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THE GIRLS OF THE S. P. I.

By Winifred L. Chapin

The loyal girls of the S.P.I. -
Chattering gossip as fingers fly
Over the keyboards clikkety-clatter
Typing out scientific matter,
As bright eyes note each incoming male
With tartly voiced comments if he fail
Of office courtesies to give his due
With an appreciative glance or two.

During Fairchild's tenure, the circle has swung,
From shirt-waisted, pompadoured Gibson girls rung-
Innocent of lipstick and powdered but faintly,
Through princess styled dresses and manners so stately -
With skirts creeping up, and hair falling down,
Until the limit was reached, and so, turned around-
While eyes grew brighter, more alert, and intelligent,
With schooling and training, grew interested, and diligent.

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August 8th/48

Winifred L. Chapin
With appreciation.

Copy

5425 Connecticut Avenue
Washington 15, D.C.
April 30, 1956

Mr. C. O. Erlanson
Plant Introduction Section
Beltsville, Maryland

Dear Mr. Erlanson:

Thank you very much for your letter of April 27 and the program for the presentation of the Frank N. Meyer Medal to Doctor Koelz. I am very happy indeed that the matter has been accomplished, but I think you will remember we began the preliminaries in August of 1954, then your letter to the American Genetic Association in February of 1955, followed by later correspondence in the latter part of that year. I'm so glad you could go out to make the presentation.

Walter called me up at six o'clock last Thursday evening and he was indeed very happy about the whole thing. It was a joy to hear his enthusiasm about your coming out, about his getting the medal, about the distinguished company, the luncheon, and the fact that Rup Chand could share honors with him. He is to follow ~~xx/xx~~ his call up with a letter and possibly newspaper clippings. I'm sorry no pictures were taken, but then you know how Walter feels about photographs anyway. He was going to write to Ben Morrison right away and tell him all about it.

In a letter I received from Walter a few days ago, he wrote, "Can you find out for me if Mr. Fisher has any plants or seed this year. Most of the things he sent last year were very worth while. Do you know if Carl has a new Plant Check List? Also, will you please find out from the right people what kind of sunflowers I should plant to get the biggest heads. I had 20-foot stalks last year but heads a foot across. Carl may know."

Would you be kind enough to let Walter know about these things? He seems to forget that I am no longer connected with the office.

I've had several letters from Rup Chand, who was kind enough to send me some beautiful things for my collections.

Thank you for your good wish. Everything is going beautifully with me. I never seem to have enough time to keep up with my various activities nor with my personal correspondence. The year has flown, but I've managed to do a lot of entertaining and to make several very enjoyable trips to the South and to the North. So far, however, I have not located my "future home." Everyone says I'm too particular, but perhaps I am finding it more & more difficult to leave Washington with all its many attractions and kind friends.

I hope all is going well with you, Mrs. Erlanson, and the children, and I send you all my kindest regards.

Sincerely yours,

UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE
AGRICULTURAL RESEARCH SERVICE
HORTICULTURAL CROPS RESEARCH BRANCH
BELTSVILLE, MARYLAND

Plant Introduction Section
April 27, 1956

Miss May M. Blaine
5425 Connecticut Avenue, N. W.
Washington, D. C.

Dear Miss Blaine:

As you can see by the inclosed program - the business which was started just a year ago has finally been accomplished.

There were 60 people at the luncheon including friends and colleagues of Dr. Koelz, the President of the University and various Deans.

I believe Dr. Koelz was highly pleased. Professor Bartlett thought the whole thing went off very well. Dr. Koelz has promised to write you and give his impressions.

Professor Bartlett had arranged for pictures to be taken, but I regret to say I believe no pictures were taken. Bartlett says the flash apparatus didn't work on the camera and the photographer just walked out.

I hope all is going well with you.

Sincerely yours,

Carl Erlanson

C. O. Erlanson
Head of Section

Inclosure

6-10-29
DAVID FAIRCHILD
4613 DOUGLAS ROAD
COCONUT GROVE
FLORIDA

May 31-1929.

Dear Miss Blaine,

What was the last arrangement that we made about my copies of the Inventory? Do you remember?

I have built me a safe and dry Laboratory here with shelves all around it and am gathering together all my books that relate to tropical plants. I want very much a complete

DAVID FAIRCHILD
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set of the Inventoriss and
had a vague idea that
I had shipped them down
here or given instructions
to somebody to do so but
the fact remains that I
do not have a set here.

Could you look up my
set and be sure that it
is complete and get Joe
to express it to me at my
expense? If you can
I shall add the favor to
the long line of favors

DAVID FAIRCHILD
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FLORIDA

which you have shown
me in years past.

How did the Hermit Crab
come along? Did he live
and eat up all your other
pets or did he crawl back
as far as he could into his
shell and die?

Wishing you could
see the lizards and great
Cockroaches and even the
snakes that sometimes
prowl about our place here
I remain as always to all of
you,
Very Sincerely Yours David Fairchild

DAVID FAIRCHILD
4013 DOUGLAS ROAD
COCONUT GROVE
FLORIDA



Dear Miss Blain.

In my hurry I think I forgot to bring down the bunch of red covered note books that Dr. Quesenberry gave me and that I intended having numbered serially with the numbering machine. I fear

I left it on Mr. Dorsett's desk.

If I did & if you find it would you have the bag or someone number the pages consecutively from 18385 on. The last page of the book I have made 18384

From the Dept. of Agriculture
to have numbered
18385-31 74-9410

I shall be greatly obliged for
this courtesy.

Tell Joe that my trunk
has not yet arrived. I
trust this does not
mean its loss.

By this time you should
be having cool weather
up there. Here it is like
summer or rather autumn.

You feared to get into
trouble motoring at night!

I didn't, and I picked up
3 different men too & they
were all decent fellows. Tell
Joe I am not afraid of people
much. Kind regards D.T.

THE KAMPONG
4013 DOUGLAS ROAD
COCONUT GROVE
FLORIDA

December 19, 33.

Dear Miss Elaine

Miss Yetis says you are still
in the hands of a Doctor. Don't
it discourage you not to be able to
do just what you want to?

I found that my long illness
gave me a chance to do a lot of
thinking + reading and I wasn't
nearly bored at all. I trust
your illness is of the character
that will allow you to read a
great deal and that you are
not worrying about what you
think you should be doing!!

Just, rest Miss Elaine!!
It's the thing to do.

Believe me as always with
much sympathy from Mrs + our boys and
myself very sincerely yours
Dorothy Childs

DAVID FAIRCHILD
THE KAMPONG, 4013 DOUGLAS ROAD
COCONUT GROVE, FLORIDA



Nov. 15.

Dear Mr. Blaine :

I am sending a
very important parcel to Mr
Morrison. It contains
the suggested wording for
the Simmonds tablet. A
long letter is inside. Do
see that it gets to him
promptly would you please?
Yours as always
David Fairchild.



DAVID FAIRCHILD
KAMPONG, 4013 DOUGLAS ROAD
COCONUT GROVE, FLORIDA

Nov. 17. 34

Dear Miss Blaine

Those *Rosa gigantea* seeds
have not shown up here - bad
luck.

Could you get hold of the
paper I gave you that announced
their shipment ~~so~~ and send
it to me? I want to write
the Sugarbaker to send some
more seeds. I've determined
to introduce that species for
my use. Do ask Mr. Morrison
for the reference to the Australian
who has used that *Rosa gigantea*
& produced a lot of varieties. He

mentioned the fact to me but
I failed to get the reference.
It's time to read what he
did.

The weather is superb
here now!

Kindest regards

David Fairchild.

DAVID FAIRCHILD
THE KAMPONG, 4013 DOUGLAS ROAD
COCONUT GROVE, FLORIDA

Nov. 23. 34

Dear Miss Blaine:

Here come some more of
those precious rose seeds from
Ootacamund. Is there no
way to prevent their getting
lost! I have lost so
many Department routed
letters I am getting worried.

Can't something be done
to prevent this?

Have you got track of
that other shipment?

Of course in this case the
Johannes in the Post Office
in India may be to blame.

I am particularly desirous
of getting these seeds into
the hands of Dr. Rixford in
San Francisco and into
Poe's hands to ~~part~~
to each. Please do all
you can to help us.

A few seeds might be
sent to Chapman's field garden

Help Help Help.

J.F.

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The Seasons Greetings

in a fish pond. Provided
it is deep enough, you
may break your arm.
It is all right now
Thank you and I am
comforted to think I did
not break it in those
days when I was on
dres parade before all
you girls of the S. P. D.
So have you about like
a colored waiter wearing
a towel on my arm - in
plain heels of you all
would have hurt my
pride terribly.
Merry Christmas to all
of you who know the white
haired old S. P. D. As always
Yours David Fairchild.

Christmas of 1936
The Kampong

Dear Miss Blaine.

Had you seen me deliberately
step off into the fish pond on our
terrace here and fall headlong
under the *Hernandia* tree Sand
was pruning, you would I am
sure have lost whatever slight
esteem you once held for me.

That I could have lived so
long next door to your aquaria
without learning that if you fall

If this is not the kind of letter you want
let me know & I will write
another.

DAVID FAIRCHILD
THE KAMPONG, 4513 DOUGLAS ROAD
COCONUT GROVE, FLORIDA

Aug. 26 '44

Dear Miss Blaine

I don't know just what
letter - what kind I mean - you
could use with the Director of
Personnel, whom I do not know,
but enclose what I think
might substantiate your claim
for a transfer to some job that
is nearer your home. Do
write me if you get it.

Of course I feel very
badly to be doing anything to
make Mr. Morris's duties heav-
ier for I imagine him to be
a very hard working man these
days.

However, you do paint a very strenuous life out at Beltsville - one that accords with other pictures I have received of conditions there.

The war has upset most of our lives a good deal and it will be some time before any thing gets back to what they call normal.

We must realize that things will ~~to~~ never be the same for anyone. It's a frantic era we live in.

Mrs. Fairchild joins me in best regards & the hope you can better your situation

Sincerely yours
David Fairchild.

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DR. DAVID FAIRCHILD

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MAILING ADDRESS
BOX 407, COCONUT GROVE
FLORIDA

August 26, 1944

To the Director of Personnel of
the U.S. Department of Agriculture

I want to say a good word
for a faithful employee of the
Department who during my own
occupancy of the Chair, in charge
of Plant Introduction, was a most
efficient + willing clerical sup-
plier. She distinguished herself
by an unusual intelligence and
ability to grasp the technical detail
of plant introduction. And now that the

conditions at Beltsville have made it
very hard for her to keep up she has
written me explaining her reasons for a
transfer to some position nearer her
home. If you can do anything to
help her I shall much appreciate the
kindness. I am long since retired from
the Department but loyal to its hard
workers still.

Sincerely yours
David Fairchild.

DAVID FAIRCHILD
THE KAMPONG, 4013 DOUGLAS ROAD
COCONUT GROVE, FLORIDA

May 11, 1952

Dear Miss Blaine

I have been on the edge of a letter to you for months and Marian has chided me for not writing to tell you how much we appreciate your many fine courtesies through the years.

It has been a hectic year here and a dry one and I miss the help which I used to depend upon but I still get down to my Green House and Fog Box with the aid of a black bamboo that David Bisset sent me and I pot up some of the precious plants that are still little known

in South Florida and look up at some tall trees which have grown from seeds that came in through the "S. P. I." as I used to call it.

It is a great satisfaction to know that you still type the many letters which Mr Erlanson sends out and which carry the information people want who are experimenting with foreign plants.

You girls of the S. P. I. as you now call it are building living monuments to your life work. Unlike the marble monuments of old, they are billions of times as large, many of them, ~~than~~^{as} the seeds you helped bring in.

Here is a wish that you may keep your fingers busy for many years more and help your Chief with them in the way he needs to be helped. As always yours David Fairchild

1954

"Please tell Miss Blaine, who will probably read this letter, that I am very sorry to hear that the time of her retirement is drawing near. It would give me great pleasure to write a note of appreciation of her long years of conscientious activity in my chosen field of plant introduction. If I could make a plant introduction doll, I would send it to her, but I don't know whether I have the skill or the knowledge to properly clothe it."

David Fairchild

In a letter to Mr. E. Lancon, written for him by Miss F., he included the following above paragraph.

August 31, 1952

To the O.R. (1)
 Dear Miss Blaine;

ans.
 9/26/52
 by hand

That was a lovely letter you wrote us, the kind that does really warm the cockles of ones heart.

I guess you havent heard of us or from us because - well- its been a hot summer and we have both slowed down a good deal. We are well and do quite a bit each day- but the day is so short now- with a long afternoon rest!

David still has an enormous correspond-
 ence and the seeds come in from all over the
 world. The Fairchild Tropical Garden is an
 especial delight because Harry Dunaway the Hort-
 iculturist in charge is such a keen plantsman ^{and}
 and such a successful one. It has in now ^{way} sup-
 erceeded the interest in Chapman Field, but the
 Govt. introductions are so largely economical
 ones, while at the FTG they are all ornamental
 and the field is at present a wider one.

Do you know the Loomises "The Loomii" as
 we call them? They have recently built a charm-
 ing small house in a bit of hammock on the edge
 of a lake and with the children married and away
 they seem like a young couple beginning life.

We have had staggered visits from our
 Panama children this summer- first Graham bringing
 David up to send to Camp; now Elva here to meet
 David and Alice Bell arriving from Panama this

P.T.O.

It was a great pleasure to hear of
 young & Russell and their Chief. I like to get news

Morning

to enter school again. The Mullers are in Mexico, Leonard having taken a group of language students for a Spanish course in a Spanish-speaking country. Their Hugh is in the Navy-stationed in California.

And the ~~Edna~~ Bates family are just settling in at Ann Arbor. Nancy Bell writes that "we see other faculty members driving cars as ramshable as ours filled with untiddy children ditto" so she thinks they will like it there!

I dont think we shall go North at all this year, mostly because there is no place we really want to see! I'd like to go to Washington, but David feels there are too many memories there and too much emotional interest and excitement. If NB was well settled we'd like Ann Arbor, but in her last letter they were still living in a motel as their furniture had not arrived. So there you have the whole Fair-child clan accounted for!

We are hoping that this recent hurricane "Abe" didnt injure the Bamboo Grove in Savanah. We knew from the beginning that it was not likely to come as far south as this, but any hurricane is front page news to us.

I am wondering how there is room for you in your apartment these days with all your dolls! And didnt you say you had started a secondary collection of- was it fans or pitchers? I forget which.

Our mango season was almost a flop this summer- and so! the other people said the same thing. Its a tricky crop at best.

I was interested in what you said about present ~~salaries~~ salaries as compared with the ones you first got because so many people say that the present high salaries don't really buy much more- if any more- than the small ones used to. But you don't feel that way, do you?

One thing that makes present salaries seem disappointing is that our necessities are so much greater than they used to be; beginning with electric household aids through beauty parlor visits to automobiles.

Well, the next subject is politics! Here we are doing our small best for Eisenhower and are hoping for a glimpse of him on Tuesday. At least the hurricane passed us by and there isn't time for another one to reach us- but there is always the chance of a good old tropical downpour that would dampen the enthusiasm of almost anybody.

It was nice to hear from you- we do appreciate it very much.

Very sincerely yours

Marian *Bill Faulkner*
P.S. I miss very much the girls of the S.P.A. I would be ashamed if they saw my desk now for I have to look up everything myself and file away answered letters. Marian helps me all she can but has so much to do about the place + house she is

D.F.
 a very busy woman. Air traffic has
 increased callers tremendously and
 made it possible to introduce
 in a weeks time plants that took a
 month to get in years ago.
 I have on the Kampong 72 species
 of fruits and 405 species in all, on
 the Kampong, of palms, vines, trees shrubs
 & aroids etc. Just now if you
 were here I'd show you the first
 fruit to be produced in Florida of
 the "Pitahaya" cactus. It climbs over
 our wellheads, slipping porch
 trellis and I hope it will ripen its
 gorgeous fruit bigger than your two
 hands. It is brilliant scarlet inside
 its ~~skin~~ skin & outside too and has a
 most delicate, sweet flavored red flesh
 I will save its seeds and plant a lot
 of them so I can give away little plants
 of it. A friend sent me a plant of the
 rare ^{Pisang Raja} Java banana but while I was
 inspecting it I fell headlong and hurt my
 back & have to take treatments regularly. A
 box of Mangosteen fruits arrived day before
 yesterday from Honduras. They are delicious!!

D.F. could divide them with the S.P.I. Orchard.

Dec 27-48

THE KAMPONG 4013 DOUGLAS ROAD COCONUT GROVE, FLORIDA

Dear Miss Blaine -

Yes - Dr. Savelle
stumbled over a rug about
three weeks ago - breaking
his knee cap - And - as
perhaps you know - all
sorts of complications are apt
to pop up when older
people are immobilized -
And so it is with Linn
He is treated takes a few
Steps each day, but me-
Still need a day or a night

Mum -

Nancy Reed & her three little
girls are with us - and her
fourth baby is due next
week - so these days are
full of all kinds of emotion.

Thank you for writing -
and our affectionate greetings
to you all -

Marion Fausch

11-7-50

BRIND BUREAU
BAGLACK
1177-1077A

Dear Miss Blaine

The enclosed came
& Mr Fairchild with a
"fun" letter. He thought
the present as well as
the past girls of the
S.P.I. would be amused
& see it —

We've had a wonderful
summer up here —
with assorted children &
grand children — &
we're sorry to see the
golden era fading

RECEIVED
MAY 10 1901

and the asters coming
out -

We expect to make a
leisurely trip South - and
if we stop in Washington
of course we'll come
in to the office -

With cordial greeting
to all who remember us -

Sincerely yours,
Oscar W. Bell Fairchild

Easter Sunday '55

THE KAMPONG - 4013 DOUGLAS ROAD - COCONUT GROVE, FLORIDA

Dear Miss Blaine; I have been far too long answering you long and friendly and interesting letter- but I guess that one busy woman doesn't have to apologize to another busy woman for any delays like that.

I am glad you are going to retire while you are young enough to take up work of your own and make a new home for yourself. I agree with you and Ben Morrison and I am confident that with your many interests it won't be long before you are completely re-oriented.

My son, Sandy, gave us the Life of William T. Davis a few years ago, and that gives me a warm spot in my heart for Staten Island- I almost feel that I have been there.

I didn't realize that you had added so many items to your collections- that's not what I mean- I mean so many kinds of objects that you are collecting. Yes, you certainly are a magpie! The only thing I was ever interested in collecting was textiles, but living in this climate wasn't conducive to things like that, so I have never collected anything. But I can sympathize with the disease!

When your letter came I was just off to Panama and I took it along, expecting to answer it on the plane, but it was all too inconvenient.

I had a chance to rent the house for two weeks to some friends for enough to pay for my trip- so of course I couldnt resist. I had a wonderfully interesting time and the high spot was a trip Elva and I made to one of the islands of the San Blas Indians. Its only been a few years since poeple were first allowed to go there and I felt almost as though I were back in the Indies.

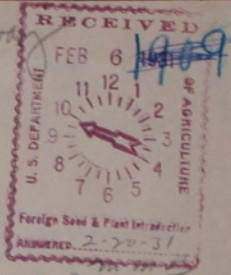
Its been a busy winter- still is a busy time. There are always ~~some~~ many people coming and going that its been hard to settle down to going through old files and things like that. The Un; of Fla. at Gainesville is going to have a David Fairchild Room in their new Hume Agricultural Building and are taking really everything that I am willing to give. As David's study here was not fireproof I am particularly glad to have his scientific books and his notes and so on in a safe place where possibly they may be of use. There is a David Fairchild Elementary School here too, just opened, with plants to be given and books and photos, so I am fortunate enough to have lots to do.

My Barbara lives here and this year all three children are at home. Hugh is in the Audubon Society as a guide and takes courses in the University at night; Elene is a freshman there and David is in High School. Nancy Bell is going to take her usual "vacation" soon and fly down for a short visit and the younger Fairchilds will be up too- so I am a very fortunate woman.

So write me when you are settled- and lets not lose touch with each other

Cordially your old friend Maria Fairchild

Dr. B. T. Galloway
Route 4 Box 147
Lakeland Fla
3/3/37.



Dear Miss Blain - Will you kindly
copy the inclosed note to Dr. W. G. Harlow
Aiger may arrange to name & send
it up stairs. I want to thank
you for all the papers etc you
are sending me. I have with the

Washington papers & the radio paper
am pretty well informed as to
what is going on. I wish you
men here to send some of the
oranges going to waste. I do not
think the growers will be able to
sell all the crop. As it is grown in

not resting more than 15- to 20
cents per box gross. which of course does
not pay for fertilizer labor etc.

Have not heard from Mr. Ryerson
for some time so suppose he is
away. Kindly ask Mr. Young if
he has any thing at Ball or
Chapman Field that we could
place in the hands of a
reliable gentleman here who has
charge of the city dumping ground.
He is a real plantman & has
made a fine garden as a screen
for the dumping heap - Vines climb
on other suitable ornaments would
be OK. He has plenty of turn trees. The
place is really a sort of public park &
The old man takes much pride in it.

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We may ³ might attend one a
list of what is available & then we
could make selections -

With kindest regards I am

Sincerely
W. G. Ballou

Received Mar 19/



23/34

Dear Mr. B. Blain -
 I am sorry for the
 soft warm air and just go on and
 find porch. We have had just fresh
 days all winter. so that we could
 read with sympathy for your folks
 in Washington with day after day
 of ~~cold~~ cold winds to
 colder wind. The nesting birds
 have decided that it is time for
 house keeping activities. They are
 very busy and very busy. We have
 a small orange tree at the corner of
 our porch and a pair of nesting
 birds are building there. Grass stems sticks
 in 666 from the trees & pieces of yarn
 are going into the nest. I hope the birds

seems to think they were the jays, & they flew
into a large of young their birds & after some
trouble. When H. just saw some more for the
the birds & a jay decided to get a bite of
it. The missing bird gave one wild
scream & knocked the poor jay out
of the tree. Our orange trees are in
blossom now and so are many other
plants. There is a beautiful red anemone
comes up under the orange trees - and it
gives off an odor more than that of a
dead cat. I am not busy digging up
them things and and brought them
near the cemetery and in the garden. I
hope the winter has been kind to you
and that you have found some or all
of that last night. I have just caught
for whiff of orange flowers followed by a
second whiff of anemone as I cannot
go out now and have another funeral.

Sincerely yours
P. J.

Saturday - Apr 13

Dear Miss Blaine,

We received your beautiful Easter card yesterday, and thank you for your friendly note. I am so happy to know you are feeling better. However, at the same time am sorry to enclose this clipping about Paul Russell. He passed away Wednesday the 4th in the office - just as Dr. Blake had done. I had this clipping to send you especially, and just had not gotten around to doing it.

Incidentally, we are planning some sort of living cherry tree planting in his memory at the Arboretum. I will let you know later what the final plans are.

In addition to Mr. Russell, we learned that Hamlyn Potter also passed away about 3 weeks ago. No one saw the death notice, and you can imagine how badly we all felt in finding out so long afterwards! It may bring some relief to Hamlyn after all these years of his illness.

Again I was so pleased to hear from you and trust my next letter will bring better news. Everything - and everyone - seems about as usual at the office.

Hope the spring air and sunshine will be a real tonic to you.

Sincerely,

Howard Fyfe

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Tuesday p.m.
November 27th

Dear Miss Blaine,

I was pleased to have your letter, although sorry to hear of your not feeling so well. It sounds like you are getting good care and attention, and never give up hope. So many miracles and actual improvements do occur with modern health treatments, and you may have a pleasant surprise one of these days. I can only imagine your despair at times, but always remember those who have more serious problems or misfortunes. Perhaps your knowing that Dr. Whitehouse, Esther Mandoche, Paul Russell, and Carl Erlanson asked me to send their get well wishes will help.

I don't recall whether I told you Paul had a slight heart collapse just 3 weeks ago, after his long spell of being in the hospital last spring. I have sent him your letter, and when he returns home next week, I believe he intends to write. Mr. Ricker had written Paul at the office about you, and Percy was not aware Paul was ill! It all shows how much old friends miss when they can't keep in touch with each other.

We haven't heard from Mr. Young for a long time. I phoned Mrs. Leahy on her birthday in October, and she told me Harriett Potters husband was not too well. I haven't seen them for some time. I'm glad Ben M. keeps in touch with you.

You asked about my son, Richard. He now works for the Bureau of Standards, - has a good wife and an 8-month old son! You can imagine who "spoils" whose grandson?! Mrs. Highland is still teaching and loves it, except there seems to be more red tape each year for teachers which isn't good. We went through New York last Easter but didn't stop. Should we ever get there again in the future, I'll be sure to look you up.

Now don't think about sending Christmas cards. People who amount to anything will certainly understand if you can't, or don't feel like writing. We'll be remembering you anyhow. Also, if there is any favor I can do from here, have someone let me know.

In the meantime we're hoping some of your treatments will bring good responses, and that you can return home soon.

My very best regards, and wishing you the most speedy recovery,
Howard A.

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Dear Miss Blaine,

Surely remember you at last Xmas time, and hope you'll have a more enjoyable one this year. I guess you know Mrs. Potter is in a home in Warren, Pa. near one of her brothers.

Dr. Whitehouse is soon leaving for Arizona to enjoy his retirement. No other news about the office.

A very special holiday greeting.

Howard

Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year

Beatrice and Howard Hyland

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Dear Miss Blaine,

I certainly enjoyed your nice long letter, and in spite of the various problems which have confronted you during the past months, you actually sounded like the Miss Blaine of a few years ago. We certainly hope you have the best of health and fewer worries in the years ahead. The problems always increase as we and our friends get older, and I'm running into it with my family. Lost a well liked uncle a few weeks ago, have an aunt in her late 60's who is dying of leukoemia, and my mother (now 80) had a stroke which has taken most of her speech - we are fortunate that she had no other ill effects.

By the way, did I ever tell you the National Capital Optimist Club arranged for a special planting of Japanese cherry trees at the Arboretum? There was a dedication on April 8 and they have named it "the Paul Russell Collection". We have a bronze plaque set up, and it seems quite an appropriate thing in his memory. I am not sure what the ceremony will involve - I have been asked to make a few comments - but if it is written up, will send you an account.

Oh yes - did you see the St. Patrick Day ceremony at Arlington Cemetery and the planting of the shamrock? Well yours truly had a hand in it partly, by bringing the plants in from Ireland. Thought you might be interested.

Now - as to the main purpose of your letter, I am enclosing photocopies of two pages from Mr. Cook's publication on *Nesothia*, which I believe will answer your needs. If there is still some other point I have missed, let me know. We didn't have an extra copy of the publication to send you. Esther N. got it for me, and I hope you have no trouble reading it.

Our plans for the Fair are still indefinite. We are

driving to Florida this next week as Betty has
a 10-day Easter vacation. Forit one in years, and
since all her brothers and sisters are now in the
Clearwater-Tampa area, we try to go down once or twice
a year. She is now teaching second grade and loves it.
However, if she ever shows any signs of tiredness, she
will quit as she doesn't have to teach.

I'm certainly glad you hear from Morrison and
Koebe so often. I'm not a voluminous writer, and
there are so many people I should write to, but
just don't do it. Anyhow, I try to let some of you
know you are thought of occasionally in a very
friendly fashion.

Let me know again if and when I can help you.

Most sincerely,

Howard G.

Dr. Erlanson is going to USSB for 3 months
starting June 1st. Will try to set up ex-plantation
plans for 1965.