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Miss Mary Weston
5425 Connecticut Ave.

Washington
D.C.
America



Istanbul Nov. 1 -
We are sailing on the Am.
Empire boat the "Edhibitor" on
Nov. 7. Should reach the U.S. about
Dec 15. I know you will be
pleased & glad that I finally
found some Turkish dolls.
Have them for you. Hope to get
across en route as we are
scheduled to make several stops.
Sincerely yours
H. K. Weston

Thanks for your letter.

UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE
OFFICE OF EXPERIMENT STATIONS

PUERTO RICO AGRICULTURAL
EXPERIMENT STATION
AL/MB

Mayaguez, Puerto Rico, November 5, 1937.

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

Dear Miss Blaine:

Your letter inquiring about the cost of the dolls which I sent has just arrived. There was practically no cost to these dolls, so please forget about it.

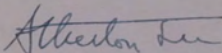
I am sorry that we do not have any more elaborate dolls made in the Island and typical of Puerto Rico. Those which you received, although not elaborate and expensive, seem to be highly distinctive.

I am not contemplating any travel this year. I am tied down by a C.C.C. camp which needs pretty close supervision. However, next year I may be able to do some traveling, in which case I will be looking out for some dolls for you.

I was very sorry to hear of the illness of Dr. Swingle. If you see him, please give him my regards.

It was a pleasure to hear from you again, and I am glad that you like the dolls.

Sincerely,



Atherton Lee
Director

C/o the American Legation
Port-au-Prince, Haiti
October 4, 1933.

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

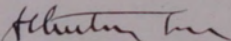
Dear Miss Blaine:

Your letter of September 12th arrived about ten days ago and the next week, I selected 4 dolls which are very representative of Haiti. I had them packaged and sent them to you by parcel-post last Wednesday, September 28th. By this time, you must have received them.

I paid the large sum of \$1.40 for these 4 dolls. Do not bother to send me a money order, but some time when I am in Washington, you can pay me.

It was a pleasure to hear from you again. I hope the dolls arrive in good shape and will be pleasing to you.

Sincerely,



ATHERTON LEE

AL:YJ

Present address:

Mr. Harold F. Loomis
5355 S.W. 92nd Street
Miami 43, Florida

Mr. Loomis was Superintendent at the Plant
Introduction Garden, Coconut Grove, Fla. He
retired in 1958.

PLANT INTRODUCTION GARDEN
Plant Introduction Garden,
Coconut Grove, Florida.

April 23, 1937

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expert at the selection of dolls I can only trust that they will
meet with your approval. I spent considerable time in Havana
looking around, not only for your dolls but also for some things
in which I was interested, and the two rhumba dolls were the best
made of any I saw but I am afraid that their cost may have been
rather too high but perhaps this can be offset by the cheapness
of those purchased at San Jose. The total cost of the five dolls,
for which I did not have to pay any duty, was \$2.70 plus whatever
postage I shall have to pay. When next I am in Washington I
should very much like to see your collection.

Sincerely yours,

H. Loomis

*Mr. and Mrs. Loomis
came to Washington
the following winter
and did see the
doll collection.
M.M.B.*

UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE
BUREAU OF PLANT INDUSTRY

DIVISION OF
PLANT EXPLORATION AND INTRODUCTION

PLANT INTRODUCTION GARDEN
U. S. Plant Introduction Garden,
Coconut Grove, Florida.

April 23, 1937

Miss May M. Blaine,
5425 Connecticut Ave.,
Washington, D. C.

Dear Miss Blain:

Under separate cover I am sending you five dolls which I secured on my recent trip to Costa Rica. Not being very expert at the selection of dolls I can only trust that they will meet with your approval. I spent considerable time in Havana looking around, not only for your dolls but also for some things in which I was interested, and the two rhumba dolls were the best made of any I saw but I am afraid that their cost may have been rather too high but perhaps this can be offset by the cheapness of those purchased at San Jose. The total cost of the five dolls, for which I did not have to pay any duty, was \$2.70 plus whatever postage I shall have to pay. When next I am in Washington I should very much like to see your collection.

Sincerely yours,

M. L. Leonard

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and did see the
doll collection.
M. M. B.*

Yingnan University
Canton China, XI. 19. 36.

Dear Miss Blaine —

The approach of the Christmas season has put the screws on me so effectively that I have actually carried out my promise to get some Chinese dolls for you. These I am sending to Mr. Tomism. Don't let him keep them!

— The disparity in size between the two may be explained by the fact that the little girls always have to play 'nana' to their younger brothers. — This makes the little girls older!

— With all good wishes for the holidays season

Cordially yours

Y. C. McClure

Address
Department of Botany,
U. of C., Berkeley, Calif.

May 4/38.
Mexico

Miss May M. Blaine,
Plant Introduction
Bureau Plant Material
Washington, D. C.

Dear Miss Blaine:

A couple of days ago I sent you
a box with four dolls.

The rag dolls, numbered Quase bought
in the State of Oaxaca, Mexico, and are
the kind made by the Zapotec Indians
for their children, not for tourists.

The palm dolls, I bought at the
famous shrine of Guadalupe near Mexico
City and one is a hunter with gun and
bird, the other carries pineapples for sale.

These together with the previous ones sent
will come to about a dollar and a half.

The cutting you sent me about "grandpa"
Mexican dolls I have unsuccessfully tried
to follow up. It says they are made by only
one family, but it does not say where and
Mexico is a big country.

As I am about to return to California
please address me there. Remember me
to Mr. Morrison. I am always glad to hear
from you. Yours sincerely
James M. Davis

Guerrero, Chihuahua
Mexico
Sept. 21, 1939

Dear Miss Blaine,

I'll try to find time now, while I wait for Neil who is checking up on roads, mountains etc., to write the letter I didn't get written in Ciudad Chihuahua. It was so nice when we went around to the Consulate at Chihuahua to find your letter there. We both of us enjoyed it ever so much and appreciated getting it.

First of all, as to the dolls. I'm afraid you will be disappointed when I tell you that I have them from just two towns — Monterey and Chihuahua. I've tried to find them in the towns in between, but they ~~have~~ ^{have} none. ~~But all the dolls are~~ homely, poorly made, American or Japanese manufactured dolls that are far from being native. Apparently the native dolls are found where the tourists go, so I have hopes of finding more in the towns closer to the border. I think Neil rather disapproves of some of my purchases for he has the idea that you want all dolls of about the same size whereas I've gone on the belief that you want dolls of any and all kinds. If he's right, you can pick out the ones you like when we get back. As I count I have twelve so far, six from Monterey and six from Chihuahua. From Monterey, an Indian in a blanket, a china pot and doll, an old peasant man, a woman with a baby on her back, a very small peasant and a doll in native costume but I've forgotten now where from. I have it all written down. From Chihuahua, a

peasant couple, a very fancy gentleman dressed in black with his jacket buttonholed around the edge in the same color as his big rose felt hat, two small dolls of straw, and one small figure of carved wood. The latter is the one I'm doubtful about as I'm not sure that such figures are included in the "doll" category. If not, I can keep it for I got myself one and I'd just as soon have a pair. That's the only doll I've gotten for myself so far. These are all made farther south. The northern Mexicans don't do much by way of handicraft. I imagine you already have one of the big straw figures that are so common here. If you haven't and want one, you could write me so at Tucson and I could get it at Cuarez when we go through there. You know the straw men come in horseback that are apparently mounted on the bushel down here.

Needless to say, I didn't write this much in that one stop. We're camped now in a pine oak forest just a short distance from a stream with quite a bit of water in it, and with a big field of white, pink, and yellow combs just beyond. It's about the prettiest spot we've had for a camp. Neil has gone up the highest mountain nearby to see what he can find this morning and I'm staying closer to camp and am doing some collecting nearby. I'm considering collecting up the canyon to a nice big pool to see if I can't collect some fish out of it. Neil thinks the Mexicans and the

kingfishers have preceded me, but I am more hopeful,

no we hear very little of the war, but we wouldn't mind knowing a bit more of what is happening, and we've wished more than once for a radio in the car. Our first knowledge of it was in the middle of Coahuila, where we had an old Mexican guide to take us up in the mountains. The first night around the campfire he happened to mention it but as he had heard at France was allied with Germany against England! Since then in all the little towns, the people ask at once what the United States is going to do. They seem to be very anti-Germany and pro-U.S. in this part of the country, and they're sure that if we ever go to war again, Mexico will be in it too.

While crossing Coahuila learning what we could from occasional Mexican radios (there were no newspapers) until finally in Sierra Mojada we chanced upon an American mining engineer who subscribes to Time. He brought us up to date and sent us away with the last copy of Time so for a while we felt quite up to date.

much later in
Chihuahua, Chihuahua

This poor letter has been carried along all this way and I still haven't finished it! One would think there would be lots of time, but there seems to be very very little and all the minutes are busy.

The more we see of Chihuahua, the more

we like it. The mountains are just lovely and the collectings been good. It's getting cold now and we've had light frosts on several nights. It must be colder in the states, though, for we've seen robins several times on their way south.

So far as I am concerned, this is a perfectly grand trip and I'm enjoying every bit of it. I don't even mind being stuck in a mud puddle when a yoke of oxen comes along to pull us out. Till now I hadn't realized that oxen had much use except to be decorative in the Spanish Days Fiesta parades at Santa Barbara. Here they're used a lot in the fields. I think the biggest thrill on the whole trip was seeing the wild parrot. A lot have flown close enough to show us their bright red and green coloration and in the mountains their noisy chatter can be heard for long distances as they sit in the tallest pines and feed on the green cones.

I don't know when this will get mailed but I'll have it ready for the first town with a railroad to it. If there's anything else you want me to look for be sure to write at Tucson. I don't worry about the family jewels for I still haven't spent ten dollars. I've tried my best but nothing to spend it on!

Sincerely,

Katherine Muller.

P.S. I looked for the antique doll but found nothing at all.

ESCUELA AGRICOLA PANAMERICANA

APARTADO 93

TEGUCIGALPA, HONDURAS
CENTRO AMERICA

31 August 1950

Dear Miss Blaine:

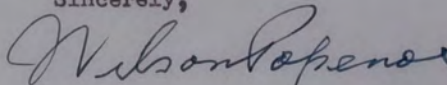
What a pleasure to hear from you, and to have news of all the old friends! Dont think my remembrance of you is vague; I often recall those happy days in SPI and all of you who worked with me - especially Miss Nolen and yourself and Miss Spraker, with whom I worked more than with any others, I think.

It is hard to realise that you are about to retire; but then, I am getting along myself and if I were in the government service - if I had remained in it - I probably would have retired several years ago. Here in United Fruit we can only retire on age, and I still have almost seven years to go before I reach 65.

Of course I also realise how old I am when I think of my kids. Nancy has been two years in the Foreign Service, a clerk in the Consulate in Geneva, Switzerland. Hugh graduates from Ag College next year - he is at Davis with his "Uncle" Knowles Ryerson. Marion was there for a year but transferred to Berkeley last February; she will be a Junior this year; and Sally a sophomore at Davis. None of them came down this year, but we expect Nancy home on vacation in a couple of months now. We plan to go up to California next June to see Hugh graduate and see the rest of the family. I am sorry I dont have any recent photographs of them here to send you; I will see if Helen can scare up one when she gets home - she is in Guatemala for a couple of weeks, straightening things up at the old house. We dont get over there very often these days - too busy here at the school.

If you write Miss Nolen, give her my affectionate regards, please, and save some for yourself.

Sincerely,



I hope the enclosed will be suitable for your "Memory Book"



of United Fruit Co.

12 C.O. room 1.

Guatemala City.

August 22, 1930.

My dear Miss Kraus,

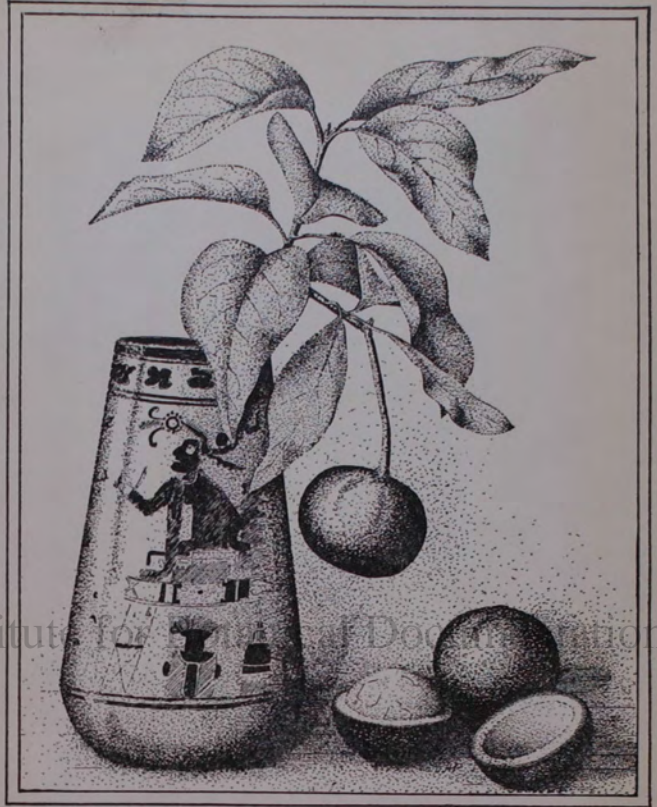
We were so happy to receive your good long letter full of Washington news. It made me homesick for the Washington days again, and wish so much that I might be able to accompany Wilson this time. It was sad to have go off again quite alone.

and come and see us here.
I believe you would enjoy
it.

With many thanks for your
letter and my love to those
of my friends still contributing
to F. P. J.

affectionately yours.

Dorothy W. Popeuse.



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Dear Miss Blainie,

I enclose some snaps of the baby which you requested. How nice if you to want them! Dr. Popenso very much enjoyed seeing you all again. I did want so much to be with him.

I wish we might be able to send you some of this soft sunny weather for your Christmas. Nancy has been in the sea in her little sun suit all the morning. She talks of snow but cannot imagine what it is like.

With love to you and all our friends in the office, wishing you a very happy New Year.

affectionately,

Dorothy W. Popenso

5425 Connecticut Avenue
Washington 15, D.C.
September 7, 1950

Dear Doctor Popenoe:

Thanks a million for your very kind letter of August 31, for the photograph, and especially for that lovely letter to put in my "Memory Book." It is so good to know that you have not forgotten us; those old days in SPI were really happy ones, weren't they? Even with a war, low salaries and many inconveniences, we were much happier than we are now in these very troubled times.

It was indeed a treat to hear about the children for I hadn't heard in years. Not seeing the Ryersons or Fairchilds often, I did not get to hear much about them. It seems unbelievable that Hugh will be graduating from the University next June and that Nancy has been in Switzerland for two years. No doubt she is a very accomplished linguist and a lovely young lady. I do hope that Mrs. Popenoe will be able to find some photographs of all of them for inclusion in my book. I know the Ryersons must be very happy to have the children so near them and I know it must be a satisfaction to you to know they are in such good hands.

Recently I had a card from Mrs. Fairchild saying they had installed an air conditioner in their bedroom and were enjoying it so much.

I received your letter night before last and in the same mail received one from Miss Nolen. She and her sister Ellen have a cottage at Ocean City, New Jersey, where they spend the summers. She says she is very well and not so tired as when she is at home in Philadelphia. Her sister Ellen is very frail and quite deaf, but Miss Nolen takes good care of her. You probably know that her sister, Mrs. Austin McCarthy, died about two years ago. Her husband had died some years previously. It was he who was in the steamship business between Philadelphia and the Scandinavian countries. Her sister's death was a very great blow to Miss Nolen. She and Ellen have a small apartment in Philadelphia, but Anne doesn't care too much for housekeeping.

Once in a great while I hear from Ethel Kelley and I used to see Jack once in a while when Doctor Galloway was alive. Both of their daughters are married. Mary Vinall, Ethel's cousin, visited Miss Nolen recently. I haven't heard in a long time from Grace Clime, but I understand she is still at Old Lyme, Conn., and that her husband is doing very well with his paintings. I have a picture of her for the book, but I think I shall write to her anyway. I still have a lovely small painting of her husband's that she gave me many years ago.

Your letter and photograph will be just right for the book, but I fear I gave you the impression in my letter that I was retiring actually right away. I'm sorry if my letter read that way. What I thought I wrote was that, after attending Miss Spraker's party and seeing how few of the old-timers were left, I decided if I didn't make my own "Memory Book" now while those who are left remember me, there wouldn't be anyone to make a book for me when the time comes for me to retire. I hope to stay on at least two more years, unless, of course, Congress decides to cut our appropriations so much that those of us with 30 years'

have to go. We are threatened with that every now and then. We have been cut badly enough this time, but not as much as we had feared. Mr. Erlanson is kind enough to think I am too valuable to be let go and for that I am grateful. I have always enjoyed the work in this office and, when the time comes for me to retire, I shall indeed miss it. However, it will not be too hard to leave then because gradually the few old-timers are going away from here and few of us enjoy this long trip out here on the bus. I have to get up at 5 a.m. to get here at 8 a.m. and I seldom reach home in the evening until after 7 o'clock. Up to this past year, I have been fortunate in having a ride most of the time, which was not as expensive as the bus and allowed me to sleep an hour longer in the morning.

This morning a letter went off to Miss Nolen giving her your message and it will please her very much indeed.

Did I tell you that Mr. Young still comes to the office nearly every day, even after three years of retirement? And he is still working on a bamboo bulletin.

Mr. Morrison was pleased to hear that everything is well with you. He doesn't get out here often anymore, but calls up almost daily from the National Arboretum. Some day I hope you will have the opportunity of seeing the eight acres of his azaleas in bloom at the Arboretum - a most magnificent sight in April and May. His sister has been over in Europe for the past month and brought back for my collection a beautiful little Swiss doll - carved wood and handsomely dressed in authentic costume.

When you come up to California next June, I hope it will be possible for you to come East so that we may have the pleasure of seeing you and Mrs. Popenoe.

Thank you again for your very great kindness in writing such a good letter for my book and for your photograph; you have really changed little since that photograph of you in the hills of Guatemala was taken in 1917.

With kindest regards and best wishes,

Sincerely yours,

I shall be looking forward to the children's pictures.

ESCUELA AGRICOLA PANAMERICANA

APARTADO 93

TEGUCIGALPA, HONDURAS
CENTRO AMERICA

July 27, 1951

Miss May M. Blaine,
5425 Connecticut Avenue,
Washington 15, D.C.

Dear Miss Blaine:

I don't think I ever thanked you for sending me the picture of the SPI staff taken on the roof of the old building on 14th Street at the time Dorsett, Shamel and I left for Brazil. I had it framed and it now hangs on the wall of my office. Many people look at it with interest and remark that I must have been pretty young when that was taken. They really don't need to ask any questions for the dresses worn by you girls pretty accurately date the picture.

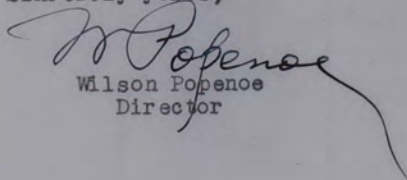
Mrs. Popenoe and I came back a month ago from a long trip in the States. We spent a week in Washington but I did not get out to Beltsville. I went to Ben Morrison's house one Sunday morning and sat on the floor with him in front of the fireplace while we talked about old times.

We heard from the Fairchilds recently but the last letter brought rather bad news. Dr. Fairchild was in the hospital with an attack of arthritis. Perhaps you heard that we induced them to go over to Havana with us last Christmas and we had a delightful weekend. The Old Chief was in fine form and we drove around looking at plants and then basked in the sun on the roof garden of our little hotel talking about old days in SPI.

I hope all goes well with you. Remember me to Miss Nolen if and when you see her and to Mr. Young.

With old time regards.

Sincerely yours,



Wilson Popenoe
Director

5425 Connecticut Ave.
Washington 15, D.C.
August 9, 1951

Dr. Wilson Popenoe, Director
Escuela Agricola Panamericana
Apartado 93
Tegucigalpa, Honduras, C.A.

Dear Doctor Popenoe:

Thank you for your letter of July 27; I'm so glad you liked the picture. It was taken before I came to Washington, but at least I had the opportunity of knowing most of the people included in it. The office was located in the Homer Building at F and 13th Streets, N.W. when I came to Washington. How many times we have moved about since then, but those of us who still remain like Beltsville the least.

It was nice that you and Mrs. Popenoe could have the long trip in the States and I do not blame you for not coming to Beltsville, but it would have been so nice to see you both.

We knew that Doctor Fairchild wasn't feeling too well, but your letter was the first inkling we had that he was suffering from arthritis and was in the hospital. Every few months or so I receive a note from Doctor Fairchild or from Mrs. Fairchild. Whenever she sees a doll article that she thinks would interest me, she sends it along. They are real people. I'm so glad they were able to go to Havana with you and Mrs. Popenoe; I can just visualize how they bubbled over with enthusiasm wherever there were plants to be seen.

Only last week I had a letter from Miss Nolen. She has never been back to Washington since she retired, so I have not had a chance to see her but we write regularly. She and her sister Ellen have an apartment in Germantown near Philadelphia, but they have a cottage at Ocean City, New Jersey, and spend their summers there. She is quite well and takes as much interest in everything as she ever did. She will be glad to know that you asked about her.

Dear old Mr. Young still comes more or less regularly to the office and is working on a bamboo bulletin. Mrs. Young suffers from a heart ailment and has not been too well for a long time, but she manages to keep house without extra help and to get to church on Sundays.

Mrs. Yates has been retired about four years and is well at present, although she was quite ill last winter. Mrs. Leahy, Mrs. Harriet Duell Potter and myself still come to the office and are what Doctor Fairchild still calls the "SPI Girls" and every year sends us a box of mangoes and a box of avocados. Mr. Russell is still here, but, because of his heart, has to take things more or less calmly. You will be sorry to hear that he finally had to decide to place Mrs. Russell in the Home for Incurables; you knew, I'm sure, that she had been paralyzed from the waist down for many years. She is a marvelous woman; she kept house all these years from her wheelchair, but when she lost the use of her arms the doctor said it would not be safe to leave her alone during the days when he and his son were at work. Such a great pity!

(over)

Since Congress has not yet passed the Agricultural Appropriation Bill, we are still in the throes of wondering what is going to happen next; we do know that we are in for a 10 percent cut and that means that we lose some of our personnel. We go through this worry and suspense every year and we are always happy when Congress adjourns and we know the best or the worst.

I believe it is pretty definitely understood now that Mr. Morrison will retire from the Arboretum this winter, in which case he will probably go to live in Mississippi. We shall indeed miss him around here. I still work for him on azaleas.

When I received your letter, I hoped it was to tell me that you were sending me, for my Memory Book, some snapshots of the children which you thought Mrs. Popenoe would be able to find. I do hope you will be able to locate some and send them on; I should be so grateful. Did Hugh graduate from University of California this past June? Did Nancy go on with her music? It would be so nice to hear what they are all doing. I often hear your brother Paul on the radio.

We all enjoyed Mr. Ryerson's all too brief visit to the station this spring. I think the visit made him very sad, however, because there were so few left who knew and remembered him. He brought me five Chinese dolls from Hong Kong. He intended to return to California this month, so I suppose he and Mrs. Ryerson will soon be settled back in Davis.

From Dr. Walter Koels in Assam, India, I received three wooden dolls carved by the natives of the Naga Hills. They are really museum pieces. We have kept up a correspondence since he went to Iran in 1939. He won't take payment for the dolls, but I manage to attend to all the errands and purchases he needs to make here. Just now I'm arranging for a shipment of Kodachrome film for the brother of the Maharajah of Bhavnagar, who has been of assistance to Dr. Koels in his work. He is now off our rolls for lack of funds, but is collecting herbarium specimens for Doctor Bartlett at the University of Michigan, and birds and small mammals for the American Museum of Natural History. I have also just received two gorgeous Japanese dolls from my nephew, who is a bomber pilot in Korea. They have their rest periods in Tokyo, so he was able to get these dolls for me, and writes that on his next leave he will purchase some fans for me. I now have about thirty of them, most of which were contributed by Mr. Morrison, who bought them when he was in Japan in 1916. They had never been taken out of their original wrappers! So you see, I'm still a "maggie" collecting dolls and fans and pitchers, also, small-size reproductions of famous Madonna paintings.

It was very kind of you to write and I do hope you can find some pictures for me; my book is really going to be worth while and is worth more to me than any "presents" the office might give when I do retire, and which it is definitely understood I do not want.

With kindest remembrances from Mr. Erlanson, the "girls", Mr. Young, and myself,

Sincerely yours,

ESCUELA AGRICOLA PANAMERICANA

APARTADO 93

TEGUCIGALPA, HONDURAS
CENTRO AMERICA

29 January 1953

Miss May Blaine,
5425 Connecticut Avenue,
Washington 15, D.C.

Dear Miss Blaine:

It is a long time since I have written you, but you are not forgotten. Neither are all the rest of my old friends in S.P.I. and I would be glad to have news of them again. If you have time to drop me a line I hope you will do so.

You probably have recent news of Dr. Fairchild as I have myself and it has been wonderful to hear that he is in such good shape. Recently a mutual friend from Florida was here and told me he had not seen the Doctor so well in five years. Mrs. Popenoe and I may go north in April and if we do we shall fly via Miami so as to spend a couple of days with the Fairchilds.

Last summer we went to Europe for three months, my first visit to that continent. It seems strange after all the traveling I have done during the past forty years that I had never visited Europe. We got a look at several different countries but spent most of our time in Spain, which I enjoyed immensely.

I know you are interested in my family for you saw it started. Nancy was married last autumn to a young geologist from California and they have recently gone to Puerto Rico where he will work for two years or more. Hugh is in the army since last September and is stationed in California for the present doing topographical surveying. Marian is in Washington trying to get a job in the government service. And Sally is in her last year in college out in California.

I would like especially to have news of Miss Nolen. I hope she is still enjoying life. If you write her tell her I still think of her often and affectionately. If Mr. Young is still around give him my warm regards.

Since you last wrote me Ben Morrison has left and we hear he has moved south. I no longer get letters from him as I used to.

I am sorry I have never been able to send you any photographs of the children. We just simply do not have any good pictures of them available down here. They are so widely scattered now it is hard to get photographs.

Miss May Elaine

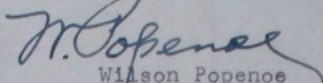
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If you are still in the office remember me to all the old friends.

With warmest regards always.

Sincerely yours,


Wilson Popenoe
Director

5425 Connecticut Ave.
Washington 15, D.C.
July 6, 1953

Dr. Wilson Popenoe
Apartado 93
Tegucigalpa, Honduras, C.A.

Dear Doctor Popenoe:

What a very pleasant surprise I received on Saturday morning last when a box was delivered to me with two Guatemalan dolls and your card. It was a very, very kind thought and I appreciate it so much. The doll you sent me many years ago from Honduras is still the sole representative I have from that country. Do you remember him? He is no doubt one of the workers in the banana groves, wears an unbleached muslin suit, a cocky straw hat, and carries a matting bedroll on his back; he stands about 12" tall.

It seems strange, but after all these years (I began collecting in June, 1935) and having the dolls packed away in chests, I can still remember what each one looks like and from what part of the world it came. Of course, I take them out once a year or so, wrap each one in new tissue paper and sprinkle them with paradichlorida benzene crystals to prevent any moth invasion. I look forward to the time when I shall have some leisure and can really enjoy them for a while before placing them with a museum where they may be enjoyed by many.

We are in the midst of our hot and humid weather and we seem to feel it more at Beltsville for some reason, perhaps because there are no large trees around any of the buildings.

Mr. Morrison has been down in Pass Christian, Mississippi, since the winter months and is enjoying his retirement immensely. Of course, he is up to his neck in breeding azaleas for the South, in growing camellias and old-fashioned roses. He has also been giving a good deal of his time to the little village church, where he sings and plays the organ (I should say piano, which he donated). He has rented his house here, so I suppose he will be finally weaned away from Washington.

We haven't heard in some time from the Fairchilds, but "no news is good news" from them. At least, I hope it is. Mr. Loomis tries to keep us informed.

In a note Mr. Morrison wrote me a few days ago, he told of Mr. and Mrs. Ryerson going to Rome and the possibility of Mr. Ryerson's taking a job over there for two or three years. Wouldn't that be nice? I hope they can find a Lenci doll for me. Mr. Ryerson wrote me at Christmas that he had a Siamese doll he was going to bring me, but I haven't received it yet. He wouldn't let Mr. Erlanson bring it back when he was out in Davis to give a talk a year or so ago!

Mr. Erlanson is to appear on television this Thursday afternoon in Philadelphia and will give a talk on "Growing Things." It would be nice to see and hear him but, unfortunately, not many of us have gone in for television; even that won't be shown in Washington so his own family could see it.

Mr. Russell, Mrs. Leahy and Mrs. Potter (Harriet Duell) are still here, but more and more we all feel that the Division "isn't what it used to be," and we long for the old days. Perhaps it is a sign of age when one feels that, perhaps, the old ways were best - now everything is streamlined and quite impersonal. Mr. Erlanson is kind enough to say he wouldn't know what to do without us, but, if we are ever to enjoy any leisure time, you know we can not stay on for many more years. As you can imagine, the personnel turnover out here at the station is tremendous; the "sweet young things" of today do not want to be buried out here in the country.

Doctor Galloway's grandson, Robert Galloway, is now the Classification Officer out here. He is a very nice young man. Gordon Galloway is still with the Department in the office of Plant and Operations in Washington, D.C.

I hope your son Hugh hasn't had to go to Korea, and that all the other children are well and happy. I believe you told me that Marian is in Washington. What Department is she with? Does she live with relatives? I believe you said she was trying for a position with State? I hope she got a very good one and is happy.

You must have a great deal of satisfaction in seeing so many students graduate from your school, knowing they will use the knowledge gained in bringing about improvements in farming and in the way of life of the natives. Wouldn't it be a grand old world if all its inhabitants could have the same standard of living that we enjoy in the United States?

Were you and Mrs. Popenoe able to visit the Fairchilds last winter? I'm sure they were delighted to see you.

Again, thank you Doctor Popenoe for remembering so kindly my "hobby" and for adding two more members to my "family." I surely have a League of Nations, don't I?

With kindest regards from me and those in the office who know you,

Sincerely and gratefully yours,

ESCUELA AGRICOLA PANAMERICANA

APARTADO 93

TEGUCIGALPA, HONDURAS
CENTRO AMERICA

7 July 1953

Dear Miss Blaine:

As usual, I am slow in writing. Your last letter was so interesting I sent it to Dr Fairchild, knowing that he always enjoys hearing about the "SPI girls" and even the boys. The picture you sent made me homesick - but what a joy to think that so many of you have stayed on with SPI for all these years! It really is quite a remarkable record.

Though we are sure you must have plenty of Guatemalan dolls already, when we were over at the old house a month or more ago, Helen picked up a couple of little figurines and mailed them to you - perhaps they have reached you by this time, perhaps not. Anyway, they aren't much. As we are on the eve of leaving for Spain again, we will try to get you one or more from that country. We are going to stop a few days in Washington on our way - and I am hoping I may be able to get out to Beltsville this time! We leave here next Monday the 13th for Miami, to spend two days with the Fairchilds, then to Washington, arriving the 17th I believe - we are going North from Miami by train, since I like to ride those trains in the States and especially from Florida to Washington - it makes me think of the old days when I used to go down to work at the garden on Brickell Avenue; but the scenery has changed quite a lot since then!

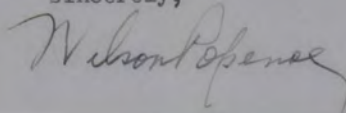
In Washington we shall be staying with Edith Popenoe (Mrs C H) who as you know took care of my kids for so many years. She lives at 4534 Van Ness Avenue, out toward the end of 16th Street I believe it is, and is in the telephone directory. My daughter Marion is living with her and working in the CIA. Little Sal, the youngest, was married a couple of months ago at Berkeley, with Knowles Ryerson and his wife taking our places - since we could not get up there. Her husband is in the army for another year or so. Hugh is in Alaska for the summer, doing surveying for the army, and Nancy and her husband are in Puerto Rico as I think I have told you.

I hope it may be possible for us to see you and some of the other old friends on this trip. There never seems to be time for anything when we are in Washington!

I must get in touch with Ben Morrison again. Since he left Washington I haven't heard from him. It was awfully good of you to send the picture and you can be assured I remember every one in it; time hasn't changed any of you very much.

Old time regards always.

Sincerely,



Tegucigalpa, 6 November 1953

Dear Miss Blaine:

"e hope you got the Spanish doll we mailed you from Madrid about the end of September. "e bought it in Granada, right inside the walls of the Alhambra. Since they said at the post office in Madrid it would probably avoid customs formalities if we sent it by first class mail, it went that way. Not much of a doll, but very Andalusian.

We had a grand time in Spain; hired a small car and travelled more than 2000 miles all over the country, then into southern France for a week. I still am not satisfied; want to go back to Spain again.

At the end of this month we fly over to Florida, where I have to give a talk at the University on 3 December. Since we go via Miami we hope and expect to see the Fairchilds.

"All you do me a favor? Ask Mr Young to send any literature he may have on Dasheens to Sr don Francisco de Sola, San Salvador, Republica de El Salvador, C.A. Mr Young published a bulletin on this subject some years ago; I hope it is still available. I am sending Sr de Sola some Dasheen tubers, grown from six I swiped at Dr Fairchilds house three years ago, which in turn came from that guy up in north Florida - Callahan is the town, isnt it? We fed our students 125 pounds last week and they liked them.

Best regards always, and again thanks for that nice reception you gave me at Beltsville. It made me yearn for those dear dead days beyond recall.

Sincerely,

Wilson Perena

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5425 Connecticut Avenue
Washington 15, D.C.
November 16, 1953

Dr. Wilson Popenoe, Director
Escuela Agricola Panamericana
Tegucigalpa, Honduras, C.A.

Dear Doctor Popenoe:

Your letter was received on Saturday morning, November 14, having crossed mine sent you one day last week in which I acknowledged receipt of the Spanish doll. I am indeed grateful for the extra notes about her being Andalusian and having been bought inside the Alhambra. What a grand trip you and Mrs. Popenoe had; there probably is no better way of getting to know a country than to drive through its highways and byways and see how the people really live. France, too, must have been very interesting. It is not surprising that you should want to go back to Spain, but two of my nieces, who spent the summer in Europe, want to go back to Switzerland.

Mr. Young is here but most of his old work has been turned over to Doctor Hodge, so I showed him your letter and he has written to you and also to Sr. don Francisco de Sola regarding the dasheen bulletin.

The Fairchilds will be delighted, I know, to see you when you come to Florida in December. I hope you will find them both well. It seems so very long since we have seen them. Doctor Walter Koala, recently from Assam, India, about whom I wrote you in my previous letter, called on Mrs. Bates (Nancy Bell) a week or so ago and had a delightful evening with the family. He has never met Doctor Fairchild. If he ever does, they will have many things in common to discuss.

Again we are having really summery weather here; it has gone up to 70° F. today, but possibly by tomorrow it will ^{be} down to 30 or thereabouts. You know Washington weather. We even had a snowstorm week before last all along the eastern coast and New York was hardest hit by wind and rain and high waves.

It would be nice if you could hop over and look at Mr. Morrison's garden. His address is: Route 1, Box 142, Pass Christian, Mississippi.

Thank you again for all your kindnesses and do come back and see us before too very long.

With kindest regards to you and Mrs. Popenoe and a kind remembrance to the Fairchilds when you see them next month,

Sincerely yours,

San Salvador, 7 July 1957

Dear Miss Blaine:

Mighty nice of you to write me on the occasion of my official retirement. You can well understand, knowing me as you ^{do}, that retirement doesn't mean I am going to loaf in the patio of the old house in Antigua. It does mean that I will have a little time left, I hope, in which I can do some work in plant introduction and improvement which I have long wanted to do but couldn't touch because I was so busy at the school. For example, right now I am here in El Salvador with a two months' contract to help the government build up a fruit program. When I go back to Antigua I rather think I may settle down for a while and try to write a book covering my 45 years of work in tropical horticulture - not a technical book, but something more along the lines of DF's "The World as my Garden", which, by the way, is a masterpiece.

I have had a note from Anne-Nelen, who as you know had an accident and I assume is not very strong. I have just heard George Darrow has retired and is going to live in southern Florida. His retirement takes out of the picture just about the last of the old timers with whom we used to deal when I was in FSPI. Most of them dead; the rest retired.

The grandchildren are coming on: Nancy has a boy and a girl - she and family live in Silver Spring. Marion has a baby girl named Dorothy; Marion's husband who is a Marine lieutenant has been in the far East and will be back in Washington at any time now. They have an apartment in Takoma Park. And Sally has a boy and a girl and is expecting another baby next month. She and her husband are in Stockton, California.

I hope all goes well with you. With warm regards always,

Sincerely yours,

Wilson Percey

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Dear Miss Blaine:

I have from time to time a good many calls for information that requires that I get it from Beltsville, where I go anyway once a month, or from Agr. Library of Nat. Herb. and just let them accumulate until I have to go down town for important personal matters; so yesterday just such an occasion came up so I parked at the Capital Garage for 3 hours and we wandered separately all over from 7th to 16th and K to Independence and I got into the Agr. Library for the first time in 2 or 3 years and had several things to look up there and Nat. Herb. for Roland Harper of Ala. that had laid on my desk at least 6 months. He has probably given up getting an answer from me. So I made your Britton data first to be sure not to delay you longer.

Dr. Britton was born at New Dorp 1-15-59; died 2-5-34.

Full name Mathaniel Lord. Elizabeth G. (Knight) Britton was born in N. Y. C. 1-29-58; died 2-5-34. There has been a great amount of material printed about both of them. Some very short and some very long. Most of it is not available except in quite a number of Journals published 1934-5 and found mostly only in larger botanical libraries. Photostat copies could be obtained at Agr. Library at a reasonable cost. Possibly N. Y. Bot. Gard might have extra copies of some of them if such were wanted for file at the S. I. memorial to them.

The enclosed July 1940 Wild Flower is an extra copy that could be so used but the enclosed July 1934 Wild Flower is part of a complete file and can not be duplicated by an original so please return it. You could make a typed copy of the data on page 26 that would answer for file purposes or if preferred a photostat positive could be made. A photostat negative has to be made first which has the printing white on a black background and is not all satisfactory to read. The positive is made from the negative and has black printing on a white background.

Probably the best account of Mrs. B. is in Bulletin of Torrey Botanical Club Vol. 62, pages 1-7, Jan. 1935. Others are in Torrey 34: 81; Bryologist 12:86. 1910; Science 79: 199, Mar. 2, 1934.

On Nathaniel Lord Britton probably one of the best is in Proceedings of Staten Island Institute 7: 101-108, 1934. Am. Fern Jour. 24: 120-121, 1934; Bull. Torr. Bot. Club Vol. 62, No. 3; Torrey 34: 84. The Staten Island Institute may have all of these in its library. Some one of them will give a list of the publications of both of the above. Probably the

best will be by John Hendley Barnhart who was bibliographer at the N. Y. B. G. and would be found under his name in any of the above Botanical Library Catalogues. Also at Brooklyn Botanical Garden. I believe there is a wild flower garden at N. Y. B. G. in memory of Mrs. Britton.

I hope that the warming up of the weather will soon have you feeling much better.

We are both feeling pretty good. Occasionally a bit of tension from trying to do too much of this work. Best remedy after the first tranquilizer is to get out into RCP or up the Towpath for a half day walk to forget our accumulations of work which we are gradually getting licked, a bit at a time, putting as much of it as possible in the trash. This includes about 2/3 to 3/4 of the junk mail that comes every day, largely from Wild Flower "gimmies" who will never order anything. All want something for nothing and we can give most of them very short shift.. Often 250~~000~~ a day and by June up to 100 some days. We need a secretary to relieve us of having to open and dump most of them. I often have to get off a full page to rarely 2, 3 or 4 pages to a very few of them, mostly members; but such letters to non members often bring a very appreciative reply with a \$5 to \$10 membership.

Yours truly,

R. L. Britton

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Dear Miss Blaine:

Guess I have not written you since Christmas, but a magazine ad of a new book by your old friend Marston Bates urges me to mention it to you while I have the ad in the April Natural History at hand. That is published by American Museum and now combines the defunct Nature Magazine.

His latest book is The Forest and the Sea, 3.95, Random House. Have you heard anything from him recently?

Of course you have heard of Blakes death on Dec. 31 before this. I have a feeling that his driving every day from Va. was too much of a strain on him. Have not been out to Blue since and possibly he was not given any little nitro-glycerine pills when the attack came on at his office. He died on the way to the Riverdale Hospital. Shall try to get out soon and see both Russell and Miss Nimitz.

Have been doing pretty well ourselves. We have been going to our new offices at the Arboretum once or twice a week and when it warms up enough to be comfortable outside for an hour or two we expect to put more time there out of doors. Last fall the local garden clubs gave them \$200 for wild flowers to plant. Also they have established about 60 species of ferns and 4 or 5 of them are doing all of the work planting, care and labeling.

Our new office is in the wooden building a bit N. W. of the gate house. Donald Egolf (Dr.) and his secretary are the only other occupants and are very nice people. He is a recent Cornell man and has been to Europe and is working on Viburnums.

Hope you are well. We did not get a chance to get up to see your friend that Clara got her "Ebony" case from. It is not ebony but some softer lighter colored wood. Possibly redwood. It is about that color.

Guess you have had as much winter as we have here. The season must be at least 2 or 3 weeks late. We have had a very few mild days but mostly too cool and windy to be comfortable out for long. Forsythias are well out and lilac buds opening (leaf). Last fall I planted 150 crocus in white, blue and yellow and they are beginning to make quite a show. Never had over 5 or 6 before. Covered the whole lot with them about 3 ft. apart. Jap cherries are out some but not enough to make any real show when they have the celebration Saturday. Very fine camellia show at Woodys yesterday and today, the first I have seen since the days I used to go to the Dr.? garden in S. C. which was sold on his death to a realtor and Hume got cuttings of all of them to begin his studies. P. J. Berkman told me years ago

* I have never met
Doctor Marston Bates,
only his wife.
M. M. Blaine

that he had ordered possibly 1000 or more from England and they came with no tags as to varieties so the shippers agree to his selling them at auction and the Dr. was about the only bidder and he got them for a song! His collection except for some of some flowers was a very much finer display of color forms not shown here at all.

Hope to see you down here this spring and the latch string is out. Take you to the Arboretum to see the many changes and anywhere else you want to go.

Yours truly,

P. J. Rickes

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Clara
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With many a thought of you
and best wishes
for your happiness
Each day the whole year through!

Clara C & P. L. Riches

Dear Miss Blaine: -

5-16-60

Hope this will find you feeling much

better. We are well and as active as usual but from June through August I had plenty to worry about. First all of our Wild Filices Preservation Society material which I moved in with Nature Conservancy a year ago June about 15th Taylor M.C. had been condemned and a lot of it put in their cellar due to their giving up one of their two buildings. They were in a colored section and used one of several vacant stores in that area. They wanted to get to a better section and planned etc. moving to smaller quarters in an air conditioned building at 20th + K at \$6.00 a square foot which would let me out. When I moved our material from Beltville Skinner + Le Vos at National Arboretum said they had hoped to take the material there but had no room in sight until they got money for their new administrative bldg and laboratory they have been trying for for 10 years. So I had no better hope than this year but went to sell them anyway. In the meantime they did get money for a small bldg to take the arboretum herbarium which had been forced out at Beltville. Pending completion of that bldg, many of Wickers' still cases had been jammed up close together in a wooden C.C.C. building near the gate house to the west. So Skinner told me that those cases would go to the new herbarium building about Nov. 1. but I had to move out where I was before Oct. 15. So Skinner jammed up enough of his material to squeeze in my material for 2 weeks. By Nov. 5 I was able to shred it out better than it ever was at Beltville and Skinner says it can stay until and if he gets his new big building where there would be still more room for me. They have been very nice to me there giving me any help needed. Aug. 22 my driving permit expired. I got 6 weeks notice. All the examiners threw everything at me they could on the theory no one 51 should have a permit. I scrapped with them for a month and with A.A.A. help. finally got a 3 year renewal in Aug 1962. So now I am feeling pretty happy.

About June Mr. Morrison was up for an honor award too long delayed such a pam uply him I did not try to get into it and Allanson told me later at Scientists Chippa he only got a chance to shake, say Hail and good bye. Mrs. Freeman I have just learned died about a year ago. Presumably another stroke. Mrs. Vandyke told me.

Two weeks ago Mrs. Lemke invited me to go to the monastery with her to meet Bro. Stanislas Stackwisch (does translating) who as a boy lived 2 or 3 days from her in Buffalo and went to school together. When we left he gave Marie R. a each a crucifix he got in Jerusalem and had blessed by the Pope in Rome. We do not need both so send you one. He gave Mrs. Lemke a beautiful silver one.

Do come to see us - we miss you - Let us hear soon

12-7-60

Dear Miss Blain

I am afraid that I

neglected answering thy queries in your last 2 letters too long. I put them off until fall and from June to the end of Oct. we just were too busy for any extras or anything about them. The last of June

Carl added an emotion to his long nervous disturbance. Finally fell in love with one of our friends from Kansas who has visited us several times. Not reciprocated. Went to hospital for treatment and died there a few days later from a hemorrhagic bleeding of the throat and tongue. Might have hit his tongue. Too late when discovered. Moking by nurse.

Then we started painting, even walls, of all inside of house. Antidote done last year.

Then Mrs R's sister in law from Tenn. who drove us home in the spring of '58 came followed by the Kansas friend, both stayed to visit. Oct. and brought & drove home in Carl's car.

2 or 3 court visits for probate, no will. Expenses all to be settled early in '61. We had a lot of help from relatives that gave us a

much needed rest. Through all we have had to get out to the C & R Canal, Rocky Creek Park

or Arboretum one or twice a week for a good walk. Yesterday from 10 to 3.30 we spent on the tax-park taking 2 miles or more up past

the Navy Testing Basin, taking in woods and fields along the way and to see beginning of a new Potomac bridge just below the Testing

basin to connect Rt 244 to Rockville. The Arboretum is installing nice ornamental gates at both M. & R Sts. and a resident gate house at R.

June 23 they dedicated "Fern Valley" with some 50 white each ferns & wild flowers. My Wherry & F. remain came. He has married since then!!

Mrs Greenleaf had not retired last fall. We stayed at cottage off Mrs. Madsen's a long time friend & liked it. Mrs. S. retired a year or 2 or more ago. I told Russell he was slow with

the ladies to let F. remain & I beat him out. I just could not have survived alone without one and I guess F. remain too.

I have no occasion since Bibles death to go to Beltsville. Mrs B was trying to learn to drive. Not to know result. Bad for her

to try to learn at his age!! How you are
feeling better than last year was.

Enclosed a recent book review of your
friend Bates. He is making a big name for
himself. Geographic Soc. has bought up most
of their square acres Nov to 17th & so to ally
newly building to start soon. Magazine now
all printed in Chicago by Klammer. No type set-
ting! I remember in the issue! Exposed views
still active, last time I saw him he said he
was 7 years older than I. would make 89 now.
Miss Waverly's library died last spring in
N.C. at 89. Miss Clark still active at 91
that Hort Soc. combined with Am. Bot. Soc. of
Harlow ~~is~~ out and living with mother in Va.
but his girl friend still at this old place on
Blacksburg road. Her mother died about 2
years ago. Her abortion only not started
but soon probably. Arthur & Helen
have been at Ark. for some time. Think Herbert
still does some work on magazine!

To you
I think Mrs. Lembo was an
old Buffalo close neighbor of
Bro. Stanislas. They are very
friendly. Saw Bessie Baker at Saperway's
about 3 months ago. She lives in nearby
Cherry Chase Md. I think her
was completed. But do not know whereabouts
of your cat to see her. Kelly

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Flora Clara C. Riches



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Dear Miss Blaine:

Sorry to hear of your bad luck. I know you have complained a bit since retiring of not feeling well but nothing specific as in your latest letter.

I have sent a transcript of your letter to Mr. Russell to circulate at the office and hope it may result in a few uplifts for you. Will also contact Archer. *in June*

I had a nice letter from Mr. Morrison after I had written him that 2 of my friends were on their way to Miss. to locate a retirement home and had suggested that they contact him.

I rarely see Russell at the Safeway near here and have not seen him for several months but am sure that he is O. K. or I would have heard.

Last Thursday and Friday Dr. Walker and I moved all of our materials from a frame WPA building near the gatehouse to the Hansen (policeman's) home, he having moved to a nice new home near and back of the gatehouse. His wife died last summer while they were on a vacation trip to his N. D. home.

Wish you could see the wild flower preserve in Fern Valley which runs from Hickey Hill to the Anacostia. It is being cared for entirely by area garden clubs. A few dedicated ladies doing yeomans work. Over 250 kinds of wild flowers, many planted from away and over 100 kinds of ferns. Growing rapidly to a great attraction.

I do a lot of color work there and note taking and the society has contributed some 50 rare wild flowers recently.

I no longer drive a car because the powers that be rule that few over 80 and none near 85 can drive. They dropped me last Aug, but I was prepared for it since the going over they gave me for a permit 3 years ago. I then told Mrs. R. I would not apply again and they did not even send me the usual application notice. I however ride once or twice a week with one of the ladies working on Fern Valley, and Mrs. R. goes with me occasionally in good weather. She is pretty well and we still do quite a bit of area hiking to keep our joints limber. Up to 3 or 4 or occasionally 5 miles. Occasionally on the tow-path.

The new 1.7 million new Administration and laboratory building at the Arboretum started in Oct. and some of it is up. Expect to move into it when completed in perhaps a year.

I have not been to Beltsville for several years. No time or need to. So do not know anything about anyone there. Rarely see any of them, retired or not. Several of

the botanists will move to Arboretum to new Bldg. Hermann has transferred to Forest Service herbarium. Pernice returned to Cambridge. Guess that Dr. Meyer is the chief botanist there now. Have met him once and he is O. K!

Dr. Walker left Nat. Herb. after completing his work and publishing a supplement to his big vol on Chinese botany bibliography.

Mrs. R will phone Mrs. Leahy.

Hope that X'mas will find you much better and at home.

I'll bet that you never did get time to arrange your Stamps. I still keep up on all U. S. issues and a good set way back. Also a small Philippine collection and a small collection of the flower stamps of many countries but have not had time to add to them for a long time.

There are probably few our ages that are half as active as we are, but we too have learned to take it easy and get plenty of rest.

Yours truly,

O. L. Riches

Hello, Miss Blaine:

Maybe the air or climate in your new home surroundings is not good for you - Somehow I wish you had stayed here - I'm a great believer in climate since my experience with asthma - We had hoped you would come back and stay with us a while some time - Do get well and on your feet soon and keep in mind our "standing invitation" for a visit anytime you are able to come - This is near your old community so you might feel at home -

All good wishes to you for an early recovery

Sincerely

Clara

Friday the 13th of Dec^r, 1962 Blue Bonnet
Halls, Kennelb, Tex.

The jet flight here was a wonderful
experience. No more waiting than on
a DC bus if as much artificial.

Coming down from 3900 ft over
Dallas to 1000-500 ft + less the
whole city was a light with red,
yellow, orange and green lights that
faded in early darkness. Too wonder-
ful to describe and almost worth the cost
of the trip here.

Our Dr. W. Cornes haty rooms look
over the Guadalupe river, green fields
and trees still in full color to a 2000-2500
ft range of mtn. only a mile away -

We moved into the new arborvitae
office and herbarium building early in
Nov. and the Wild Flower Preservation
Society has 2 nice 9x9 rooms opposite
each other at the entrance to the herbar-
ium and a 12x16. enclosed by cases
room in the basement ^{very large} storage room
nicely lighted + heated for materials we
do not use much. Two members
+ one of my sons will handle W.F.P.S.
socially mail, mostly at my home while
we are away.

It is a grand and glorious feeling
to be out in the wide open spaces with
nothing pushing us around, no house
cleaning, no meals to get and free as
a bird to go when and where we
please. -
Hello, Miss Blaine: Doesn't the above
description sound lovely? (As if



we were rich! Here's card of our
 Hotel - Do come be with us Rates
 very good, 465 + 70 a month, meals extra
 but good in nice dining room -

Here's the best to you
 for all the new year.



A HOLIDAY CREATION

Clara Pickers

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To Mrs. Blaine

To wish you all the joys of Christmas
 and a bright and Happy New Year

Clara + Pickers
 greetings from the Lone Star State to 4-6
 weeks after spring flowers come out
 Hope you are much better.

only



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Dear Miss Blaine: I was glad to get your letter and to learn that you are feeling at least some better and hope you will continue to pick up. It has been a hard winter here and Mrs. R has had a bad cold and sinus trouble all winter and wants to get away from this climate until spring, so we expect to leave here Saturday the 23rd for Mobile for a couple of days. Then to Biloxi for several more. I spent at least a couple of weeks there about 1906 or 7 with the local Forage Crop representative S. M. Tracy.

Shall try to find some oldster there who may know just where the Tracy place was located on the shore and where the Brick Hotel was where I stayed part of the time. From there we will go to Mrs. R's sister at Welsh, La., a 1800 acre rice and beef farm. and I shall try to call up Mr. Morrison from Biloxi, only some 12 miles away at Pas Christian and may be able to get over there for an hour or two. They have poor train service and may have to use bus.

From Welsh, which is near the coast, we will go to San Antonio for several days and probably up to Kerrville, some 25 miles N. W. where both Mrs. R and I have spent some time years ago. I photographed there to Ft. Stockton, then down to Alpine and the Big Bend National Park area in 1940.

Then probably to the Uvalde area for 2 to 4 weeks and hope to find some spring flowers to photograph before we leave. It is south central Texas and should be warmer and dryer there. Garner lives there but do not expect to see him. I shall try to find a botany or biology high school teacher there to give me some pointers on the area. And we may run down to Del Rio and into Mexico for a short trip. Quite a pipe dream if we can stand it. Shall take along some of my eastern color slides and color prints and a lot of the Texas color slides of 1940, much of it in east and west Texas.

Hope to hear from you when we get back and then we will give you a line on our trip. Hope you will feel a lot better then.

Yours truly,

I've had a bad time. How nice to get back into your apt and have such good friends-neighbors to look to your welfare. The picture of the convalescent home makes me want to live there. Do let us hear how you are before we leave 2/23. Best wishes Clara

The KINCAID
UVALDE'S NEWEST HOTEL
UVALDE, TEXAS



La Siesta Motel
Del Rio, Tex. 4-1-63

Dear Miss Blain:

I know you were disappointed that I did not see Mr. Morrison but Mrs. R. had just gotten a 102° Pneumonia fever down to normal at Biloxi and she was weak and we had to head for her sister in La., where it took her two weeks to get back her strength. Very lucky for us that we had a nice place to go to and a good doctor there to look after her. If we had been tied up in a hotel room and had no medical care it would have been very bad for us (But it cost me as much as a fine hotel would have! some \$65.00)

However I have a very pleasant surprise from an old friend for you. Before starting on our trip I wrote Correll for flower data in the Uvalde-Del Rio area and got a good line on it.

Sunday afternoon a Del Rio friend drove us 50 miles west of Del Rio. I was photographing flowers beside the road when Correll drove up. Mentif Telechety?? He was on his way to Del Rio to meet two associates early this morning. Later we had dinner with him at our motel and spent the evening with him. He asked me to send you his best regards.

We have been having a fine time here
about 2 miles out of the city and the road-
sides are lined with thousands of flowers
lots of cacti and Spanish daisies in
the fields - Beautiful purple verberna - carpets of it -
a dozen different tiny yellow flowers.

A very nice mexican boy at the motel took
us across the Rio Grand to Ciudad Acuna
a very nice, clean mexican town and we went
through several stores and had lunch at
La Macarena - items hermitas. He has also
taken us on field trips as has one of the office
staff here (La Sieris)

We are walking a mile or two every day and
Digitized by Hunt Institute for Botanical Documentation
and are enjoying every minute of the day. Will
probably be home about the 15th -
yours truly
P. L. Riker

Hello Miss Blaine: I hope you are well again -
I think I'd swap my bronchial troubles for
anything you have. It would break the mo-
notony of this at least - These wild fls.
amaze me - with 88% of an inch of rain
since Jan 1, 63, they are blossoming as per-
fectly as any flowers could. I'm sure
some of them never saw a drop of water -
It's a brand new world down here - and such a
nice change from DC -
Best Wishes
Clara

P.S. Mr. Hyland, Mr. Young, & Drs. Blake & Hermann
all enjoyed your letter, also.

PAUL RUSSELL
3141 ABERFOYLE PLACE, N. W.
WASHINGTON 15, D. C.

1959

Saturday, September 5.

Dear Miss Blaine,

This note will be, in sharp contrast with the very nice typewritten letter you were so kind to write last July. Anyway, I hope it is legible.

First, the office did itself proud at my retirement party. The entire hall was used, and furniture was shifted in the double room, where I used to be, to make a very attractive table for punch and refreshments. My son and daughter came out to help, and did very well indeed as receptionists.

Mr. Hyland was the MC; he told things about my past that were simply amazing. Finally, after I had responded with a short expression of appreciation, I was presented with a gold wrist-watch and band, a modern light-weight suitcase, and some "folding money" to use for a "good steak dinner." There was quite a crowd on hand to greet me; Mrs. Potter, Mrs. Lecky, Bob Taylor & family; the Clays; Dr. Cullinan and Dr.

Parker (the big loss now), and many others. - But Taylor was given a big send-off last January, with a lot of testimonials from the whole Station.

Thanks a lot for your very kind words of appreciation.

Mr. Young, is preparing a Farmer's Bulletin, or a non-technical bulletin of some sort, on bamboos, and comes out almost every day. He is in fairly good health, better than he was last year.

Last May I attended the meeting of the Am. Hort. Soc. at Dumfrieson Oaks when BYM received the medal (and money), both of which he most certainly deserved, I had two short conversations with him, and was also entertained by the Armstrongs during the affair; Mrs. Armstrong sat next to me and made herself most agreeable.

Your experience on the train was most unfortunate, with the resulting illness even more so. But isn't it wonderful that your family has come to your rescue so nicely?

I just returned from a three-week's vacation on Cape Cod, where a cool sea-breeze made the heat endurable; I was in for a swim nearly every day.

Please excuse this messy note, and let me wish you all good things, especially good health.

Sincerely,
Paul Russell

(To day, it is snowing!)

Christmas, 1962. (12/11/62)

Dear Miss Blaine,

Through Mr. Ricker and Mr. Hyland I just recently heard about you being in St. Vincent's Hospital for rest and treatment for arthritis, etc. Well, it won't surprise me a bit if I hear, a little later, that you are better enough to get up and navigate by yourself. I also have glaucoma (well arrested) and I also have spent many weeks in the hospital this year, because my old heart can't take it. But I am home now, by myself in a big house. My son and daughter come in rather frequently, I now have 5 nice grandchildren, 4 mos. to 14 years old.

I have been going to Beltsville, since I retired in

To wish you happiness for

the Christmas season and the coming year

1959, lately as a passenger with John A. Stevenson, also retired. We go late & come home early. I go 3 times a week. He is now on a trip in Puerto Rico, back late this month. I will "rest" until then.

You probably hear that ~~Dr.~~ Joseph A. Rock died in Honolulu about a week ago. He came to see me at Beltsville about 10 years ago.

Mr. Young writes to me from time to time from his present home with his niece in Springfield, Ill., and Ben Morrison has been writing from time to time when he wants something looked up.

Please don't forget that modern medicine can do wonders! And I will say a little prayer for you!

Sincerely
Paul Russell



Wednesday, Jan. 23, 1963

Dear Miss Blaine.



The days are now getting longer, although we are having too much winter for me. No snow right now, but cold. — Mr. Young wrote me a few days ago that he is still feeling very weak; he was 86 last October. — John Broderick

retired last month, but I was unable to go out to Glenn Dale for his party; it was a snowy day anyhow. Our family, including my five grandchildren, finally got together at my daughter Margaret's home Christmas evening, in spite of the snow. She lives out beyond Wheaton, Md., north of Silver Spring. My younger granddaughter, Janet, is now 6 months old, and has 7 teeth already! The older one, Carol, is 14, plays the violin and piano, and is an excellent student. (Takes after her mother!)

I hope you have access to a good FM radio. I enjoy mine very much when I get tired and a little low in spirits.

Good luck, and more comfort.

Sincerely
Paul Russell

Charles Kennard
July 17-33

Dear Miss Glavin,

Please call up Mr. Edwards
in Ag. Econ. and ask about repayment
of my article when published, I formerly
thought they gave his author 100 quats
found out what an extra 100 would cost. Thanks

Mr. Grant up here and his enjoying it
a lot, he only closed being his word that
S.F. was slipping out, but a letter was sent
from San Barbara yesterday and I hope
his rally is not temporary, though I
confess I'm not very optimistic

Sci Weisner has had several engines at work
this summer so has to be very careful, though
as is stated under the engine registration
under strict order not to let them slip

in winning when we are down by the
table, he loves it so. We've been working
as lets look this morning and having
great talk about many things. This
is a real change and rest. This good
for even a few days

I'll be back Monday night unless word
from D.F. changes plans

Perceval

Knudsen Peterson.

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DIVISION OF HISTORICAL RESEARCH

Todos Santos Cuchumatán,
Department of Huehuetenango,
Guatemala, C. A.
May 29, 1937.

Dear Miss Blaine:

Some time ago I received your letter of May 4, but am just now getting around to answer it, and hope you will be lenient with me for the delay. I wrote Mrs. Palmer some time ago, but as yet have not heard from her; she is a very busy woman (it's her own fault - she looks for things to do). I did not pay her for the dolls, as she intended to send them up to you via some tourist (she says her packages always arrive safely that way) and send you a bill for them. I shall see her probably next month, for Doc Popenoe is due in Guatemala in that month, and I have to go down and see him. I will find out what has become of those dolls then. It might be a lot more expedient to pack and ship them myself, but then you would have to pay duty, I suppose. Unfortunately, I gave her ~~my~~ your office address, as I did not know the other.

Yes, the ingratiation process is completed some time ago, and am now staying awake at nights wondering how I can ingratiate myself a little; these people have accepted me as a gift from heaven, and as they are the sort that, given an inch, will seize a mile, you can imagine my predicament. However, nothing in this life is really very serious, and I expect to relieve the situation little by little. No doubt Mr. Morrison would be interested in a long report of my escapades in the last three months, but I have too much to write as it is. However, along toward the end of the year Mr. Kempton may have in his hands a series of character sketches of the main individuals of Todos Santos - I am occupying my spare moments in that. I am sure that Mr. Kempton will not be stingy with it. All I can say about the series at present is that anyone who does not know Latin Americans intimately will be considerably surprised at the information, which I am striving to have as accurate as possible.

However, I certainly shall write Mr. Morrison from time to time, and will also get him seeds when he wants them. I understand that at present the tomato situation has him sleepless and sent him some seeds some time ago. As soon as I get down into the hot country around the Mexican border, I shall pick up some more, so you might tell him that to cheer him up.

Sincerest regards,

Raymond Stadelman
Raymond Stadelman

American Legation,
Caracas, Venezuela,
October 6, 1936.

Miss May M. Blaine,
Division Plant Exploration & Introduction,
Department of Agriculture,
Washington, D. C.

Dear Miss Blaine:

Your letter of August 14 has finally reached me, and I note your desire to obtain dolls dressed in native costume. At the outset, let me inform you that I do not consider your hobby a silly one - some people collect stamps, or match boxes, or insects, or old buttons, or what have you. I myself collect snakes, bugs, prehistoric Indian relics, ivory and silver elephants (not too big), books on aboriginal languages, photographs and, of course, tobacco seeds. However, all these things are for other people - I keep nothing except the photos - so why not dolls, as well? But I am afraid it is now going to be a little difficult to get any really nice dolls. Really, you should have been more daring and asked me long ago, when I was in Ecuador and Perú. I saw dolls of all kinds there, just the thing you want, and not too dear. I thought of buying some, just in case, but let it slide. Here in Venezuela, at least in the parts I know, the people do not make these dolls - they are a listless bunch and since they do not even bother to put clothes on their own kids I find it difficult to imagine a Venezuelan doll dressed in native costume. Nevertheless, I shall soon be up in the Andean country in western Venezuela where the high altitudes with the corresponding cold keeps the people a bit more active and industrious, so that I may find something for you. Rest assured that I shall not forget about it. Of course, they can come up in a pouch.

Regarding the Ecuadorean and Peruvian dolls, which you really ought to have, I can write friends in Quito and Cuzco and I feel confident that they will buy them for me, and send them along to you. But in such case you would have to pay the duty, so I am not going to write them until you advise me. I can write them from Washington just as well as here.

As I expect to be in Guatemala next year, I can get plenty of them there - they should be as good or better than the Mexican ones. I think Doc Pop will have a hard time getting you any Honduran ones - the children in the interior where I lived played with corn cobs adorned with rags, and used their imagination. However, you may want these, too!

Please don't worry about asking me to do this for you, for I'll be glad to; it adds another interest to life, you know, and the more the merrier.

Most sincerely,

Raymond Stadelman
Raymond Stadelman.

Jan 14-48
Buenos Aires
Argentina

Miss May M. Blaine
Division of Plant Exploration & Introduction
U. S. Dept. of Agriculture
Beltsville, Md.

Dear Miss Blaine -

I am mailing you today 2 dolls
that I picked up in Bolivia. Have misplaced
your letter of instructions, but anyway you should
get the dolls all right.

Have marked on the tag the value
\$4.00 for the pair. These are the only dolls that I
have seen that would appear to be what you
would want.

Should be able to get some more
when I get to Paraguay.

Hope they reach you in due time &
in good order.

Yours Very Truly
J. Stephens.



Division of Plant Exploration
and Introduction

February 12, 1948

Mr. James L. Stephens
care of American Embassy
Asunción, Paraguay, S.A.

Dear Mr. Stephens:

Please accept my sincere apologies for such a tardy acknowledgment to your very kind letters of December 21 and January 14.

I am delighted to know that there are two dolls on the way to me from Bolivia and am beginning to get impatient for a notice from the Post Office that they have arrived. The price seems very reasonable and I shall be more than glad to reimburse you for that amount and for any others you may get upon your return, or sooner, if you say so. I really am hoping that you will be able to find some interesting ones in Paraguay.

Your letter of February 1 came in last evening and the Inspection House is getting off to you this afternoon by air to Asunción one hundred of each of the two sizes of seed envelopes. No doubt, Mr. Morrison will answer your letter very soon; he is at the Arboretum today.

We certainly have been having one heck of a winter, snow, more snow, and now rain and sleet. We long for the hot, humid days of July and August.

I'll let you know as soon as the Bolivian dolls arrive. In the meantime, many thanks for your kindness and best wishes to you and Mr. Hartley for continued success on your trip.

Very sincerely yours,



Estación Experimental Agrícola,
Tingo María, via Lima, Peru
2 Sept. 1946

Dear Miss Blaine: We were glad to know that the dolls arrived in good shape and met with your approval, but somewhat chagrined that your answer got back with my letter about them still here, only half written.

I dont know how the valuation of \$3 got put on but it was not far from the first cost of the dolls. Then with postage and the extras on shipping charges, the total came to just as close to \$5 as we could figure soles to dollars. In other words I still have a full and will use it for another set about the same, when we get to Lima next time.

We were in Huancayo for the first time, just before going to Lima in July. However though this is THE market of Peru, we were very much disappointed to find no dolls there except for some cheap and cheap looking papier maché ones. Mrs. Swingle had remember one of our neighbors had gotten some in Lima so we got these there. I think we will be able to get some more in November when we plan to return, unless in the meantime we are able to pick up something different over here in the Amazon basin country. So far tho we have seen no signs of any dolls over this way.

We are planning to come to Washington shortly after Christmas, and will surely see you then at Deltville. However, we are going "all around Robinhoods barn" on the way, so will send the dolls by parcel post at the time we buy them in Lima.

Please give my ragards to Mr. Morrison and my other friends around the office, inc Dr. WES. You might remind him I am still awaiting a letter from him with an article on Tristeza.

Sincerely yours,

Charles F. Scribner

Auburn Turkey
June 29, 1936

Dear Miss Blaine.-

Your good letter of May 26 came several days ago. I have not forgotten about the dolls and will be pleased to do everything possible in this connection. Unfortunately the Turkish children don't seem to know anything about them. The only dolls one sees are in the stores in such cities as Istanbul and Auburn. These are mostly from France and I believe are mainly used by the children of the foreign population. I will get a few of these before I leave here though I imagine you would prefer something typical of the country. I expect to pass through Beirut on my way back before returning to the U.S. and hope to have better opportunities there. Am glad to know that Dr. Baker was able to bring so many for your collection. I think you should get up courage to write Dr. Koehn as he should be able to pick up some interesting dolls in India and probably would be glad to do so.

The box sent in some seeds and bulbs, the latter mostly by French. I expect to continue to send to bulbs that are collected but will probably hold most of the seeds until we return next fall. It is quite a nuisance to send them through the open mail.

I would like to have seen the agaveas and
Crab-apples at Bell. Who is in charge there now?
Shall miss Gunning when we return to the U.S.

I hope that you will write me again
giving news from the Division. Such news are
always much appreciated when one is so far away.
On return will keep my eyes open for dolls.

Sincerely yours
H. L. Keaton