen will let you know how
Betty is getting on. Remember us to
Helen when you write to her and
give Mrs. Tweedy my greetings, too.

It's very hard to have cared for a fern
as long as ^{you} and then to let others do it.

The wood thrush is in its third hour
of calling from the woods. It never
gets near enough for hours to hear
it plainly and only the last few days
has it been near enough for
me to hear it without shouting very
loud. We ought to walk over to the
College woods when we can hear
wood thrushes screaming or swooning
and so close at hand.

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Early September will be a ^{good} time
for you to come but you are welcome
any time. The house we bought
seemed quite clean - curtains &
drapes (since we would want to keep
indefinitely) and floor carpet
were included. The carpet is a light
green so we'll have to have our
downport recovered or have a sleep
covers made for it. It will be nice to
have a few pieces again and I hope
you'll be there to enjoy it many
times.

No word yet from Mrs. Hubbers. We
heard via the grapevine that she
wondered in biology (a man with
an M.A. but not one of the two new
Ph.D.s) at Hope was leaving. There'll

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be scant botany if any. I have
time under collection, Mr. Thompson
will turn the botany over to me.
And I wonder if I may not be taken
on to teach just one course while
I am being tried on it. But wherever
I would go (any place I might get through
a teachers agency) I'd be certain to
run into difficulties on account of
my diabetes. So I think I'd better
take what I can get at Hope and
try to prepare myself to do more
strategic teaching. I may go to
summer school but I will have to
be in that Jersey City late June or
very early July. I have several catalogs.
One trouble is that so much of what
lies ahead of me is so strategic that
I don't know where to begin. However

When I reach Holland I may be able
to find out what I'd be expected to
teach the first year. I know full
well the problem of teaching with
no margin of knowledge and the
student body at Hope will include
some good students than I've had
in classes here. But I'll have to
cross these bridges as I reach there.

Yesterday was sunny and cool.
Today is beautiful. I still have
to transfer backcountry courses,
clean up a lot of glassware, pack the
stuff in my office, go to Co. & faculty
meeting and attend commencement
Sunday morning. We are getting on
fairly well at home with packing
etc. Have read gazettes.
Love and good wishes. Etc

The ^{seeds} shells have been Coaly. And
the thesias, which you sent
earlier, were larger and more
have asperities than yours. The
season is so late that among the
tops have died down enough to

dig the bulbs. They'd have to
be dug long enough ahead so we
could dry them some what. The
Yard at 250 College Avenue is
small. Lot is only 60 feet wide
but quite deep. It's dry since
Crown corn - There's 4 or 50
mch. - loose. E -

~~F~~
Hope College

INTER-OFFICE MEMORANDUM

Nov. 6, 1966

From
To
Subject

Dear George.

Thank you so much for calling to-day.
Even though its nearly four years since
hairs went to Aunt Arden (Nov. 8, 1966)
I cannot look back to that time without
a lump in my throat. I went to church
this morning and sat near the front on
the right side not so far from where we
sat ^{together} four years ago. on Nov. 28th at the service.
I haven't become

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INTER-OFFICE MEMORANDUM

From
To
Subject

accustomed to the new minister, and I haven't
met him yet but Hope Church is my church -
I never understand when people say - "I don't
feel at home at Hope Church anymore. It
runs by the young folks." "Well, why shouldn't
it be?" I think. I've gone to Hope Church of
and on for 42 years and while I can't work
in the church its my church - I guess we
for thinking out loud. I don't go often now.
years ago the head gardener, Mr. Palak ??,

who came
in June

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INTER-OFFICE MEMORANDUM

From
To
Subject

at the garden sent me some Marchantia
with gemmae cups. Will you ask him
to send me some now, please? If
this can't be done let me know - just a
postcard will do. The biological supply
houses send such poor material. If he
has a liverwort Lunularia which has
crescent-shaped gemmae cups that would
do. It is said to be a greenhouse weed but
I haven't seen it since I left Mount Holyoke.

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INTER-OFFICE MEMORANDUM

From
To
Subject

Some of each ^{genus} would be welcome. I want
the students to watch gemmas develop. This
is old fashioned botany but it is still a good
study. I might be able to keep these plants
going. I know that we have a greenhouse.
I was washing the dishes and thought of
this so I came into the dining room and
wrote before I remembered that I can't write
letters. With all the teachers on campus
running around talking into dictaphones
it's a distinct disadvantage not to be able

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INTER-OFFICE MEMORANDUM

From
To
Subject

except special delivery
to dictate a letter! Packages are not delivered
in Holland on Saturday so if the material
could be sent early in the week, it would ^{arrive} ~~come~~
before Saturday.

My love to you. Don't work too hard. If
possible do sleep 12 hours of least once a
week. I do that now - I used to arise
early nearly every day. Now I sometimes
don't bother to wake-up before seven or eight.
Once more my love, Eva

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Dear George - Saturday - Dec. 29
[1956]

Thank you for the great box of shirts
and socks and for the change checks.
I set out at once to buy some fuel
which ought to make life more gay
and convenient. But it has been
just neglected to buy wood for the
fireplace party because we didn't
know where to get it and recently
because I hadn't cleaned a place

What's so deep in the heart of
the car!

With the excitement to find it. So we
compromised for the present by bringing
a hundred pounds of bird's nest??
(Sunkatta?) I carried away, (see how
to speed it) and some huddling. I
have a few pieces of wood picked up
here and there this first summer.
On Monday I'll cut about wood.

I. just don't get such things, however.
I'm very pleased to have Hutchinson's
book - how pleased I can't put into
words. And the observations with the
Rembrandts. I. has washed and
waxed the sheets and will mount them
somewhat. I shall probably just file
on sheet after sheet in the event of
unprecedented cold weather.

Your letter reached here Sunday
night, I think. I hope mine
reached you before you were up
Christmas Day. Harold called
on Christmas Day. I forgot to tell
him (or ^{write} tell) that you had not
sent cards this year. Almost always
his first question is "How is George?" -

62 "What do you hear from George? I never
asked that I haven't written these
letters for over a year. Mary asked what
happened they went out on excursions & I don't
know whether you and I were stopping to
see them. She seemed to think I had
been in Corsica, too - I had heard that
you were going directly to Wisconsin
from Connecticut so I told her that.
I remember how - they were going
away for the week-end if they were
certainly we weren't coming. She
said Howard didn't know she was
calling - I'm afraid I wasn't very
(Linda)

patient with her over the phone - It was part of the
time when I was nearly planted over the ^{unpleasantly about} Hope College
position and I didn't feel uneasy to get in time
to be really visit to Chicago.

I shall use the money for things I couldn't otherwise have.
The fuel was just a joke although it is probably being
more used than otherwise for it is a bother to get it and
get it put away. On the other hand should I not be
good to be loaded with four wood. Better not to
get too much. I do need some books. There are two
Pracbook ^{journal} publications - one a catalog and an in-
ferior which I do not have and which I'd like to
own.

I want to get them to the post office in the hope that
you'll receive it on Monday so I'll run along
with it. We're having our first snow in several
days - Laura swept the walk but I guess probably
there will be a job of shoveling. I spent part of the
morning clearing out the extra garage. It's worse
than our wagon house at home used to be. Used to
have here less than seven meters.
Well, here I run - they love and treasure & you need
have the New Year bring you great blessings.

Eva

Sunday, N. York - 1/20/57

Dear George -

Bless you for calling to-day. I had worried for fear you were sick but even so I didn't get a line off to you.

We now have a pair of cardinals and dozens of English sparrows. When we moved here in early June cardinals were kidnapping a nest ^{of bird food} ~~of bird food~~ ^{from the nest} and of the yard. ~~but they left shortly~~ and we saw or heard them only once in awhile during late June and July.

About a month ago I heard one "clicking his teeth" and the next week - just a week later to the hour I saw a female in the honey suckle bushes. So I had hopes they'd found the sunflower seeds I'd put out in early August. The female has designed to take seeds from the box (a feeding box that was in the garage here) and I've moved it nearer the house.

Both the male and female come to seeds put out in an old earthenware dish which I have moved nearer the house each day. For a while past they been coming to a feeding tray on the back porch and
(inside)

that I have gradually raised higher and higher on bricks.
Yesterday I hung the tray. It's the smaller tray - not the
large one you hang in the basement at Worton. I hope to have
that made into a plant tray for the back parlor. I think it can
be lined with metal - and put on brackets by the west window.
So my birdless minutes are over. Not for many, many
years I ever had I lived in a world so devoid of birds
except for English Sparrows. Even in Baltimore there were
many birds about campus. We are too near downtown here -
only two blocks from the main street - 8th street. And there
aren't enough of the joyful bird of plumbeous to attract birds.
I do occasionally hear a downy woodpecker as I walk toward
the College. When I hung a can of sweet acid seeds on a pine
near an elm tree (in a paternal house yard near us) to a
look in my garage I found many woodpecker holes in the
glass so I feel certain will have more than Cardinals
eventually - Surely the chickadees will come one day.

Of course I could go off and see birds. But we
doesn't have so much freedom when we have
responsibilities and a fixed & hard part to work of.
Singing - his going for a parent.
This coming week is a succession week and for me it will
be a chance to get caught up in a succession of things. I have
a dental job to do some but I fear to too late to have that done
now - to late to get two appointments two days apart - I'd
have Tuesday and Thursday after hours or at least early aft.
hours next semester and perhaps I can get it done then.
I am to tutor a young man in the sciences of botany. I
shant get regular tutoring "wages" (I guess its fees) - the young
man pays his tuition to the college and I get a certain percentage
of it - it seems hard to find out how much. But it will be
a pleasure to tutor a young man who wants to go to graduate
school and who is venerated as being a teacher. He
was a chemistry major at Wofe, graduated last year and

is working in town now at a
 flower, a central laboratory. That
 why he wants to be a teacher of
 biology. I am not certain. Mrs.
 Thompson says Mrs. Van Fossan
 said an A student but that he is
 a first student - I gave two
 practical exams but words and
 have the papers corrected and
 the grades made up. There were
 for Mrs. Thompson's class in
 General Biology. He likes to do
 the other papers and I don't mind!
 have sends greetings to you -
 I'd like the Hutchinsons' work -
 Thank you so much, so very much.
 Love to you as ever and always -
 Eva



Cardinal

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May 2, 1957

Dear George -

The days slip by and weeks gone
by without my writing. Suddenly it
well into spring with the white oak
leaves larger than I've ever seen them
this early in May.

Thank you so much for the Easter
present which I shall put on my
book shelves instead of upon my head!
I was glad to have your card sent
before you were had seen Joe Linsen.
Spring holiday went very quietly here with
cold weather and only one day of sunshine.
It was far too cold to work in the
yard. Now, after two full weeks of
rain, it's too late to do some of the jobs.
Mr. Sturges is better and has been
doing his work - that is visiting his

I don't know how to
 order for this - the children's
 way of home and food makes me
 very sad to see a man of my
 age so old. Mrs. Thompson had a
 card at the time times as indicated here
 between the stomach and esophagus - all
 this happens Mrs. T. was on his feet -
 since his illness he has not
 returned at 65 - I think he feels now
 he won't go on more
 only 52 or 53 and had been working for
 just years - not carrying much but
 enough to keep up considerably -
 I've been in the field quite a bit but
 this the whole day along in the field
 that I used to enjoy in the
 River valley. These hurried trips are
 very unsatisfactory.
 Withers sent me 400 which has reduced
 the collection temporarily. I do hope the
 white will soon be selected. I have no
 better prospects for next year - I am down
 for why no more though I shall

(3 June 1957)

Dear George -

Your letter telling me of
Betty's death has just come.
My heart aches for you for,
even though she had to go
soon, life without her
cannot be the same. I
trust she was not conscious.

of suffering the last few days.
It's good to know that she
enjoyed life so much quite
recently.

My love to you -
Eva

June 3, 1957

July 22
[1957]
Dear George -
Your birthday letter and
large present reached me
on Saturday - I felt certain
there would be a message on
that day but I had not expected
such a wonderful. I thank you
from the bottom of my heart.
I will spend it for a holiday.
I don't know yet what I'd do
but I do feel I need to get
away. Should I accept and
Netta invites us to Drummond
Island for a day or so we
may go there and then do
some of northern Michigan
or we may do just the latter -
perhaps coming down through

Wisconsin. I have a great year to
get back to South Hadley. Miss
Blakely is past 85 now and I
long to see her again. And
Mrs. McKean (Ruth Fairbanks
lives with Sydney McKean and
Mrs. W.?) is only a year younger.
But this is the last summer
James Keigsbury will be in
South Hadley for, although she
is far from the age of retirement,
she plans to teach only one
more year. But the drive East
is such a long one for her.
She has done it so often in the
past for my sake. Of course all
of these people and all the others
will welcome her as
graciously as they could for
they grew to love her too
when she was there. I'm sorry

Now we didn't stop overnight in S. Hadley
as we came west last year but it was so
hot and we were so tired and I didn't feel
I knew Ruth and the McLooney girls well
enough to telephone at the last minute that
we must accept their invitation. I count, I a
Marvel Laura made that trip without breaking.
I've never seen anyone so tired. And it was
mostly my fault because I left every last bit
tubs at the Lab clean and shining and in
place and didn't do my share of the preparations
for moving at the house. So when the movers
came we were not ready and L. + I had each
had a scant hour of sleep the night before they
arrived at 7 a.m. If our good neighbor (of
ill repute!!) had not made tea for us that day
I think we might have given in. At nine p.m.
we left Norton and drove ten miles to a motel.
My word, how we slept till 5 a.m. - Well - that
is beside the point now. I had a happy
day Friday and wished it were a good deal
to say - "This is my 53rd birthday and here
so happy." Why women need hide their age
away more than the color of their hair I don't
know. I guess one does the color of their
hair - I went to the third in a series of
summer school coffees at 9/45 a.m. And.

Then planned out the room schedule with the Academic deans' ^{temporary} secretary - He went off for six weeks leaving it up to her and she had bacteriology scheduled for a lab with only one seat, etc., etc. - Such a mess. Mr. Thompson is in a very bad way with shingles so I knew there was no use to ask him to come up to help the secretary. I worked in the yard part of Friday afternoon and four of us (five counting Ann) had dinner at Ann's. She is going to summer school in Kalamazoo had invited upon the birthday dinner. She Commutes. This is her last summer of leaving training -

Saturday was one of the worst days ^{hot} we lived in Holland - the first really blistering day this summer - away up in the ^{lower} 90's -

You may see Dr. Paffenbarger at the meetings. Do give him my greetings - And if you meet Bolton David Kaiser he very nice to him. He may take you up if he sees the name Van Steede in the directory. He is odd but he is a fine person. He teaches in a small, very narrow college in California - Westmont, I think - He was one of my best friends the last years I was in Buelington although he is years younger than I. ^{Had} he was one of the most brilliant students the ^{Hortology} department ever had - His field was genetics but I suppose he teaches everything now - He was a teacher - He used to be very untidy about his dress and

just before he went up to take his Ph.D. orals? was called over (by whom I've forgotten) to shake his pocket his shoes. I did it very nicely with spit and paper towels.

I thought of going to the meetings using the summer school money but Laura felt I shouldn't go along alone and, since she wants very much to visit her Cousins in California, she wanted to make a ^{four day} ~~week~~ trip out of it. ^{2 weeks by train} that would take more time than I can afford out of the 5 1/2 weeks of holiday left when summer school is over. In order to make my life easier next year I want spend some time getting things organized at the Lab. ^{and get the schedule straight} I have a heavy teaching schedule and also have 15 or more freshmen advisees - ^{And Prof. promised to be the} ^{group's} ^{representative} ~~in~~ ^{the} ^{girls} ^{honor} ^{society} ⁱⁿ ^{the} ^{district} ^{of} ^{the} ^{group.} I was so understanding an honor to be asked they first year here that I could not find it in my heart to refuse. And it will mean contact for two years with some of the ^{senior} ^{young} ^{women} ^{on} ^{campus.} ~~I had~~ ^{there were} ^{two} ^{of} ^{next} ^{year's} ^{class} ⁱⁿ ^{field} ^{biology} ^{and,} ^{when} ^{Mr.} ^{Thompson} ^{was} ^{here,} ^I ^{taught} ^{and} ^{they} ^{came} ^{to} ^{know} ^{me.} ^I ^{suppose} ^{that} ^{is} ^{why} ^I ^{was} ^{asked.}

Now take as real a holiday as you can -
Do you plan to be in Duluth in September?

Let me know where to get in contact with you.
I'm sorry Helen won't be in California. She
does have many problems with her family. Is
her sister any better? If possible find someone
to drive back or part way back with you.

Well - I must get at Auntie's lecture for botany.
I feel not at all at ease in the zoology
part and a small class of good students.
(all but one are good) Can ask a lot
of questions I can't believe - I read as
wildly as I can but it will be years before
I feel at ease. About some areas of zoology
I know almost nothing at present.

My love to you and many thanks - I wish
you were to be here to eat young green beans
for supper. I put a row in the edge, the
asparagus bed - Had a row of onions between the
two rows of asparagus (plants are diminutive
this year) and lettuce at each end of the bed.
From one angle it looks like tough green beans were
growing in the lanes - Competing with Arab grass!!
My love to you once again -

Eva

Laura sends greetings with news - She is aging
rapidly in some respects but in others seems
about as usual. She seems to hate to kneel down
but she doesn't complain of pain - Her feet, like Maria's,
always hurt, I guess.

November 18, 1957

Dear George -

Mabel sent me word this week that Edith Doyle died recently. I don't know where Rute is but I've written to her and the letter will surely be forwarded. You will write to, I know. I've just gotten out the photographs of Uncle Frank Spoor and Aunt Josie. I wasn't at all certain I'd kept it. I think Rute must look much like Aunt Josie.

Quite a while ago Mildred Pierce wrote me that her mother had had several strokes and was in a hospital because of her mind is not good but I did send her a card. Mildred wrote again to let me know her mother had been put in a nursing home. I'm very glad Laura and I had such a good visit with Grace in April of 1956. We spent about an hour

and a half with her and she seemed
very well situated. One or two her
mind seemed a little cloudy but
for the most part she was her old self.
I'll try to write to the ministers at
home to ask about Rates. Mrs. van Heest
has been very good to call on her and
Edith. ^{One of} the van Heest girls, who was
in College last year, told me that a
group of young people went that far
to sing carols last Christmas time.
Send me a postcard to let me know
you are or are not all right. I
wondered about you and the flu -
I had no doubt against it ^{and} had
quite a pronounced reaction. For a period
of three weeks 15-20% of the students
were absent.

Much love - Evan

And thank you so much for the
invitations to the symposium. It is
good of you to write me. Perhaps one
day I'll come - E.

May 9, 1958

Dear George -

Three weeks from 5-day will be
my last exam at 7/45-C.M.

Botany is always the last morning
morning of exams - No. 10 will
be on Thursday for we don't have
classes on Friday, May 30 -

The Thalictrum flowers are lovely
and I do think you for them.
The botanical tulips have been
a great joy. Actually I didn't

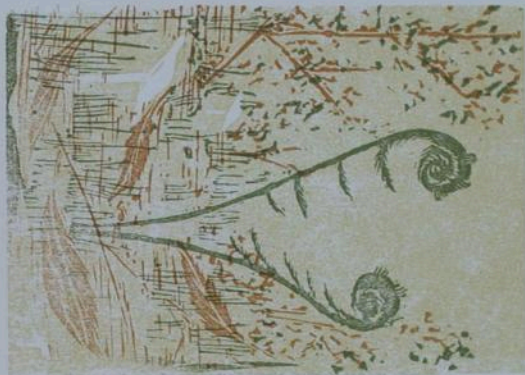
put them in a very favorable
place for I placed them too
happily on a cold day in December.

Tulips ^{in town} are just right for Tulips
Tulips which we all dread!!

At least I do. Living here just
two blocks from downtown is even
more like living in a fish bowl
than it is ^{from} day to day.

Ratis is living where she and Ethel
lived - and had Newbury (Frank

Newbury was Currier's son & friend
to visit her. Rated her extensive activities
in her career and is here in her leaflets.
This came from Mrs. Van Heest, the
Minister's wife. Mrs. Van Heest calls
there regularly.
Her being with her exams, field trip
and the students preparations for tests.
It's been too cold for measuring bird
walks - about 30°F at 5/30 every day.
I am in hope we can have field walks
next 4 weeks.
Currier sends good wishes with love. - ^{Thank} Mrs. E. Van



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June 23, 1958

Dear George -

It's nearly two weeks since your
letter came and each day since
then I've thought I'd write to you.
College has been out three weeks
to-day but I've had some extra
work with students who had exams
and missed exams and the work of
the last week or ten days. I had
a very bad cold the latter part of the
evacuation period and hence
did not ^{start} ~~go~~ doing the large
set of vaccination jobs until

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Two days after Commencement. I did go to Commencement but I missed all the other festivities. I didn't care too much. I was so very tired and people don't rest the way they do here. She had a most wonderful time on Saturday. I was sorry none of the classes - having reunion invited her to their luncheons but I think she joined at a tea in the afternoon and went to the alumni dinner at night. This year's senior class were freshmen her last year.

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On campus and the last had 35 or
40 of them in class and remembered
every one, I believe. Suddenly, after
being very miserable for several
days I felt much better, Monday
morning and went to Commencement.
Bob Laura and I were particularly
interested in one student, a woman,
who won the Biology prize and I
was determined to be on hand to
see Sallis get it.

I am glad you felt better when
you wrote and I hope you continue
to feel better. Your untold friends
like non-mulberry (sp.?) but I

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June 5
I suppose it could be a number of -
other causes. It is not too certain
what that disease is but I know
a number of students who have had it
and this fall winter and spring
Laura's nephew, Foster, has been
suffering with it. The worst of
the suffering is extreme fatigue but
there is intermittent fever, I think.
I hope you've seen your doctor by now.
I do thank you with all my heart
for your very generous offer to help
finance a trip and to please me
for us. I don't see the way clear
to take so extensive a trip this

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Memorandum - We do plan to go to
Stratford, Canada again and will
drive further north ~~to~~ ⁱⁿ Canada
or over to the northern peninsula
of Michigan - I don't know just
when we'll go. There are a number of
circumstances which prevent us
from making up our mind now.
We might drive ^{part way} down through
Wisconsin from the northern peninsula.
Janel and Kette wanted us to
Drummond Island for the first
part of our week but I couldn't
leave because I had ~~to~~ written
Alice Henderson that I'd be home
all through June and she came

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Last week. G. & M. ask us
to Drummond for a later time
(which I doubt) that may influence
my decision about
the time we go to St. John

I must see about my eyes - that
comes this Friday - and I think
I'll try the new remedy for diabetes.
His waiting to hear from Dr.
White. Orinase has been tried
extensively at the Joslin Clinic
and she should be able to advise
me as to whether or not it is
wise for me to try it. I shall go
there but to a man in Kalamazoo.
I may let this go until next

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summer. However, there are reports
that it works well with some
difficult cases and I suppose I
should try it.

In other projects, my agenda is to
get the botany "things" as better
shops so I can set up a lab more
easily. I can get a student to
help me. I spend so much time
looking for things. You've noticed
the new things are in and have
been in for years and years - I
spend so much time now
teaching general biology that
the botany has to be ~~done~~ prepared

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in a jiffy.

Still another project is to learn to drive the car. If everything should happen to happen I'd be high and dry. His studying now on the material for the preliminary examination which must be passed at the police station before one goes out ^{of town} in a car with a licensed operator. I know it will be tough for me but I can't avoid it and as soon as I have my glasses I can pass that test I must try to learn. The new

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car, which we bought last fall
just when new fords came out,
was a 1958 demonstrator and
has power steering and automatic
shift but not power brakes. Now
you must not worry about this.
In all probability I'll always
have a student who can drive
for field trips when I have very
thick or so heavy things and
when, as fortunately, they always
so weary. Field trips have to
come after a hard morning of
teaching -

Wilbur has sent me \$1200
since last summer - \$500 in

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September, \$200 in December and
\$500 in March. I am certain
Wilbur isn't ^{intentionally} holding up the
settlement. Ruf seems to come
in spurts. I don't know whether
or not Wilbur has the business
at Lake George again but I suppose
he has. He'd be glad when the estate
~~was~~ is settled and I know
definitely ^{about} how much he'll get and
when he'll get it. Then I can plan
more easily.

We've just lived through a
season of roses. We haven't many
bushes - I've put in six since we

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Came but three of them were fresh as
this year. And there are four
feeble ones that were here. But
we've cut more than five dozen
roses since June 7th. You'd have
had a wonderful time taking pictures.
Because I can do so little
socially for people I've made
an effort to give roses to a number
of people, some of whom I think
I wouldn't see again if I could!
Laura has taken some to old
people - she is so much an engaged
now.

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Can't you find time to come up
to see us? Perhaps you could
take a long week-end and come
on the train. I know you are
very busy. Will you be at
the meetings in Bloomington?
I may try to go but I'm not
certain. I have wanted to visit
you I feel sure but I think
I could drive down with Dr.
Crosk. At least he said he
would take me. He wants to
attend the prot. zoology meetings.
I'm not making a plan yet.

Until I see about news of them
other things, which are more
important.

Well - News I get this in the
mail.

Love and good wishes.

Eva

Marge's father had a stroke and
was with them for four weeks.
Now he is in a home about three
miles from them - I had this in
a letter from Judy -

E.

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Tuesday - June 24

Dear George -

After I'd mailed a letter to you
yesterday I remembered that I
had not mentioned your
meeting Anna Mill's friend,
Lucy Shove. Anna has just
retired as professor of English
(Chaucer was her special field, I think)
at MNC. She is a very wonderful
person and when I left MNC
I think I missed Anna more
than anyone else though I had
not known her as well as I had

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known a number of other people. She had the apartment at the end of the hall next to the Stoops. Percy Shaw's other friend, Cornelia Corliss, was professor of classics and retired two years before I left U.C. She was one of the first few I knew, who, whenever visiting professors and spend a full year and part of another year or so at Hiram College in Ohio. I knew Cornelia quite well and she was very, very good to me. I am certain she would enjoy being taken out to dinner. She is very tall, thin and "home made" as well as

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old Wendell, I guess, but she is a
wonderfully fine person and has
a very keen mind. She was back
at the C. C. and fell to work but for
some way in classis. She would
be at home all summer for 2
months she usually visits her brother
during the summer.

I don't know what Anna will
be doing. I heard from a book
agent last winter that she had
been asked to come to Hope as
a John Hay Whitney visiting
professor. Nothing of the sort has
been announced so I assume
she turned down Hope. The book
agent's story was confirmed by

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the head of the English Department
here. Anna is Scottish and has
regularly returned to Scotland and
to England for the summer. I
saw her only once after I left W.M.P.
she came to lunch in Winton the
first week after I moved into the
new house. The stove arrived while
Anna and I were eating lunch.
I don't think she would have liked
the religion a triumph at Hope
and, much as I longed to have her
here, I did not think she would
want to come. For the College, I
would have been a very wonderful
thing - Laura had not her and

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that has very much. I never met
Lucy there. I think she and
Anna Hill are very good friends.
Anna always went to Lucy's for
Christmas.

Well, this is a long P.S. - Do take
care of yourself and enjoy the
prospects of not having to do two
jobs next winter. Even though
your present understanding of the
Garden is better than we can
do at least it is all in one
place.

It's cool and very, very dry here.
My love to you as always. Do
come - Eva



250 College Avenue
Holland, Michigan
August 20, 1958

Dear George,

If you have decided to go on the
field trip before the meetings, this
won't reach you too late. I have
decided definitely not to attend
the meetings. There are a number
of reasons why it would be
wise. I am writing now to
cancel the room reservations.
Unless I hear from you to the
contrary I shall expect you here
the night of August 28. If
you plan to be here for the
evening meal you can

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Let me know (if you can
determine that ahead of time
which I doubt.) It's ~~about~~ ^{at least} 350
miles from here to Bloomington,
I think. Hansen offered to take
me there but I feel that was
not wise. Phil said going to the
meeting. However, I could go
easily enough by bus, train or
even air although I did not
investigate the latter.

Should you need Lois Penzance,
give her my greetings ^{please}. She has a
doctorate from Indiana and was
my student at M & C in 1948-49.
The last I knew she was teaching
at Franklin College.

It's very dry here though there have
been ^{rain} flooding around here. We
find very dry country in the Bruce
vicinity in Ottawa and in the
upper lower peninsula of Michigan.
So our drought seems quite

Wed.

We reached Linné Monday, Aug.
11, having driven 1113 miles.
I brought home a number of
plants from Brummond & placed
but I doubt many of them
will survive in this dry air.
The day after we returned to
and I went to the woods
early ~~and~~ ^{in the} morning and brought
back six bushels of wood bark.
I want to make another seed
trap soon for trees in a corner
of the yard where I'd like to
plant ferns. This project may
have to be postponed until next
summer -

If you are on a special diet, would
let me know so I shouldn't have
steering you out.
Have a good wish. - Eva



[10 sept. 1958]

Only a bunch
of wishes would do
For a real swell

TOP BANANA
like YOU!

A
happy
birthday

A
swell
year

The
best
of
everything

Good
luck
always

They're All
Yours!

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I passed the road
last Tuesday at 1 p.m.
For me it was an
awful strain ahead
of time but I didn't
mind the actual doing
of it. Let try to practice
once every day or so.

I do hope you are more
comfortable and that
soon you'll have no dis-
comfort. I enjoyed reading
the Journal -
Much love - Eva

Hope this BIRTHDAY

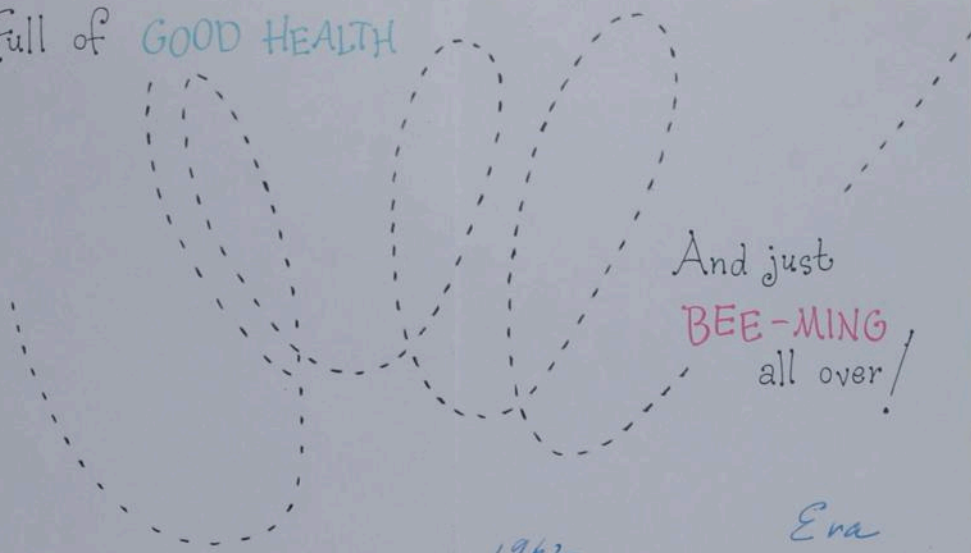


finds
you

IN
CLOVER....



Full of GOOD HEALTH



And just
BEE-MING
all over!

1962

Eva

September 11, 1962

Dear George.

I am about as far behind
in thank-you messages as
one could be. And most of
them to you -

- 1) The settlement of the estate
- 2) The good letters
- 3) The Audubon prints

It is still very difficult for
me to write letters and
for the past month or more
life has been somewhat hectic
in a new way. Laura's
hearing is greatly impaired

her ~~not~~ ² permanently so I
think. Not being able to
hear makes her seem very old
and confused though actually
her mind is not in the least
affected. She has tiny plastic
tubes in each ear drum, and the
fluid ^{which collects in the Eustachian tubes} drains slowly through
these ^{plastic} tubes. But what makes
the fluid form? Under the
doctor finds the answer to
that question he can't make
a statement about her chances
of regaining her hearing. She
could hear ~~not~~ quite well
in her right ear long after
the left ear was affected.

422 freshmen
568 students had in campus land accounts.

She is going ³ regularly to a specialist in Grand Rapids. Ann takes her and last time I went along to see what I could find out. She goes again next Tuesday. Laura's confidence in Dr. Burton is touching. She had him in class 2 1/2 years and was very fond of him.

College is starting. I have been helping with registrations. ~~For the party two days.~~ So - motions will be the really big job when one has to persuade freshmen to take botany instead of zoology. The 200 sections always fill up

first.

We are still waiting for the rain. I don't know how long it is since we did have a good two inches. A long time!

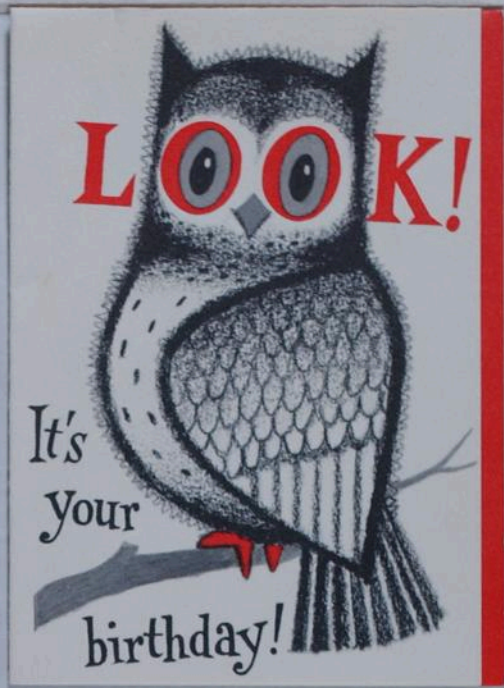
The Audubon prints are lonely and as soon as possible

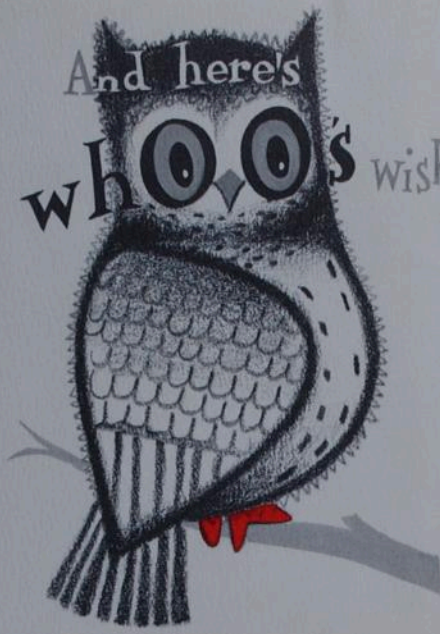
I will take them to Green Rapids. Ann ^{has retired from} ~~is~~ teaching and, unless she finds part-time work, she will have time to take me.

I am glad you have the coffee table.

Have a happy birthday and do something special with the checks I enclose. Much love,

Eva





And here's
whoo's wishing **YOU**
a
happy one!!

1964

With much love -
Eva

250 College Ave.
Holland, Mich. 49423
12 September 1964

Happy, happy birthday, George.

I enclose a substitute for the sweater I wanted to get. If you wear this instead of the sweater you will freeze! Joe and Neta told me where to look for one and I looked but I was incapable of making a decision. Perhaps you can find one in St. Louis if ever you have leisure to hunt for one. Shopping is almost beyond me at best. But I feel I should have been able to achieve it for you.

If Joe and Neta are with you give them my greetings, please. I thought of them the morning of the 10th and hoped their elbows were in good form. It seemed to me that the "elbowing" at the

air terminal in London was
exceedingly well done and
certainly overdone. But I under-
stand now that the AIR LINES
don't want to leave one behind and
that there is some pattern to
their way of dealing with the
impudent, inexperienced traveler.

I hope you weren't upset by ~~what~~
what I said over the phone about
Dr. Stearn's comments. He was so
much like Dr. Johnson in so
many ways that I wonder I am
not still sitting over a teacup
listening to ~~him~~ ^{Dr. S.} expostulate —
about botanic gardens etc. etc. etc.
I realize Dr. S. would not have
set all this time but I might
have!

Life has begun in earnest here.
It is Easter after the heat of
Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday —
The freshmen come Friday and there
are already so many upperclassmen
~~around~~ on campus that college
seems to be under way — at least
traffic wise on College Avenue.

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My love to you. I'll take this
to the P.O. as soon as ^{its} daylight,
and perhaps you will receive it on
time. Don't mind being 61 -
It should be one year better
than being 60, you know -

Eve -

Miss Eva B. Van Schaack
250 College Avenue
Holland, Michigan 49423

Air-Mail
Special Delivery

Special Del.
notice was left
which

Mr. George B. Van Schaack
3318 Regal Place
St. Louis 9
Missouri



Free Claimed by Office
of First Address

The ages came from a clipping which was with quilt pieces from Grandma's

Born	Name	Year	Age
1700	John Van Schraack	1798	98
1725	Aaron " "	1811	86
1752	John " "	1838	86
1853	George " "		90
[1853]	Aaron " "	[1870]	[90]
1853	George " "		90
1849	Peter S. Van Schraack	1932	83
1913	George B. Van Schraack		
	Myron B. Van Schraack		
	1874 - 1943		

Peter Schraack

14 January 1968

Dear George -

Each time I've talked with you
recently I've failed to mention
how much I am enjoying the
music. I've taken very little
to play it ^{since I've been more rested.} I wish I understood
it and could remember it as
you do. This week I'll be very
busy at the college but even
so I shall have some time for
it.

Here is Harold's address -

And here is something I copied
from a clipping that was with
great pieces of Grandpa's. The
dates for Aaron would be on the
stone in the old cemetery. You may
have them in a photograph. (Snapshots)

which I think you took many years ago. I suppose Earle Jansen has them. Well no matter. The point is that you have had long-lived forebears. In a direct line only Father and Baron were younger than 80. I cannot recall whether Mother knew Baron but I think not. I am almost certain he died quite awhile before Mother was married.

Well, I must go to the College to put some things in the hot air sterilizer. Noonday will be too late for I want to use them at 1 p.m. to-morrow.

My love to you ever and always -
I am invited out to lunch next Saturday and shall wear the new dress I bought Thursday after I had that great windfall -
Eve

250 College Ave.

Holland, Michigan
49423

26 April 1968

Bless you, George, for your letter
and your concern for me. You
must not take my handicaps so
much to heart. It's too hard on you.
And don't for a moment think that
I don't need your love and concern.
All of us, whether or not we have
faith in God, need human love and
affection. You are a dear and
wonderful brother and I could not
get along without you.

I had a weather report from Chicago
this morning and there was no
promise of very high temperatures
so you will be able to attend the
Arthur Day exercises without discomfort
or harm.

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I wish I could have decided to go to you again this week - and had there are too many obligations here. I am trying to get some grass started on the front lawn or perhaps I should use "front yard" for there is almost no lawn now. We've had cloudy weather since I sowed grass seed on Monday and more is forecast but Friday there is bright sun. I covered the Thalictrum last night and there was a white frost when I removed the cover. The forecast was for temperatures in the low 20's - In that case frost, ^{in beds} in this area would have been hurt. The cherry trees are in bloom I was told - I can't believe it.

I wore my winter coat for two days and at that was cold as I walked

about last evening soliciting for
 the Cancer Drive. I've never done
 this before and I'll not promise
 to do it again for at ^{present} ~~present~~ ^{no}
 matter how I plan my day, I am
 too weary. I "did" two places before
 6 p. m. I had breakfast to go away
 so I took some to the president's
 home yesterday morning and
 collected money for the ^{same} fund
 at the same time. Dr. VanderWeef
 likes breakfast and Mr. V. W. said
 she does also. I don't have much
 and Harriet Godfrey is first on my
 list

I shall take this to the post office now
 (7:30 a. m.) in the hope that you will
 receive it on Saturday. I was too
 weary to write last night. I have to
 spend most of to-day go to meetings,
 there are two ^{all day} affairs on campus that
 I can't cut entirely. They love to give over

and always. I am not all that you
think I am and you must not
betray yourself and what you have
accomplished. Do take care of
yourself. If medicine and a
moderate life will keep you in
good trim do take the medicine
and try to slow down. Please
show my love to the best and
dearest big brother in this world.

Eva

250 College Ave.
Holland, Mich. 49423
1 December 1968

Dear George,

Just as I wrote that the
phone rang and it was
Gleason - She is pleased
that I am going to Dallas.
And that makes me think - I
don't know when I saw the
name of your acquaintance -
It seems to be no where at
all now. If you don't mind
it rather you didn't tell him
about me. Much of the
therapeutic ~~effect~~ ^{value} of a journey
for me is being among people
who know nothing about me.
Send me his name written
on a card that I can carry
with me and I'll try to

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hunt him up.

I remember saying to you
on Thursday that I had
clipped only one dent since
Laurie died. Since then I've
seen nothing but clips. Mine
don't show as yours do for
my dents don't have dark
borders. Since I walk dentless
only about twice a week
the chances of
clipping is much less than
in your case.

I had clear soup when I
reached home Thursday night
and ate a very hurried
breakfast Friday for I had
promised to be at the lab. at
8 a.m. When I came home
Friday night everything was

the refrigerator was warm -
 I have taken the food over
 to the refrigerator in my
 office and have put some
 in the freezer - It has
 been cool enough to keep some
 things on the back porch. The
 service man for Westinghouse
 comes from Grand Rapids and
 I shall have to wait until
 he comes for no one here
 nowadays. The motor runs a
 few seconds and then stops.
 We had a lovely wet sunset
 this afternoon and the world
 is very beautiful
 last night. I sat down to look
 at the beautiful Alouatta
 I think you so much. I have
 it standing on one of three old
 cane bottomed chairs by my
 chair now.

It was cold yesterday but I worked out-of-doors most of the afternoon. After the nerve wracking day on Friday when Dr. Sweet didn't come and I had to sit in the lab all day, while Mr. Wians saw soil tests upstairs I weeded fields - I cut the grass and raked up eight bushel baskets of grass and leaves (the neighbor's didn't rake and theirs had blown on my lawn after the city had picked up mine). I didn't know I had that many baskets. The grass was much too long. Perhaps on Tuesday I can put the fungicide on the lawn. There is still a lot I could do, but the only job I must do is ^{that and} to cover

The bases of the rose bushes
 with leaves I've saved in boxes
 in the garage for this purpose.
 One of these old bushes bore
 about 40 roses this summer.
 It's an old variety - reunion
glory - a fragrant dark red one.
 I gave most of them away -
 some as late as mid-October.

The fungus is Daedalea unicolor
 I don't think there is a common
 name. The genera Daedalea and
heezites are not so much alike
 but I do confuse them - Clements
 gives the common name Toothed
Daedalea. The pores have a tendency to
 become teeth. He describes the
 fungus as "closely imbricate" which
 this one is on that word.
 When I was looking for Calgon in
 the store last night I saw Golden
Fleece in front of me -
 The calendar is hung so I have
 George all about me - Mary
 Thudcher and much love Eva

22 December 1968

Dear George -

On Christmas morning as I fly over Chicago I'll be thinking especially of you.

Perhaps next year we can be together on Christmas.

I hope so. Having this kind of thing this year seemed the best solution. Jim too seems to be with anyone I know for long.

Bless you for the lovely card and the checks and the names of people you know. Each time I've attended meetings I've met Ruddy and he has always been

Jim borrowing cypress pieces from 25th Street - and some wood with George - All these from collecting where I've been clearing out my things -

very generous to me. I can't remember
whether or not he was in Edinburgh.
I have just your letter with the names
we may pick up along with other
not to be - said it there. I shall
use the money to make the trip
easier and to carry enough
money in bills so that I can say
"Take me to Mars straightaway"
to the first person who comes
along.

I had a card and note from
Mabel Youmans yesterday and
I cried when I read the note.
She wrote "I've been taking care
of Jeannette's place for all these
months that she has been in
nursing home - sixteen months
and I'm very lonely. I telephoned
Mabel last evening. When I
asked - "How do you manage

alone?" she replied - "Yes a Van Schaade card they have got. She is distressed that she had lost your address. I promised to send it to ^{her} you. I think she was low in her mind when she wrote the card because Earl James's wife had just died and that means Earl and Dorothy will call on Mabel as they have for many years. Earl had had to call on Mabel since D's death and perhaps he will go as often as he and D. went. Mabel ~~with~~ sent her love to you and mentioned the very good letter you had written her last winter. She said - "Must mean don't write very good letters but George writes a wonderful letter."

If you haven't had a Hong Kong
flu shot I think you
should have one. I was
given one on Tuesday -
there is very little of this
vaccine available here
but when I called the clinic
I was told they had just
1/2 cc left and would save
it for me. So I was very
fortunate. I should
stay well for his had cold
shots, regular flu shot +
Hong Kong flu shot -

May 27, 1969

Dearest Eva, - I had intended that you should receive this on Friday, not realizing until tonight that Friday is a holiday. So I shall hope it will reach you on Thursday.

I am sorry that you seem to look upon Friday as a hard day for you, for in many ways it will be the greatest triumph day of your life - and such I hope it may appear to you as you sit there on the platform, receive recognition, and say your 'thank you' words. For nearly half a century you have beaten back a relentless disease, which has made life several times the burden to you that it is for most of us. But ever so surely may you feel justified

pride in having lived through these
years with so much dignity, so much patience,
so much bravery to an accomplishment
that all your friends marvel at. I hope
in realizing this, that you will be happy
on Friday - happy in the very large number
of friends you have and in the recognition
of the great good you have done them
by your life.

I do not know how to speak of the
years ahead. I know that whatever
disappointments they may hold for you,
you will meet them with the same bravery
that you have so often mustered in
the past against like treatment. How
much I hope you may be spared
such disappointment I should like you

to know - it has become a consuming
 desire within me. As you know, I suspect,
 I am more than a fatalist, I am a deeply
 pessimistic agnostic - but still I hate
 this very strongly for you.

I have been cheered to have you say you
 are not dismayed by what the future may
 bring you, for, basically, only you can
 refer to it. But if it is any help,
 please remember that I shall want to
 help you when you may need to the
 full extent that I can.

The check is a jubilee gift, which
 may make the trip East easier.

With all my love

George

D. Van Schaade
250 College Ave.
Holland, Mich.
49423

Air Mail



Dr. George B. Van Schaade
Morton Arboretum
Lisle
Ill. 60532

BIRTHDAY
GREETINGS



Best wishes for
your birthday
and the coming year

With much love,
Eva

1969

250 College Ave
Hulland, Md. 49823
Sept. 12, 1969

Dear George,

Thank you for giving me
the opportunity to hear Dr.
S.'s voice. I was sitting
here thinking of you both
when the phone rang.

This message can hardly
reach you in time for
the 13th. Next time we
talk tell me whether or
not a special delivery letter
would be delivered at the
Asbortum.
Use the check for something

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you want or need. It
is early and I'll hasten
to the post office with
this. I was too weary
to take it last evening.
Of course I should have
sent it several days ago.
They love to hear from you
always and if Dr. S. is
still with you give him
my warmest regards,
please.
Eva

250 College Ave.
October 9, 1969

Dear George -

Thank you for your letter. I
should have been more thought-
ful about my places -

This is a note to let you know
I'll be thinking of you on
Saturday especially and
trusting that being a host
won't be too wearying -

The Sentinel stated that the
peak of color in the Upper Peninsula
would be this week-end and in
the Lower Peninsula next
week-end. I was out yesterday
and while there are great

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splashes of color in some
grasses, some maples and some grasses
I don't think we are near the
peak. This would be mountain
day since at Mount Holyoke.

A good rain Monday and
Tuesday brought 8/10 of an
inch, the next none early
July. The next two weeks
seem to bring on the fleety
fuzzi, of which there have been
very few.

My love to you ever and always.
Eva

250 College Ave.
Hollwood, Md. 49423
July 16, 1970

Dear George -
Ever since your lovely card with
the cluck and stamps came I've
tried to get a note of thanks off to
you. I do thank you with all my
heart. The stamps are very
interesting. I had seen two or three
on letters that were sent to me -
I shall feel free to spend money as
needed in Stratford. Kella and her
sister who lives with her travel all
over the earth, but I think they
are not extravagant. I don't feel
too happy about the trip because
Kella and her two sisters will be a
bit overwhelming, I think. Three
of that family could be. But I

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I shall take her to the hotel during
vacation again. She seemed to enjoy
the experience very much a year
ago. Marcena is very odd but
so am I in a somewhat different
way. And I don't think she can
afford to eat out often.

Rosa and the four ^{other} girls have
moved to Chicago to be with her
husband. He is almost certain to
leave Rosa again, perhaps very soon.
Rosa's aunt is living in the house
but can speak almost no English
and who has only a seasonal job
at a nursery. No one seems to hunt
to whom Rosa paid rent (with help
money!). I've explained the situation
to one of the women in Hope Church
who will advise Sis Rosa to go back

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to her ^{two} sisters in Florida. Rosa
and her husband came last Saturday
with a U-Haul and moved personal
things and some of the things Rosa
had gotten with welfare money. What
problems these people create -

hates -

I was interrupted and meanwhile
your birthday card to me has come.
Thank you so much. It's a
very nice one. ^{of late} I've had no luck
at all in finding ^{birthday} cards that are
at all suitable. ~~of late~~ As 9.
came back from the store awhile
ago I met the church secretary
and she will save Saturday evening.
Many thanks and much love to
you ever and always. The "music
machine" is a constant joy. Eva

4/1/1937
Name Eva B. Van Schaack

Present Address 606 Somerset Road
Baltimore, Maryland

Permanent Address Coxsackie, New York

Birthplace Coxsackie, New York

Age 32 Unmarried

6 pages
Summary of Academic Record and Vocational Experience

Education

- 1923 Summer Session, New Paltz Normal School, New Paltz, New York
1924-25 Hope College, Holland, Michigan
1926-27 Alfred University, Alfred, New York
1927-29 Hope College, Holland, Michigan, A.B., 1929
1930-31 Graduate work in botany, Hope College, Holland, Michigan
1931-37 School of Higher Studies of the Faculty of Philosophy of the
Johns Hopkins University; candidate for the degree of
Doctor of Philosophy in botany in June 1937
1932 Student at a summer laboratory in Jamaica, B.W.I., under
the direction of Dr. Duncan S. Johnson, Professor of Botany
at the Johns Hopkins University

Experience

- 1923-24 Rural school teacher, Coxsackie, New York
1930-31 Laboratory Assistant in Botany, Hope College
1931-35 Assistant on the herbarium and in the botanical garden of
the Johns Hopkins University
1935-37 Instructor in Botany in the College for Teachers of the
Johns Hopkins University

(A more complete record and recommendations may be obtained from
the Johns Hopkins University Bureau of Appointments, Remsen Hall,
Charles and 34th Streets, Baltimore, Maryland.)



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Helsinki,

Sept. 10, 1970

Dear George -

I see we put the stamps on the wrong
side of envelope but perhaps it will go
by air mail.

I was very happy to have your letter
out the Hague. And I do thank you
for the invitation to spend the night
with you Sept. 28 and to be driven
home later. But I do think that you
all possible I'd better go home this night.
Mrs. Tavis has six children and is used
to be up late. She will not mind. But
the ^{next} time the time is important it is
for me to get home.

I have a very, very comfortable room here
and have slept soundly for 8 hrs + early
night. My books took out upon ship's
and water. We leave here after lunch.
There are some pleasant + perhaps

interesting people in this group of 36
9 couples, 9 widows (9 sisters) and
divorces (2)
and 9 single women. Nearly everybody
is 60 or over - some very well along
in years - There are two or three much
younger than 60 -
I made 2 trips to Dept. to Leiden
and to Amsterdam by myself -
I had been in Amsterdam with a group
earlier. The last day I visited the
Municipal museum at The Hague
and saw the collection of Mandarin's -
I am not sure of the spelling. Here
were many beautiful art objects in
that museum and I was sorry I had
not discovered it earlier. It was only a
short time from the Congress. This
is my 14th day away from home and
I experienced no unpleasant weather
except that it was very warm in the
Netherlands. We were at the Copestogau
airport for an hour on the flight from
Amsterdam. Denmark from the air
was indescribably beautiful. Well, I could
go on and on. My love to you ever
and always.
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Dear George -

I owe you money
for postage, for phone
calls, for the drill I
promised you and
whatever is left is
a birthday present.
You need need something.
My love to you ever
and always. I have
minutes to get to the

post office to buy
an air mail stamp
and post this.

I hope the beginning
of your 70th year
will find you with
new courage for the
future.

Eva

Sept 14, 1972

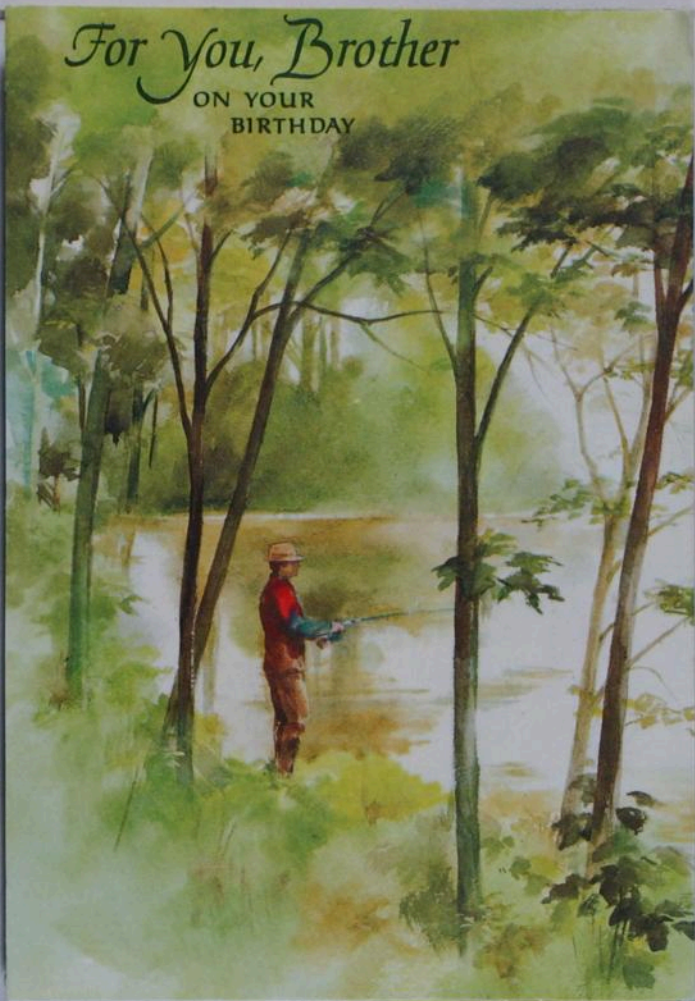
Saturday, March 20, 1971

Hear George -
I am listening to Don Giovanni and
trying to get the plotline cleared. Of
course I don't understand much of the
opera but I think it is nice for me
to learn as much as I can by listening.
And even though I know almost nothing
the Opera news and Opera guys are fun -
I always wish I knew enough to send
questions to the Opera guys. The
lawn mower which has been sharpened

has just been returned. I heard a
thud on the back porch. There is so
much snow in front of the garage
that the man didn't try to peel it up -
This spring I am ahead of the game
in one respect.

I do hope you won't be too discouraged
and weary. You can't move ahead of time
so try not to worry about it.
Remember that I said I could let you have
some money to peel into a place. You have
been very good to me all these years and will
continue to be - My love to you ever and always -
I find good courage - Eva

For You, Brother
ON YOUR
BIRTHDAY



With warmest thoughts
and memories,
This message comes to say
You're relished the joys you so deserve
Especially today--

And may the days
that lie ahead
Be extra-nice ones, too,
Filled with all the happiness
That ought to come to you.

Happy Birthday!

Wish you every - as I never
seem to remember birthday
wishes they are very past!

Very sorry - Happy Birthday
Sincerely,
Dorothy Miller

Dorothy Miller

Dear Geo

9/3/77

I am in a constant state of confusion as I don't keep copies of personal letters and can never remember who I wrote last, what I said or whether a copy was sent someone else. However if it be your repetition of what I write will do us harm.

Some time ago a Van Schaack called me from Duracata where he was stopping over night. He is interested in family trees and we had quite a talk. I told him I had had at one time some info I believe that you accumulated and it had been in one of my safes but that I thought it had been sent you. Am I right or did Eva have it? Any way he sent me info and find copies enclosed. I made copies for all three and sent one - I think to Harold but if to you send this copy to Harold. When I get farround to copying it Eva was in the hospital so I know I didn't send to her. If you have any info you might send it to him, I don't know whether you ever search the "clippings" diary that Mother kept but I have not and it's very interesting. From before her marriage up to Father's death. There were several write-ups about the Van Schaacks (By Anna Sporn I think) and I made copies and sent to him. I have not heard further.

It was good to know Eva was home and she seemed so happy when she called. I'm not sure it is but for her script that I guess it's best to do what you want to.

Definitely an old fashioned Fla. Summer Sunshine & deluges every day. Our rain gauge shows up to over 4" one day, 2 1/2" today. We're finally closing in on the Hotel and hope to have at least part of it open in the next couple of weeks. Due enjoyed it but because of all the business passing by and the need to get back doing real retail I am now anxious to finish up my
write. All over all

[No date]

**OBSERVED
FAMILY REUNION**

**Generations of Van Schaack
Family Gather for Birthday
Celebration.**

A merry group gathered at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Myron Van Schaack in West Coxsackie on Saturday afternoon, the occasion being the birthday anniversary of the host's father, Peter Van Schaack, who is just eighty years young and enjoying excellent health.

At 6:30 o'clock an elaborate dinner was served. Mr. Van Schaack was presented with numerous gifts and received a large number of beautiful postcards from relatives and friends. Everyone present was a relative of the guest of honor, four generations being represented. It was a day long to be remembered and all joined in wishing Mr. Van Schaack many happy returns of the day.

Those present were:

Mr. and Mrs. George Van Schaack, Mr. and Mrs. Henry Van Schaack, Mr. and Mrs. Wilbur Van Schaack and daughter Bessie, Mr. and Mrs. Henry Layman, Mr. and Mrs. Arthur W. Youmans, Mr. and Mrs. Earl Jansen and daughter Jean, Mr. and Mrs. Frank Jansen, Ralph Jansen, Mrs. Bertha Adams, Mrs. Mina Powell, Miss Anna Spoor, John Bomus, Peter Van Schaack, and the host and hostess, Mr. and Mrs. Myron Van Schaack.

Eva B. Van Schaack
250 College Avenue
Holland, Michigan 49423

15 January 1980

Dear George -

Visser T.V. Sales & Service
244 Douglas, Holland, Mi. 49423

Its almost time for the 11 p.m.
news. I may wait and listen to the
news at 11/30 p.m.

My heart aches for Dr. Vanden Lugt whose
wife Nell had a stroke quite a long time
ago. I telephoned him yesterday and
he came and got two bowls of the paper
white narcissus which I had ordered

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from that place in Connecticut. I told him to put one bowl in the living room and one in the dining room. Bill is two years older than I but I think he had aged ten years since I saw him in church on Thanksgiving Day. His wife is home now but makes no progress toward speaking. A therapist was there while Bill came here. I heard to-day of a woman (no - it was a man) who had had a stroke when he was 70. He lived to be 84 but he never regained his speech. Well, this isn't cheerful. To-morrow Wilma Reed will pick me up at 12 noon

Eva B. Van Schaack
250 College Avenue
Holland, Michigan 49423

to go to a luncheon at the church.
It has been about 30°F to-day and
promises to be the same to-morrow.

I call Rudy Brink once in awhile. I
feel so sorry for him. He always wants
to know how you are. His wife's mind is
gone and his sister's ^{also}. She is in Brookwood
where I was. Someone told me to-day
that she had said - "Just wait a bit. I'll
take you home in my Cadillac." She had a
very good mind when she worked in the
Brink Bookstore.

College opened to-day. Meredith is looking for another position but she may not get one. However she may. She telephones me every night about 7 o'clock unless she is out of town. She did go south for part of the holiday. Now Hope College has a three week holiday

My love to you ever and always.

Eva



Dr. George B. Van Scharck
1964 Harris
Eugene, Oregon, 97405

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Dr. Herbert W. Hines

CLEAR LAKE, Iowa — Funeral services for Dr. Herbert W. Hines, 92, former Hope College professor and Holland resident, were held here Monday in the Zion Lutheran Church.

Memorial services for Dr. Hines will be held next summer in the Little Point Sable chapel near Shelby. Dr. Hines and his wife were Point Sable residents since 1923. Their last Holland residence was at Resthaven. Mrs. Hines died in August, 1978.

A Holland resident from 1963 through 1978, Dr. Hines was a professor of Russian language at Hope College from 1963-65. He was a member of Third Reformed Church in Holland and active in the Holland Rotary Club.

Dr. Hines died on Dec. 26 in a Clear Lake nursing home where he had been living the past four months after making his home with his daughter and son-in-law, Mr. and Mrs. Louis Schuler since September, 1978.

President of Rocky Mountain College in Billings, Mont., from 1951 to 1958, Dr. Hines taught humanities and foreign languages at Morningside College in Sioux City, Iowa from 1958 to 1963 before coming to Hope.

He was born in Boston, Mass., and received his B.A. and M.A., degrees at Harvard, B.D. and Ph.D. at the University of Chicago and did further study at the German Universities of Berlin and Marburg.

He received an honorary degree of L.L.D. from Westminster College in Salt Lake City. He was ordained a Baptist minister in the First Church of Melrose in Massachusetts and served three Baptist churches in El Paso, Kankakee and

Springfield, Ill. He was author of two books widely used in missionary promotion as well as many church periodicals.

In addition to being active in local, national and community affairs, Dr. Hines was an executive with Rotary International from 1936 until 1951 in the area of international services and was director of the Institute of International Understanding. He was instrumental in the Rotary Foundation Fellowships and thousands of U.S. youth have benefitted from the program.

Dr. Hines traveled extensively in Europe on cultural and educational tours as well as in Latin American countries. He lectured in the field of humanities in colleges throughout the Chicago area.

He was a Paul Harris Fellow in International Rotary, a former district governor of Rotary International, a Thirty-Second Degree Mason and a Shriner and belonged to the Harvard Club of Chicago.

Dr. Hines was listed in both Who Who's of America and Who's Who in the World. His late wife Helen, was named National Mother of the Year in 1948. He was also preceded in death by a son, Paul.

He is survived by seven sons, Herbert Jr., of Springfield, Ill., Bedell of Norfolk, Va., Harold of Tempe, Ariz., Wallis of Kalamazoo, Marshall of East Lansing, Burton of Cadillac and Donald of East Lansing; two daughters, Mrs. Fred (Marion) Dexheimer of Fort Atkinson, Wis., and Mrs. Louis (Mildred) Schuler of Clear Lake, Iowa; 28 grandchildren; 12 great-grandchildren and one sister, Mrs. Lilla Newman of Saco, Maine.