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West Cassackie, W.V.

October 3rd 1945

My dear George:

Your letter of Sept. 24th received to-day and I am so glad that at last you are detached and I am so happy you will be here to fore a long time. I will write to Eva to-night so she will be prepared for your short visit. I think Harold & Wayne will be glad to see you. If necessary you can take a bus from Cleveland or East Cleveland and get off in Wickliff at 286th St & walk a block to the house number 1123. Perhaps if you Mr Harold knows he will meet you somewhere. If you take the Empire State Train in morning you reach Albany around 6 P.M. - if you do know ahead send us word and Jimmie, Wilbur & me & maybe the others will be in depot to welcome you and bring you home.

Yes I am feeling much better. I went to see Dr. W. Wade yesterday - he wants me to always go see him when the medicine is gone. My blood pressure was better - from 70 to 55 which is ok. I am not

having headaches now as I had for
several weeks. My feet are much
better but they do bother me some days -
I have walked up street only twice
since Eva left. We have had some
very cold winter days for a week - Eva
wrote they had a bad frost last Saturday
but we came near it a couple of times.

To-day I have packed a box of gifts
for poor children in the Pacific. I had
16 gifts for Christmas - I furnished 2 and
some of our friends (ladies) gave the rest.
Friday I will be in Catibell morning
and afternoon attending a Conference Meeting -
this is ^{an} annual affair but not always
in same church. Jessie will drive
and we will take about 4 others with us -
Rev Clements will also take a car full.

Mother's folks have company most every
night or else they go out - it is lonely for
me but I'm getting used to it. I hear them
visiting now. I hope you get this letter in
Seattle and will have a safe & pleasant
time on all your trips - I will think of
you all the time as I have done since you
parted. Much love, Mother.

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October 3, 1945

Dear Mr. Madhu,

We are coming into Kodiak Harbor and in a couple of hours the first leg of the journey home will be completed. We left Adm four days ago and have made no stops in this 1500 mile journey. Most of the time we have had calm weather, although we went through a fairly rough storm Monday night.

This ship does not go beyond Kodiak so from here in I must find some other transportation. Since I am on my way to 'separation' I have no priority and accordingly might be here quite a while waiting to get to Seattle. On the other hand I might get out right away - when I got up in Adm last Friday I had every expectation of remaining there a week or ten days longer, but by that evening I was aboard this ship.

This has been a rather sleepless trip for me - partly the let-down I suppose and partly

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the motion of the ship, - which makes me
 sleepy rather than sea sick. It is a fairly
 comfortable ship, but we are quite crowded
 on it - there are twenty-four of us in a
 compartment about the size of one kitchen
 at home. eight stacks of these bunks
 each, so you can see we don't have
 much room to move about in - though
 of course we do have the use of the
 so-called 'wardroom', which aboard
 a Navy vessel means the room where one
 has meals, writes letters, etc.

It seems hard to realize that in a
 couple of hours I shall be back in a
 different country - in particular where
 trees grow - this will be my first sight
 of a tree in two years!

All for now - if I stay here any time I'll
 write again from here - otherwise my
 next will be from Seattle. Lots of love,
 George.

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October 11, 1945

Dearest Mother,

I'm sure you are anxiously awaiting word from me that I have arrived back in the States. I would have three days ago and have delayed sending you word until I could tell you definitely what my plans were. I shall be home in about three weeks, which is only a few days later than I think I would have wanted to be the probable date. The reason I shall not be home within a few days is that I have decided to take the opportunity of coming east by way of Texas so that I can visit Wanda and Betty. When I last wrote you I did not know that the Navy would allow me to do this, but after working here and looking around a little I found they would allow me to be repatriated from the service.

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here in Seattle instead of Great Lakes, after which I am free to take any time going east. I am very sorry to disappoint you, but I know you will understand how much I want to see Doreed & Betty before next summer, and if I don't take this opportunity of going there it would be next summer before I saw them. I expect that when I leave them I shall go directly to New York, rather than by way of Chicago and Holland. I must go to Michigan to transact some business and plan to drive out there after I have got home.

I reached here Monday afternoon from Kodiak, having made the trip in seven and a half hours in a converted bomber, a non-stop flight of 1500 miles. You can imagine it was fairly exciting to me since it was my first time in a plane. We had a perfect day

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so that after the 1,000 miles over water were covered we were able to see the scenery in British Columbia and Washington to best advantage. I had been four days at Kodiak where I had a good holiday. The weather was mostly good and the scenery beautiful. On two of the days some friends and I climbed a couple of peaks of about 2400 feet each. On another day I was taken for a long ride and a walk through the Kodiak bear country. We saw evidences of the bear, but saw no bear, for which I was glad, for the Kodiak bear is the largest ~~one~~ ^{one} south and one of the most powerful animals alive.

Tuesday, Wednesday and today were spent in the process of being "repacked", which was completed early this afternoon. I am now on terminal

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leave, as it is called, that is, I am having
all my accumulated leave, which
ends December 25th - after that
I shall be on inactive duty. I am
free to wear civilian clothes, but I
cannot have none - and they are
not easy to get - I may buy a suit
in Texas, but probably no more than
that.

I leave here on Sunday and reach
Fort Worth Wednesday morning if
the connection in Denver works out.
The address is 2615 Cockrell St.
Fort Worth, Texas.

~~The~~ ^{Tonorrow} afternoon I go out to the
university here to see some of the
botanists for a chat about the
flavors of the Aletris.

Have called at general dealer
several times but no better from
you yet - I don't find one from even.
Perhaps I'll find something tomorrow.

All for now. Before you know it it'll
be done. ^{Y. H. H. H. H. H.} Love,

Gray.

[The following text is extremely faint and largely illegible due to fading and bleed-through from the reverse side of the page. It appears to be a continuation of a letter or a list of notes.]

West Canastota, N. Y.
October 15th 1945

My dear George:

Received your letter of Oct. 12th this morning and I was glad to know you were safe in Seattle. So sorry you did not get my letter I sent to Post Office in Seattle several weeks ago - glad you got Wai's letter anyway. I was surprised and somewhat sorry you made different plans but I know it may be best for you to go to Texas first. Every day brings you nearer here and I think you will have a safe and pleasant trip. Remember me to Mr & Mrs Fuedy - I have been wondering if they had gone to Texas - I know they will be very happy to see you.

Here is a little news - Bessie is engaged to Elsie's son Ronald - perhaps you knew him as a little boy. He seems to be very nice - Bessie has been ring but I have not seen it. I believe Ray Wilbur wanted to go to his camp at Lake George - I did not really care about going but I felt the need of company and a change - We started at 12.15 after church & it was 7 P.M. when we got home. Jessie took a big dinner and

we ate it in the cabin. It was a rainy
and cold day - I will not go again
this winter. We had Florence Sherman
and Jessie's sister Henrietta. I like
driving any where but do not get
rides very much.

I live a very lonely life as a rule -
I rarely see Wilbur - very seldom see
Bessie - I see Jessie most every day
but not much talking. Last Thurs-
day I felt very good, even my feet and
as it was a beautiful day, I walked up
to West Cal. and called at Parsonsage
for Rachel had asked me to call there
so we had a nice visit I meant to
go to-day to call on Mrs. Thorse, but
I had headache and my feet rebelled
against another walk. I was too cold
and windy for me to walk. Weather
has been quite misty all month but
I'm glad to have a warm home.

Wednesday Margaretta is coming here to give
the house cleaning - it is not very bad but
I cannot clean it altogether for I get too
tired in a little while. Jessie & Wilbur are
gone out as they do most every night. Every
thing is quiet but Bessie may be at home.
Much love to you & write me. Mother.

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October 20, 1945

Dorset Mather,

I was indeed glad to get your letter here yesterday - it was the first in three weeks. It was good to hear that all had been going well with you - I had wondered a little if you were alright, for I did not get any word from you in Seattle. Am not surprised to find Bessie is engaged - she is very young, but I think perhaps it will be the best thing for her, and we can feel thankful that her fiancé is such a nice fellow - she might have picked much worse.

I left Seattle last Sunday and reached here Wednesday morning - it is only a 2000 mile trip, but the train is very slowly and stops very often.

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depends on when I shall be able to
get reservations and there is a possibility
I may have to go back to Denver
for a day or two. But it will not be
long before I shall be home. So
keep up your courage and keep well.
Lots of love,
Grege

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I found Danaed & Betty what I call only faintly well. She is extremely thin and frail, unable to do any work or to climb any stairs. Danaed seems to be more or less the same, though I don't think his color is good, and just now he is somewhat incapacitated by a dislocation in his back, which necessitates his wearing a cast - they have not been able to find any suitable place to live and are at present living in two rooms in a house near the college.

The weather in the middle of summer here - the sun has shone ever since I came and in the daytime it has been very hot. I wish I had my summer clothes here!

I do not think there will be any mail coming for me which you need forwarded here. I don't know yet just when I shall come here - it

October 28, 1945

Dearest Mother,

No word from you this last week — I suppose you perhaps thought I would have left before a letter could reach me. — Anyhow I shall have left here before I could receive an answer to this. I plan to leave here Wednesday afternoon and if my connections are made I shall be home with you a week from today — that is, next Sunday. I expect to take the Lake Shore Limited from Chicago next Saturday night which brings me to Albany at 12:01 Sunday noon. So unless you hear from me to the contrary you may expect me there. If you can meet me in Albany, with food — if not, I shall take the first train or bus. It certainly seems possible, does it?

I am coming by way of Denver,
stopping there Thursday night -
I shall also have all day Saturday
in Chicago, where I have a little
business.

We have had beautiful weather for
the few days I have been here - it
has rained only once, and that at
night - for the rest the sun has
shone all the time and on some
days it has been quite hot. Many
flowers are still in bloom and
anything which has ceased blooming
has done so from old age, not
from frost. Friday we took a
long ride in the country west of
here - it is fairly flat, though
somewhat rolling and there
are many more trees than I
had supposed. Saw cotton growing
for the first time.

All the best. Hope you are
keeping well and that ^{the} the
next few days you won't get
too excited. Lots of love,
George.

West Coxsackie, N. Y.

December 1st 1945

Dear George:

I was very glad to receive your letter and Eva's Postal to-day. I meant to write to you before now but time flies even tho I do not do much. I received both the cards you sent me and was glad to know you reached Rochester and Chicago & the cards are very pretty. I guess Eva has told you all I wrote to her or maybe you saw the letters. I am glad to know when & where you will be and I hope you are having a nice visit with all your friends. I'm glad you took Eva to see the Thompssons - they are very nice people - I met Mrs. J. but not him. The snow storm we had yesterday is still here & quite deep. I was out Tuesday and Wednesday but in the house since we left my shirt up to-day to the A & P & Butchers. Jessie & Milbu went away this morning & I was all alone till they returned at 3 o'clock. Milbu told me then they had been to Kingston where he bought a new ~~so~~ suit. I hope the snow storms near you will not be extra trouble as you feared. I sent you several letters last week to Eva so

I letter send the 3 letters as they may be important.

You would receive them - they may have
been important. Yesterday there
were 3 more but I guess they will
wait till you come now. One is
from the Mutual Life Insurance Co.
Another one from U. S. Depart. Agriculture
office of information and the
other one is from the Navy Department.

Thanks for your nice letter.
I had a letter a few days ago from
Dr Merrill - the glasses are there and
I can go very fine except a Friday.
I will go next week some day for I
am anxious to get them so I can read.
I enclose Mary's letter received a few
days ago - You need not return - I have
answered it. I do hope you will see
the baby as well as Aunt M.
If you get home on Dec. 11th you can
come to the supper in chapel where
we will also have a fair - not a very
large one. I may have to be there in
afternoon as well as evening. No special
news - I may cut some to enclose from
Columbia news. Guess Jim at the end and
just looking forward to his return - I'm
glad Ma is getting so good - do not let her
get nervous. Love to you all, Mother.

West Coosackie, N.Y.

Jan. 5th 1946

Dear George:

I have been reading about 2 hours after my rest. Now it is 4 o'clock and no one in the house. I have been waiting for some one to take me to the A & P for I want a few things from there - maybe I'll have to go without them. I just found several letters as usual on the table. I haven't much to say w/ cpts that I did cleaning all morning. I am enclosing your photos (I suppose they are) so now you can send them to Harvard. Another letter is a mystery but I will not send it. It is addressed to Mr. & Mrs. Karl Gehlbart - 264 East 4th Lebanon Oregon and your name G. B. Van Schaack on top of the envelope - ~~not~~ at this address is written "not at this address" also marked that they have moved and left no address. Day light is fading - how I wish I could go to store when I want something.

I hope you had a good trip and
was able to eat all your supper.
I just received 3 letters - one
from Ma, one from Mrs. Welf
and one from Anna Betts. There are
3 to answer and 8 others that must
be answered soon. Today has
been cold & windy - I'll just look
forward to your return for I can
hardly live here without you.

Well I haven't any thing else
to write - Mrs Welf wrote her
brother is much better & at work.
Wayne has been sick again so she
came to see him on Christmas.

Be careful & have a good time

Love

Mother.

February 14, 1946

Dearest George,

The valentine was not so ordinary
but it is a delightful present and there
are very beautiful ten thousand feet. I am
ever and ever so pleased to have the
plates and text of specimens in the National
Gallery. If ever you have heard of it -
the except from the National Geographic -
to the National Gallery, they - let me
know. And the card is a lovely one -
I am at once immensely pleased and
distracted over all the books you wrote and
the furniture etc. I was desirous to
have written you about them for you have
been hard pressed with so much sorting
and having to move from one room
to another. Just the day before your letter
came we had our own soup in Pasadena

plates - That pencil soup which you brought - It seemed to me to be even better than the kind which formerly came in a tin can. The owner had more taste. Perhaps there has been great progress in retention of flavor in dehydrated vegetables. I am pleased that you have saved the other soup plates because I hate to think of their being disposed of in just any old way but I hope by "retiring" you did not mean you had to run them down. If we had disposed of them it is quite wonder for themselves to be kept there. To tell you the truth it never occurred to me that he and I have soup & like some of them. Terrie seemed to have a variety dishes. Now if you find to have these things listed let me pay that. If you don't yourself I can only thank you as I am doing right along for the thing or another. We are having quite a snow storm. The weather report called

for four or five inches but this must
 have been nearly a foot last evening
 and since about 1 p. m. (it is now
 4 p. m.) it has been raining steadily.
 I shall have to go working for experience
 to-day for I shoveled most of our driveway
 before breakfast, our two parts - one from
 the front door to the street and the other from
 the front door to the driveway - before
 lunch and put the pushing brushes
 on Mr. Peterson's driveway and
 shoveled two parts for him after
 lunch. I feel I ought to make a
 gesture after all the trouble he took
 this morning. He doesn't ordinarily
 take his car to work and he got out
 this morning in order to give Hanna a
 push. Hanna came home with the garage
 man this noon. He hoped to have her
 car fixed by night. Her snow
 has brought back all the birds except

the fat cardinal which I called the
Alderman. I suspect he may have
been a victim of the hawk which was in
his neighborhood off and on for ten days.
I was greatly interested in your account
of the blossoming of the Buck plant. And
I am so pleased that it did bloom -
Mauna has been to it because Father
gave it to her and she has all the pains she
has taken with it will seem to have borne
fruit. I tried three times without success
to propagate it from Cuttings. I used to do
that at Hoptons. But material was being
harvested for class use. Wind, & snow and
snow. I do have to go to the store for a
loaf of bread. So let the world be
world is so beautiful that I am glad I
must go out into it for a bit - Much,
Much love and Mauna's "no end" to
the best of my brothers - Eva

505 Dahlia St.

TAKOMA PARK, D.C.

February 14, 1946.

Dearest Mother,

Just a few lines which I hope you will receive Saturday. It is now nearly ten o'clock and I reached here about an hour ago. For the present I shall be at this address so that from now on you can forward my mail here. Mrs. Jeffers, the landlady, has very kindly rearranged her family so that I can have this room so I feel I should stay for a while at least - although the room is really too small - about the size of your bedroom, but with much less storage space in it. However it is clean and the people are nice so I am lucky.

I left New York just before

noon and had an easy trip down -
heavy rain for several miles in New
Jersey, but otherwise mostly cloudy
weather. I picked up a young eagle
about 30 miles north of Baltimore
and brought him in to Washington.
He stopped to have dinner at the
'Orchard' in Baltimore - you remember,
the cafeteria where Eva used to
eat.

Had a quiet day in New York. Went
to Macy's - tried to get you a shirt but
couldn't find any there. I did buy another
shirt, a brown tweed and also bought
a dark blue tweed pair of slacks.

Hope you have not been too late since
since I left - and trust that you
were able to get to the meeting on
Wednesday without difficulty. - Let
me know when the car has been paid
for and I'll send you a check. - All
news - please be as happy as you
can. Lots of love, George.

West Cayasackie, N. Y.
February 17th 1946

Dear George:

I was so glad to get your letter yesterday and also to hear you are nicely situated. I lay down at half past 1 Ch. and just woke up - most 4 P.M. Melbur took me to the Chapel to S. S. and I had a class of 5 women - they all insisted I act as teacher - it was fortunate I studied the lesson yesterday. Jessie was sick in bed all day yesterday but she has been around today - I came home with Arthur & wife. I waited all day yesterday to be taken to the A & P - finally Melbur took me about 8 P.M. - the A & P was closed - now I know it always closes nights. Arthur waited on me at Webbs - I could not get what I wanted so I took 2 cans Chicken Soup, a dozen buns & a nice Cauliflower. I don't know why the bill was 86¢ but I did not ask any question. Today for dinner I had the 3rd dish of Chicken - that are 3 cans left which will now be used in some time. I still have 2

milk bananas - they will be used today
and to-morrow. I have sent you
several sealed letters from your friends
somewhere - hope you received them.

The car has not come here yet - Dick
must be working on it - Wilbur said
it is not necessary to pay the money
till the car comes here - we'll take
care of it & I'll pay the bill when it
comes.

The letter enclosed from Eva came
yesterday and I also received one.
Today is fair but very cold - yesterday
was an extra nice day - I thought of
walking out but wind was blowing
in afternoon & I feared my feet were
not quite fit to take out on such days.
Now I must write a few lines to Eva.
Hope you are pleased with what
you are doing in Wash. D.C.
Much love from Mother.

George - Tell me where
to get the 2 Bath robes
that I was to give to the
Drive.

Also can you send
me a list of the
Stocks we sold so I
will not get them mixed
up with the other ones.

Have not heard a word
from Mr. Whiston - Do you
know what he did
with the money? I'd like
to know - do you
Mother

505 Dahlia St.
Takoma Park, D.C.
February 19, 1946

Warrant Mather,

Glad to get your two letters and to hear that you are getting along without too much trouble. I'm sorry you have so much difficulty marketing, but I will ^{unwillingly} try to solve a large part of it by having Arthur get you things. By the way I hope you will treat Arthur with much kindness - he is apparently a man of genuine kindness himself - I was quite touched by his coming in to bid me goodbye. Your problem as regards meat is of course more difficult, but one in a while you should be able to get to the market and then stock up on everything you can get - put it in the freezer and you are then set for a week.

Now as regards the transactions with Weston. You said: Standard Gas & Elec. Bond ~~and~~ Standard Gas & Electric Stock; Minneapolis Elec Bond, Becken Light

Give a kiss for that much.

I have received from Maubress
the check for the Ministry Electric
Cambridge Certificate, paid in
full at \$35, with deductions coming
to about \$26. I shall keep this for
the present.

Days pass so rapidly it's hard to
realize it's five days since I wrote you.
Have spent every day but Sunday at the
herbarium. Late Saturday afternoon I
went with the Peckers to a picnic and
later out to their house to a meal. Sun-
day was a beautiful day - I wrote
some letters, did some studying and
went out for a short walk. Last
night I attended the first meeting of
a course I signed up for in the
U.S. Dept. of Agriculture Graduate School
- it's a course in plant identification
which has been going on since last
fall, but I found no difficulty in
entering or taking an exam that
although I'll learn something out of it.

+ Telephone Common Stock and W.L. + T
Ref. Stock, ^{and} one other stock which I've
forgotten, and you turned in for
redemption Merchants Properties Bond
(These are all marked in red pencil in
my record book). You bought
approximately 1200 shares of Dividend
Shares and approximately 100 shares
of Boston Fund. These last two you
should have received in the mail by
now and when you receive them
keep a record & put them in the
safe deposit box. The value of
what you sell is very nearly equal to
what you bought - that's why there
will be little money change - you
have probably had no accounting
from Mistan because he is still
waiting to receive the money from
the redeemed Merchants Properties
Bond - when you do hear from
him he'll probably send you at
most \$25 or \$50, or he may even send

I don't feel any great competition except
from two - some of the numbers. It
may prove a good contact. Tomorrow
evening I attend a meeting of a group
interested in the local flowers and
on Thursday Walter & I are invited to
dinner at the Cosmos Club by the
local section and afterwards shall
attend the Annual meeting of the Washington
Academy of Sciences. So you see
I don't have much spare time! I have
been studying tonight and now it's
time for bed.

Shall look forward to your next
letter, with any questions you care
to ask and any news of the car that
you have. Lots of love,

George

P.S. Will you please remind me the
weekly paper 'The Nation' - it comes
folded, in brown paper about 4 inches
by 10 inches. It will need extra postage
- I don't know how much. I'll get the
address changed for it soon. Don't remind
other members or club letters.

West Cayackie, N.Y.
February 20, 1946

Dear George:

It is now 8 P.M. - I have been reading since before 8 o'clock. I thought maybe you'd like to get a short letter. I hope you received all the letters I forwarded to you - Sorry I put Wallace's address on instead of your own. I have not seen any one to talk to to-day. Bessie has been not very well for 2 days. We washed yesterday - Monday was not a good day. Yesterday I spent several hours with Anna Johnson in afternoon. This morning I washed my hair after breakfast.

Monday I had a letter from Kriston asking for \$65.95 - he said he was advised that my present debit balance amounted to that (65.95) I don't understand it but I have faith in Kriston - so I sent him the check. I am anxious to hear how much money the stocks paid & when will I know all about it.

To-day I received in mail the
papers for N.Y. State Income Tax.
I'll try to see Peggy about it soon.
To day we woke up & found every
spot our doors covered with snow -
very deep - One time this afternoon it
looked almost as if the house would
fall down when there was almost
a cyclone - the wind blew the snow
high & fast but nothing was hurt.
I want to go to bank to-morrow just
to get rid of 2 checks - also want to
see Dr. McGuire if I can - don't know
just when & how I will get down town.
I want Dr. to give me some thing to
overcome my cold in throat & nose.
I hope to-morrow the snow will be
cleared away on the roads. I do
not seem to get much money this month
but maybe March will do better soon.
I wish I had a list here of the colaterals
also the stocks that were sold out by Winston
It would help me a good deal - I am quite
used up. I'll have to get soon to Eddie ^{Causton}
much love my dear mother.

West Casper, Wyo.

Feb. 24th 1946

Dear George: Was so glad to get your letter and receive your directions. The snow is still very deep here except on roads. Yesterday Jessie & Robert & Florene all started at 3 P.M. for Boston. They would be at Henry's wedding to-day at 3 P.M. They drove the car but it will be a long way back to-night. Jessie & Roland came in after I was asleep last night. They just now 2.30 P.M. have taken the bus to go to Delaware so they will not be here till to-morrow night. To-morrow Bessie must have her examination. This morning we had snow for several hours but now Sun shines and water is dropping off places. I had no way to go to S.D. but I did not feel very well - Mr. Youmans asked us to go to church with him. There was a small group owing to the snow - Rev Clements had a very bad cold but he talked usual time. The house is very lonely - Frispy won't get off the couch and the cat walks all over the house even to jump on any table.

Thursday Wilbur took me down
town - I was first to see Doctor -
I have had for some time with so
much phlegm in my throat - Dr.
examined nose & throat & said
the throat trouble was due to nose.
He gave me some tablets to dissolve
in water and spray up my nose. It
may take some time to clear me up.
My blood pressure had gone up 10
so now I am taking the bottle medi-
cine twice a day. Nothing yet from
Ohio - queer! Have heard nothing from
Wilbur - I will be glad some time to
know what was done with my cash.
I talked to Peggy last week - She will
attend to the State Income Tax
account - I'll send to her. I received
it from Department of Taxation & Finance.
She will let me know when to go to see
her after she fixes it.
Wilbur has something to tell or ask
you in regard to your car - he will
tell me tomorrow what to write to
you about it. He has bought a Chrysler
car & sold his for 3 times as much as to pay $\$17\frac{1}{2}$.

Jessie + Milburn got home
most morning. I was
alone most of day as
the children went to
Delma -

Not going to P.O. now
so good bye till
next time -

Very funny day
now -

Rene
Mother

9 a.m.

Feb. 25, 1906.

Dear Mother

The days fly past so quickly it seems - here it is six days since I wrote you.

I was glad to get your letter of last week - but I'm sorry you are so concerned about the stocks, etc.

The bill from Mitten seems reasonable and I feel sure you have among your papers enough data to figure it out - but don't bother, I'll look the papers over some time. Just make sure that you do have the stock certificates for Dividend Three and Boston Fund.

On Friday last I went out in the afternoon with a friend to a place a few miles west of Washington where we walked for a couple of hours. I spent all of Saturday at the Keokuk Inn. Last evening I was

out in College Park just east of here
to visit an old roommate of Eva's
& her family. Her husband came
into the herbarium last Thursday
and after we talked & while we
discussed his wife had roomed with
Eva - her name was Ruth Beall.
They have the most beautiful little
girl I have ever seen, about three
years old.

I have recently made arrangements
to get my breakfast here in the house
which is a great convenience & and some-
thing of a saving - and in addition
I get a glass of milk every night.
These people are very kind & generous -
I feel with they had a better room
to rent.

The first copy of the notation which
you remarked came today. Thank you.
All for now - I have just finished
several letters and it's time for bed.
Lots of love,
George.

West Cayackje, N. Y.

February 27th 1946

Dear George:

Wise to get your letter to-day
and hear all about your doings.
To-day has been an odd one here -
all 5 of us not feeling very well -
Bessie & Roland both staid long-
Jessie pain on her leg. Wilbur had
one of his odd times all day - I
did not know till to-night after
Jessie got him in bed - he does too
much and so is not well. I have
had no success in getting rid of
the phlem in my throat as Dr. had
told me. This morning I talked to
him & he sent me a bottle with
sticks to paint my mouth with.

Jessie did the painting - it is to be done 3 times a day - not a very nice taste but I do hope my throat & nose will soon be all. I was so nervous this morning I cried in & cried but I soon got normal again.

We have had plenty more snow - every thing is covered white - it is very lonely for me - I can't go out at all. Monday night I went to Anna's & Armin's & played dominoes with them - it was nice & they like to play.

Today I had a letter from Mr. Wriston - he ~~will send me the~~ has ordered

the new stock transferred and shipped to me - I ought to receive it in a few days.

I will be glad when we get every thing to rights. I don't know why I don't get some checks - maybe I will now in March. I ought to go to bank to-morrow but I don't know

if I'll feel good or Wilbur - well I can wait. Have sent the State Tax papers to Peggy - she will tell me to go there when she gets it fixed up. Bessie has just brought me ^{ice} cream

They have all been more
cordial lately.
I sent you 3 letters to-day -
hope you received them.
Queer about meeting Ruth
Beall - I think she was the
one who lived with Dad & Peggy
if so, I remember them - Pa & I
were there 4 days.

Now it is time for Eddie Cautie
to talk in radio & soon I'll
get to bed. Don't worry about
me - I'm OK - looking forward
to seeing you soon again
Love, Mother

nothing
from
Ohio

West Car - N.Y.
March 4th 1946

Dear George:

I haven't much to write but I'll say a few words - Milton was going to write yesterday but they have had company all day - Besides there are some things about the car (your car) that must be done - Saturday Milton brought your car here & Dick wanted the \$600 so I gave him the check. The bank had sent me the monthly account and I was surprised to see how my money has dwindled down to 168459 - that was before the \$600 had gone to - I have had \$2000 in my account so long I miss it. You know I had paid out so much

to Internal Rev \$5.22 & \$3.30
also so many more - all together
it was \$642.13 - I'll have to
go slow for awhile. Melbur is
going in a few minutes so
I'll have to quit. Harriet
received the new stock yet -
hope it comes soon. I seem
to be so upset I don't know
how to get things straight.
This week Friday is our
World Day of Prayer - My
name was in paper so is
well known. Good bye -
Must get to packing now.
Love my dear boy -
Mother.

505 Dahlia St.
Takoma Park, D.C.
Mar. 4, 1946.

Dearest Maester,

I do believe it's already a week since I wrote you - and with all my good intentions to write more often. There just aren't hours enough in the day for all the things I want to do.

During the past week I have since had a friend here from Ohio, who is working here in the city - he is the fellow who took the Kodachrome pictures and he brought them up here to show - some of them are very beautiful - he had some for me so I'll be able to show them to you some time. Yesterday he & I went out a few miles west of here and walked for about three hours - it was warm & sunny & like spring.

Thursday evening I took the Walker's out to dinner - they wanted to go to a Chinese restaurant - he

Having quite a bit of winter - it's
free to be here while there's no
snow & so much warm weather.

Since writing you I've heard that
Ruth Beall's husband has a new
jet, - out in Michigan, so I'm
afraid I shan't see them again. Too
bad, but actually I have so many
people to see I haven't time for
all the engagements I have anywhere.

Now I must write a line to Eva,
take a bath & get to bed. Lots
of love,

George.

Lived in China for several years and
likes the native food. So we had a
native meal, eaten with chop sticks
- it was my first time at that sort
of thing, but after a little struggling
I managed quite well - well enough
to eat the whole meal that way.

Friday evening I was out to
dinner at the Bealls' again - they
had a friend from Arizona there
and we sat & talked till nearly
midnight - and thought there was
the deer again. That's four nights of
the week - on one I fell asleep as
soon as I got home & on the
other two I guess I tried to
write a letter or two & do some
studying.

Very glad to get your letter last
week but sorry to hear you hadn't
been feeling well. I hope you'd soon
be able to get rid of that phlegm
in your throat. You seem to be

West Cassaspie, N.Y.

March 12th 1946

Dear George:

Just listened to Lowell Thomas but do not understand his talking very well. Today was fair but very windy & cold. I have been busy lately so I neglected writing to you. The meeting in Chapel Friday last week was well attended - 46 present and everything went O.K. and I was congratulated by many of the members mostly from other Churches. Sunday I went to S. School and Church and Bible class in Evening - that is not going to last much longer and Pastor hopes to be in S. D. again soon.

Yesterday was a nice day but cold. I went to Albany with Mrs Moore and Edith - Rev. Clementz took us in his car - and he also brought us home at 4 o'clock. We got very tired going from Stone to Stone trying to buy materials for hospital clothing in India. We succeeded in finding some things but many are not in the stores.

I was very tired & went to bed early but
it was a change for me for I am
so lonely all the time and no one
comes in. I went to see Wriston
but he was in Florida & I talked to
another man there - he said he
would see about the Stocks to be
sent to me - it is now over 2 weeks -
I hope they will come soon.

When I wrote you about giving the
\$600 to Dick I forgot to tell you I also
gave him the \$160, too.

Did I tell you Anna Spoon died last
week. I haven't much to tell you as
I get out seldom - I don't know how I'll
get at the meeting tomorrow at Parsonage.
My left foot has been painful lately by
spells so I don't dare to walk up street.
Haven't heard a word from Mary or Harold
and I feel quite, Bert about their silence.
You seem to be having good times. I must
go to Albany again before Easter to get a Lab.
Much love my dear - Mother.

Tell me if the
2 Bath robes in the
Closet up stairs
are the ones to give
away - have you
your best one with
you?

505 Dakota St.

Takoma Park, D.C.

March 13, 1916.

Dearest Mother,

Before I forget it again I want to suggest that you don't write 'Washington' on my address - Takoma Park is a post office in the District of Columbia - if you write Washington, in addition, the letter is quite likely to be sent to the state of Washington, especially since there is a Tacoma in that state.

Time passes very rapidly here. I'm afraid it's already eight days since I wrote you. Last Friday evening Charlie Nexler and I went to a string quartet concert in the Library of Congress. Saturday I worked all day - in the evening I was at the Walkers including meals with Dr. Walker. Sunday I got up shortly after five, got my tray breakfast and then went downtown to join a group of the Appalachian Trail

Clint going up to Harper's Ferry, W. Va.
to clear part of the trail of the trees
and branches which had fallen during
the winter. It was a fine day and she
had a good week out - not getting
back until about nine o'clock. This
week I have been wanting a vessel
with us night out. He and having very
warm weather - many of the cherries
are out and some of the trees are coming
into leaf.

Glad to get your letter last week. Hope
your program on Friday went off well.
Am sorry you are so concerned about
your money - I don't think you need
be. Be sure that when I get home
I can explain it all to you.

Now I must write a couple of other
letters and then get to bed. Keep
well and don't worry! Lots of love,
George.

West Cassacke N. Y.
March 18th 1946

Dear George:

Just listened to Lowell Thomas.
I am writing to you but haven't
much to write about. Milton & family
left the house before supper - they
never tell me when they are going -
they did same yesterday & were
away all afternoon & evening - they
had gone to the Camp. I don't
want to go with them but I think
they might tell me "goodbye" and
I ought to know where to look for them
if necessary. I am so tired of
being in the house - I read & read
and am getting tired of that. I
would like to have you for a walk
this nice day but you just would not
stand it so I staid in door. I'm
sorry no one seems to care for me
they do not come in at all - life is
not as it used to be.

As I go out so very seldom
I haven't anything to tell you.
The Furnessells are still in Florida
but will return in April.

I hear from Eva 3 or 4 times a
week - Had a letter last week
from Harold - they are about fixed
up in the house - Mays sent me
a few lines but she has not
written to me as she used to do.

I wonder some times what have
I done that causes me to be
so different than I used to be.
Was glad to get your letter Sat-
urday - it seems you have gay
times. I am looking forward to
seeing you here before long.

Love my boys - Mother.

9.13 P.M. =

Just finished
Playing dominoes

Anna & Arthur
came in and I
was so glad to
have some one
to talk to - they
just went home.

Walter & family

not home yet.

now I'm off to bed -

March 17, 1926

Dear Mother,

Very glad to get your letter last week and to hear that your meeting of a couple of weeks ago was so successful. I hope your foot has not continued to trouble you - remember what the doctor said, that you must use it even if it hurts for that will keep it.

With regard to the head cases - yes I have my best washen one with me, as the two washen ones in the closet are the ones to be sent.

Was not surprised to hear of Anna Spoon's death - when we saw her she seemed like a woman who didn't want or have much longer. I'm glad we went to visit her.

After an evening like tonight it has turned cold and rainy. Despite the rain on Sunday, however, I went

good refreshing of its paint as this
will be.

No other news that I can think of
- days go along more or less the same
except for Sundays. Hope you are
keeping well and not worrying.
Lots of love,
Gene.

out for quite a week was here and
found a number of spring flowers in
blossom - bloodroot, hepatica,
etc.

Next week I plan to go to scientific
meetings in St. Louis - I expect to
drive out taking five people with me
- Dr. Walker and four other biologists
connected in one way or other with
the government. I think we shall
leave about Monday noon (the 25th)
and reach St. Louis (Missouri) on
Wednesday. My address there will
be Terminal Hotel. We shall
probably start back on Saturday and
reach here late Sunday night. The
next day I plan to drive to New
York and a few days later up to
Catskill - I'm not sure of the
date yet.

I am having your car reconditioned
this week - it is going to be a
fairly expensive job (\$17.50 I think)
but the car is well worth a

March 23rd 1946

Dear George:

I was very glad to get your letter a few days ago. I hope you will receive this letter before you go away on Thursday. You will have a good time with so many men. I hope they are all nice fellows.

It is 10 A.M. and I have my work done and have been resting. We have had 4 Spring days this week but last night the wind was terrific. I took short walks nearby on Tuesday & Wednesday - Thursday Milton took me to the Bank at 1.30 & he came for me at 4 o'clock - I had to wait for him from 2 to 4.

I had a chance to buy some necessities. Yesterday I was alone all day - Pol and Bessie went to Boston for the week end - Jessie went to Albany & Milton was gone too - They returned at 10 P.M. Such living is very lonesome and no one doesn't even say good-bye.

Thursday evening I went with Arnold Luther to the Lenten Service at Meth. Church - the service was very nice - A minister from Rarona & a men's choir which was very good. A few days ago Vera Webb died - He has been not at all well for a long time.

I wish you could see the photo of Judith

that Marge sent me - Jessie had one to.
She was 8 mos when taken in Boston. I
had one letter from Harold's just a
few words from Marge. I am not
writing many letters as I used to do - but
I do owe some now. My feet are much
better but they come in one in a while
now that the roads are good, I may
attempt to walk to W. Coxsackie.

Jessie & Melba are planning on
going soon to the Camp. Jessie will
stay there & Melba go Week ends & two
weeks in summer for his vacation. I
don't know what or where Percut Roland
will be.

I am looking forward for four -
life is not as it used to be

March 24th 1946

Dear George:

I hope you will get the letter to-morrow that I sent you yesterday. I really haven't much to write but I thought best for me to send you the enclosed envelope in another one - it may be important. Today has been a real spring day but I have been in all afternoon - wrote 3 letters. I went this AM. to S. School & Church - Melba & Jessie went to church, too. I hope you do get to some church some times. It is about 5 o'clock & the sun is going down. Bessie & Roland went to Boston Friday - they may come home to-night. There is nothing of much interest that I could tell - everything is the same - Thursday I went with Anna & Arthur in evening to Lenten Service in W. E. Church - the singing by a group of new people from Catehill was very fine - also the preacher from Ravenna. This week we will have the annual congregational supper & meeting and next evening we will have a Lenten Service. About time to get some supper. Hope this gets to you safely in Terminal Hotel. Much love My dear - Mother

West Coxsackie, N. Y.
April 25th 1946

Dear George:

It seems a long time since you went away but I'm glad you will come back. We have had beautiful weather - I did not go out except to the meeting in church ~~the~~ ^{the} evening. There was a large number of folks from Athens and Catskill. Dr. Price is a fine speaker and we all liked him. After 10 P.M. we served refreshments to all the folks - I served coffee etc. It was after eleven when I got home with Anna and Arthur - so I stayed in morning till 8 o'clock. The only other place to go was around the yard but only for a few minutes. No one has come here so I am very lonely. I have written letters and have almost finished the library book I brought home - it is very interesting. Yesterday and to-day, I spent several hours cleaning out the closets and discarding some things of no use. Wilbur has not yet received the paper for kitchen walls.

I will enclose Eva's letter that came
yesterday - You might send it
back some time tho' I have read
it twice - she has some plans that
we do not but I won't tell till yet.
Have not heard yet from Ocean Park
or Mrs. Williams.

Today I received a card (postal)
from the place in N. Y. where you
sent the clock. The amount of
money for the clock work was \$3.95
which I have sent with the postal.
I hope the clock will be well
fixed. Milbu was around today
working out doors & putting up the
~~windows~~ upper covering of windows.

I hope you have nice weather and
enjoy your occupation. I'm
about out of news so I'll quit -
I think of you all the time and look
forward to your return.

Best wishes & love,
Mother.

West Cassackie, N. Y.

April 27th, 1946

My dear George:

I don't know if it is 7.30 or 8.30. I will have to ask Milbur when he comes. This has been first a very rainy this A. M. & later very windy & cold. I have been having teeth trouble, so this morning Milbur took me to the dentist. The doctor was out of town but the girl knew how to tell me what to do - there is at least 1 tooth to be taken out so I will go next ~~Monday~~ Saturday if possible. After lunch today I found out the family had gone off somewhere even Anna and they are not back yet - they probably went to the camp. I had one visitor - Miss White - she talked over an hour - I was sorry for her as she had fallen and hurt her leg. I have done no work today but got my meals - I did the cleaning yesterday. At last the kitchen roll paper has arrived - Milbur went to see Mary Forman last night about the work, but she was not home. I will be so glad when it is done & also the cleaning.

by Margareta.

I was very glad to get your post of yesterday and hope you are enjoying your time, and that time will come quickly here. Today I had a very nice letter from Mrs Williams - she is going to be the Matron again this summer. She is delighted to have me there and she has planned a nice room for me. She is anxious to make everything good for me. She will go to the Curtis the 2nd of June to get started. June 8th starts the house cleaning here but if we get underway it, all right. I will have 1 flight of stairs over kitchen & it will be warded then - she can move me on ground floor - quite comfortable. How fortunate to have such a nice woman to be company for me.

Most of P.M. by clock & no folks here yet. Well I haven't any more news - I could use you if you were here but I'll have to ask Wilbur to help me out.

Much love my dear - Mother.

P.S.

Sunday afternoon - I just had a short nap. It was very cold this morning even tho' the sun was bright. I was at S. School and Wilbur & Jessie to church. Some of the farm folks have had a loss with the fruits etc. last night - too bad.

Now I must write to Mrs Williams she wants to hear from me as soon as possible. I wish we could take a nice ride now but no!

Love, Mother

St. Louis, Mo.
March 28, 1946

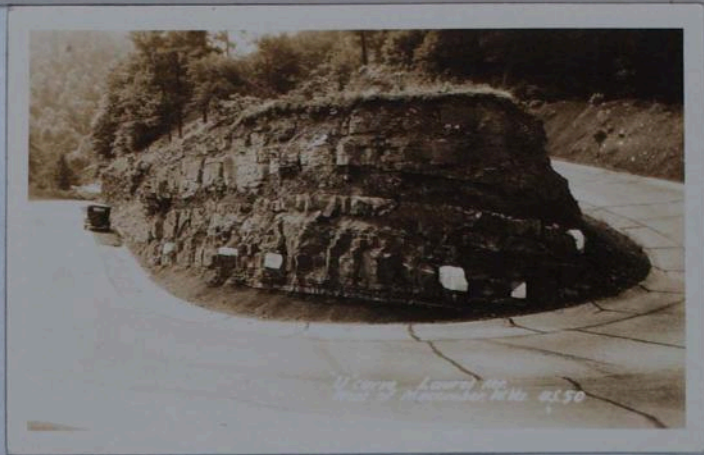
Donald Mosher,

Sorry to be so late with my letter this week - I should have sent you something before I left Washington; for since then I've been either too busy or too tired to write. We left Washington about four Monday afternoon and got as far as Romney, West Virginia - that night. The next day we drove 200 miles to North Vernon, Indiana - it rained quite a bit that day so our long drive took us until after midnight. Wednesday was fine and we made good time into St. Louis. Attended a big meeting here last night, but slept through part of the talk. This morning I heard several short and rather good talks, many of which were illustrated with

This morning and been everything
is well. Hope you are enjoying
your winter weather. All news.
Lots of love, George.

beautiful Kodachrome slides. This
afternoon I ran into Prof. Welch of
Howard, whom I'd not seen for several
years. He went off exploring the
old part of the city - going through
the old court house, dating from
1829, where the superintendent
gave us a long history of the
section. Then through the old
cathedral and finally along the
river front, where Mark Twain
and other river boat captains
used to tie up.

It is not decided yet when we shall
leave here - perhaps late Saturday,
perhaps not until Sunday afternoon.
In any case it will be later
than I had planned as I shall
not be home as early next week as
I had expected. I'd not just know
more definitely later, but it
will probably be on Saturday
great to get your letter here



Apr 23, 1963
Wednesday evening

Dearest Mother, Just a few lines
to tell you all is going well at
this end. Reached Danbury early
Monday afternoon. Had a long
and very hot ride yesterday but
a good sleep last night. A little
cooler today. Spent the afternoon
with Helen at the National Art
Gallery. Tomorrow morning I
return to the herbarium.

Hope by the time you receive
this card you will have heard
favorably from Maime. Trust
you got out to the meeting
last night - and that you
are feeling well. All news -
Lots of love. George.

West Coxsackie, N.Y.

May 1st, 1946

Dear George:

I have just written a letter to Eva and now I'll try to write to you, it is 8 P.M. Wilbur went to New York this morning - he said he would be here all week now, I don't know why.

Monday was a very rainy day so we did not wash till Tuesday morning. I have been very uneasy about my teeth though the last few days they did not bother. I wanted to go to Dr. Gardner & Jessie - wanted to drive there - so that is what we did this afternoon - Anna & Arthur went with us. Most 2 P.M. when we got there - I was in a chair most an hour - Gardner was very easy on me and had me resting now & then. The only tooth to be taken out was one by my lips. It bled for a long time but I guess it is over now. I will feel much better to have that job over. Gardner said I would be O.K. till Sept. and then go to see him again. I was in the A.P. and bought a few things especially

Bananas which I am so glad to have.
We got home at 4 o'clock & I was
glad to lie down till time for supper.
I haven't seen a person since I came in
& finished the library book & took it back
yesterday - it was very entertaining.
Now I am reading "The Claurmant"
which I read some years ago, but I am
glad to read it once again.
Yesterday Wilbur took me to the bank
I had to look over the thing in the D. book
for I wanted the article about the Mortgage
which I found quickly - I had to stick
it to N. I and will probably get the money
as they spoke of. On way home I
got out at Aunties and had a nice visit
with her - the first since she returned.
I walked home at 5 o'clock, and found
Annie Hallaubeck waiting here to visit, she
staid till 6 o'clock. Mary Annan said
she would put up the Kitchen Hall paper -
as soon as possible - I hope it will be very
soon so I can get the place to rights.
Agne said nothing to tra about going to Maine.
Remember the birthday Hawley & Frank - I
think both are May 7th. Much love Mrs. Dean,
mother.

505 Dahlia St.
Takoma Park, D.C.
May 2, 1946

Dearest Mother,

Very glad to get your two letters
the past week and to hear that
you are getting along alright. Trust
you will soon get the kitchen patched
and the cleaning done so that will
be off your mind.

Am especially glad to hear that Mrs.
Williams will be the hostess at the
Curtis and that she will fix you
up with such a convenient room.

Thanks for enclosing Eva's letters
which I am very glad to see. I
am interested of course in even the
very little she says about the
doctor. In view of what the doctor
has advised her regarding the
length of your visit I think we
had better plan for you to stay
at Ocean Park another week, that is

this month. I expect to get home
that day if I can make that long
drive - I shall be home a couple
of days then, returning again a
few days before we start for Maine.

I am wondering if Peggy has called
you about joining the will - you
haven't mentioned it.

Hope you didn't have too much
trouble with your tooth extraction
and that you are recovered from
the effects. All right now - keep
well and be as happy as you
can. Love & Home,

George.

until the 27th of July. I know that
will prevent you and Eva from
being together for her birthday, but
we can have an extra big celebration
when we get to Michigan. Considering
what Eva has written regarding her
so-called 'treatment' I doubt it
would be wise or possible for
her to come East and drive back
with us. Certainly I shall not
suggest it to her until I check
with Miss Boyd.

Sunday was a gorgeous day here
and Helen + I drove out and
did part of the Skyline Drive - I
wish you could have seen it for
it probably never was finer. Helen
left Monday morning and since
then I have been working very hard
at the herbarium, especially so
since it turns out I shall pro-
bably leave here the 18th of

West Catskills, N.Y.

May 5th 1946

Dear George:

Sunday afternoon - had a good rest and just finished a letter to Eva. I am glad to know you will be here next week.

Yesterday Milbu Ferris & Anna & White all went to the Camp at 9 a.m. and was home 10 P.M. Mary Toman came at 8 a.m. & she did a good job on the kitchen walls. She was through by 2 o'clock & just caught the Bus. It was a lonely afternoon & evening for me. We've had several rains lately and the wind still blows.

Tuesday Margatta is coming to do the cleaning & that will be over soon. Milbu had 4 days last week in New York with a large number

of insurance men - they were
given the money to have a good
time for their good work they
have done.

Yes I would like to see the Sky-
line drive again but I did see
it 2 or 3 times on our trips.

Wednesday Jesse drove my car to
Catskill - Arnold Arthur also and
myself. I spent one hour on the
dentist chair but he did a good
job - not much pain & now he
said I would be O.K. till Sept anyway.

I was very glad to see bananas in
the A & P down there, so I have had
a good feast. I keep very well
but oh! it is so lonesome most of the

time. I will be glad to be on
the beach - maybe I'll gain some.
Had another nice letter from
Mrs Williams yesterday - she seems
so pleased I am going there.

I told Eva about going - I don't
know how she'll take it, but
it may be a chance for me to gain.
Some folks tell me I'm getting thin.

Well, I'm about out for I have
so little to tell you, if anything.

Now I'll look for you soon.

I forgot Harold's birthday was
May 3rd & I sent the gifts for him
& Judith too late but they got them
tomorrow. Don't hear from Marge yet.

Just had my supper - It is poor
eating all alone. Bessie and
Roland have been away several
days, probably at Delma.

I have had very few letters
lately except from you & Eva ..
Auzie Hallenbeck called
one afternoon, just after I had
come from seeing Lammie.
Old Mrs White came one day
when no one else was here - She
had a bad fall but was feeling
better - She bathed an hour. I ought
to see her but my feet are not very
good yet. Hope you are well &
keep so. Much love from
Your Mother.

West Cayce, N. Y.

May 9th 1946

My dear George:

Perhaps you would like to have some news but I know very little. We have had very windy weather for some time - there was ice last night. Margaretha was here Tuesday and cleaned the living room and my bedroom. She will come next Wednesday to clean the bathroom and kitchen. I did not do any hard work but I was around all day. Yesterday morning I felt fine but at 9 A.M. I began having terrible pains below my stomach. Melba called the Doctor (not Bill Grady but his man who is very nice & knows what to do. My trouble was too much gas in my stomach - I took pills every 2 hours & was in bed all ^{the time} the hot water bag on the pain.

Mrs. Joumans came in & helped awhile.
Rev. Clements came to see me at
2 o'clock & we visited till after
three. It was missionary meeting
day but I could not go. The doctor
told me I'd be better before night
and I was and slept all night.
I feel very good this morning -
I have been working some here & there.
This morning I received the check for
\$935 from Fidelity Union Trust Co. -
from the Goldman Mtge. - I will
put it in bank today - I can use it
for my trip. I have 3 other checks
not very much but I'll put them in
the bank too. Have not heard a word
from Peggy - will wait till she calls me.
I am eagerly waiting for you.
Much love - Mother.



May 5, 1946

Dearest Dolly,

We had quite a rain yesterday and now it is cool and intermittently cloudy. There was a frost for I noticed that some of the strawberry blossoms were blackened. Laura and I came home directly after leaving the doctor's for death Nelson is expected at any moment and Laura was anxious about them all. The ^{Whitnell's} doctor said this morning that Nelson is much weaker than he was and that it might be an hour but that he could last as long as two weeks. We had our first lettuce for dinner to-day. There will not be much at one time for the first planting was disturbed by boys running through the garden and only a few plants of that ^{planting} came up. I do so wish you could have some of the good things I raise. The little girl next door was over for

before I send them back. I don't think spraying will protect things ~~that~~ are soiled, particularly things upon which a little food has been spilled from time to time. Perhaps you ought to send your good winter coat to be cleaned. You have worn it two winters now and ~~yaazsa~~ it must surely need to be cleaned. Perhaps when George comes he will attend to it for you. I am going to send some of his suits home and they will have to be pressed for they were packed away after being cleaned, so I ^{am} sure he will be going to the cleaner's anyway. I have the little package for Judy wrapped and am going to walk downtown to the mailbox with it now. It is such a little one I can slip it in one of those street boxes. There now, the sun is shining brightly and when I started this letter it was a s cloudy as could be. I trust you are not too lonely this afternoon and that you have something to read. I am glad you are enjoying the books you have there in the bookcase. I am certain I could read many of them again for I easily forget what I have read. Much love and a great deal of courage to you, dearest Dolly.

our little girl,
Eva

And give my love to Walter when you see him and
to the others if ever you have a chance.

a few minutes yesterday morning and said she had seen an oriole. I have not yet seen one. She came over with a little dish ^{in which} to ~~eat~~ ^{plant} some African violets. I had told her mother that I'd give Joan some sand and moss to start them in if she wanted to try. She is a very interesting little girl. The dogwood along the way yesterday was beautiful. I had not seen so much since I left Baltimore. It is not yet in full bloom. I think Laura is talking to Mrs. Otte on the telephone. Laura said she was not at church this ~~morning~~ morning morning. Now Dolly, I think you had better send your warm dress and warm bathrobe to be cleaned before too long for this is the time of year moths lay eggs. I'll not keep the things you send as long as I did the last ones so you won't have to be without them long. If you have worn those things all winter they must surely need cleaning and moths are more apt to eat soiled things. ~~When~~ George comes home ~~ask~~ ask him to spray with larvex your winter coats. You have a sprayer but may have to buy some more larvex. I have some larvex on hand and will spray your things

May 10, 1946

Dearest Mother,

Have just realized it's Friday morning
and I've not written you this week. I
have been with my nose hard on the
grindstone all week trying to clean
up what I want to do here now so I
can leave soon. I have got my-
self tangled up in several arrange-
ments so that I've not come when
I shall get home, perhaps not Wednesday
and perhaps not until several days
later.

Am glad to hear that Mrs. Forman
got around to you so soon and that
the kitchen is now all fixed & clean.
I trust Margareta came too and
that yours are all cleaned up for the
spring.

You have spoken a couple of times
of Jessie's having driven you somewhere
- does that mean that Wilbur now has
his new car?

all right now, - I'll be coming you
soon. Lots of love. George.

May 14, 1946

Dearest Mother,

Just the briefest line to tell
you my plans. I expect to leave
here on Thursday, the 16th, and
to reach home sometime on Friday.

I am sorry you didn't hear from
me for Mother's Day. I didn't
know a thing about it until it
was nearly over — you see I
haven't been on the streets to
see the signs in the windows
and hadn't noticed it in the
paper.

I hope you are keeping well
and that your tooth hasn't
bothered you any more. Tell
Friday. Lots of love
George.

Dorset, Vermont
May 22, 1946

Dearest Mother,

Just a line or two to let you hear from me. Arrived here about 6:30 yesterday after a rather nasty drive through rain, etc., plus getting lost in Troy - you remember what a difficult city Troy is to get through.

Had a good sleep in this quiet & cool place, getting up quite late this morning.

It has cleared off beautifully here as I hope it has at home - there is a beautiful blue sky & a full moon. Have been out for a walk & to collect some flowers - the weather here is not quite as fine as at home.

Am off now to the town to visit this. Hope all is going well with you. Lots of love, George.

West Coxsackie, N. Y.

May 23rd 1946

Dear George:

I haven't much to say but I know you will be glad to get a little news. This has been the best day of the Spring - I sat on front porch most an hour so I'd get plenty of air. Sherman was here all day digging up the bricks & slates and dirt etc. Just out side our steps. Milton has planned how he will fix the place. I have not been away from here since you left. I hope you had a safe trip and do have a good time but be very safe. This morning I washed my head - it was quite a job. - I also cleaned my room; tomorrow I'll clean living room. I have plenty to eat. I read quite a lot to-day also yesterday - also have done some working on the little towels I bought in Whitecap. The folks are all out doors now but I guess they are preparing to go some where. I wish W. would take me for a ride some time now or now - Hope you receive my letter. Love, Mother.

June 1, 1946

Dearest Masha,

Just a few lines to reach you on Monday. Was glad to hear your voice on the phone Thursday night and to hear that you were alright. I hope you have not been too lonesome this week-end, and am glad to know that Florence will be in to stay with you tonight.

We had a fine day for climbing Choroma on Wednesday and had a grand view from the summit. The next day was not so good and we merely went for an easy walk. Yesterday, having decided to stay here near North Canyon, we drove

over to Harold Woodcock to pick up any mail which had been forwarded there. The crates expected here over this week-end apparently were discouraged by reports of bad weather for there is practically no one around at all - in this place of ten cabins we have been almost the only ones to stop over during the last week.

Today it is raining and I am trying to get caught up a little on my correspondence. Now we are going in to town for a haircut and a meal. Keep well - a week from now you'll be on your vacation. Don't know how early Ted'll be home Tuesday - perhaps quite late, unless we leave here on Monday. Lots of love. George.



POSTLAND
CORRESPONDENCE ONLY

ADDRESS ONLY

Mrs M. B. Van Schaack
The Curtis
OCEAN PARK
MAINE

Friday afternoon
I might mention - Just a
line to let you know all
is going well. I and
Mrs. Webb looking and
feeling pretty good and have
had a nice visit with her. Am
on my way now to Rockland.
It is fine that the weather
continues good. Hope you are
alright. Love, George.

June 27, 1946

Dearest Madhu,

I trust you are enjoying cooling breezes - I am sitting here on Helen's porch - the thermometer in the meter - there is a breeze, but it's not very cool. We drove down from Worcester yesterday - it was fearfully hot - so hot that we decided to keep going until we got here, which we do about ten o'clock - having stopped in Hartford to see Helen's sister and to have a bite to eat.

I was glad I could get in to see you on Tuesday, and

which will be just as well -
I have had enough visiting for
a time.

Give my regards to the Melbians.
Keep well and be happy. With
lots of love,
George.

I'm happy to know that your
vacation at Ocean Park is doing
you good - which I know it
is, for you look much better
and seem so too. I must, of
course, that you being there
might not be so different
from what it used to be, but
you know everyone is under
changed circumstances, one way
or the other - and if you desire
to enjoy yourself there you'll
find plenty of opportunity
for doing so.

I expect to drive up to Crossfield
tomorrow. I'll probably be
there about a week, trying to get
some money of the things that
have been piling up. I reckon I'll
be alone most of the time -

Ocean Park, Maine

THE CURTIS
OCEAN PARK
MAINE

Curtis
June 29th 1946

My dear George:

I was so glad to get your letter yesterday and I hope now you are at home and don't work too hard. I rest often and I sit on porch every day part of time. My feet are troublesome so I do not talk out very much. I have been sewing on the two things I bought in Whitnep. I am almost finished reading the book I've had lately. Some folks are leaving and others are coming. They all talk too much. I feel very good and sleep all night as I always do. It is now 9 a.m. and soon Mr. W. will bring the mail - I get something most every day. Mrs. W. sends her fondest regards.

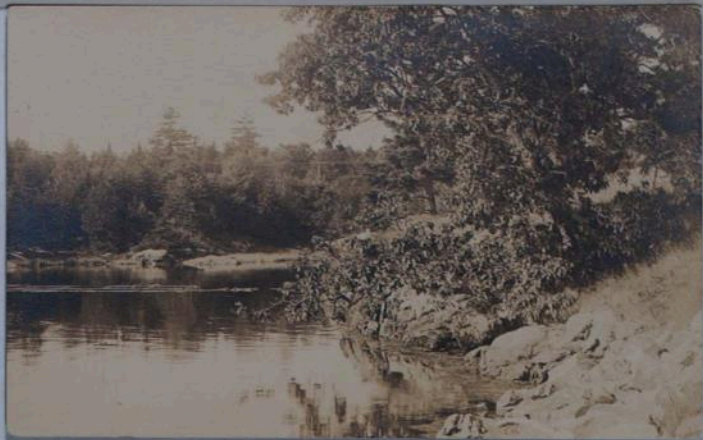
Some folks are getting ready to go
and they are making lots of noise
just now over my head. "Grandpa"
is going away soon to stay with his
daughters. He is quite smart but says
a good deal we can't understand.
Thursday evening we had a great
thunder storm & plenty of noise and
lots of rain. Since then the sun
is up and we have not been too warm.
I ought to be home with you but
I guess you'll get through. Now
I will go to Post office with this.

There are some words in your letter
I can't make out. I was so glad
to have you here Tuesday and now
I look ahead to your next trip here.
Much love my boy - keep well.
Fondest regards from Mother.



Friday ^(July 1946) Morning

Dearest Mother - This picture was taken somewhere near here and shows the kind of coast I saw - this house is at the end of a road right down on the shore. Have had beautiful weather until this morning, which is very foggy. Helen Rider and I plan to leave here Monday morning and stop in Wiscasset that night. Tuesday I shall drive down to see you and drive back to Wiscasset for the night. The next day we shall drive to Danbury. Hope there will be some word from you in the mail today. Please keep well and take care of yourself. My regards to Mr & Mrs. McChidder.
Lots of love, George.



Tuesday (50 1996)

Dearest Mother - Have been
having a grand time here
walking, climbing, collecting
etc. Have had fine
weather until this morning
when it rained a little.
Am going out to a party
tomorrow morning
I go to Brooklyn - don't
know yet how long I shall
stay here. Hope you
are keeping comfortable
and are enjoying Ocean
Park. Love & Care,
George.

POST OFFICE

McDOUGALL & KEEFE
BOOTHBAY HARBOR, MAINE

West Coxsackie, New York
July 1, 1946

Dearest Mother,

Just a few lines to bring you up to date. I reached home here on Friday night about supper time. Since then I have been working in the living room steadily, typing labels for my Attu plants--have been away from the house only once to buy some food. It has been quite hot, but I have kept comfortable enough by keeping the windows closed and saving such cool air as there was.

Everything here is more or less as usual. The family is still here since the well up at Lake George is not finished yet. Wilbur and Jessie were up there Saturday and yesterday and will go back there on Wednesday for several days. Mrs. Moore stopped by last evening to inquire about you. She had Mrs. Newberry with her, Edith's sister-in-law--I don't think I had ever seen her.

I found quite a lot of mail for you, mostly magazines, which I am bundling up to send you. There were also several letters from Spencer Trask covering the matters of early June--I shall keep them here, and expect to see Mr. Wriston sometime this week to check up. There are also several dividend checks for you. These too I will keep for the time being--perhaps I can deposit them for you--I think there are eight in all.

Must get shaved now and go out for more food and to mail some letters. Hope to hear from you soon that you are feeling well and having a good time. Expect to return to Danbury next Sunday, the 7th. My address will be: In care of Miss Helen C. Rider, 135 Deer-hill Ave., Danbury, Conn. Lots of love,

Gray

Found a bill for your hospital insurance, which I paid.

July 2, 1946

Dearest Mother,

Have been going over your accounts with
Spencer Treck this morning & find all o.k.
The enclosed paper should be signed as a
matter of form. Sign your name on the
very bottom and mail to Spencer Treck
in the envelope I enclose.

Nice rain here last night so it's a little
cooler today, although the sky is clear
and the sun shining.

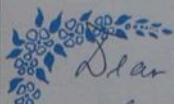
Hope I'll have some word from you in
the mail today. Remember me to the
Millians. Love of love
George

POST CARD



Lt. George B. Van Schaack,
West Cayuga Co.,
N. Y.

Ocean Park Maine



Dear George -

Just a few lines to let
you know all is OK. I was on beach
2 hrs. this afternoon - I do not walk
much as my feet are so painful.
Grace, Ethel & Harry are coming July 13 -
There are many more people here. I have
letters about it from a week from Eva.
Had a card today from Mrs. Delp - she is
very well now & wishes she was here. Love the children

July 1, 1946

Dear Maely,

I act a few days before I go to bed so that I'd have something ready to send off in the morning.

We had grand weather here today and I celebrated by going off on a picnic all by myself. I had planned to go up near Thatcher Park collecting but actually I only got about five miles away for I drove up the road north from Bolinas and found so much there that I didn't get any further. Came home about seven o'clock myself a good dinner of hamburger, creamed corn, tomato salad & canned grapefruit.

I saw Peggy a couple of days ago and she apologized for not having got the will written yet. But she promised faithfully to have it done

according to the letter you sent
her, for you saying when you
return from Maine.

I reckon you will be pleased to
hear that I shall be teaching at
Union College in Schenectady next year.
I was in Schenectady yesterday making
preliminary arrangements for a place
to live. The city is very crowded but
they said at the college that
they thought they could find me
something.

All for now - I must get to bed
if I'm to get up at all tomorrow,
for it's now 2 AM on July 5th.
Keep well & have a good time.

Love & Place
George

Ocean Park -
Maine
[6 July '46]

THE CURTIS
OCEAN PARK
MAINE

Dear Geo: -

I've forgotten if I wrote to you a few days ago. I was very happy to get your last letter - how successful you were in getting a teaching in the Union College - I'm glad you will not be very far from me. I went to church this morning - I perled after my dinner which I had at one of the restaurants. Few folks around the house today so I spent over 2 hours on the porch. My feet are in bad shape so I do not try to walk much. I watch the Cows and long to ride. Mr. Williams has been home several days and this afternoon he came with his car. I think of you today as I think you have gone to Danbury. I look forward to seeing you before many days. Nothing more to tell. Write to me when you can - I am very lonely most of the time. Keep well & enjoy your things.
Love from Mother

Ocean Park, Maine

THE CURTIS
OCEAN PARK
MAINE

29 July 1948

Dear George:

I was so glad to get the letter yesterday and hear about what you and the workers are doing. I am glad to get the mail you have for me. There are a good many folks here now and they make plenty of noise at breakfast time. I am sorry I cannot walk much - I wish I knew how to have my feet in good shape. I have finished Carl Buck's book and am most finished Booth Tarkington's book. I had a letter today from Eva - it is hot out there and they take life easy now. I am not very keen to write letters as I used to do. Hope you will get this

before leaving home. I wrote to
Harold a few days ago but do
not look for any from him.
Sorry Dick's Camp place is
not yet finished. Remember
me to them all - write to me
from Danbury.

Now I'll go put this in
the Post office - I haven't
anything else to say - I sleep
as usual every night till 6 AM.
I try to get my breakfast before
the other folks come down.

Hope you are feeling good -
do not work too hard.

Much love from Mother.

July 11, 1946

Dearest Mother,

Was very glad to get your letter here a couple of days ago. Sorry to hear you have been having trouble with your feet, but hope the summer lotion is doing you some good. Next fall perhaps you had better see Dr. Dodge and find out if something can't be done.

Time passes here very quickly. I came down on a very hot day, Sunday - since then it has been humid but with little sun. Yesterday Helen & I went to New York. I got a little business done, but not much, especially since we spent most of the afternoon at a movie - Henry the Fifth, a filming of one of

Shakespeare's plays - quite a good
years picture to look at, and other-
wise fairly good. It was done by
a little after seven. Today I've
been working on a short article I
am writing on plants, collecting on
them - it will still take me
several hours. Now I must run
down town to get my car greased
and to do a little shopping.

Hope you are well and enjoying
your journey - I suppose this ^{will} reach
you about the time that Ethel
Harry Grace got to Ocean Park -
I am glad they are going to be
there with you. Remember me to them.
Lots of love,
George.

Ocean Park Maine
July 12th 1946

Dear George:

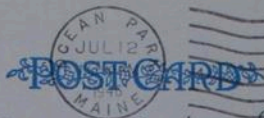
I just received your letter and was glad to hear from you. I was not so glad to hear of your trip to New York - I would like to have heard that you had gone to church service some where. I am puzzled about you now, but you know I am own business. I just had a letter from Eva - she said they are having very hot weather. We have cold weather every day this week.

Mrs. Williams went home this morning to attend to some business - she will be back by supper time. My feet are improving but I do not have them walk too much! I spend more time in the house than out of it. There are so many folks here now that there is lots of noise.

THE CURTIS
OCEAN PARK
MAINE

I am sorry I cannot go to the meetings etc. at the Temple evenings - Every one who goes - walks - seldom see the cars driving up there. I have to buy food at the grocery but it is high prices. Maybe I'll go to the beach this afternoon - the sun is coming out.

Have not heard anything from Lome. I know they are too busy to write. Now I'll go mail this - hope you'll get it to-morrow. I'm longing for rides but no one take anyone else. I think all the time of the way pa took me out some where here every day. Good bye - be
d & write again only 2 weeks more here.
Doe Mother.



Lt. George B. Van Schaack,
135 Deerhill Ave.,
Danbury,
Conn.

Ocean Park -

July 11, 1946

Dear George -

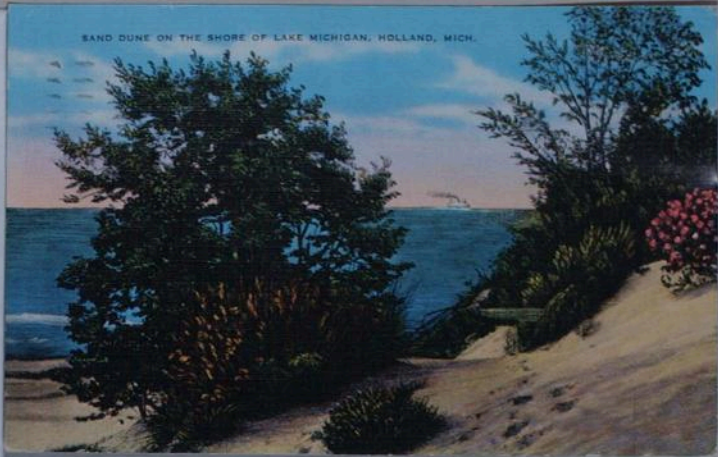
I just wrote a card
to Eva & will give you a
few words - I am eagerly
watching for word from
you. We have had cold
weather all week - I have
not been out much - Went
to the beach yesterday.

Phil & ~~Harry~~ Harry came
Sunday they will be in this
house after Saturday. We
expect to see Sunday - I'll

be so glad to see her. I'm
gradually getting satis-
fied to let her go.

Hope you get well - please
write to me.

- Love, Mother



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The photographs and drawings, including the beach
as along Lake Michigan are but a few minutes'
drive from the main business district. Summer
cottages for the crews of these liners and
the lake breeze and a panoramic view of the
blue waters.

Tuesday 4 p.m.
It's just 75° in the shade.
I'm doing odd jobs about
the home + yard, fixing a
screen etc. I had a woman here
this morning to do some house-
cleaning. I was so glad to
have your letter yesterday.
Lots of love - Your little girl,
Eva

Mr. Maym B. Van Orbeck
The Curtis
Ocean Park
Munne

Ocean Park Maine

July 15/46

Dear George -

Just received your letter -
I had Marge's letter before I
sent it to Eva. I do not expect
them to go to our house - they
are going to Boston. I think
I will be 1 mo. with Eva and
then a week or Harald's. I'm
glad you will be near the Donald
Place came last night & we
have been together all day. They
will be here for me in a few
minutes. I am longing to see you.
It is now 7 P.M. It has been a
very warm day.

Much love My dear George. Mother



POST CARD



Mrs. L. B. Van Schaack
"The Curtis"
Ocean Park
Maine

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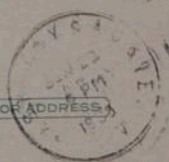
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Landenberg Pa. July 18, 1946

Dear Friend, Glad to receive
your card and to know you
are well and enjoying yourself.
Too bad your feet bother so much.
Patsy is here with me. we are
having a lovely visit. Ransom
Nannie & Heath went to Va on the
9th will be home to-morrow. Ransom
been getting his teeth pulled at Friends-
burg & plans going to Bangor Me. in
August. Take care of yourself ^{love} Virginia

THE NATIONAL COLTYPE COMPANY

THIS SIDE OF CARD IS FOR ADDRESS



Dr. George B. Van Schaeck
324 Canterbury Road,
Rochester, N.Y.

Calhachie U.S.P.

June 22/38

Dear Geo-

Hope you are quite
OK again - though we
might hear soon. Real
about the commence-
ment in yesterday's paper
& was dead if you were
there. I suppose you are
very busy and will be
glad when you can get
a good rest - the country
is so beautiful now you
ought to be out to enjoy it.
Yesterday was hot - cooler
this AM but quite warm now.
Pa. keeps busy but seems well.
You know how always has
plenty of work to do. Love,
M. L. Rose - Mother.

July 23 [1946]

Dearest Mother,

Very glad to get your note of a week ago - you had addressed it to Danbury, Can., which was read Canada, so it had been to Quebec and back!

I am still in Danbury but leave here tomorrow (Wednesday) to drive north. I expect to reach some place in New Hampshire tomorrow night. On Thursday I am driving on to Rockland, Maine. I plan to stop in to see you for a few minutes somewhere on Thursday - if possible around noon time so that we can have dinner together. Expect to be in Rockland over the week-end, returning to Ocean Park after that to drive

Yours Love.

I wonder how your weather has
been. It was very hot here last
week, but began raining Sunday
morning and is still at it. We
needed it, though, and the country
is beginning to look green again.

Hope you are having a good time
with Grace. I shall be glad to see
her on Thursday. Lots of love,

Geary.

Thursday Evening

Dearest Dolly,

I had a dinner out this evening. Went to a place to have steak with Mrs. Debold, the woman who teaches biology here, and a friend of hers. Now I must correct some papers and then get to bed. I enjoyed eating in a different place but I don't like to eat in such a rush. However in these times I suppose it is good manners to linger too long at the table for so many people try to eat out.

It is raining, a gentle rain which makes a wonderfully comforting patter on the dry leaves.

West Colchester ny.

October 23rd 1946

Dear George:

It is half after 6 o'clock - I have been having some tooth ache but not too bad. Had milk for supper. That's all I wanted. at 3 o'clock I went out for a walk, but my feet did not like it. The men that were working here several days finished the work today - So now we can use the water & bathroom. Yesterday at noon & later I was helping the women doing some work in chapel. at 3 o'clock I gave up and went across to see Margalita. - She is most well but her legs are painful. She seemed glad to see me. I was glad to get your letter this morning - I'll read it again. I have your clothes all clean & ready to ~~wash~~^{wear}. I am thinking I may go to Albany but I don't want to go. Maybe I'll go some day when you go up in morning. Had

news this week from Eva.
Well I haven't much news
to tell you. Hope you are
all and home ~~with~~ what
for you when you can come.
Guess I'll write a letter to Eva
now and will soon go to bed.
Love to you my boy,
Mother.

At half past 5, Edith came in and
we have been visiting ever since -
it is now most 7 o'clock - I will
go to bed soon for I have
nothing else to do. I get tired of
reading especially nights.

I hope I will see you next week.

Good bye my dear boy,
Mother.

West Coxsackie, N.Y.,

October 26th 1946

My dear George:

Received your letter today and I was very sorry you were not coming home. I was in bed when Wilbur gave me your letter. I was not feeling very well all week and so I thought I'd stay in bed part time. I had Wilbur to ask Edith Doyle to come to see me this afternoon but she has not come - it is 5 ^{P.M.} now I did not get out of bed till 4 o'clock. I was not out after Tuesday but took a short walk on the road toward Albany. That is all I've been out except a few walks in the yard. I do not have much to do in the house so I rest a good deal. No body asks me to go for a ^{short} walk in the car, so I can't. Awa & Arthur went home yesterday. I think from what I've imagined W & J. have gone out now & I am all alone. If I was really taken sick no body here would know. I will look for you next week end. - how can I exist without you in my condition. You ought to be here to look at all your papers etc.

Much love
My dear Boy,
Mother

West Cassachie, Wyo.

October 29th 1946

My dear George:

It is after 12 o'clock and I have had a good rest after my dinner. To day is very nice for the Sun shines but the wind blows a good deal. Anyway I decided to go out for 1 or 2 friends. I have not been out since you were here except twice in church & once in chapel. I am very tired of just sitting around. Ann & Arthur went home Saturday and that was O.K. I wrote to Eva to-day but I do not write many letters any more. I can't give you any news for I do not get any - No one has come in to my rooms - Why I wonder. I think I'll go to see Angie Hollenbeck and maybe some one else. I did a little washing yesterday and to-day. I do odds & ends but something odd is a help to me. I must get dressed now and will soon walk out. Hope you are O.K. & I hope Luella come Sunday or Saturday next. Love - Mother

West Coxsack, N. Y.

October 30th 1946

My dear George:

Received your Post Card this A. M. and I have read it several times. Wilbur came home several times and not at most 7 P. M. He is not here yet. I was hoping some one would come to see me this afternoon and I was quite pleased when Rev. Clements came in to see me at 2 o'clock. After we talked some time, then he said we might play Croquet so we did get the things out and we had a fine time till most half past five. We played 6 games & were equal. We both enjoyed the game and we will do it again if weather is so good as to-day was.

Yesterday I decided to call on Angie Hallebeck - Roland drove me there - Angie was going to a funeral in Bradys place opposite the Methodist Church. I did not know the woman but the rooms were full. We took a taxi to get back.

all the way back to the Post office
and then we walked back to Angie's
house and we visited there till 5 o'clock.
Then I called Bevie up on phone
to come for me & she came at once.
It was nice to start out to walk
and not get too tired. My right foot
is as usual when I walk - it always
hurts my right foot but it always
is better in a few days. I am wonder-
ing if you are coming Saturday or
Sunday - I hope so. I guess I
haven't any more news now.
I am thinking I may go to Albany
next week or the following week -
I don't want to go but had better go.
Now I must write to Eva and
then it will be time to get to bed.
I don't hear any one in the house -
now - they leave me alone as usual.
Hope you are all OK and do not
work too hard.
Much love from Mother.

West Cassackie, N.Y.

Nov. 1st 1946

My dear George:

Received your letter before lunch
and have read it several times. I am
so sorry you would be here Sunday.
Jessie was away yesterday, & I don't
hear her in the house now. No today
takes any account of me at all.
I have not been in a car & mine goes
here & there but I don't. Now I am going to
the Post office - it is muddy & cold but
I'll dress warm. I had decided not
to go to Albany but now that I'll see
you, I'll go to Albany next Saturday
not to morrow and wait for you in the
Bus waiting room on the corner. I hope
you will find me - if not I'll have to go home.
at half past 12

I will not have much shopping
to do for I have not much to
purchase. Be sure to let me
know if you change your mind.
It is quiet here and I wonder if
all are gone. I'll get ready now
and go to post office - may stop
to visit somewhere on way back.

Love My dear -
Mother.



Dearest Dolly,

Thursday night.
Nov. 12, 1946

Here it is Tuesday night again. The weeks go so quickly. Spring home week ends makes me seem always to be on the move. I declare I think my bags will wear out being packed & unpacked. Guess may come for me this next week-end. I am staying Friday evening for a dinner which all the women of the College are supposed to attend. And I must return Sunday evening for there is a special chapel Tuesday morning and a faculty dinner at night. I don't suppose I'd have to go to the chapel or excess but I feel I ought to do so. M. said she would drive down for me either Friday night after supper or Sunday morning. She teaches a class at 8:25 every Sunday morning and seldom get away ^{from the college} before ten o'clock.

I think, Dolly, that Marge's birthday is Nov. 27. Let's look it up when I go home. It is either Nov. 27 or Nov. 29.

Gave a test to-day so I have a lot of papers to do. Lots of love to the best little member in all this world. Tell George when you write to him that his kind letter had come. Love to Welburn, Jerome & Beanie and thank you all to you. Your little girl, Eva

November 14/46
West Coosackie, W.V.

Dear George:

To day I was not very well
so I went to see Dr. M. G. Wade
this afternoon - Wilbur took me there.
Dr. fixed me up - I've had awful
headache all day. I'd be o.k.
now. Bessie & Roland left here
to-day to go to Florida - they took trailer.
When I came home at 5 o'clock
yesterday from meeting at Mrs.
Moore's, I found an empty house.
I guess Wilbur & Jessie had been to
see Bessie & Roland - they came
home late but I did not hear them.
The house is very quiet now, 6 o'clock
maybe they are out & maybe not.
Yesterday was a beautiful day and
I was glad to walk to Mrs Moore's
I looked for a letter from you but there

not seen it.

I have been very lonely but I
can tell you I have not cried
since you left - tho' I am
longing for your return.

I enclose W's last letter to day -
I have no more news so I'll
have to quit and go in front
room and read some
before I go to bed. Hope you
are all o.k. and have some
nice affairs.

Much love
From Mother.

West Cayrochee, W.V.
November, 24th, 1946

Dear George:

I have not been very well this week but to night I feel much better. I had Dr. W. G. Guadl on Friday and again Saturday night. He thinks I'll be at home but I must not go out doors when wind & storm begins. I was not well enough this am. to go to church and I spent most of the day to lie down on couch. I was glad to see Mrs Moore came in at 3 o'clock and we had plenty of talk till 5 o'clock. - no one else has been here. I had a letter Friday from Marge just as Dr. W. G. Guadl came in. He also came in last night & now he thinks I'm getting all right - I really do feel much better. Sorry I did not do cleaning but I just could not do it. Hope to see you soon & will watch on Thursday in morning to see you arrive. It is very windy out doors now. Good by my dear.
Much love, Mother.

Bring me some envelopes
as I haven't even 1

West Cassackie, N. J.,
December 5th

Dear George:

Just as I started to write to you Edith Doyle came in and was here over an hour - she wanted to see if I was well all over me - she thinks I am very well and I am quite well. Yesterday I went up to the Chapel at 2 o'clock and I helped Mrs. Moore selling many things she had to sell. There was a big crowd at 5 o'clock and every one had a fine dinner. I was tired enough to come home at 7 o'clock. Wilbur brought me and I went to bed. I have been in house all day - had some deck work and many other things. I think of you all the time and wish I could get nearer to you. I haven't much to tell you about, yesterday Aunt Astor came to be at the Fair - they went back to Scaneck today to stay. I have plenty to eat & little work to do but I am still very lonely. Had a nice talk last night with Rev. Clausen - he is coming to see me some day soon.
I much love Dear Geo. Mother

Saturday night,

Dearest Dolly,

I was so glad to have
your letter to-day. I am
sorry you are still so
miserable. Of course you
must have someone to
clean the place if only, there

-2-
is any one who has time.

Now don't worry about what
I'll eat when I come. We'll
have very simple things,
and you won't need to get
a big meal for me. I
hope to reach Albany at
5:50 a.m. Dec. 18th and
shall take the first train of

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less to Corcoran. Perhaps you
could cut the less schedule
out of the Union for me
and send it soon. There is a
train at 6:05 but that I could
hardly catch unless my train
were on time. But there is a
train at 9:55 which I can
get. Then I'll reach home
before 11 a. m. I shall
have to leave home the

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afternoon of New Year's
 Day. The train leaves
 Albany at 3:35 p. m.
 So we will be together
 two whole weeks. Don't
 that nice? Lets just think
 about that and not
 any further for the present.
 Have been working in
 the yard ~~xxxx~~ to-day,
 that is some work.

Put fertilizer on the lawn
 It was very pleasant
 out-of doors and I needed
 the exercise of yard work.
 Haven't seeds love with
 mine. Yours truly girl,
 Eva

Let seeds George would
 about when I'm home.
 Don't worry about anyone
 visiting me. If I take a
 bus I'll not need to be
 that far I can get off at the
 house. What do you
 want for Xmas? Tell
 Santa (Eva)!

POSTCARD



Dr. George B. Van Schasek,
102 Ballston Rd.
Schenectady NY 72 P
N. Y.

Just a few ^{more} words so you will
know everything is o.k.
I still have the
head ache about all the
time - but I have not
been out doors all week.
Eva says she will leave
for home, a month
from Monday this week.
I wonder if you have
seen snow - we have not
but soon the snow
will come. I'm
going to bed now,
S.P.M. Love
Mother.

West Cassocke, W.V.
December 7th

My dear George:

It is now half past seven and I have just had my breakfast. Yesterday I had a letter from Mrs Delp - she is in Hudson and says she is coming to visit here a day or 2 - I am not feeling like having company but I can't help it. I don't know how to entertain when I am not prepared. The fair was successful - I was there from 2 o'clock in afternoon and I was glad to get home at 4 o'clock. Yesterday was a lovely one but it was quite cold. I went out for a short walk. Edith was here Thursday evening telling me what I ought to do but I can't do it. I have been reading a good deal and also listened to radio a good deal. I see Wilbur a little while each day but he is out most of the time. I have odd jobs to attend to but I think ~~that~~ I will lay down again for a while. I hope you are O.K. and have some fun somewhere. Good bye my dear - I am longing to see you when you can come. Love to you,
mother

West Cassachie, Mo.
December 12th / 46

My dear George:

I just received from Wilbur
a letter from you also one from Marge
and one from Constance.

Yesterday was fine - I walked all the
way alone to Mrs Pierce - I enjoyed
the long walk - I also walked home
at 4 o'clock.

I thank you for your greetings - I
wish you could be here - no one else
thinks I have a birthday. I think
Eva will be here Friday or Saturday
and I was wishing you would be here.

There are 7 letters here for you and oh
I'd ~~like~~ like to have you here week end.

I am feeling very well - I took a walk
Tuesday as far as Mrs Moore & we visited.

I hope Eva will get here without trouble.

She will not be here very long. Mrs. Deep
sent me a letter yesterday to let me know she
is very busy in ~~the~~ Hudson with her children.
Love - Mother.

West Coltsackie, W.V.

January 9th 46

Dear George:

I have just written
2 letters - one to Fannie and
one to Mrs Scudder. It is only
6 o'clock. Had cards from Eva
and I was glad she was safe.
I was not well Monday and
Tuesday and spent most of
the time in bed. Was better
yesterday and Wilbur took me
to Rev. Clement's home where
we had our meeting for our
Missionary. The roads are very
bad and I cannot walk out
as it is.

Today I felt better - Milbur
has been giving me tablets
to cure my face trouble -
I'm about O.K. now. Last
night I fell asleep on the
couch - when I woke it was
8 o'clock & I thought it was
morning so I got up and
got breakfast - then I
slept again till 8 a.m.
Today I spent most of this
morning cleaning all the
rooms except kitchen which
will get cleaned tomorrow.

"I have kept very quiet and"
often read them I don't have
anything else to do. Lewis's
sash is still quite hot but
she is around all the time.
Hope you are feeling good and
have some good places to go to.
Write a few lines when you can.
Best much love,
from Mother.

Wednesday Afternoon

Dearest Dolly,

It doesn't seem possible that it is three days since I left you. I had a very good sleep on the train and arrived Monday morning feeling fresh and ready for work. Laura reached home ~~XXXXXX~~ Sunday night and this week-end when I go to Holland we will have a good visit.

I have thought of you so much since I left and have hoped you were not too lonely. This will be the day for your missionary meeting and I trust you will not have trouble getting there and home again.

All of my students came back on time but one was so sick with a cold that I sent him home to take care of it yesterday. He is in the office now, making up yesterday's work. He is a nice Polish boy. I am reminded of Mrs. Berlinsky when I talk to him for he has the same kind of goodness about him that she has.

There is a lot of snow here but it has not been very cold since I returned. Cold enough to wear warm gloves but not cold enough to make ~~xxx~~ going out of doors unpleasant.

Friday
I shall be riding home on ~~Saturday~~ with the teacher who goes to Holland every few weeks. And I shall return with her ~~Sunday~~ ^{Sunday} afternoon.

I had such a good time at home, the very nicest visit I have ever had. You must be sure to have oatmeal for breakfast and drink lots of milk.

Much love to you and and to Wilbur and Jessie and Trixie and the cat. Show this letter to Wilbur and Jessie if you wish. I shall try to write to them soon. I hope Jessie's cough is better.

Much Love,

Eva

Dear George:

January 12th /47

I have just been sitting on the couch - it is only 7 P.M. This morning Wilbur went to church with me. At 2 P.M. he took Jessie and me for a long ride till 5 o'clock. I saw many places I did not remember. I like to be riding in the car - wish I could go some a day. I was not out all week except Wednesday afternoon when I went to the parsonage we had the Missionary Meeting. The roads are so bad with the ice etc that it is not safe to walk out for me. I have spent some time resting in bed every day.

I receive very few receipts - in fact none - since you were here - I didn't ask Wilbur about it but I guess he is keeping them.

Jessie still has a very bad cold.

I haven't much to tell you for us body tells me. I will enclose Eva's letter. I am going to write not to Harold - it seems strange he has not written to us since he was in Boston. I hope you can come home some weekend. Don't try to work too hard.

Love from Mother.

Wednesday night

Dearest Dolly,

It is a little warmer to-night and the paper says it will be quite a lot warmer to-morrow. The snow has packed very hard and the crossings and sidewalks are very slippery in places. I walked downtown to have supper to-night. Met Josephine at the "Y" and we sat at the ~~table~~ table quite a time to visit. I wish you could have been with us.

Laura writes that she does not think she will come for me this Friday as she had hoped. I shall go on the bus as usual. I am ~~pleas~~ pleased to see that I shall not have a Saturday morning class next semester as I had feared. However I shall have eight o'clock-in-the morning classes three days a week and nine o'clock classes the other two days. But with spring coming on it won't be so hard to wake up.

I am hoping, Dolly, that you are eating enough. You know you must not get too thin. Do you have oatmeal for breakfast? I am gaining weight. Seem to have quite a double chin.

Well, I am busy making out an examination to give in laboratory class to-morrow. Then I must go home and get to bed. So much love and a lot of hugs and kisses for the dearest little mother in all the world. You must remember that you are in my thoughts many times a day. I wish I could be there to help you and be here to teach at the same time. Once more, much love,

Your little girl,

Eva.

January 23rd 1947

Dear George - I was very glad to receive your letter to-day. As usual I have been in the house all day and no callers. Yesterday, Rev. Clements came in to see Jessie & I went in with him - He is coming again to visit with me. He is going Sunday to Florida - with Rachel and Baby - they will be gone 3 weeks where Sammie is near Rev. Dumonts. The roads here are the same, not fit to walk thru. I will be glad when I can walk out some where for fresh air and a change. I have done a good deal of reading and also rested several times. Walter has not had bonds nor any money for me. All I have is 15 cents at present.

It will be nice for you to go to the College and be warmer. I hope you will not have too much work. I am glad you'll be here soon again - I will be so glad. I haven't any news so I can't send it to you. No letters here for you except the one that Eva sent here and I am giving it to you.
Best wishes to you all the time.
Much love from Mother.

This morning I had a cry but did not
keep it long - I don't know what started
it but it probably will not do it again.
Remember me to Mrs. Chert.)

February 4th

My dear George -
I just received your letter
and have read it several times. I
wonder why you had to go to St. Louis.
We do not have but very little snow but
the roads are not yet fit to walk on. I
have not been out doors at all except
yesterday when Wilbur took me ~~to~~ Jessie
whit - She
has not been very well for a long time and
yesterday she went in Doctor's office for 1 hour.
I sat in the car with Wilbur. I am glad
to hear Mrs Deep will come here. I am
so tired of being alone so much - Wilbur
has been away all day and just came in -
It is 7 o'clock. I hope you will be here
before Mrs Deep so you can tell me what
to do. I wanted to go to dentist to-day
but had no way to go - Maybe Wilbur will
take me to-morrow. I have been very well
but I can't help to cry sometimes. I will
be glad when I can walk out - Can't yet
as it is cold all the time. I am so glad you
will come soon - maybe week end. I hope
you are keeping well and have some good
times. I'll soon get in bed - I sleep well every night.
all 5 o'clock - Lots of love My boy. Mother

Snow is all over
this morning
but now the Sun
is out.

February 4th 1946

Dear George:

I expected yesterday to see you and I looked from noon till 7 at night. I had your supper ready and it is the same now. I suppose you have had some business to look after. I looked for you this morning but I concluded that you are not in this place. We had no Church service today and will not again until Rev Clements returns from Florida. I have been in the house spending time looking at the cars going by. Wilbur took me & Jessie down town - Jessie is far from very well and she must go again to Doctor Tuesday. I haven't much to write about for I have no news. I hope next week the weather will be better so I may walk out a little. Dr W. Quade has not come to see me for 2nd time as he told me he would do. I am perfectly well - but I some times must cry as I did this morning. Now I'm going to bed - I just wrote letter to Eva.

Best wishes & Love from Norma.

February - 12/47

My dear George:

I hope you reached your place
without any trouble. I'm sorry I
did not remember to give you the
small oranges. I have been
in the house all the time yesterday
and to-day. Tomorrow I want to go
to Mrs Birches home where the
missionary meeting will be there at
2 o'clock - I think Wilbur will take me.
I haven't much to write about for I
do not get any news. Had only one
letter to-day from Jennie E. Miller,
and yesterday a card from Eva.
I hope your visit here was very
pleasant to you. Now I must write
a few lines to Eva and then hear the
radio-gram for a while. I think of you
all the time and look forward for
your next return. Much love my dear
and best well - Mother

February 16th 1947

My dear George:

I was very glad to receive the Valentines from you & Eva - I did not know at the time that it was time for Valentines. Yesterday I was alone as Milton & Jessie was away all day. Today it is raining & we will (I will anyway) stay in the house. Bevie & Roland left yesterday to go to Florida.

Mrs Moore has not been well lately - I have not gone to see her for the roads are not good for me. I hope the Sun will come out before afternoon. I'm sorry you must work so much but can't be helped. Now I will write a few lines to Eva. I hope you can come next Saturday. I am tired of sitting still but I read so much I pass the time. Now good bye and think of me as I think of you my dear. Much love
From Mother.

February 18th / 47

Dear George:

Today has been fine but the snow etc. is just the same as ever. Yesterday Wilbur & a group of girls & boys went with him & Jessie to attend a funeral a long way north. They went at 7 a.m. & back at about same time at evening. I was alone all day except for one man - I'll tell you some time. Also had one woman I do not know. I am longing to go for a ride but that is out of the question. Wilbur goes some where most every day but I must stay home. I have not gone to see anyone yet but the roads are not well yet. Mrs Moore has been sick - I don't know if she is better or not. I suppose you are very busy as usual - days are short ahead. I must pen a few lines to Eva - Wilbur does not seem to have money for the what I could use if necessary. Now I must stop - I think W. & J. have gone out again.

Best wishes & love my dear boy,
Mother.

February 19 or 26/47

My dear George:

I have just finished my 8 o'clock
supper. The day has been very cold etc.
and yet many folks were out riding.
Yesterday I meant to go to Catskill - but
Milou went & I was not well enough. I
was in bed all day until 5 P.M. When I
went to bed. I did not feel at all good
this morning so I did not get up till 12 o'clock.
I have spent most of the day resting. I
have felt necessary so I'd get better better.
Today I felt better but as usual I had
was lonesome - it is not very pleasant.
The summer will soon be here & then I'll
get some walks etc.

Received a letter from Harold yesterday
and I am giving it to you & then you
might send it to Eva. I am putting in
a little I received today from Eva.
I guess now I write her a few lines.

It is getting darker & we will soon
need the lights. Hope you are feeling
very good & have some happy days. Take
good care of yourself.

Love from Mother.

February - (4)

My dear George:

I was glad to receive your letter but I have mislaid it & so I can't find it yet - I just finished my supper at 5 o'clock. The last 4 or 5 days I kept mostly in bed. I have not felt good and I could not do much work. I feel better at times but more often go to bed - day or night. We expect Mrs. Delp to morrow afternoon - I'll try to clean up in the morning if I get up in time and feel well enough.

Yesterday Rev. Clements called to see me at 5 o'clock - we visited about two hours. He told me so much of the good times they had in Florida. He had a nice visit with Mr. Dunscomb. I was glad to have some company and I enjoyed hearing all about his nice time. The wind and cold kept it up. I am not feeling very good but that will be O.K. Now a few lines to Ma & May to Harold.

Much love My son from
Mother.

February -

My dear George:

Mrs Wellp came Saturday and has been very busy in the house. I keep busy but do not do much work. The snow is all around out doors and it has been very cold.

Fulton has been away all day - I asked him if he had anything for me but he did not know. We have not taken the car out of the building across the way, but we will wait till the road is O.K. I am very well and I hope soon to go out doors.

Now a few lines to Eva and then I'm going to bed. I hope you are feeling well and do what you want. Good night

Love from
Mother.

March —

Dear George:

I wonder if you are having very nice days. Yesterday Mrs Deep & we went to Sulliman Home to visit Bell Cooper - I am always glad when I can ride anywhere. Last night we went with Wilbur & Jessie to see the darkeyes - there was a big number of other visitors. It was so late I was glad to get to bed. Today is just the time to be out if not too cold. Roland came from Florida on Tuesday - he does not want to go to it again. - He may change his mind. I think of you all the time and hope you are well and not too much to do for you. I do not write much as I used to do. It is most noon time I will think of you all the time. Haven't heard from Harold and hear from Eva 2 or 3 times a week. Good Bye my boy - We'll meet again. Mamma - Dave.

March —

My dear George:

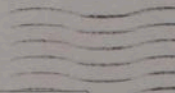
It is 7 o'clock and I am waiting for Mrs Delp to come down. Some of the snow is passing away but it will take some time. Yesterday afternoon we took the car and went for a nice ride - then Mrs D. bought a lot of groceries - We have plenty now to eat for some days. I am feeling very well, and soon I can walk out. I wished you could come here to-day but I know you can't come but maybe you will next week end. Now I will get some breakfast - nobody else is up yet. The Sun is shining and I guess the day will be good. Hope you are very well and I'll look forward to have you here.
Mother.

March - 28th

Dear George:

I just wrote a small letter to Ma + now one for you. We had rain this morning and plenty of cold. At 2 o'clock Mrs Deep + I went to Catskill - she did some shopping and I kept warm in the car. After that we went to see Mrs Roberts. She was very glad to see us - we visited for 2 hours - then we came home for snow was falling all over. Thursday we will go to the meeting in Chapel + then there will be a congregational meeting. I am feeling very well but I do get tired now + then - I rest good in bed but I wish I could sleep longer. I hope you are feeling very well - do not try to do too much work. Tell me if you have found out when Harold + Judah will get there this days. Let me know if they will receive the gifts. Best wishes and love to you.

Mother



THIS SIDE OF CARD IS FOR ADDRESS

Doctor George B. Van Schaack,
102 Balston Rd.,
→ Schenectady,
N.Y.

Dear George - March -
We are having a
beautiful day - We
may go out after dinner.
We are all well -
I hope you may
get here Saturday
if possible. I have
been writing letters
and now I'm tired
of it. Yesterday we
went to the Missionary
meeting - last night we
attended to the church
meeting - and enjoyed
the spiritual meeting. -
Come if you can. Love
Mother.

March —

Dear George:

I just got up at 6 o'clock this morning. I was glad to get your letter Saturday. Mrs Delp went on Saturday to visit her folks near Albany. and she came back last night. Wilber has been working in his cellar. I like to go for rides and I rest when home again. I am not feeling quite as well as I had been but I'll be as usual. We have no more snow but we have lots of trash near around. Have not heard from Harold or Marge in a long time. I hear from Eva once or twice a week. Well I am going to lie down till Mrs Delp comes down stairs. I wish I could see you but I will some time I hope. I hope you are not over worked and will have some pleasures.

Best wishes and love to you,
Mother.

March -

My dear George; Apr. 3/81

We have had rain all day so we could not go out. Two days ago Mrs Delp & I went to Catskill. I sat in the car & Mrs D bought packages for food in the stores. Yesterday we went in afternoon to visit Mr Bob. Moore.

We were there 2 hours & then back here again. Bessie & Roland now lives in the trailer near the barn. Roland goes to Albany every day to work with his father.

Had a letter yesterday from Harold. He is going to give a rabbit to Judy.

Had a letter yesterday from Wm. I'd enclose it to you. William does not seem to have any thing for me - I don't know why. I wish you ~~could~~ come home for Sunday.

I am well, but at times I don't leave every thing. Now I must quit - Hope you are very well and will have some good times. Mother

Sunday

Dearest Dolly,

It doesn't seem possible that to-day is Palm Sunday for there is so much snow on the ground. We have had snow every night lately until last night. But there isn't as much here as in Holland. I am staying in Malamazoo this week-end and am going to Laura's Tuesday evening. Perhaps she will come for me and, if not, I'll take the bus. If the weather were fit for making garden I'd have had a harder time persuading myself to stay. I have a lot of orders to make out and to-morrow I have a boy to help me in the greenhouse. I'd like to get it in shape so this year's class can plant a few seeds. It is full of all kinds of plants in bad shape. I know we won't be able to do much in one day but we can make a start.

I had dinner to-day with Josephine Leenhouts. She came for me and then I walked from her ~~XXXXX~~ place for the sake of the exercise. The college dining hall is closed so I'll have to go hunting some coffee in the morning. I think there is a place not too far off.

The robins, song sparrows and mourning doves are the spring only birds I have seen thus far. The cardinal's song is sweeter and more entreating than it was a few weeks ago. I think he is courting. I am in my room now correcting notebooks. I'll take this out and mail it so you will surely have word on Tuesday. Much love to all and to you, especially, dearest Dolly.

Your little girl,

E. va

Apr. 7/4)

My dear George - I am so pleased
with the nice flowers you sent -
they are beautiful. I hope you
had a nice Sunday today.
Mrs Delp + I went out for a ride
this afternoon and we stopped
to visit with some folks - we were
there at least 1 and 1/2 hours.
A few days ago Eva wrote to me
that she had a bad cold - I think
she is much better from her messages.
We have had 2 days yesterday and
today when it rained all day.
We go out for a short time most
every day. Soon we will have
summer and then we'll be out
often. Thank you very much for
the flowers - they will live some
time. Most time for bed so I'll
hear from you some day. Be happy
and keep well. Love, Mother.

My dear George - I wish you
were here. Yesterday it was a
nice day and we went around
visiting some. Last night we
took Anna Moore with us to a
special meeting at the 2nd church.
The meeting was fine, given es-
pecially by a special man who
has just returned from Arabia.
He showed us all the things he brought
to America. We have had pain
so far to day but now the sun is
trying to come out. I had headache
this morning but it is most all over.
I just wrote to Eva. Don't forget
what I said about getting something
for Harold. We cannot go out
today as it is cold & wet. Hope you
are feeling well and also I will
look forward for you to come here
when you can. Much love my dear
Mother.

April - 19th / 07

My dear George. I received your letter from Post office this morning. I have been rather busy since early morning. We have lots of wind out doors but the sun is shining. Mabel and Jessie went out this morning and will be near the lake - they will be back to night. Bessie is here every day. We did not go out yesterday - I was too cold. I am sorry Mrs. Ebert is not very well & I hope she will soon be better. It is nice you can help Mrs. Ebert - You are always ready to help people that need help. It is nice to go out on Sunday and I hope you go there some times. I am quite well but have not felt very good all week - guess I'll be at C. E. soon. I am always glad to receive the letters you send me. Now must dinner so I'll stop now. Best wishes and love from Mother. Tell Mrs. Ebert I'm sorry she is sick & hope she

will soon be all right.

April 1947

My dear George.

I was very glad to receive your letter but I am very sorry you are not well. Be careful this week and come home Saturday if possible.

Yesterday Mrs Delp & I went most up to Albany to visit at a women's place - She was in bed & could not raise her legs. She is Herman Mills wife. She talked for over an hour.

Today Mrs Delp & I started out at ten o'clock. We went to the Bridge & from there went to Hudson. We visited at the home there where the friends are living. That is Mrs Delp's friends. We spent several hours and then we rode a long way and back again to the Bridge. We reached home at 5 o'clock but were not very tired. We had a pleasant day. I hope you are feeling better & will soon be O.K.
Much love My dear from Mother

April - 27

My dear George - We have just had
supper. Yesterday & to-day the snow
has been every where - we could not go
out yesterday (except to church) and we
have not gone out to-day. Milbur
has been some where all day. at
three o'clock to-day Rev Clements came
here to visit us for over a long time.
I am always glad to have him come.
I have spent some time resting in ~~bed~~^{bed}.
Mrs Delp works all the time and
will not let me do anything to help her.
I hope you are feeling very well and
will be sure to come Saturday if you
can. I am feeling very well but I
have frequent headaches for a while.
Now I must write a few lines to you.
I think of you all the time and look
forward to having you come here.
Best Wishing and lots of love
from Mother. I hope Mrs Ellet
is getting well and will soon be better.

Sunday - April

My dear George - I was very glad to have your letter to-day. I have not been feeling very good to day and I have been in bed all the time just now I'm writing to you. Mrs Deep went away at 2 P.M. & is going to Hudson where her children live - she will be back here to-morrow afternoon. I do not feel very sick but my Jarade causes my head - it will soon be same again. I think Melbur is the only one in the house just now. I will feel better to-morrow and can do some work here. We have been out on several days so we could have nice rides. I hope maybe you can come here the last of this week if you can. Melbur is so busy he seldom talks to me. Guess I'm through for I can't think of anything else now. I'm glad Mrs Thirt is feeling better I hope she'll soon be well. Much love my dear boy,
Mother.

Sunday, A. 24 -

My dear George -

Wilbur and Jessie went to their place as usual - they left Friday and will be back to-morrow. Mrs. Deep was not very well but she felt better and now she is no better - she came down this morning but she would not eat - she is now up in bed. I am keeping very well, but my forehead is still very hot. I hope you reached your place where you see it. I am tired and rest in bed quite often. I wish Mrs. Deep would have a doctor but she won't - I think a doctor would make her better. We have had rain three days, so we have not been out. Now I will rest in bed a while. Bessie and Roland are here and will be here all day I suppose. Now I must quit - wish I had you with me but I know how much you have to do. Lots of love My dear boy -
From Mother.

May 16/47
My dear George - I just received
your letter - Oh, sorry you
could not come to day -
will be glad to see you soon.
Wilbur came home yesterday
from the hospital and feels
very good - he lies on the couch
a good deal & partly lies on chair.
Now I must stop as we are going
for a ride now. Mrs. DeP went
to Hudson last night and came
back now just at supper time.
I hope you are very well and
have some fun.
Love - Mother.

May 19/47

MRS. M. B. VAN SCHAACK

WEST COXSACKIE, NEW YORK

My dear George - We had rain this morning
but it cleared so Mrs. Deef & I went to church.
Wilbur & Jessie went away yesterday to the
place where they are not far from the Lake.
Wilbur is quite well and I guess will be
O.K. now - Wilbur will perhaps come here
to-morrow. Mrs. Deef & I are here alone
just now - Jessie took away her cats & dog
We have just one dog of Bessie's
Yesterday we went for a long ride and
took Mrs. Moore with us which was
very pleasing to her. Two days ago
Mrs. Deef cleared out the things in our
living room but she insisted on filling
the room once - I did not care if she
wanted to do that - I have a head ache
now - I do that often but can't help it.
Hope you are O.K. & will come soon.
Tell Mrs. Ebert I thank her for all
the nice things she sent me. Now I
must read some. Lots of love from Mother.

Friday to morrow -

Hi George - We are having ^{st 24/4} a
big rain time and loud storms -
It is about 7 o'clock and I am
going to bed soon. Wilbur came
home here yesterday - he will go
back near the lake where he was.
Wilbur wants Mrs. Delp & me to
go to his place near the lake -
for next Wednesday - So if you
come after Wed day you can
come in here as you feel.
We have been out on many places
the last few days but we will
go out often. Now I must
get to bed - I hope you are
feeling very well and you
can have some good times.
Much love my dear George
and we'll meet again.
From Mother.

Tuesday -

Dear George - I was so glad to get
your letter and will be glad to
have you here Friday.

Saturday we went visiting but I was
taken very sick so we hurried
home at supper time and we
had Dr. M. J. J. at once.

He fixed me over and all was O.K.

Sunday I was in bed all day and
to day (Monday) I have been in the
bed most all the time. I am feeling
better. Wilbur & Berrie came home
last night & now they are working outdoors.
Now a few lines to Eva. I'm not well
enough to write more.

But love my boy
From Mother.

Monday 4/9/47

Dear George, I hope you have had a pleasant time. Milton & Bessy went away Friday, you know, but they have not returned yet. The Sun is around now - We have not been any where since you left us. I am quite well but I do not care to go around much - I prefer to rest in the house. We will attend the church at the meeting on Wednesday this week. Hope you will be here on Thursday - if not you have kept to get in.

Now I must rest a while and then we are going out to get some foods for us. Good buy. My dear and I love you so much and so glad to have you. Best wishes and Happy days.

Love from Mother.

7/3/47
Dear George - I hope you
will have good times on
your home, and I hope
you are keeping very busy.
I tell you general Delivery
Rimowski -
Prov of Quebec + Canada.
I will be so glad to see
you home as soon as you can.

Loving from
Mother.

This is Tuesday today.
Write when you can.

7/10/14
Dear George - I was so glad to
receive letter from you. Let
me know if you may want to
go to see where Wilbur is at the
place where Jessie has been a
long time. Wilbur came back
here yesterday and this noon
Wilbur drove away to go to see
Jessie again. Bessie is here
every day & has one visitor.
I have been much better
lately and we go out in after
noon for short rides. We
take Mrs. Moore most every day.
I hope you will feel better
after your work where you
have been staying. How I must
write to Harold and Eva.
Best Pleasure and
Love from Mother

7/31/47

Dear George - I am expecting
to see you come here soon.
I don't know where you are
living but I guess you are
O.K. We have had rain today
but now at 2 o'clock and
The Sun is out. Milber has
been away a week but he may
come back here soon. We
are here alone but we don't
care. Now I must stop -
We are going up street for
a short time. I am longing for
you - I have not had 1 cent even
since you were here - I must have
some money as soon as you can.
Love from Mother

My dear George - hear is
your address - a
department - Washington
University - I hope you
are well and happy.
Miller went away today
where Jessie is. Mrs is left
and me all the only ones
that are in this house. I
am feeling well but I am not
perfect. I will be glad to see
you here when you can come.
Much love my dear George.
Mother.

Dear George - I wish I could
see you soon. I am writing
for 1 week for your Depart-
ment in University.
We have all the card of the
house - only Bessie two.
I must tell you I have only
20 cents for myself - but
I need much more for
myself. I cannot go anywhere
at times and I hope you
will change my things.
We went to church this A. M.
and this after noon - we went to
visit at Mrs Deeps at her
brother. Much love my dear Boy.

910-10-20-1911
My dear George - I'm glad to receive
what you want - I'm glad you
crossed the Lake Michigan - I'm
glad you had a nice room and
also had a nice room. Every thing
here and best everything - We
are not worrying about things;
Wilbur came here yesterday after
he had been away about 3 weeks -
While he was with Jessie I
will be very anxious when you
reach St Louis I am very
glad to have received thing
about what you want.

I want to tell you I have no money
except 2 or 3 (small ones) I have
been very anxious and I have
cried several times. Do all
you can to help me for money.

I love you so much and long to see
you soon when you can. Write to
me and come when you can.
Love from Mother.

27 Sept 1947 J?

MRS. M. B. VAN SCHAACK

WEST DOXSACKIE, NEW YORK

My dear George I love you so much.

Dept of Marth -

Washington University. I hope you are very well and well help ful. I am sorry I neglected to remember your birthday - Wilber has been here and I think he may stay a while. Yesterday we went to Catskill and Bessie + me must go again Tuesday. We are rather up & down at the home here. So many things I get mixed up I look ahead to some time when you come hear. Just now the Sun is shining. I know you are busy but don't work very hard. I will look forward to some time be with you at home.

Love and Love to my George.

Love to you so much from me.

(16-21 Sept 1947)?

MRS. M. B. VAN SCHAACK

WEST COXSACKIE, NEW YORK

Dear George, I was hoping you might come to see us but I know you have so much work so we will have to wait till you can come someday. Eva came here Thursday and will stay here a while. Mrs Delp went away Thursday to visit her friends. Jessie is back in the house now and Melburn finds plenty to do here. We fore Melburn Jessie's Eva and me - we went to church service this morning. I am glad Eva is here with me. I hope you are feeling well and maybe you will have many happy days. I am tired now and soon I'll go to bed.

I am feeling very good and every one thinks I am looking so well. I miss ~~the morning~~ ^{to} send me a few letters when you can. Best love from Mother to you.

Saturday to day.

MRS. M. B. VAN SCHAACK

WEST COXSACKIE, NEW YORK

22 Sept. 1947

My dear George - I hope you are well and happy. Wilber and Bessie are as usual while Jessie is living. Mrs Delp and me are the only folk now in this house. I am feeling very well and we have had many rides. Wilber has not been here for more than a week. I will try to get some money from Wilber; I ought to have money, I need it. I will write a few lines to Harold. Now I will stop and will speak to Eva - she will come here about 6 or more times. I hope you are well. Tuesday I must go to see the doctor and then have my teeth taken out. I will be so glad to see you when you can. I'm glad you had a birthday party - Write to me when you can.
Love to Mother.

WEST COXSACKIE, NEW YORK

Please send me
a few for
United States
Postage - I
have only a few
3 cents.

—
Lone
Werner.

[23-24 Sept. 1947]

Thursday Morning
Dear George,

We were glad to know the tests indicated you are all right. I think you are wise to still be careful about your diet.

We had a shower yesterday but not enough to relieve the acute shortage of water. This morning is as clear as a bell.

We all went to the bank & home supply Thursday night. Mother and I cooked two economical dinners, made two fresh pies and gave several other things: butter, jelly, etc. We ate at 5 p.m., went awhile; then went to Edith's where we dined with Sarah who was leaving Friday morning. Edith brought Mother & me home about 7 1/2 m.

I am quite content to stay with
mother except that I think I ought
to be able to go to the meetings at
Christmas time in order to look for
a place for next year. Since my
chances of getting a place anywhere
near Grand Rapids are very small
I am in hope we'll be able to arrange
to have mother taken care of here at home
I would be able to ^{perhaps} ~~be~~ ^{mind} ~~at~~
great distance from G. R. ^{if she were there}
never a thought I might get a place
somewhere in the east, here. I
realize the money situation isn't to be
considered but I see no reason why
you and William and I couldn't just
a sum each month toward mother's
keep if her money doesn't last. I
don't suppose Harold would be able to
do so or be free to do so. Perhaps Edith
could be persuaded to take mother for
a week or so at Christmas time or
maybe Mrs. Deep would return for a

port -
perhaps two months -
months only.

My dear George - This is Sunday
and we just had dinner. Wilbur,
Jessie, Eva and I and we fore
all went to church to-day. Weather
is very good every day. Faith has
taken me several trials to have a
nice ride and she will do the same.
I am very well, so every one says
so - I go out for sometime every day.
I hope you are very well and happy.
I was pleased yesterday to receive
the letter from you. Mrs Deep
stoped in here last week but she
was here only a minute and has not
written to me - I dont know where she
is - one of her girls has been very sick.
Eva seems to be very well and she
like to do all the work, she wants to.
She says she will stay with me as long
as no one else, and take Eva's place.
I am glad to write to you and I write
about you all the time. Hope to hear
from you soon. Much love from Mother.

Tuesday.

23 Sept. 1947

My dear George, I am
 writing just a few words.
 Wilber is here now - he has
 come here from the place where
 Jessie is - Bessie is with Jessie.
 Yesterday I went to Catskill to
 see the doctor about my teeth - I
 guess they will be ok. Our
 only places here for us Met Mrs Wolf.
 Had rain yesterday and rain today.
 I wish Wilber could give me
 something - maybe you will ask him.
 I am living ok. now and I rest
 a good deal - we take rides
 around and then sleep again.
 I think I ought to have some of the
 things so I could have more. Now I
 must stop - must soon go to bed.
 Best wishes My dear George. Write to me
 when you can. Love from Mother.

[Nov. 1947] ?

Dear George - I will send
you some news - Wilbur
and Bessie to-day went
to Lake George where Jessie
and Wilbur are staying - but
Wilbur comes here some days.
Mrs. Seely & me are the only ones
in the house now. To-day
has been a nice day but since
supper time we have had
some rain and is still
coming. I am much better
than a few days ago - I have felt
good to-day. I hope you
may come here when you can.
Now I must stop writing - it
will now be time to go to bed.
I hope you are very well
and will keep so.
Lots of love to you from me. Mother

[17 Nov. 1947]

Thursday a.m.

Dear George,

Kertie wrote to me yesterday
and now I'd add my bit -
Everything goes along fine.
Mr. & Mrs. Youmans have been
here since a week ago Friday
so there's a little less activity
than usual in the kitchen &
the house. We all went to
church yesterday and I took
Kertie walking in the afternoon.
Have not heard anything from
Edith. Has anyone else,
I guess. Al & Rachael
has not.

We each had a letter from
Harriet last week. He said
he wanted to write to you
also. He is a new pupil of
Gladys and said they had taken
her to Cleveland to see Santa
Claus. Christmas is almost
a year round affair these days.

It has been cold but
not below 20° and usually
about 25° during the morning.

Love and best wishes,

Eva

My dear George, I am so
glad to know you are feeling
much better. I know you
you are happy and you are
quite ways from Cay skraekies.
I look forward to see you when
you can come here. Eva & I are
the only ones living in this house.
We do some work for us most
every day. When Edith comes
back to her home she will take
us for rides. Wilbur is here
every day indoors and out. I
am feeling very good and every
person tells me I am very happy
and I am glad to go out to ride
and often ride near bye.
Now I must stop - We will all
look forward to the times when
you come here.

Lots of love My dear Mother.

Dear George I am glad to hear
about you. We are writing
that Dept of Math
also Washington University,
St. Louis 5-
Missouri.

[Jan 1948]

[Feb 1942]

I am glad to know that you are able
to now to use your hands. I am
not doing much for my self
and you can do the rest. Have not
been out balls but you can do it. I am
feeling better to day - Write to me again.
Glad to know just what to do - over

Blessing from me to you my
good boy. Mother.

[3 March 1948]

Dear George, Dr. and B Van Schoack,
I do not see the Department of
Mathematics
you have Washington University.
St. Louis 5 and

Missouri.
George, I have been here often but you
will soon; you will have St Louis 5.

I am longing to see you and the boys.
Mrs Delp is here and she does
lots of the work here to be attended.
I am feeling very tired so I think
I will soon get to bed.

Come to see us when you can.
The place all around is still full of the
snow.

I do not feel now to do any more.
Drop me a card and do as you want to.
I long to see Eva and I hope soon
Eva will come to be with me.

Good Bye my dear and do be very
careful of every thing. I am not
putting up ~~time~~ - Bestest Bless to all of you.
My best love to my best boy.