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Mr Thorwald Petersen
Dike
Iowa

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hello Papa
justa line from papas
and how is where we
two want to go next
time we come and how
are things, about to full
out of papas
love from
mama

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PARK AVENUE EDITION
#4

Jan. 3, 1947

VIA AIR MAIL

Miss Petersen and
Robinson Petersen



Mr. & Mrs. Howard Petersen

Box 5

Dike, Iowa

VIA AIR MAIL



Park Avenue Edition *** No. 4

January 2, 1947.

Deare — all of you. Peteren. Bentley & Robin

I'm behind schedule, but only because life is so exciting & I just couldn't stop to write. When I stopped I had to sleep! First let me tell you some of the very common things that exist here before I take them so much for granted I forget to write. Please do not think I mean to brag. I only want to tell a few things that people on this economic level take for granted as we do electricity and washing machines!

Upstairs are five bedrooms — one for each of us and each with a private bath — my room is much bigger than our living room at home! Pillows are covered with pink or blue satin where ours would be covered with ticking. I investigated the tag to see what was in those fairy pillows — it says white goose down — and the like of which there is no whither!!! There are bells with electric cords to our beds — to touch it once brings the butler to ask 'What is it Ma — dam?' Two bells — brings Marie or Tirez. There is an airconditioning unit in one window of every bedroom. It has three control buttons — for fan — for temperature & up or down shutters for direction of air flow!

The bed clothes are beautiful. — silk bedspreads all machine-made sheets & pillows cases in my room — as very fine percale embroidered in pink on the corner Nursery as are Robins too! For Mr. & Mrs. Clark

all the sheets & pillow cases are usually linen - sometimes white, sometimes peach coloured - embroidered - appliqued & handkerchief in the finest most intricate patterns as are one or two of your most beautiful handkerchiefs - believe me it is so! Comforters are satin-down filled.

By Mrs. Clark's bed are Two telephones - different numbers private - unlisted numbers which she gives only to those people whom she wants to know. There is telephone service to the servants part of the house -

There are six servants here all the time. When there is a party as there was last week for Miss Patey (age 16) or Rollin this week, a corps of extra ones come in to supplement.

Last week Patey had a party for some of her friends 40 guests ate at once in their dining room - I saw five extra waitresses serving with Bark, the latter supervising the whole ritual perfectly. Strangely enough in this society we do not have just one beau at this age - a girl brings two or three 12 girls were invited to the party the rest were boys! Isn't that interesting?

This party has undoubtedly cost hundreds of dollars the food, the extra help, the floral arrangements for tables and all over the house, the musicians to entertain the guests



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the "carr" - which are cadillacs driven by chauffeurs (not taxis - but touring de luxe) which came it eleven to take all the youngsters to the dance at the Metropolitan Club. - for which no doubt a fancy price was paid for admission - first there is an engraved invitation sent out by the Clarke - signed by Mr. & Mrs. John B. - and then the parents of the youngsters sign & I don't remember who else but all must be presented at the door. - & I tell you these children are properly cared for.

Mrs. Clark said to the musicians "don't leave when the youngsters do, we want you to play for us." And they did. Mr. & Mrs. Clark danced all over the living room to the music both of them dressed up as you can well imagine to within an inch of their lives!

Now I must stop and tell you how truly wonderful they are - and they are to me. Instead of letting me stay upstairs in bed when this dinner party goes on. They say, "Eat very sparingly with Robin tonight & after he's tucked in you go dress up & come down with us (This dinner was at 8³⁰ P.M.)" "Oh no," I said

that would be out of place for me to be there. Indeed it would not & you have to come! Will not eat in the dining room but will be served in the library. Put on your long dress (I had surprised them Christmas Eve by coming down in my long chasteen)

on - Eula. this is the bridesmaid dress from Helen's wedding) and they were so pleased. Mrs Clark dresses in a long dress ^{very} evening for dinner of course. So I had to do it. I tell you it was elegant. Never once have any of these people looked down their noses because I was not dressed as well as they.

Surely I have told you before that I always eat with them in all their finery noon & evening (breakfasts come up to bed on a tray) and not with the servants.

Now then for a moment about Robin's party - a man comes out from Universal films & shows a full length movie with sound - of Marlene Dietrich & Jimmy Stewart for entertainment. The party starts at 3 P.M. at 6 they have Turkey dinner - & favors - you never saw the like  - things like this we used to see at Black's for 15¢ were furnished in the dollar size for each child. not even a silly hat to wear - whistles, yo-yos - a toy airplane to put together. rubber ball & other trinkets. There was a beautiful half pound box of chocolate wrapped in gold paper at each plate also a wonderful Santa Claus that cup at each glass filled with pecans  this big. She is giving me some of the Santa Claus - in some day you will see.

No time for more! - were off again.

Love, Vera

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January 2, 1946

Dear folks and Vera,

First off, a Happy New Year to you from
the Bantams!

Today I had letters from both of you sent
by the other party! So everything stopped
short while we all read the envelopes and I
read the letters! We were so glad to hear about
how you spent Christmas.

First off I do want to thank you for the wonderful
Christmas presents! Ann opened the very first
package of anyone on Christmas Eve. The package
was the "Our Family" and what a delight to see
her opening it! She spied & felt the fur in the
opening of the box and exclaimed, "Kitty!" She
loves anything that's fur so this was the best
ever. When she had opened the box and taken
out the book she spent the rest of the evening
admiring it, hugging it and turning the
pages to see the pictures. It's by all odds the
best book in the world. We think it very lovely,
too. We opened only the presents Christmas Eve
which were from Uncle Grant's and Gordon's
after the book so that everyone would have
something.

So first day we opened the parcels from
away from town.

Ann is busy running around with the cart and blocks. She enjoys it very much. Fred was very pleased to receive the lovely socks and handkerchiefs as socks especially are very scarce articles here. And my stockings and handkerchiefs are grand too. I can always use both. Thanks for including the mended hose! We've put the Kleenex away for future use. We happen to be a box up just now, but one can't get it at present in the stores. The soap is lovely. We're going to save it for some special occasions when company is here. We can get as much toilet soap as we need here. It's the laundry soap that's scarce but we've managed to keep our shirts "kleen" so far!

The card about the "Two to Six" magazine arrived the day after Christmas. We're most pleased to look forward to having it, Vera. The Christmas and New Year cards are lovely. I'm going to keep them in my collection.

Your Swedish cards are lovely, Mother! Thanks so much. They also go in the collection. Titti sent me one and so did a friend from Milwaukee - all the Arne Stenberg designs!

Thanks, Thanks for everything. We surely were pleased to have such nice gifts. He had a wonderful Christmas. Perhaps one of the best parties it was that Fred got to get what he wanted most of all from Santa Claus - a new "Kodak 35" which takes color pictures. He came home the afternoon of Christmas Eve all excited. Someone had seen the cameras in a store downtown so he phoned right away to verify it and then rushed down to put in an order. He was as happy about it as I've ever seen him.

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He is going to use the camera for taking pictures for a new course he's going to teach next year. Dr. Wyatt told him that they'd see that Fred got the university discount as long as it was to be used in connection with class work. That will affect the price considerably for Fred. We're glad.

Apparently the Bonner account is still not settled, either. Marguerite received the copy of the book you sent her plus two more copies from the company. Apparently the company hadn't kept track of my letters, etc. It was a bit confusing, I admit. So Marguerite will probably send you two dollars for a copy of the book which one of the girls up at St. Paul wants to buy. I asked Marguerite to give another friend of mine the second copy. So I'm sending you the two dollars for that copy plus five dollars for Miss Borg's wedding present. If Marguerite doesn't send you the other two dollars soon let me know, please, and I'll see that you get the money. I laughed when I read Marguerite's letter telling about receiving three copies of the same book! She didn't know what to make of it all!

In the two letters and card of Vera's in an envelope for Eula and Floyd. We surely enjoyed reading about your experience at the Clark's. I think it's just wonderful to have gotten an insight into such a type of life. I say nothing of the salary and the \$50.00 in your sock!!! We're very glad for you. Thanks for the nice tag which was on Robin's package. It's nice in design, isn't it?

Well, now to go through and see if there are any questions to be answered.

Oh, about your fur. Mother! I was going to use the wool from Uncle Fred's scarf for a needlepoint bag for you but when I started the design in needlepoint the fur wasn't quite heavy enough. That's why I waited to use the yarn which I had woven the loom. Hence the reason it was so very late in reaching you.

Our capon from Aunt Bessie was spoiled when we got it. Fred went right down to the customs to get the package when we got the notice but it wasn't good when we opened it. I was so sorry because it looked like a beautiful bird. I surely hated to dump it into the garbage. But I think I'll tell Aunt Bessie about it anyway as she won't send another, much as I hate to say anything about it.

About fruit cakes - I've enough on hand for the next couple of months from the cakes I made for Christmas. By the time I get ready to make more I'll see how much I can collect. Sometimes we can get dried fruit and candied mixtures and other times not. Thanks but don't send it yet.

We are the most fortunate people! We have the use of a car for the winter! Isn't that grand? It's a 1941 Nash which belongs to Fred's French friend who came down from the Peace River to Edmonton for the winter.

← Use this piece, the quilt designing & book case in the middle of the letter, I didn't

Sunday p. m.

Well, I surely had hoped that this letter would have been finished and well on its way to you by this time, but here it is! Still at the Berrington!

Friday I have class most of the day and Saturday morning I have a lot until twelve so I didn't get my "homework" all done, including this letter!!

Thank you, mother for the card from the junkies I was hoping that I'd hear from them. Also the clipping about Dorothy Johnson's wedding.

We are glad you like the new and purse.

Ann is busy saying "Push!" and "Pull!" these days. She enjoys taking off her shoes and then "Push" into them again. It's "Pull" when we take off her snow suit.

And now I better sign off and write some thank you notes for our Christmas presents.

Sincerely,

Ann, Helen and Ted

P.S. Kells some more!

I carbon copied this letter so that you and the folks will both receive the news about the same time.

I gather from your letters somewhere that mother has told you about Bonniers. Now Bonniers - anytime before you board the train out of N.Y.C. maybe you are planning to go to Bonniers. If so would you buy me 3 rule Books? They are \$1.25 a piece, I think according to the catalogue. However, there may be different sizes.

If so, would you send us a nice large one and a middle sized one - or two that you think are nice together. Then will you pick out one for Vera S. P. to have too, please? That will take care of our Christmas dec. for we have for this year. Absolutely no hurry or deadline on this. If you see anything else in the way of interesting Swedish things that you think I could use either at home or for school, I'd appreciate your buying it. I'll pay for it as soon as you let me know.

I got a yard and a third of lovely Guatemalan woven material at the Bay Photo this day. I'm intending it to be used as a wall hanging some time. Just couldn't resist it!

Have you ever run across any Ruth Reeves black prints? I'd enjoy having one of them some time if they're not too costly - also an Elsa Gulberg (Swedish Textile Designer) textile if available. Doris Cox said that there was a small shop run by Rena Rosenthal right near Col. U. where unusual textiles could be found. She got her Ruth Reeves there. Have you by any chance heard or seen anything of this place? It's apparently fairly well known. I didn't get there when in N.Y.C. because I was out in that part of the city on Sunday. Now if you haven't time for any or all of these things just disregard them. I know you're busy and I surely don't want to ~~overdo~~ my errands in taking up your time.

Much love from us all three! We are just fine! Love, Helen

P.S. will send the letter to Elsa today, too. H.



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Thought you'd enjoy our
friends' engraved stationery
envelopes! Don't save or use
back, these are lovely people.



CONSULAT DE BELGIQUE
À EDMONTON
CANADA



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À EDMONTON
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MAURICE POLET
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Noel 46.

Thank you for your card, so original, and
one of the most artistic we have ever received.

To all Three of you :

A very Happy New Year.

From: Robina & Maurie Solch.



Table 1

Couple 2

This is one of our
score cards, and to
find our Xmas Swap
parcel, I cut out
the front of old
Xmas cards, $\frac{1}{2}$ of it
to be matched up with the one

7 7 0 pinned to the parcel.

1 1 4 0 I received a Baking dish with

2 2 0 of nice Holder inside —

5 2 0 I gave Box of fancy

1 1 5 0 soap (By the way give you

3 3 0 still short of soap, Anna.)

2 2 0 I had six candles on the
Dining room table, with lovely

4 3 5 0 Evergreen from Erharts

4 3 5 0 farm all around

3 3 8 0 +
the candles for a

Anna Center piece, (over)

on the Buffet, the blue mirror,
 and on it the 5 Angela of Vera's
 on it, the reflection, ^{was so pretty} at each side
 I had red candles in the silver
 sticks, - For lunch, sandwiches
 Swiss Torte, fruit salad with
 whipped cream, and a Pennsylvania
 cookie, I fixed a small corage for
 each tray of evergreen, in which I tied
 a nice red ribbon, ~~wrote~~ ^{wrote} sum. we are
 all going for Dinner at the Regent ~~coffee~~
 and to a show at the Regent afterward.
 This is instead of our usual big
 Christmas dinner in one of our
 homes, (Day 90th ococase)

0 L 6 Please forward this to
 0 2 5 Vera if you happen to
 0 5 H write to her
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Friendly Christmas Greetings



will you bring our best
wishes to your girls when
you write to them. I
haven't Helen's new address
nor Vera's.

We so often talk about
the pleasant hours we
spent in your home and
how Marie has gone to her
eternal home.
~ Gladden Jul.



With happy remembrance
and friendly thoughts
And the Season's
best wishes to you!

Andrew and Ellen J. J. J.





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PARK AVE EDITION
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Jan. 7, 1947

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Park Avenue Edition No. 5 * * * Jan. 7, 1947 * * *

Dear Folks, Bentley's, and Phis!

Today I have come back to Whittier. Patsy was off for Foxcroft in Virginia at 11 AM today, Robin off for Aiken, S.C. at two and I off for Columbia at three, Clarens at 5 and again 7³⁰ and alas, alack, no doubt I will have to get up and go to the cafeteria for my breakfast, not to mention making my bed after all these days!!

It is very late and I must get to bed - there is so much to do in the next few weeks to finish the series but the park avenue editions are not complete and in other letters I shall give you a chapter on parties - on trips to Old Marlbury - their country house - and entertainments we have gone to!

Last evening we had the most elegant dinner party - being our last night together Robin stayed up for dinner I had surprised them by having a book for each one then set all their plates for dinner. They were most pleased & delighted. Each read a teeny bit from his book & then over come as it were with gratitude, began to compose

poems to Vera. One after another would trouble the
Sturben goblets with the Tiffany silver. Say, "Oh, Vera, dear!"
bow low and give a new rhyme in my honor. As the
poems became longer Bart was asked to bring pencil & paper
for each one of them — and they all composed new ones!
Mrs. Clark worked so long I turned to him and said,
"Are you on the second canto by now?" to which he smiled
and ~~rose~~ with all the dignity in the world and recited
his latest! After dinner we went to the library where
now was read from all the books!

Today after the children were off Mrs. Clark
handed me a sealed envelope with my check. I thanked
her & started to open it — thinking she would like to see how
pleased I was. "Oh no, don't open that until you get home
Vera," — So I didn't. I saved it till after
my first class then opened it. It was for \$250⁰⁰
and as you can well guess I cried. Of course
when I got home I telephoned them!

Well now even though this is a short letter
I thought it better to write a little ^{rather} than keep you
waiting for a long one. Love from
Vera

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January 8, 1948

Dear Vera,

We have just this minute
completed hanging four
pictures in the Ann's room.
The pictures are four of the
cards you sent when wee
Ann was very small - the
ones with the little boy
playing his accordion,
girl knitting socks, girl
with flowers and boy with
garland. I found some
very nice frames which
were exactly right in size.
The four all had a very
sedimental poem with



the title, "Sweetheart". Fred was overwhelmed when he saw, not one, but four sweetheart notes from me! They are all tucked safely behind the pictures now. One of the pictures had a note on it saying that our Aunt Vera had received all A's at Columbia last summer. We left that on the back of the picture so that it will be well preserved along with the pictures! We're very proud of our Auntie Vera, really.

Your note of Jan. 6, arrived in the morning mail. We're so ticked about your offer from the Clarks for next summer! We think it's just wonderful for you. Can't think of any more interesting and profitable way to spend a vacation. More power to you!

I'm especially busy these days with two class preparations instead of one. Monday's flower arr. lab. didn't work out as expected. The flowers from the com. florist didn't show up. All I had were some few blossoms from the U. Greenhouse. So I demonstrated rather than having the girls do arrangements. Tomorrow I am promised so called lily blossoms from the U. greenhouse. I've never worked with such costly posies. But the greenhouse man said they wanted to get ~~all~~ of these particular blossoms and I could have them if I'd like. Well, I'm most pleased.

So you Ann is busy writing to you in pencil here. You will have a two in one letter in places.

Mrs. Schwanke, who stays with Ann, has just brought in some fresh homemade raisin buns. They are elegant! She's so good to us all! We are very fortunate people.

"Has 'Our Family' is still top with you!"

We are having guests in Saturday evening for coffee, so I'm about to grind some almonds for cookies for the occasion. Not having gumdrops to cut & put on top of each cookie I'm going to use colored dots instead and think they'll probably be O.K. too.

Saw a few - very few - plates of Russel Wright ware in a store here yesterday. The pieces must all have been seconds and there were imperfections in the glaze on all of them. However, I think the fact that those few pieces were in here must indicate that it won't be too long before I probably will hear about those you ordered for me from junkies. Hurray!
Much love from us all! ^{and} ~~the~~ ^{the} ~~the~~

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Miss Patsy
Party



PARK AVE EDITION
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January 12, 1947

VIA AIR MAIL

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Park Avenue Edition No. 6 * * * January 12, 1947 * * *

Dear Falbo, Bentley's, and Robie,

There were 40 at Patry's party - not evenly gained off as we might expect but each girl with two or three beans. There were thirteen girls - the rest boys! After eight they came in dinner gowns and tuxedos - 16 & 17 yr olds. They were met at the door by the Butler and a maid who took their wraps & then they went on to the living room where they shook hands with Mrs. Clark & Patry dressed their swankiest and long white gloves up to the elbows.

The musicians - playing piano accordion and guitar arrived in costume & entertained the youngsters. At nine dinner was served to all 40 at once in the dining room. There were set up five round tables each accommodating 8. Besides all the fine silver, crystal, and china - were elegant flower arrangements - alike for each table - and more arrangements for the living room & card room.

We ate (Mr. & Mrs. C. & I) in the library - (by the way I saw fine extra servants that evening! Mrs. Clark had asked me to wear my long dress and come too. "Oh no," I said that's Patry's party & I don't fit in at all." Oh yes you do - yours part of our family & you eat with us. Of course the youngsters will have more fun by themselves so will be served in the library.* We were and Mrs. Clark had the table first so I would sit at an angle to see the most!

after the meal — and there was everything from soup to nuts
I can assure you — the guests went to the living room to sit &
sing awhile again. Then about eleven the "cars" (cheapened
Cadillacs) arrived to take the youngsters to the dance — for
which each had a printed invitation properly signed by
Mr. & Mrs. John B. Clark & the parents of each child. They went
on to the dance & Patsey arrived home about 3 AM — all the time
these cars are waiting like nursemaids!

After the guests had gone Mrs. Clark asked the
musicians to stay and play for us — which they did — first
dance music to which Mr. & Mrs. Clark danced all over
their elegant living room carpet. Later Mrs. Clark got to
playing the piano & they with her.

All in all it was quite a party. I'm sure it cost
several hundred dollars.

Isn't it amazing how never once did these
people look down their noses at me or make any
remarks that I was not as good as or as well dressed
as they. Always I was included in everything.

Regardless of who was invited in to dinner. I was always
asked to come eat with them!

Love from Vera

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Mr. & Mrs. Thorwald Petersen
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Park Avenue Edition No. 9

February 16, 1947 * * *

Dear Folks, Bentley's and Roker!

Here now is a long overdue letter. It's very late - or actually early in the morning, but I must get you a little up to date!

We went to entertainments together - Radio City Christmas Pageant, Joan of Sarraine, with Ingrid Bergman, Henry the Fifth, Song of the South, The Planeterians etc.

Now to go to Radio City Music Hall we usually pay the admission of \$1.25 or it may be \$1.50 this year which includes the current movie + organ music, + symphony, + stage show by the Rockettes, + during Christmas the Christmas pageant. Thousands, + I do mean thousands, of people stand in line from several balconies all way down the stairs 2 to 4 deep - way down to the main floor out the door + around the block (yes in the cold) 4 deep waiting to get in.

The Clarks do not — they call a special ticket office pay 2⁴⁰ a seat plus 2⁰⁰ for the service of getting the ticket so for 4⁴⁰ per — we go to the movie! Imagine — no

waiting in line there - but taken directly to the reserved seat on the first balcony!

1. Jon of Lorraine we sat in the third row orchestra - which means main floor - & common people in N.Y. always sit in the balconies 1st, 2nd, 3rd or if at the Metropolitan possibly 5th ^{the balcony} Why I could see her (I.B.s) eye-lashes. It was super!

Nearly the 11th is an English movie, very wonderful to which one buys tickets for special seats long in advance just like for going to a play. The Clarks however by joining their special agency get tickets whenever they wish.

When any of you come to New York a trip to the Hayden Planetarium by the Museum of Natural History is a must. It is simply wonderful in about $\frac{1}{2}$ hr we see the sunset of ~~any~~ one day & whole night through & sunrise for the same time of year it actually is - as of N.Y.C. Simply fascinating.

Now then about the country house! It's out at old Westbury on Long Island. We were there for New Year Eve & stayed over night and also the following Sunday. This house is new to the Clarks. They brought it



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this fall and neither of the children had seen it before so we were all delighted by "the new house". It is simply splendiferous - has about six acres - their own swimming pool - the house for the gardener & his family is being built. There are accommodation for six servants to live there ^{in the house} I don't know why my descriptions of a place should run to how many baths there are but that at least seems rather factual! There are 9 full baths that I saw & two half baths that is without tubs! Every closet is lined with cedar - imagine! a light switches on immediately when any closet door is opened - like the light in the electric ice boxes - fine eh what & neat!! or as Carl would say "sharp" - "really sharp!"

Rabbi's room is on the third floor - a living room, bath & tremendous bedroom - which Mrs. Clark decided on the New Year's Eve trip could just as well be partitioned off for the time being so Vera could have a room there & please would I come for the summer? Of course I was flattered at being asked, but put off any answer believing as always it is best "to sleep on it."

Nelson read Carl's letter & Enlai's who will reply & who will read it to me

well believe me my dear friends & relations —
the next Sunday when we got out there the studdings
were already up between Robins Room & mine! and
still no promise on my part!

Well before we went to the country Mrs. Clark
had asked me would I be afraid to stay alone with
Robin New Year's Eve while they went to a party for 3 or 4 hrs?
(you see there was no place for the gardener & his family so
he still drove over to their other place where he had a house
and the servants from the country place drove to their
own homes near there & came only during the day to work
settling & moving things into the new house) Of course
I wasn't afraid so they reluctantly left us. We
slept in the same room - their beds - so Robin wouldn't
come in the new house - (down in Rosalie's room on second floor)
Mr. Clark called the police to notify them we were there.
These wealthy people ^{out in Old Westbury} have their own police force which
makes a trip around through their property every hour.
And seeing the light which would be unusual for
this house now, they informed the police we were there



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so they wouldn't come in & scare the day lights out of Robin and me! Isn't it nice to know that whether we are awake or asleep that they have their policemen keeping watch?

Before I left from the Christmas line at Clark's they asked me to promise to come live with them this summer. I said, "well now that's way too early to talk about that. Robin will go back to Arden & he will forget all about me. He just likes me now because I'm here. A new broom always sweeps well. Why by summer he would be just as pleased to have Mansell or Miss Mills (his other governesses)." "Oh he wouldn't," said Mr. Clark, "and what's more if he doesn't want you for his governess, John & I do! So you've got to come!"

When I was at their place the other week for dinner she asked me again. And I had rather made up my mind so I said yes — to \$10 a day (and listen everybody that ain't hay — I don't know

where else I could make that — surely not teaching school — but that I don't intend to go on to teach — but for the summer you see — and all board, room, transportation + entertainment thrown in!!! So I said, "with the exception of one week which I would have to spend in Iowa I'd come for the summer. That is perfectly agreeable with them + I can have time off for the trip whenever I want it. (When do you want me Mamma + Daddy? anytime special?)

Of course the next proposal is that I come + live with them for the next school year + Robin will go to a N.Y.C. private school + I will take care of him on Saturdays + Sundays \$20 a week + can have the rest of the week to take classes at Columbia. Which certainly appeals to me because there is so much more I want to take — but no answer on that yet — as I said that depends entirely on what kind of job the placement bureau can get for me. If it's the right one I'll take it — if not well see. — in the meantime for the summer — yes.

Love from Vera

P.S. Ella wrote she was so glad to hear about their bedding + linen etc. Any of your write your questions of what you want to know about that I may not have thought to write about. It all seems fun to me!

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VIA AIR MAIL

How Vera got on
Back Stage

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March 16, 1947

New York City, N.Y.
March 16, 1947

Dear Folks,

I got the letter from the Registrar yesterday. Thanks so much.

Yes the letter you sent back was from Miss Smith - I had both their names at the end as they always sign both unless each of them write in the same letter - but I could recognize the penmanship - so it's O.K. anyhow. It said Amy & May S.

Here's the two letters from Mrs. Donahue in Des Moines - The first one is first. You can read them & then throw them away.

Poor little "Smoo" must still be in bad shape.

I just thought you would be interested.

Start here I've been going down on E 67th Street to a children's school of drama about once a week for some time now. I will see what I can see & write it up for a third print for my Language Art class. End

It is a private school where they take exceptional children who can act and dramatize well. They pay \$150 tuition a year for 2 hrs on Fridays & Sundays — and work all year on one production to be given. The play will be given about six times for the public the last of April. It is really very elegant.

Last time Miss Cuit asked me if I'd like to help. So beginning as of today — I'm to "take my coat off" and watch that the children make the right entrances on these different levels of the stage from the right hand side.

Like all big performances — several people will be trained to do this — there are always understudies for every part — so if anything happens to one, someone else is ready to take over.

I certainly am lucky to be asked to get in that much closer on what is going on.
m. End
==

Who is invited for your birthday?
The third graders anyhow I expect.

I guess I haven't been any where
especially interesting to write about - I've
been busy reading assignment. I have
a big test on Saturday in Mental Hygiene.

Do you think you could spare a
couple hundred dollars before the end of
the school year? If so Daddy could just
write out his own check & I'll give it to
the University Bursar & they can have it
cleared & then put on my account. I've got
just \$30 left now - but I do think I'll have
to buy a new summer coat. That old
washed & worn & redyed red one is pretty
bummy looking to go to the Clarks - or for
another teaching job - & I'll have some insurance
to pay in May about ~~\$50~~ \$65 and I suppose
they will sock us some more for graduation.
I've already paid \$20 to apply for an MA degree
so no doubt there will be other cover
charges before we get through.

It was too bad we couldn't get a hold
of Mrs. Lamen.

Well is long for now.
Love from
Anna

New York City

March 23, 1947

Dear Folks,

Guess what I got another angel
food cake from the Heavens — so I
wondered whose birthday it was — looked
in my book and find it is Paul's this
week. Isn't that rich, they send
me a cake when it is ^{of} their birthdays!

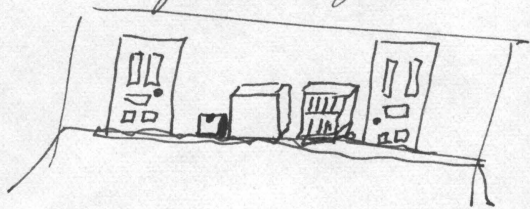
I got some pictures of Thee Ann —
I suppose you did too. Weren't they
sweet of her putting on her sock,
then her shoes? She's getting bigger
isn't she? I still wish she had little
braids. I think she'd look so cut

with a couple of ribbons dangling at each side, don't you — but maybe it isn't ~~too~~ long enough to stay yet.

Thank you for cleaning the wall paper in my room. Yes some day will have to get some new. You said you changed everything back — I know you won't let the chair get faded but will you be sure you haven't got the record cabinet near the register. The heat will warp & spoil the records so they won't play any good. — I guess you forgot but that was why I got Helen to help me change the room that Sunday before I left so you wouldn't have to worry about any of my things — the chair was away from the light and the records

and radio away from the heat. But now
if you have the radio + record cabinet once
against the wall by the register just see
that the records are farthest from the heat
and the radio

just past
the register



like in this beautiful blue print I have
just made!! — but I'm afraid there
isn't that much room against the wall.

How is the Seattle trip coming?

Are you going to get the new car in time?
What kind are you going to get? Do they
show any of the Kaiser-Frazer cars out there
like they do here?

Be good now so the Easter Bunny
will lay you lots of eggs! Love from
Vera

P.S. — I started to use these
stamps then I saw they
were no good — why
it doesn't say a thing
on the book cover !!!

March 23, 1947

Vera
Box 164
1230 Amsterdam Ave.
New York 27 N.Y.



Mr. + Mrs. Thorwald Petersen

Box 5

Dike, Iowa

Doog
with Easter Eggs
and Gardenia

April 7, 1947



Thinking of you

yes. I am thinking of you -
both of you and thinking
how sweet it was of you to
send me all these pretty
cards.

I went to church with
Frances Overholt the pretty
little crippled teacher from Park
Avenue School then we ate
out down town - saw lots of

Easter parading - hats the like of
which there was no whicher
even dogs, fancy dogs on leashes
with hats on ^{and} even gardenia
coroages!

In the afternoon to the
Symphony with Mrs. McHugh
and her friend Harriett - out
to eat and then to Harriett's lovely
apartment.

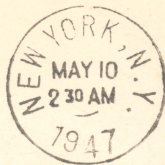
I got your letter so went back to
the Registrar and had them look
for the transcripts and they found them! what do
you wear?
So don't worry. It's O.K. Thank you anyway.

I'm very busy with school
work but maybe Sunday I
can write a longer letter + tell
you what Easter was like here. You
have no idea!

We were to the telephone home
broadcast last week + saw
front of Marian ^{5 L 100} BROWNIE. Sh. sang!
Loki Vera

The stockings were a big surprise.

Sera D. Petersen
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1230 Amsterdam Ave.
New York 27, N.Y.



Mr. & Mrs. Thorwald Petersen
Box 5
Dike, Iowa
Dike, Iowa

The gift
on Mother's
Day

May 10, 1947

King Coit
letter

New York City

May 1947

Dear Folks,

I hope you have by now the two Mother's Day Boxes which I sent. Now here is your Sunday morning letter. (And by the way - put your flowers on - even to wear around the house! Gardenias won't keep unless they are under cover away from air - air withers them quicker than being without water!) - so enjoy it - don't keep it under cover!

Now I suppose even though children are busy thinking about mothers on Mother's Day - I suppose the Mothers think about their children. And if you are - perhaps the best I could do would be to copy you ~~these~~ letter that came to me this morning. This is not for anybody else - just you two.

King Coit Association, Inc.
206 East Sixty Seventh Street
New York 21, N.Y.

May 8

Dear Miss Peterson,

This small cheque is very inadequate

payment for the help you gave me — I am
deeply grateful for all that you did and ad-
mire your gift with children as well as
your clear-headed executive ability which was
of such great value to me. To have a person
with me during those performances who can
be counted on to save me from any errors of
my own is really important — not everyone
can keep track of the routine and keep the
children relaxed and get quiet and I think
we worked very well together. Some excellent
people I have had in the past distressed me
because they did not have enough elasticity
to break their own rules with certain children
— like Gregor for instance — or Sandy Cortesi —
who really cannot sit still for an hour. You
have enough give and take to be able to ease
up when advisable but never lose control of
the whole situation. All this you understand.

I hope you will have a splendid summer
— do let me hear from you next fall.

Very sincerely yours,
Dorothy Coit.

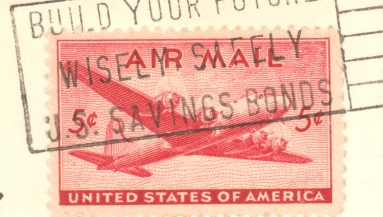
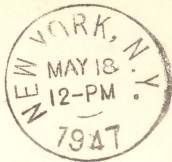
(The surprise was a check for \$50!)

Well now have a nice day — and
remember I'll be thinking of you!

I've got to work awfully hard the
next few weeks to get done so I can't
write much for a couple of weeks.

Lots of love from
Vera

Ira
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New York 27. N.Y.



Mr. & Mrs. Thorwald Petersen
Box 5
Dike, Iowa

About the
Girl from
India

May 18, 1947



Dear Folks,

I have just finished
the Mi Choice box of cookies!
The cup cakes I took up to
Virginia's room - a girl from
Spokane & called Alma in -
from Kentucky & then came
me of their friends Sophia



a beautiful girl from India
She wears Indian costumes always.
The sari that night was 5 yds
of fine silk (something like China
silk that had a batik design.

You know little spots made with
with bees wax while the rest was
dyed red - and then the border tidged.

They all said "Thank your mother
for us for sending the good cake!"
and Sylvia said, "be sure and
tell her an Indian ate some of it."
She certainly is beautiful - not

course featured like our American
Indians.

Then I saved you pretty
box of penmanship cookies &
gave them to Mrs. Turner. She
took me to a symphony concert
yesterday afternoon - and she
was so pleased with the present.
She appreciated every detail -
how carefully the cookies were
decorated - how the box was wrapped
and tied with the pretty ribbon -
and of course how good the cookies

were! She didn't miss a thing.
And of course she said she would
have to write Hiram about this!

Now I've just got the apple
sauce cake left!

Have you got my ration book?
I better give it to Mrs. Clark
for the summer. I'll be going
down there Monday the 26th - will
stay in town that week so the address
will be ~~at~~ c/o Mrs. John Clark
apt. 10c

1020 Park Avenue
New York 28, N.Y.

I don't know the country address
exactly. I'll write it later.

FOR REMEMBRANCE



Vera D. Petersen
c/o Mrs. John B. Clark
Old Westbury
Long Island
New York



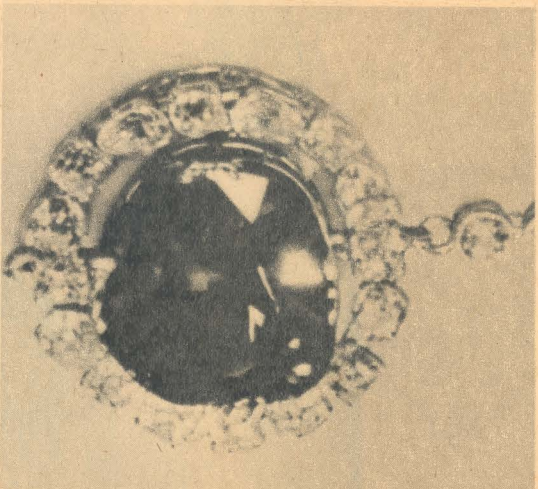
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Mr. Thorwald Petersen
Box 5
Dike, Iowa

The Hope Diamond

June 13, 1947

The Hope Diamond



—a legacy of doom



Mrs. Harry Winston presents fabulous Hope diamond to Smithsonian Institution official.

For 300 years, tragedy has plagued this exquisite gem; now that it's a national treasure, has its sinister heritage ended?

by Jack Pitman

AS AMERICANS, each of us has fallen heir to a multimillion-dollar diamond—or, if you're the gloomy kind, fallen heir to a centuries-old curse.

The Hope diamond, which has a past as breath-taking as its beauty and monetary value, recently passed into possession of the nation through a chain of events strangely prosaic for such a storied stone.

Wrapped in butcher's paper, the 44½-carat oval jewel was taken via the New York subway to a general post office by a shipping clerk employed by Harry Winston, internationally known gem deal-

er. The four-pound package—one-quarter pound of it priceless jewel—was insured for \$1 million.

The following day, an unimpressed postman delivered the registered packet to Dr. Leonard Carmichael, secretary of the Federally operated Smithsonian Institution in Washington, D. C. A brief speech was made, some hands were shaken, and the latest and dullest chapter of a fiction-like history closed.

But the romance and adventure linked with the Hope diamond are as impossible to becloud as its shimmering lights and

colors, and visitors to the Smithsonian's hall of gems and minerals, where the jewel will be displayed, are not likely to forget its sinister past.

Most experts believe the gem was brought to the Western world in 1642 by a French adventurer, Jean Tavernier. He claimed he had stolen it from the brow of a Hindu idol in India despite a native belief that possessing the stone brought doom to its owner. On a subsequent journey, Tavernier was ripped to death by mad dogs on the Russian steppes.

In 1668, the diamond came into the possession of France's "Sun King," Louis XIV, who soon contracted an incurable disease and finished his glorious reign in humiliating defeat. His heirs, Louis XVI and Marie Antoinette, wore the diamond as part of the crown jewels before losing their heads to the guillotine.

The Bourbons called the gem the "French Blue" and cut it from its original 112½ carats to 67½. In the turmoil of the French Revolution, the diamond was stolen from the Royal Treasury, to reappear about 50 years later in London, weighing its present 44½ carats. An English banker, Sir Henry Thomas Hope, purchased the jewel for a reputed \$500,000 and gave it a new name.

Within two generations, the vast Hope fortune was wiped out and the stone eventually passed to a Turkish sultan,

Abdul Hamid, for his harem favorite, Subaya. The exotic beauty soon displeased her master, and he murdered her. Later his throne was toppled by revolutionaries.

The late Edward B. McLean, owner of a Washington newspaper, purchased the Hope diamond for his wife, one of the capital's foremost hostesses with a penchant for weighing herself down with jewels.

Mrs. McLean scoffed at the legend of doom, yet had the stone blessed by a priest "just in case." She never let her beloved grandchildren touch the gem. Still she could not avert tragedy. Her husband died in a mental institution after becoming involved in the Teapot Dome scandal. Her daughter died in 1946 from an overdose of sleeping tablets. Her oldest son was killed in an auto accident.

Upon Mrs. McLean's death, the stone was purchased by Harry Winston. Its uses changed, and so did its history. No longer a symbol of personal aggrandizement, the Hope diamond went on tour for charitable purposes. In nine years, it traveled some 400,000 miles and raised millions of dollars.

Although he had scores of offers for the diamond, Winston presented it to the nation as a gift to help the Smithsonian build an unrivaled collection of gems.

Romantics say nobody needs fear the curse any more. The fabled jewel has been returned to a place where its beauty can be admired by everybody.

From Waterloo Courier 1959

Old Westbury
June 13, 1947

Dear Daddy,

Now it's your turn to have a little "telephone" money! I hope you have a good father's day.

How would the first week in August suit you to have me come home? I think Robin is going to visit a little boy in Newport then and it would be easy for me to leave then.

A little boy who has been visiting

here this week is one of Robin's classmates
from Aiken, S.C. The little boy's stepfather
is the present owner of the Hope diamond.

Do you remember the whole page there
was one Sunday in the magazine section
about this diamond. It is the largest cut
diamond in the world. — and though each
owner thought it was just superstition,
& couldn't happen to him (or her) some
great tragedy has befallen every one
who has ever owned it — so far. Believe
me I kept my eye on that little
fellow when we ^{went} out to play — yesterday
he went safely home.

you should see the rhododendrons
in blossom all over here. They are
beautiful bunches of flowers on big shrubs
white, pink, purple, rose etc. you'd never
guess how pretty. — and larch — I never
saw it before it is beautiful.

you should see the wrought iron
fence that has just been made to
put across the front terrace to
protect us from the great drop down to the
next level where the swimming pool is
you could have made it for it looks
exactly like your work daddy. 

It was fun to see the old
fellow put it in. He was so proud of
it & rightly so. Mrs. Clark said we would

go over to Mr. Powell's shop + see him
work + some of his other funny gates etc.

You ought to hear the funny
names of the little villages around here.

Oyster Bay

Picksville

Glen Cove

Locust Valley

Siossat

Wheatley Hills

Garden City

Greenvale etc.

Great Neck

Little Neck

Adarhurst

Steamboat Road

Hampsted

Minneola

Helen + Ted sent me some money
for graduation so I took my Valentine
money + made a trip in to Georg Jereus
and bought a silver pin.

Love from

Vera

CONGRATULATIONS



June 21, 1947

Just thought I'd stir a little cake and say
congratulations on your wedding day
give a present all for you.

You'll never guess so I won't ask you to!
It's a hundred dollars stored away

From way last year for this very day.
It was money I saved while teaching school
Ten dollars a month - that was the rule.

I saved it all up just for you,
And this is what you are supposed to do.

Go upstairs to my room and see
If in the closet a box there be.

In this box with my "bonds and stocks".
(There are no keys - or even locks)

Just receipts of bills that are paid
and there in the folder of Banking is laid
a little book for you to see

One hundred dollars in an account by me.

Take it down, it's all for you
When I come home I'll
withdraw it too.

It's to help buy your car
all shiny and new —

For never must there
be heard an old Ford's rattle.
On that wonderful trip to
the town of Seattle!

Love from
Vera

June 21, 1947

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Vera D. Peterman
c/o Mrs. John B. Clark
Old Westbury, L.I.
New York



VIA AIR MAIL

Mr. & Mrs. Harward Peterman
Box 5
Dihe, Iowa

Aug. 22, 1947

August 22, 1947

Dear Folks,

Here is that letter of Helen's you sent on to me. You didn't open it to read the news, and I've been meaning to send it back, so here it is. You need not return it.

Why, yes, you can have my old orange pajamas if you want them, but try them out a night at home now and see if you like that tight rubber around the middle. Whenever you are through with them give them to Helen for wearing — the collar is certainly fast and I think she will like it.

Now you can wear nightgowns on

a train as well as at home. The conductors
have never had night clothes inspection
any time we slept on a train — but you never
can tell!!

Did you have a good birthday
Daddy? Did Aunt Bessie come for it?
We celebrated it here too — had company
for supper — Robin's headmaster and family
from Aiken school were here. I finished
my pink dress + wore it that night.
So you see there was a celebration in N. Y.
as well as Iowa!

Well, I better sign off for now
as we got to get that station wagon
moving over towards Captain Gaylord's
to get Robin. There's a cow with a new
calf in a pasture across from the Old Westbury
P.O. that Robin wants to see. so I can be
making this. Love from Ma

P.S. Have you got your watch yet, Ma? I should. Shall I get Aunt Jenny some earrings here for you??

was busy with tests etc. This week we registered
& next week classes start again.

Did the last issue of Fortune magazine
you got have all that material on radios
in it? If so be sure & keep that ^{don't send it} - you
might even put it up in my closet. If the
last one didn't have it in then don't worry
about it - it must have been the next copy
which we didn't get. anyhow keep & don't
give it paper drives any Fortune magazine.

yes St Patrick's is the biggest Catholic
Cathedral here in N. Y. C. - I've been there.

This afternoon I went with Mrs. McKHugh
to the N.B.C. Symphony Broadcast. She had
managed to get the tickets "from somebody
who knew somebody" - and that's the way
New York works - (you see they can't be
bought - they are not for sale) I had
written before Christmas & got an answer

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there were none available for ^{this} year -
imagine!! Well it thrilled me nearly
out of my socks. You have no idea how
nice this gal McHugh is to me! Well
there are more Park Avenue editions to
come - but I've got to have more time &
just I'll call this good for tonight.

Lots of love from
Dora

TEACHERS COLLEGE
COLUMBIA UNIVERSITY
NEW YORK 27, N. Y.

OFFICE OF
FIELD RELATIONS AND PLACEMENT

September 30, 1947

My dear Miss Petersen:

As we have not heard from you for some time, we are hopeful that you have found a satisfactory position for this fall. If this is the case, will you be good enough to fill out and return the enclosed cards for our records?

If you do happen to be available, however, we shall appreciate your letting us know as soon as possible in the event that we may have some last-minute calls for which we can recommend you.

Sincerely yours,

Frances E. Vernon

Frances E. Vernon
Executive Assistant

c
Miss Vera Petersen
c/o Mrs. John Clark
Old Westbury
Long Island, N.Y.

*Let them know where you live
get this the other day*

Sunday Morning, 1947

No dishes from Les Maines
yet, so if they come will let
them set everything is going
fine, got the dishes all
cleared up and put away
not like Mama have them
stand for a week - well did
have a swell time in Seattle
but I sure are busy here
in the shop with playboys -
took my dinner at Hotel Barbours
and the smiles so nice -
invited out to Bessie for
dinner today - Fink Maman
is up with Helen by now
Sofus Hennauers was up there and
got a picture of Helen & the kids
in color for his machine, well
write again Love from Paddy

Seattle, Wash.
Sept. 30 - 47

Dear Dad, Chickens and The Ford.

Your good letter came yesterday,
and as I am out at Signa's house this
week I had Ellen open the letter and
she read it to me over the Phone
both she, Hansen and myself had
several good laughs while she read it.
I'm so glad you arrived home o.k.
and found everything alright,

I wonder if you saw Ruth Dall
or not. This is the 1st week that I
begin to feel myself again. Signa
tells me it always takes a while for
getting over the change of climate,
well that accounts for me not caring
to run around the 1st week here -

Freda Petersen insisted on taking me
sight seeing on Thursday after you left.

So at 1:50 she picked up Ellen, Signa Jenny
and myself, and I presume you covered the
same territory with Hansen -

anyway next monday will go down ²
to get the Sleeper ticket ordered as it
takes from all of 36 hours or more to get to
Edmonton from Seattle.

The weather is fine out here, no rain yet,
and they tell me I'm lucky to have such
nice sunshine while I've been here,
Signa put cotton blankets on my bed
and got the Electric Pad for me to use for
my back which still hurts when I
touch something hard.

I can't remember if you wrote any questions
in your letter, But the Papers were along for
me to use at the Border, which Ellen + I
are glad you sent to Seattle, as she says
some times they let you off easy, but some-
times they can be strict too,

So thanks for it -

I'd like for you to forward this letter to
Vera, then I won't write to her now.

I must write to Nan + Beulah
before we set out for Des Moines -

Tell Rita and Ann I have received the
Box with the dresses - Please do it right away
or even let her read this -

and her closest friend and neighbor Mrs. Grete Nielsen had told her to bring us over to her house for coffee - This Mrs. Nielsen was the shortest one of those three Ladies that performed on the stage with Freda -

Thier Daughter attended Grand View College 2 yrs - and now she was just married 3 weeks ago, so her mother had some wedding cake + cookies we must taste, But Goodness she baked several other cakes besides, well, after this feed we came home to Signa's house, and I've been here since, I loafed Fri- and Sat, most of the time as I was so tired -

Sun. we went to the Danish Church, and in the afternoon out to visit Mr- Mrs Wilbur Hostrup, you know she's had a bad Stroke, and altho she's better, He has to take care of her, and he wheels her around in a wheel chair, He does all the cooking, and he set a pretty coffee table and made very good coffee too. He had just had an operation, had an Inward Boitre removed. So they have thier troubles.

Then Monday Eve. Jenny had tickets for we 4 ladies to a Banquet at a Down town Hotel -

It was a Poetry Club of Seattle. Celebrating thier 25th anniversary - and it was very nice, we all wore long dresses, I could fit one of Signa's, a black one, so we strutted off in a Taxe for this affair, It was held ~~in~~ in "The mirror Room" mirrors here and there, They had Roll call of all 24 "Past Presidents" and they answered with a Poem, and others were called on, But to give just very brief Poems, There were several men belonging to this club and some gave some very humorous ones, you really would have like this Party, The Food was simular to that at the Olimpic but not so high in price of the tickets, Today must write letters and tomorrow to a coffee Party, Thurs. to Danish Ladies Aid, Fine afternoon to a Danish Coffee Party. Tonight Sigfred and Alma comes to take Jenny + I who are invited out to "Seashore" or Des Moines for supper at Minnie and Mrs. Sue Rasmussen, I didn't want all this fuss, but I can't get out of it.

Oh oh! I forgot one more thing about the Poetry Clubs intertainment, is seems

a Seattle Ladies had just returned from a years Study at Columbia, and first she told about the City, and it reminded me of several places where Vera also had been, she took up some kind of work for magazine writing I guess, she was very interesting tho.

Sunday Ellen and Hansen + myself go out to Chris and Dagmar -

Then I'll stay with Ellen a few days and then off for Canada, she called the Steamship Co. and I'll leave at 8 in the morning by Boat for Vancouver, and I'll have an hour wait then, and according to Ellen reading my ticket to them I must go to Edmonton first since the Canadian National R.R. does not go from Vancouver direct to Calgary, only the C.P.R. - well anyway I'll be just as glad to go to Edmonton 1st, since Ellen + Signa got some lovely Toys which I am to bring up to Helens children, They felt they never got a wedding Present for her - and now they wanted to do it. I talked them out of that, But by jinks when they got some small things for the kids instead -

I'm slow and haven't sent any cards yet.
It seems I haven't felt worth a post, but like
Signa + Ellen say that we are just getting
acquainted for the 1st time -
we chat, and let Jenny take all the
cat naps she wants -

Signa sends regards to you saying
she wished you could have stayed long
enough to get acquainted with them -

She was so disappointed the day you left
as she had that Parcel of lunch put up
for you, and the gift from Jenny.

They were dressed in their Sunday best,
and Chris Hansen was also so disappointed
you had gone thru the Gate before he
came back from parking his car.

Well, keep the Home fires burning
and I'll do my best to get home now, at
or near that time - and sooner if I can -

Lots of Love from
Everyone out here.
Yours Lyncen

P. S. you should have been with us last mon-
eve. Signa's Daughter was installed as
a Standard Bearer in the Rainbow Girls
Club. They all wore long dresses, and
little Mussen in all white carried a flag
made up of the colors of the Rainbow.

It was very pretty, but the installation is the
same as any other order. (Program inclosed)

M. E. Eberwein
Dike Iowa



Vera Eberwein
1230 Amsterdam Ave.
New York 27 N.Y.

Box 169

Queen Anne Assembly No. 24

Order of Rainbow for Girls



WELCOMES YOU TO ITS

INSTALLATION OF OFFICERS

Friday, September 26, 1947

8:30 P. M.



QUEEN ANNE MASONIC TEMPLE

1608 Fourth Avenue West

SEATTLE, WASHINGTON



INSTALLING OFFICERS

<i>Installing Worthby Advisor</i>	MIRIAM BRIGHT
<i>Installing Officer</i>	ALICE OSTREM
<i>Assistant Installing Officer</i>	DALE GRAVES
<i>Installing Marshal</i>	MARY LOU FRIDEN
<i>Installing Chaplain</i>	NORMA GORING
<i>Installing Recorder</i>	BETTE RAE IRONS
<i>Installing Soloist</i>	WILMA GROBE
<i>Installing Musician</i>	MRS. EVELYN WEED
<i>Mother Advisor</i>	MRS. OLIVE LEE

ELECTED OFFICERS

<i>Worthy Advisor</i>	CHARLOTTE NEWTON
<i>Worthy Associate Advisor</i>	MARJORIE LANDWEER
<i>Charity</i>	ANNE ADSKIM
<i>Hope</i>	GLORIA GRAHAM
<i>Faith</i>	PATRICIA GUFFY

APPOINTED OFFICERS

<i>Chaplain</i>	ROBERTA HART
<i>Drill Leader</i>	BARBARA BUCY
<i>Love</i>	BILLIE BABUNAS
<i>Religion</i>	CARLA HUNDERTMARK
<i>Nature</i>	PEGGY STERLING

<i>Immortality</i>	MARY DAVIS
<i>Fidelity</i>	BETTY BALLENGER
<i>Patriotism</i>	BETTY JOHNSON
<i>Service</i>	JACKIE ADAMS
<i>Confidential Observer</i>	ELOISE SNYDER
<i>Outer Observer</i>	ANNA MARIE HANSEN
<i>East Page</i>	VIRGINIA CALLISON
<i>West Page</i>	MARJORIE CUNNINGHAM
<i>Bible Bearer</i>	NANCY FINCH
<i>Flag Bearer</i>	BEVERLY MOON
<i>Standard Bearer</i>	JO ELLEN McCOMB
<i>Keeper of Jewels</i>	LORRAINE WADE
<i>Keeper of Paraphernalia</i>	LA DONNA ROSE
<i>Musician</i>	NANCY GEISINGER
<i>Choir Director</i>	PATRICIA CARDWELL
<i>Choir—</i>	

Corinne McCrae	Dona King
Ann Westerman	Sandra Soback
Shirley McCarter	Loretta Kreeger
Barbara Clark	Janis Steeves
Ann Marie McNeal	Donna Drexel

Marcia Walters



Miss Vera D. Petersen
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VIA AIR MAIL

Mr. Thorwald Petersen
Box 5
Like, Iowa

October 12, 1947

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Dear Daddy,

Thank you for your good letter!
yes, I let the Placement Bureau know where I am but that's all the more some of their help pay attention. That business of the letter coming to Dick about the Chicago job - when Mama had to telephone me — was just their mistake too. Well when the right job comes I hope I get it. Thanks for sending the letter back to me.

Well Lilla came this week. Oct. 4th was the sailing date not the arriving date of the Queen Mary. Luckily I had classes only to 1 P.M. on Saturday and we spent the afternoon and evening

together. Say she's a fast one to get around and see places and do things. I took in more yesterday than I usually do in two or three weeks!

She got tickets for us to see the play Harvey. Then we went to the Empire State Building - up to the top 102 stories (I'd never been there - or had she either) and we looked over the city from there. It was wonderful to see. The lights were just on but it wasn't real dark in the city yet. We could pick out Fifth Avenue - The Hudson River, The East River - New Jersey - Brooklyn etc. quite a trip. Then to see a man she knew in a music shop - and out to Columbia to my place + guess what Tittle has two points of credit in Nursing Education at Teachers College + she was so glad to see where she had once gone to

school. We ate and went down to the station to get her trunks + baggage out of check and got her on her pullman for Iowa. It certainly was fun to see her.

Friday I went to Dr. Burrows for the first time. I earned \$3 for 4 hrs. It certainly felt good to have a little money coming in after all the goes out at the first of the semester!

Today (Sunday) I went to the first concert of the N.Y. Philharmonic Symphony Orchestra. — Guess what I have a season ticket right beside Mrs. M^{rs} Hugh the good music teacher who housed me last year until I got a place to stay. She got the ticket early last summer — I used my money from the King's Theatre for mine. It's fun after studying about symphonies in

Dr. Burrows classes and Doris & Hiram's
in Des Moines to get to hear this
wonderful orchestra.

I saw from the bus the other
day downtown Petersons Pipe & Tobacco
shop — they sell only Peterson products
"Old Crook" and all the rest!!

Any news in Dike? Do write
again! Love from
Vern

Pike Iowa Oct 1977

Dear Vera!

Well I have not much time to
write letter, ya see I get home at six
and start the cook stove, to heat my
washwater then to the store after Groceries
home and wash, and then make supper
fried egg and bacon - dishes wash, bed
made, and same time for et-bill game
breakfast as egg warm saw milk, on
two milk and a cup of the wheat a piece
of cake and a cookie - god a letter from
mama sending same along so you can
read it - met the two Seattle girls
you know - found a \$2 bill so is sending
that along for you to have a good dinner
and the rest is for postel stamp, by the
way when you need any money let me
know for we still have 15 Cent in
the bank, now don't work so hard
des vit a job came along sometime
was over to Dad and Mary for fish supper
last night and then to Guy for Jim
and Mary and god the baggy price for the

that was nice you met Titte and
got around with her, you is busy
it wasnt mane you had to drag around
then you woudt made it all in one day
you know Josef Hermannus stopped
visit Helen in Edmonton, and took
pictures of Helen & the kids & then
house, and the same is fine, he got
them on colored slides, mane & me
was of to Hermannus an evening before
we went to Seattle & last Sunday
evening he shows them at in the Admitten
everybody was so tickled to see Helen
and the kids - Friday evening Easter &
Sigfrid Hoge is having silver wedding
at the women club house in Cedar Falls -
no bus - so he wont get tipsy
Last Sunday I washed all my overalls
and underwear, plenty of soap in the
machine, so everything is snow white
lots of work in the shop these days, the ground
is so hard the farmer got to get their plows
sharpen often lots of lowe grain today

Seattle Wash
Oct 9-47

Hello Du Gamle Galut

Ja nu har jeg althing i orden til Hjemrejsen,
I morgen Kl 7. ⁵⁰ gaar jeg om bord med den
gamle Baad "Princess Victoria" som jeg sejlede
med i 1910. Kommer til Vancouver om aftenen
6 ³⁵ (Jenny er for træt til at tage turen
med mig, Saa der bliver ingen stop over i
Victoria). Jeg rejser saa fra Vancouver 7 ⁴⁵
samme aften og kommer direct til Edmonton
næste aften Kl 9 ¹⁵ (Søndag aften)

Jeg fik brev fra Helen de har fremmede (4)
fra Saskatoon i disse dage - men rejser lørdag
nat - jeg bliver vel ikke der ret længe da
Helen har lige faaet mere arbejde paa skolen,
Der var ingen andre for tiden som kunde
"qualify" Saa jeg ved hun bliver busy -

Der er solskin her hver dag men jeg syntes
det er lidt koldt, Kun en dag begynte det at
rykke i de gamle lemmer saa jeg tænkte

Chris det bliver ved saa gaar jeg med det samme
fra Seattle, jeg maatte endelig ud til lille
Chris Hansen og Stine en hel dag at besøge,
Han arbejder ikke nu saa han kom ind og
Lentede mig, og mutter havde en fiin middag,
havde Lilla Mrs. Pete Nielsen, Smedens kone,
Mrs Bus Rasmussen og minnie indruetert
og Vi havde en dejlig dag. Da di gik hjem
saa tog Chris mig rundt at see hvor de flytter
ind i denne uge, var inde hos Mrs Pete n.
og saa, saa medens hans kone langede sukker
snakkede Chris og mig, ja hvor han gerne
vilde have dig hos dem i et Par dage.

Om aftenen kørte de og minnie mig hjem til
Ellens, dagen efter (igaar) mødte Vi Jenny nede
i byen og Vi var alle 3 indbudt til et Hotel
hvor de to Sørinde som er rigtig Vera's
gode Venner fra Teachers College, De lod mig
hvide hvor tit de havde spist af Vores Gøtter
og Væred + Drik, saa de gaar os en fiin
dinner, Bag efter tog di os med til deres
Pæne lille hjem ude i University District
Vi havde en dejlig Passiar der, og saa kørte
de os hjem -

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Ja jeg har været inde hos Mrs. Thomsen Petersen,
Jenny og begge Pigerne var med ogsaa,
Mrs. Petersen Boer inde paa Welles St. nær ved
hvor Peter Nielsens en gang boede, og nu er det saa
over fyldt med Japonesere saa det er hvemelig
at gaa der, Hun prøver at paa en lejlighed
et andet sted - Hun er nu Enke, har sin gamle
mor paa Alderdoms Hjemmet, og hun er ikke helt
ved samlungen - saa det er ikke saa lyst for hende
Jeg mener Mrs. Petersen, især hun selv er paa Old Age
Pension - Ja jeg har meget at fortælle naar jeg
kommer hjem, Det var godt Vi kom in at hilse paa

Jörgen og Kamilla i Enunclaw, Thi han døde lige
to uger efter Vi var i deres hjem, men jeg gik ikke
der ud til begravelsen - Jennys gode Veninde fra
Cape Scott-dagene, har boet i Enunclaw i mange aar
og for en 16 dage siden skrev hendes mand at hans
pønske var død, men det var den dag Vi rigtig havde
regnet saa Jenny gik ikke der ud.

Signa havde Walte Jörgensens Christensens
inde en lørdag aften samt Ellen og Hansen og
Vi havde en dejlig aften tilsammen

Jenny og mig vilde gerne have een dag over i
Tacoma, men Vi maa tit hvile saa Vi naaede
ikke der over -

Se jeg sente mine some kjoler og kaabe hjem
med Post i gaar, saa jeg ikke skulde slæbe paa en
extra Pak. naar du faar den hjem tag saa
kassen op i Vera's kammer og hang det hele op i
i hendes closet, men naar du fört har taget
kaaben op, vær saa forsigtig med den store
kumvelut thi der i er vores Billed taget
den aften fra Banquet i Olympic Hotel
gem dem begge thi Vera skal have et, jeg
et med op til Helen -

Ja nu maa jeg nok helere holde op og faa skrevet
til nis - det lod sig ikke gøre at gaa til Calgary
fra Vancouver, Da min C.P.R. er fyldt med
Baad eller tog fra Seattle til Vancouver -

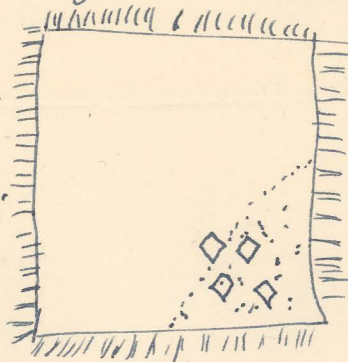
Der imod bliver althing nemere for mig
denne Vej, Fra Vancouver med "Canadian
national. Road" til Edmonton, saa med samme
bane til Calgary og lige ud igenem Wayne
op til Saskatoon Winnipeg o.S.v. hjem -
Saa jeg kommer ikke til at spende extra penge for at

komme til Wagne -

Se Vil du ikke nok sende mig mit ^{hæne} ~~Penne~~ Blaa
Tørklæde som jeg har om hovedet naa det er holdt,
Du husker Helen lavede det til mig til jul -

det er graa blaa farve, og hun Broderede det
i mørke rød, gul o.s.v.

Det er ofte i Oakleys Kammer
enten paa den ene eller anden
seng, og dog syntes jeg at i
siste øjeblik at jeg lagde
det ind i klædeskabet
paa bunden, men ikke
i skuffen



noget
lignende
dette



Tag det hen til Anna Struntz saa skal hun nok
fylde dette "Customs slip" ud - lad hende skrive
din return adress paa, og paa customs slip

skrive, { 1 used scarf - Value → 7-95 }
forwarded to addressee

Send det med "AIR MAIL" Please till
Mrs. T. Petersen
11218 - 87th ave
Edmonton, Alberta -
Canada,

Snem det
saa gaar det med sikker.

Toot Toot, Lyse

Thank you Ann.

Wm. J. J. J. J.
Dike Dore

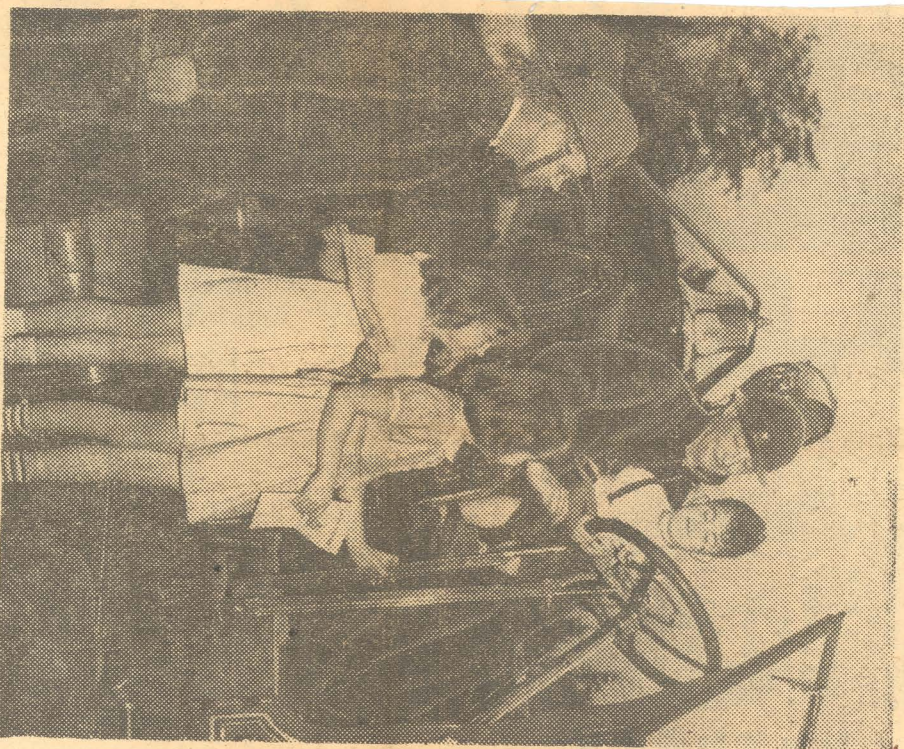
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Left to right—LIEUT. EDWARD JOHNSON, PAMELA RELYEA, SALLY ROMAIN and FIREMAN GENE SAWYER, holding DON HOWLETT.



By DON BRAZIER

BRYANT Grade School

marked the start of Fire Prevention Week the other day with a fire drill that emptied the two-story brick building and three portables of 1,400 pupils and teachers in a minute and 50 seconds.

Then the children lined up behind their teachers on the adjoining playground and sidewalks and gaped as a fire engine stopped in front of the school and firemen jumped out.

The firemen were there to make a complete pre-fire inspection of the building and to distribute home-inspection blanks to the youngsters to take to their parents as check-off lists of fire dangers.

"Oooooohh!" squealed 6-year-old Don Howlett when he saw the big red engine. Eyes round as a pair of silver dollars, the boy squealed some more when Fireman Gene Sawyer took him on his lap behind the steering wheel.

THE fire drill was orderly; there was no talking or jostling as the children left the classrooms when the bell rang for ten seconds. They marched

KINDERGARTEN PUPILS LEAVING BRYANT SCHOOL IN DRILL

Doug Kelly (left) and Artie Grunbaum held the doors open

and Fire Capt. Stephen E. Sanislo, watching the fire drill, agreed.

Marshall explained the drills are held at least twice a month, as required by state law. They are not announced before hand.

"Sometimes barriers are put up to simulate flames blocking a hall or stairway," Captain Sanislo added. "Traffic then is diverted."

First-graders taught by Coral Courtney were lined up closest to the fire engine outside the school. Leut. Edward Johnston of Engine Company No. 38 distributed home-inspection forms to them.

Youngsters receiving the blanks included twins, Sally and

Jack Romain, whose parents are Mr. and Mrs. Henry G. Romain, 5028 36th Ave. N. E.; Pamela Relyea, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Russell A. Relyea, 6022 38th Ave. N. E., and Don Howlett, son of Mr. and Mrs. W. D. Howlett, 8204 36th Ave. N. E.

THE firemen then inspected the building.

Similar inspections will be made of all other buildings in the city, except private homes, before Fire Prevention Week ends Saturday.

The inspections will be carried out without removing fire equipment from active service, for drivers will remain in the

trucks, awaiting a radio call to a fire.

Bryant, with 1,350 pupils, is Seattle's largest grade school. Marshall said it never takes more than two minutes for everyone to leave the school in fire drills.

Marshall recalled an incident 25 years ago when he was teaching school in Boise, Idaho. It was no drill when children swarmed out—the school was on fire.

It was freezing weather and the youngsters shivered outside without their coats. There was time for the teachers to go to the cloakroom and throw overcoats, sweaters, scarves and other apparel out the window.

"There was one casualty Marshall said. 'A pair of rubber shoes burned up.'"

Second-graders also were using crayons just before the drill. Mrs. Mabel Morrison, teacher, stood by while the previously selected door-opener, Jeffrey Stockton, 8, son of Mr. and Mrs. William T. Stockton, 6548 31st Ave. N. E., led the others out.

The same procedure was followed in other classrooms.

"THEY'RE trained to

know this is serious business," said Principal W. C. Marshall. Battalion Fire Chief Ed Cunningham

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VIA AIR MAIL

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Dike, Iowa

Oct. 19, 1947

New York City
October 19, 1947

Gov Has Daddy,

Thank you for the good
letter and the ice cream money.

I know you thought you were
sending a two dollar bill - but
by the time it got here a great
big fat zero sat right beside every
two on that bill. Wasn't that
wonderful what happened!! Thanks

a lot — I'll hang on to the one
end of it!

I put in another couple hours
yesterday after my classes working at
the library. I started to put
some books back on the shelves
after a student returned them & I had
located the book card from the file
and put it back in the book. "Oh
no!" one of the librarians told me
"don't bother to put books back in
their places. Why, we hire cheaper help

than you to do that!" Sort of like
 working for the ^{UNION} union you see
 everybody has his pigpen-hole!

Tomorrow I take my first
 batch of examinations from the Advanced
 School. All candidates for a Doctor of
 Education or Doctor of Philosophy start out
 on this one. It's a six hour examination.
 They say on our instructions to bring
 2 well sharpened pencils — I've bought
 a box of 12 — Believe me I may
 run out of answers but I don't intend
 to run out of pencils!!

It will be a long hard grind I
understand 9-12 in the morning
and 2-5 in the afternoon.

Well by tomorrow evening, I'll
be wiser about that business than
I am today, I'll bet! "

Thanks for the clipping about
Hornes Men from Seattle. Did you
get to see her or was it just Mama?

You must have had a good
washing with the machine. & certainly
was too bad I wasn't closer or I'd have
let you throw in some clothes for me too!

Be good - love from

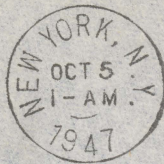
Vera

more better

Give Pete & Nita a sample for taking care of my hair.

P.S. I sent you a little box

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VIA AIR MAIL

Mr. Thorwald Petersen
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Dike, Iowa

Oct. 5, 1947

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October 4, 1947

Dear Daddy,

Have you got those three places set at the kitchen - one for your breakfast, one for your dinner, and one for your supper? I wish I were there to eat with you.

Well I'm all moved in now and registered for classes. I'm registered for more points than I was at any time last year. All of which costs more - keeps me studying more and I've promised Mrs. Burrows only one afternoon a week to take care of her baby. I ought to be working more this year instead of less for my

money will never hold out till the end of the year, but everything is so much higher, the food at the cafeteria. my room rent too - last year it was \$315 - this year it's been raised to \$355 - the room isn't as big as our dining room at home - but has a bathroom between it & another room. The lady in the other room is a grandmother from Berkeley California - she seems like such a nice lady. She is here studying during her sabbatical leave. (Big school systems usually give teachers a year off every seven to travel or study in - they are allowed the difference between what their substitute is paid & their regular salary. This lady told me her substitute gets \$2700 & that she will be sent the remaining \$1200 of her usual salary.)

I think the Clark's want me to come & be with them at Christmas so I could

earn a little there. Perhaps in the spring
 I can take some part time teaching + not
 so many points of work in college. Several
 girls I knew last year did that. Then
 next summer if I can earn anything like
 I did this summer I better start paying you
 back + quit going to school awhile. What
 do you think ???

I'm sure I'm going to have to pay
 income tax this year - isn't that something!

I'm taking a six week course
 (class 7-9^{PM} on Wednesdays) downtown called
Selling Children's Books its really to help
 people in book stores know their business better
 and it certainly is a good course + has
 excellent speakers. Its good to see the
 commercial side of this book business too
 it cost me \$3 to take the course - I am a
 member of the Women's National Book Assn.
 which is sponsoring the class. I have met

some interesting book people there.

Well I hear the D.B.S. Convention was a good one - you surely must have had fun visiting the people in Encinitas. Were there any other Mallo's at the convention?

I've been staying right here in my room all afternoon & evening because this is the day Little is supposed to come in from Europe by steamer - & she said she would try to see me. I gave her all the instructions for telephoning in a letter - but I haven't heard anything yet.

Said last now

Be good

Love from

Vera



Box 169
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November 1, 1947

Dear Daddy,

I didn't know you were still on vacation — cooking and eating what you like — and running around all hours of the night to card parties! But lo and behold, I get a letter from

Canada and Mama is still there
and then there was a letter from
Ann Strunz which tells how busy
Th. is, plows laying on every side
of the shop and a few strung
up to the ceiling! That's good
there's some work - charge 'em
plenty now because you know
you do the best work there is!

Monday night I was down
town to a meeting of the Women's
National Book Association. It
was the big fall meeting featuring

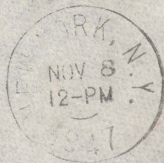
the new children's books and there
were authors and illustrators left
and right. Berta and Elmer Lader
were there & we visited. They are
getting in their sixties anyhow - such
lovely people & have made such
beautiful pages in some books I have
of theirs. We are going to have a
meal together some other time when
they come into N.Y. City.

Now not that all our authors
& illustrators are old - they aren't
but there is another interesting one
 Helen Fisher Orton. Many of her
books I've hauled out to the children

at Dedwells - She looks nearly 75
& frisky as anything. - said she would
like Alice Dedder (my friend) & I to come
& have tea with her but she was too busy
till after Christmas & gave us her tel. number
so we could call then. She said she
had to go home & finish two more chapters
(the last) of a book she was writing because
she had promised her editor it would
be in the next day. "Oh well I often
work till 2 or 3 in the morning" she said!
She told us she had never written any stories
till she was 48.

Monday evening I'm going over
to have dinner at 1021 Park Avenue.
I bid you aren't closer. They would love
to have you come too! Bye Bye
(over)

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VIA AIR MAIL

Mr. Thorwald Petersen
Box 5
Dike, Iowa

Nov. 8, 1947

November 8, 1947

Dear Daddy -

Where is Mama? Has she come home yet? It's so long since I heard from her.

Are you still real busy at the shop? It's a long time since I heard from you too!

I've got three invitations for Thanksgiving - 1st Mrs. McHugh the nice piano teacher who kept me when I first came to New York last fall. We would go out somewhere to eat - of course.

2nd Mrs. Clark told me I could come

to their place if they stayed in New York for Thanksgiving but even if they go to their place in Virginia I can come & spend two three days at their apartment in New York because their servants will be there and can make my meals anyhow. Isn't that something? 3rd Mrs. Barrows asked me again this year if I'd like to come and be with their family. Isn't that nice of them?

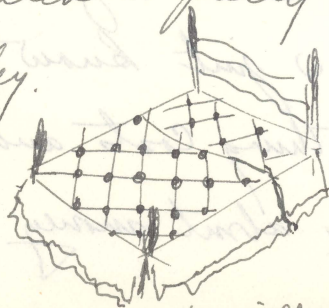
I think I told you about Miss Loomis when I was home. She's an older person than most of my friends - a retired teacher who works downstairs in the office at Whittier Hall. I think I told you how she likes me and has given me a beautiful 5th book

about opera - taken me home for meals a couple times. - and then a few of us - three girls took her out for Mother's day and gave her a gardenia. Well she is such a good good soul & what on earth do you think she told me the other night. "Now, Vera, I don't tell this to everybody that lives here but I just want you to know if you need any money while you're here this year I've got a couple hundred dollars in the bank I don't need - you'll just have to give me a day's notice and I'll go down and draw it out. Well I just know how much more everything costs and I don't want you to worry about money if I can help you."

Well of course I hope I can manage
without but wasn't that nice of her. You
and Mama would both love her if you
knew her.

Well now I believe the best piece
of accomplishment I've made this week
is to buy Beulah & Wesley's wedding present.
I do believe it will get there in plenty time
for their first anniversary. (You can save
this letter for Mama to read Daddy)

I bought an aqua-blue satin bedspread
the top part is quilted so pretty and the
sides are long & ruffled.



The first of the week
I'll get some pretty
ribbon to tie the package & a card then I'll send it off.

3.

I think for such a dresy fuzzy thing
Beulah will want it for her front bedroom —
that's why I chose this pretty aqua blue —
It won't go so good in her green room I know.

When I was down with Mrs. Clark
last Monday evening for dinner, I said
"you know its your birthday pretty soon on Nov. 19th
cant we go up ^{stairs} & find one of your dresses that needs
the hem fixed so I can do it for your birthday?"

"Oh no its got Mimi coming Thursday to start
fixing my clothes & she needs the money so
badly I'm going to let her fix everything but
I'll tell you what I'd like for my birthday.
Ask your mother to send me another little box of
those good cookies!!" — you see how she likes

-them — "Well shid be glad to," I said, "but I don't know if she will be home by then but you'll get some sometime!"

The children come home for Christmas on the 18th & I go down that evening after my class at 8 — & then come back out for Sat morning classes — otherwise will stay with them through the holidays.

Here is Ann Struntz's letter which I know Anna wants back. Helan Ann and Hines

Love from Vera

Nov 11 - 1947

Go to Vera

Yes Mama is still up in Canada
and don't know how we will be home, I
got a letter from her in two sections
one the 8 and rest of it yesterday the 10, and
are sending them along, so you can see
what she is doing - well what that wise
you got three invitations for Thanksgiving, but
about Maury, don't take any from the old lady
you can get all you want from us
no the busy season is all over, we had
to must register her in Iowa, so the farmers
can keep right on plowing, but I sure was
busy a while, last night it froze hard
here, so I guess every thing is over for this time
how did you come out with the 12 pencil?
you had along to the big day of Examinations
was out to Bloch Saturday night & down to
Old Tennessee for Dinner and supper Sunday.
Olin S. was also there, so we played cards
all day well write again Love Papa

Wm. West
Pikeville

Box 169

Wm. West

1230 Amsterdam Ave

New York 27 N.Y.



for you to see
Well, This afternoon we went to the wedding at the church,
and it was a Very nice affair, I was the only Schultz
relative beside the Groons Brother (you remember he is
married to Sködt's Daughter) It lasted from 2 ³⁰ till 6 o'clock
The folks here are going to Wayne and Drumbeller on Fri.
his has an appointment to get his false teeth plate relined,
if he is able to make the trip, he sure can't go around long
before he has to rest, He was not to the wedding, and if Elmer
hadn't driven for Valborg + me we would not have gone as
there is much snow, So Fri. I hope to get reservations made,

I'll ask for Mon. Tues - Wed. nites if I can get it, —
Else I want Tues. Wed. Thurs. nites so I should be home Thurs or Fri
evening at Cedar Falls - Its nice to get thru living in a

suit case after 2 months; But I'll never regret I came up
here even if it is late in the season, Guess I'll buy me a pair of
new over shoes up here - (Canadian style) Say will you forward
these 2 letters to Vera, Its too hard to write the same thing twice,

Hello Vera, Say have you sent your lining for your winter
coat yet? I'll get it home from Waterloo as soon as I come home
and fix up the old thing, altho I hope you have bought
yourself a new coat for winter, and Daddy send Vera
the snap shots, and she can pick out the ones she would like
a duplicate of, and I'll get them from Edmonton.

Good Bye Dear Ones

and greetings from

his Valborg and Mama

Frie eve
now 7 just been to the Depot and no sleepers
for Monday + Tues. will see tomorrow when I can get it

Be sure
to thank Ann
And Rita for the
letters I received from
them when I come
home to Wayne.

October 11

a real little Thomas Peteresen after all, he has the biggest pretty blue eyes and his hair turning real light, He sure is a nice baby, so strong too.

We took both the kids to the Child Specialist for a check up. They both were O.K. in weight and height, in fact a little over the record, — But Ann needed Iron medicine for her blood. — Then another Day Helen went alone to have a check up since Teddy had been home, she too was O.K. another Day she went to get her eyes tested and get new glasses, — now some nite they get a free tray of their Chest for T.B. — so soon they've all been thru the mill —

Wed morning —

Hello, — Root Boy

I'm off for Wange to get tickets
round

more late

Same Eve.

Mom

well I didn't get along to Wange after all —

They only had 25 minutes till the stores closed so I couldn't get on some warm clothes and get ready to go along — But I sent my letter along to mail it and I see afterwards I missed this half page, I guess I was too excited to enclose those Snap shots

Tomorrow nite I'm going to a wedding - Its Rev. Rasmussen's
youngest Daughter and Cousin Johan Schulz - Son Thomas who
will be married at Dalum Church, and a reception in the church
Basement afterwards, Then 2 days later the Ladies Aid will
hold Bazar so we will take in both - I hardly feel I should
leave until after Sunday - But the Conductor told me it might be
difficult to get sleeper Mon. nites as the train is always
more crowded Monday since there goes no trains Sun nites
But as soon as the snow storm lets up I'll have them take
me to town to start getting reservations for home,
I can see it will take 3 nites on the train from Wayne to St. Paul
because Its a slow train or "Branch" from here to Saskatoon -
If only I could have come to Calgary from Vancouver and left
from Edmonton for Winnipeg I would get on a much faster
train and I'd get home sooner. But I couldn't change my
Route. Then I planned to sit up all nite from here to
~~Edmonton~~ Saskatoon, But Golly its like you say its cold
on the train, you are right when it comes to tourist
coaches, why I froze my feet from Calgary last nite
because there was such a draft on the floor and window
too, So make I'll spend the extra money for a good warm
place rather than get sick - and I'll send an mail
letter as soon as the Reservations are fixed up.
I saw Bro Walter on Sunday for a few hours and he was
so tickled to see me that when I said Good Bye he gave me a

Dearest!

Wayne, Alberta

Nov. 4 47

Hi Bill - I heard Johnnie moved to town in Calgary but I didn't hunt him up, I rang Emil Damana several times but no one; and so I didn't get to greet them from C. Christensen. Well I sure hated I couldn't get away from Helen's sooner, But she said, mother, I'm realy up against it for someone to look after the children till Nov. 1st - so what else could I do but stay, I that everyday how hard you work this time of the year and needed me to look for you, and I'm awful tired of being away so long - Little Ted has changed so much in the 3 weeks that ^{he} looks so much more like Helen. I got out a Baby Picture of her 4 months old (one I got back in Seattle) and even Fred admitted he looked like this Picture, so I think he will be

Dear Daddy
Well I reached Wayne Monday eve.
(last nite) I had my suit case full ready to leave Sunday nite, But there was no train going on Sunday so I stayed back with Christine Nielsen to spend the night & I home with her - But can you treat this!
Elmer met me at Wayne and we was sitting in the car waiting for me, He felt so good he didn't even wrap up in an over coat to come along to the Depot, He is so very glad to see me, and I was glad to felt good to good
He said - If I had an getting better than I can stand a thing to I like Christensen.
Well we have to wait and see.
They have a new car, got exactly what they paid for the choice - they got in '41 -
The weather has been fine the 3 weeks in Edmonton, But today we have snow here -

Sat. Morning

Dear Mary + All -

Well! Well! here I come with a few lines to you, I promised Th. I would write, so this is really from me + I both, Th is so busy he has hardly time to eat, I went by the shop yesterday on my way home from Esther's and the fellow blades were hanging and laying all over the place, but I am glad he is busy as I know there comes a time he has not enough to keep him occupied, he did take time out to go to card club at Jim + Mary's Tue. nite and Thurs. nite he was at Pete + Adah's for supper with the Jensen + Strangely gang. But he is fine and looks O.K. so don't worry over him, Ha! Ha!

Heinie + I are O.K. and Berneice as you perhaps know is teaching at Hampton, the University's were all filled up and after waiting for 6 weeks she took a job, she seems to be very well pleased with her job.

Last nite we went to the Stage's silver wedding, it was a very nice affair, it took place at the Woman's club House at C.F. the place was packed and they received gifts of several description but most of it was money I didn't hear the amount our list was \$80⁰⁰ some dollars so she can buy what she wants. The lunch as you might know

2-
was lovely sandwiches of every kind she
had baked 14 loafs of rye-bread and fixed
five kinds of meat herself. pressed chicken
meat loaf, "rolfulse" Pork loin and Baked-
ham so we had a lot of fun making the
sandwiches yesterday morning. Then she had
cookies of ^{all} kinds that we had baked for
her when I say we I mean all her close
friends each make their own speciality,
and they surely did look nice. I think there
must have been 3 or 4 hundred people there
a short program had been arranged and
after that we danced until 12 o'clock.
now I have give you a brief sketch of
the Stage Silver Wedding Chr Langston was
Coat-master.

I am as busy as ever running after this
or that. rec'd your card yesterday Thanks
a lot am glad to hear that you are feeling
pretty good. Am going to mail this to
your Helen so if your mother should have
gone that you could read it and perhaps
see that it was forwarded to her. saw you
and the two sweet-hearts that Idemanson took
of you they were fine, he showed them at
Fredsville Sun. mite Th. was out there to.

We are having such swell weather and have
had for the past two weeks and we are surely
enjoying it.

Our bazaar will be Oct. 31st the for Ladies aid are putting on the evening intertainment I think it will be 2-1 act plays.

We are getting our house and garage painted the usual white. Now not done much cleaning yet, but its getting along about that time.

Bernice is home for the week-end and to-morrow we are going to Benson for dinner. last Sun. they were down here. last Sat. I was out to Genette's and she + I dressed 17 chickens to put in locker. Don't you think that was a days work? together with her daily routine.

We have not had a killing frost yet and your roses are still blooming as are your snapdragons and those little butter yinnas are so nice.

Edel Johnson had Ladies Aid in Oct. + Adeh is busy getting ready for the Nov. meeting. Alma had her two rooms papered this week and she is to have the next card party it won't be until Nov. 4th perhaps you will be home by then.

Am busy getting "Cj" quilts + rugs sent also have fixed a pair of pillows for him they have moved into a small 3 room apt, so Florence family is getting smaller all the time.

Mrs Jacob Ball had an operation last Thur. Rita said she was as well as they could expect

her to be. as far as I can see it was something like my last operation, she had gone to Dr Henderson as it seemed Dr Nielsen hadn't given her any satisfaction, she had to give up her job of course and what do you think Ollie I was right there to get the job, but — she lasted 3 days. He! He!

Now I must close this as I am going to have fried chicken for dinner and you know Mary if it isn't done we can't enjoy it. So with our love and our sincerest regards from the Strumtye
 Per Ann

P.S. Jennette said "when you write Mary give her my regards" so that's what I do right now the boys are fine, Lane walks all around in his play-pen.

11016 University
Edmonton
January 22, 1947

Dear Vera,

Just a quick note to thank
you very much for sending me
the lovely black slip! It's a
honey! It arrives yesterday P.m.

You should see the slips in
the stores here advertised as
"coming from N.Y." for \$5.00 and
more!!! The construction is
very good.

We're busy as bees! This
week and next and then my
heavy class schedule will
be over.

(Sorry I didn't realize this
was on the other side of fold.)

capable and dependable
in every way but ^{they} not have
him quite that sweet
quality that Mrs. S. had.
Wish I could see her.
However, just this week
and next, then I'll be
home most of the time.
Good for him to get
acquainted with
different people. Every-
one has to sooner or
later in this business)
living.

Her girls in my class are
devilling these days
and are having a
marvelous time. Wish
I could get them
any other (I suppose
as in letting them
be mine.

By now your mother
very busy with things
making and starting.
Partly everything from
all three of us.
Sincerely,
Cory Wendland

Then in Feb. I have two
radio talks, one the 6th, the
other the 13th!! Then back
to my old scheduled classes
as before Christmas.

Ann is busy working
on her shoes and lacets.
She is certainly an expert
at untying most any
knot we contrive to
put on the shoes.

Our niece Mrs. Swankey
who has come to stay with
Ann is in the hospital.
So we are having a younger
girl now who seems quite

11016 Univ. Ave
Edmonton Alberta
Feb. 4, 1947.

Dear Vera,

your wonderful parcel arrived yesterday. It's such a treat as candy "isn't" here.

After dinner last evening we all went into living room. Ann deposited successive coverings of the parcel in waste basket and then took one box over to Helen. Box was opened and a piece of candy was shared by them. Ann consumed her's sitting on her head's knee. Before the face & hand washing was half complete she was shouting "more, more, more, more". However we thought it best to prolong the joy by having a number of occasions "scattered over quite a time."

Ann & Helen are just fine. As a matter of fact Helen has never had so much energy nor felt so uniformly well since we've been married. Last evening when we were discussing this fact she attributed it partly to twin beds and better sleep. (You perhaps have heard I made twin

bunk beds last fall. They'll be just twin
beds if we ever get into a place large
enough to hold the two of them in one
room!) The she/ said "you know
those first four months when we first
were in Las Vegas — they were terrible
I just ~~used~~ ^{used} to yearn for just one
nites peaceful rest!" So it seems
that neither of us makes a good bed
partner by Helen's standards!

I hope you are continuing to enjoy your
work. And it will be wonderful for you
if you get in your summer shift with
the Clark's. I'll be sticking up for you!

Thanks again for the wonderful candy.

Sincerely,

Fred.

Dear Vera,

We think you're wonderful to us! The candy
is superb! We've not had any candy in

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11016 University
February 15, 1947

Dear Vera,

After having a half "Parlay" which is my daily quota, I am now feeling sweet and cozy so will settle down for a letter or two.

Thanks for the sweater, it's just exactly like it was when I gave it to you - but you were sposed to keep it permanently, you silly! Now I'll have to revamp our Christmas 1947 list and try to think up something nice enough for our Aunt Vera!!! But I'll see what I can think up! I'm glad you had the use of it and if you would like it back again yours most welcome to have it some more. It arrived back here day before yesterday.

Your pictures are very good. I like both but the slightly serious one is my favorite. Dad likes the smiling one better, so there is our candid opinion - both of them! I'd like a picture the exact size of these for the little gilt frame on my chest of drawers. The frame now has a picture of you taken, I think, when you were at T.C. or sometime about then. Anyway it dates from the time of your black sheer dress with the jacket that had the tiny ruffling on it. While I like that picture very much it will be fun to have another more up to date version of Aunt Vera.

We're sorry to hear that you were in the infirmary and had to be bothered with illness. Hope you are A no. 1 by now.

I go to the hospital about April 26th, so Mr. Vaut tells me. His patients go to University Hospital which is very close to home here. Dad won't have

so far to go to see me. I wrote telling the folks when we sent them a valentine greeting. Haven't had a reply yet but it's too soon for that anyway.

We have some 36 pictures - the first roll in Dad's new camera, off to the developers! When the prints come back you will receive your valentines from us. It takes longer when there are 36 exposures we find.

Here is a picture I'm 'sposed to send to you "whether I'm busy or not" according to headquarters in Leice - so I'm not doing another thing until I get it in the envelope with this letter. Thanks a lot for letting us have a peek at the Robes.

Milstein gave a concert here Thursday evening. I went and enjoyed the first half very, very much but was quite tired from teaching so didn't stay for the second half. It surely is a treat to hear an artist like him again. Perhaps another year I'll get a ticket for the "Celebrity Series" as it's called here.

Isn't Carl's letter good? We had a big chuckle reading it. I can see Alfred having a good time, too !!!

Must be off to bed! Have a huge stock of notebooks this weekend.

Much love,

Ann, Helen and Fred

Hi,

Say those 39 pictures on the 1st roll of film are now being developed. (Only 12 are from - the rest are of glaciers &c. for students!) Of these's one worth printing will we'll send it to you to keep you out of the infirmary!

11016 University Ave.
Edmonton, Alberta
March 12, 1947

Dear Vera,

We surely enjoyed your "funny box" of just which arrived last week. We were having a dinner for one of the boys in the Soils Department that evening so the first glass of cheese was opened and started on the canapes for the first course! We were opportunists as you see!!!

I've put the panties away until after as I've no fit for them at present. Thanks very much. The rubbers are lovely and will come in handy for shoes sometimes in rainy weather. Too bad they weren't a good fit for you! Miss Dewer has done a good job of getting the towels in condition and they're now replacing with the rest of the Bentley drying equipment!! The candy - need we say anything about it? Ann opens the box, passes it to Mummy and daddy and then by the time it's her turn is using all the restraint possible in a small child!!! She doesn't "take" first though. We're right proud of her!

Here are some pictures of Ann. They were to have been your Valentine's present but we didn't have them done in time.

Saw the article about the "Our Family" author a couple of weeks ago in the beauty shop where I was getting a hair cut and wave. I enjoyed reading the article very much. Must have been fun seeing the author.

Glad you found out about Rena Rosenthal's whereabouts. If you ever see any textiles or papers you think I could use in teaching I'd appreciate very much your getting them.

This is not a reminder - just a question - have you been to the Bonnier place yet? If you see some more of the Swedish wallpaper like I once gave you will you get me a couple of rolls, please? I never got any for myself. Also I'd like the Jil Boko (goats) and any angels either like those I have or different if they're nice. I think it would be fun to have a Smorgasbord sometimes and use these things. No hurry - absolutely none!

Have you ever heard anything further about the order of grey Russel Wright dishes for me ?? Could you write the lady at Yonkers or give me her name and I'll ask about them. I'd like three chipped cups now or my guest capacity is a little smaller when it comes to cups! No hurry though.

I must get lunch and then rest a bit.

Best wishes from us all!

Sincerely,

Ann
Helen & Ted

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FRED.

Sunday 2. P. M.

Hi Mussen

Today Helmi & I went to a Lankish Lutheran Church, It took 1 hr. to get there by street car, But waiting for transfer takes some too.

We enjoyed the services very much tho, just wished I could hear this same minister speak in English.

Mon noon

Hi There!

We got company just as I started this letter so I better close so Fred can take along to mail this noon

Ted is such sweet baby, and Ann Im

trying to teach her to sing Den lille Ole,

Fred is making her a nice yard with a box
of sand, and she makes cakes for us -
as soon as I get home I'm going to have Dad
crate up the Kiddie car, Ann sure could
use it, and also a Doll carriage -

They have a nice apartment here but its
a nice sum of money to pay out in rent
each month - So I hope they can build inside
of 2 yrs. Toot Toot - mit Luff from mom.

Extra! Extra!

Just rec'd your letter of Oct 16th it
saying you are sending some things
for weaving such as a sweater e.t.c.

Helen will appreciate it a lot, but you
are shes so short of storage space
and since shes busy teaching I have
suggested if you havnt already mailed
it then just mail it to Dixie instead

Please dont feel hurt about it,
For I am also taking some of my things
along back from her that I had sent!

Helen is sanwitching out time to
cut and make herself a dark blue
wool dress for school while Im
here, so she will ave. Your letter

a little later -

we are all fine. Ann + I will hurry
down to mail this letter

so good Bye

all our love

from

Mom, Helen + Family.

11218- 87th Ave.
Edmonton, Alberta
November 4, 1947

Dear Vera,

We had us a good time while mother was here. As it happened we were most fortunate to have her visit us at the time she did. I was minus any one to stay with the children on Wednesday mornings throughout October. So mother stayed and helped me out. She did a number of mending and sewing jobs which helped me out too. I got some extra work done at the office during her stay here so all in all we had a very profitable and enjoyable time. Mother had several packages for Ann to open from time to time so that was always quite the occasion of the day.

Thanks so much for the lovely things you sent along for the children. Ann loves the tables & chairs and Ted still enjoys the Typistoy. The enduroy is lovely! Thanks again.

Here are a few pictures of Ann, Ted and mother and some "filler" from "Trine" which you may or may not have.

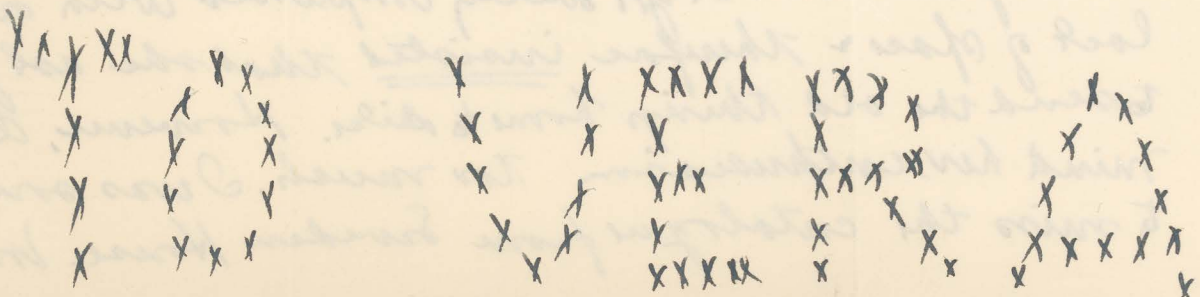
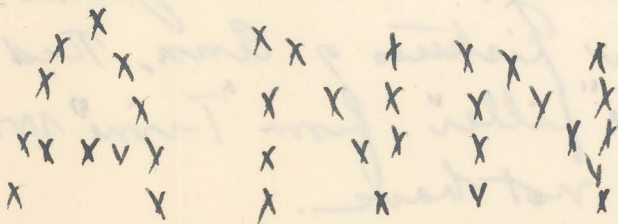
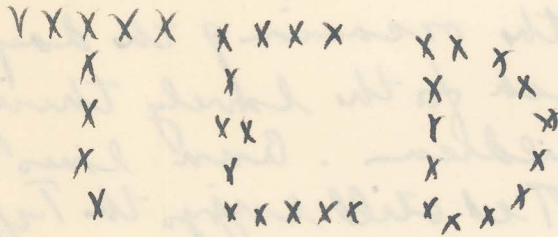
I guess mother got overly impressed with our lack of space & therefore insisted that she ask you to send the old things home to side. However, don't mind her enthusiasm too much. I was sorry to miss the catalogue from Sweden House. Would

there be another sometime? Do you think you
might send me a Gule Book sometime before
Christmas? I'd like to invite my classes
over early in December for an evening, if
possible and have the Christmas thing up
and ready. Don't rush yourself too much
for this, though. Two Gule Books wouldn't
be too many.

Must correct some papers now.
It's midterm here already.

Much love,

Helen



Sunday Evening

Dear Vera,

The corduroy is elegant!!! If I'd not planned it for Ann I think I'd have made myself a dress out of it!! Thank you so very much for sending it to us.

And the chair and table puzzler is a real find. Ann loves to play with the pieces and the grown ups enjoy putting it together in one piece. Teddy loves the Tykie Toy. We have two others but all are different in design. Ann likes them as well as Ted does. She calls them

fur animals because they are so small and apparently remind her of the little fur animal in her book. Having three fur animals is really wonderful.

I've been making angels today. Have a talk on Christmas gifts & decorations on Tuesday as decided to make a couple of new things. It's fun. Some times if you could get me a "Jub-Box" down at Bonniers or some place I'd love it - one of the big ones with the braided horns. I made a nice angel using the light blue "quilted" wrapping paper you had around the package of my white night gown this spring. The paper

is very lovely with a good dark purple and silver for decoration.

I'm trying to get a blue dress made while mother is here but I'm so busy with school that I doubt I'll get it done very soon.

Fred is the faculty advisor for the Agriculture Club at the University. The Ags are having an informal dance Thursday or we are going; it should be fun. We've not been to a dance since last fall.

Best wishes & good night from
us all !!

Love, Helen

11016 University Ave.,
Edmonton Alberta
Apr. 20/47.

Dear Vera,

I expect you will have had my wire about Ted's arrival some time now. He arrived in the middle of the nite so I didn't get to see them until yesterday morning. They're both fine.

Ted is a real size — 8 lbs 14 oz.
As one fellow remarked — "You'll have to get him a bicycle right away." He's not as sleepy as Ann was — he opened his eyes and squinted about — something Ann didn't do all the time she was in the Hospital.

Helen was up at school turning in her grades as the final effort for her course — in fact she had just finished doing so & had said good bye to Miss P. when she (Helen) decided she'd better make tracks to the hospital. It was good luck that she was at school as she phoned me & so was at hospital half an hour later — about 5 p.m. Our having no house phone is

most inconvenient. I had a wild time phoning the hospital all night to find out what was going on.

Helen was very perky when I saw her yesterday (twice.) Luckily she got the sinus trouble cleared up — just in time too. You can assume all's well unless you get definite word to the contrary. While I'm officially on vacation for awhile I've got a lot of stuff to get done — I'll be very busy!

Hope you're fine & that things are going well.

Sincerely,
Fred.

P.S. I've written your folks too.
F.

To My Aunt
Vera!



Dear aunt Vera,

My daddy
found a tooth
in my mouth
Sunday!

He is very proud
of me and I
am glad, too.

Sincerely,
Teddy Boy

11016 University Ave.
Edmonton, Alberta
May 12. 1947

Dear Vera,

We also are the little "is & so's" who don't wait!
We're sorry hearing about your sinus
session. No fun that!!

But we're most honored to have a sister and
an aunt who is affiliated with the
King Coit group and gets corsages "from the
management" for her help. It must be very
exciting and we're so glad you are having
such a wonderful opportunity. More power
to you!

Haven't gotten the porcelain nor even
heard about it. Hope it wasn't sent by the
store in the store's name or I'll have to pay
about 95% duty on that type of goods. We'll
see, however, what happens when it arrives.

Thanks a million for seeing about it. I
surely appreciate your kindness. I've even
forgotten what pieces I ordered so it will
be a lovely surprise. I've not had my
good dishes or glassware unpacked since
coming here. Being on the verge of moving
"all the winter" has had its limitations!!

Sorry to hear that Pearl Converse passed
away. She was such a sweet person.

We are beginning to get back on our feet -
I should say I am, since coming home.
I went downtown to look at a Vogue Pattern for
the light grey material we got at Younkers and
for the chartreuse wool jersey you gave me.

Well, I decided that I'd go up to the office and nose through some Vogue magazines before I made my final decisions on patterns. I'd like to get one or the other made up right soon because I would like to wear it for a lecture I'm to give to some short course here in June.

I think I never did answer you on the question about the plain colored jersey - but I won't have use for it just now (in case there should still be a yard left!) and so we might as well wait. Thanks a million anyway.

I've not found any living material for the jacket of the grey suit if I make it into a suit. So I'll look around a little more (I really looked only in one of the Dept. 8 trees) and see if I can find something. If not I may ask you if you can find something sometime.

You ask if I'd like a big Jut Boke 12-15" high. Yes, I'd like one like that if he's got good whiskers and horns. I sure enjoy the Swedish chickens. I'm going to use them for a talk on handicraft to the 4H people when they come in in June. At least I hope to get enough handicraft things together.

We had the last of the box of chocolates you sent with the gown last night (this is not a hint for more.) We had fun with them and used them as "cigars" for

giving people who were congratulating
us on Ted's arrival !!! We had
such fun.

Who is Nura and what does she
do? We'd like to hear more.

Are you still planning to finish
on June the third? and are you still
spending the summer on Long Island
with the Clark's?

The pussy willows were out here
last week and this week every thing is
green, tulips are in bud and our
Island poppies have huge buds
on them. Spring really comes all of
sudden in this country. It's wonderful.

Ann wants to go walking all the time,
morning and evening! We are just
waiting until Ted is old enough to be
taken out. Then we'll be going on wonderful
excursions seeing trees, puppies, trucks
planes, etc.!! Her vocabulary has
just boomed these last few weeks
any new or unusual word in our
conversation is picked up. She puts
three or four words together quite easily
at times of her own accord.

Baby Ted is busy sleeping and
eating these days. He's much more

wide awake when he's awake than I remember Ann being when she was his age. Of course, she was much smaller - that accounts for part of the difference. He's just too hungry to stay sleepy!

Ann's loving Baby Ted consists of patting his back! Partly this because she's very interested in pointing to his eyes, nose, etc. and we say that he'd like her to pat his back!! She's very good about watching and not climbing into the basket when she's in his room. She climbs up on the chair and looks at him with amazement and interest. His bath is quite an important occasion to her, too.

We hope you are A.O. now and that the owner doesn't stalk your way any more this year! We're so glad you're having such a wonderful year, Vera!!

Best wishes from us all!

We love you!

Sincerely,

Ann, Helen,
Ted and Fred

P.S. I surely enjoy the picture you sent us of yourself! Thanks again!

S.

Thursday morning

Dear Ma,

It's been wonderful having all your good letters!

The maroon carduroy is perfect. The $4\frac{5}{8}$ yds are just fine. (I just used five yards as a round number!!)

The little cotton print is adorable and such good material. I'd like some but I better not just now - we've so many things to buy for the house - and I still have several pieces for dresses for Ann. So I'll just keep the samples to look at.

Don't be in too big a hurry about the shirts. If I don't get them for two or three months it will be soon enough.

Sorry about "Two & Six" - it was such a good magazine.

We thought Robin's letter very good. We'll try to save him some more stamps as they come.

Now about the Russell Wright ware - I'll save your letter until mother comes and show her. However, there are 4 AD cups & saucers #45 - \$2.60 which I didn't have in the original order. The coffee cups and saucers were the big ones - do you think I could have them changed ??? The A.D. cups and saucers are not of any use to us and the big ones I need badly.

I'll enclose a money order for the

Russell Wright	\$ 31.11
Corduroy 4 5/8	8.10
Aunt Jenny's gift	2.50
	\$ 41.71

How much more do I owe you? I know there is Helen Nielsen's gift and there must be other things - Will you please tell me exactly what?

Your classes sound very interesting for the year. Here's hoping you have another interesting and good time!!

I've been busy the past week getting my new class plans worked out for advanced costume & advanced clothing. But now I've gotten the general plan worked out for this year so I have my feet on the ground when I go to class now.

I'm not too happy about the salary situation - being an Mrs. as well as an M.S. these authorities look on me as a different kind of creature in the light of academic value!!! We have to pay out over sixty dollars this month for help and baby sitting and my check for September is only \$95.00. As you can see I'm not getting rich quick in this business. However, perhaps things will even up sometime. I wouldn't want to do without Estelle because she's so very dependable and good with the children. Without her I wouldn't feel that I

could do this teaching at all.

In one of my classes a Mrs. Sandin is enrolled. She is in charge of the Weaving School at the School of Fine Arts and Crafts in Banff during summer. She's such a fine person. I feel positively humble lecturing with her in the room but she says she's enjoying the course very much and "this" is what Alberta has needed for many years. She's most kind. Her husband is a Chemistry professor here and one of Fred's favorite university teachers from undergraduate days. I'm glad of the opportunity to know her better.

We've not heard from Mother for some time and I'm beginning to wonder when she's coming. She must be having a very good time in Seattle.

Did you see Tittle? How much fun it would be to hear about her experiences in Denmark!

The girls in my class think the little Swedish chickens so lovely!!

Ann has a slight cold today. She's always very good regardless of her feelings. Freddy boy is growing so fast. We'll see if we can get some more pictures some day. It has been unusually cloudy here for many days, so Fred hasn't been able to

take any pictures. He dropped his light meter and had to send it in to the company. So being without part of his equipment he doesn't take many pictures.

Say, will you please send me a list of the Beatrix Potter books which you now have? They have several in down town right at present and I'd like to get you some for your birthday and Christmas gifts! Nothing like being very blunt on this subject but I don't really know how I can get this information in a subtle way!!! Also I better ask you if you would still like to have more of these books before I begin stocking up on them.

I must ask about the book, At Home with Children when I go to the library next time. Thank you for keeping us posted on these things!

And now it's time for Ted's lunch so cheerio for this time!! Thanks so much for seeing about the corduroy and the pottery for us!

Love,
Ann and Ted
Helene and Fred

P.S. Can't get to the A.O. for M.O. this p.m.
Will send it tomorrow.

11016 University Ave.
Edmonton, Alberta
May 25, 1947

Dear Vera,

Thank you very, very much for the box of candy which came several days ago! I know it's for my birthday so I haven't opened it yet. But come Wednesday and I shall do so most eagerly. Wish you were here to help us celebrate and eat it! We'd have us such a good time with Auntie Vera!

The Quaking Grass pieces (potato bug design according to Fred!) arrived and I went to get them. The duty was less than three dollars so I was most happy. Thank you very much for sending them to me. I think they are the exact color of the other pieces - which are packed - so I can't compare them.

The box was another lovely silver colored one with the gorgeous blue ribbon which we promptly used for Ann's braids! So nothing goes unused from a Jensen box. Thanks heaps for doing this for me.

We're all booked up again until the middle of June when Ted leaves for the southern part of the province. We think we're moving soon - I have a talk to get organized for Darn Girls' Week - the talk is June 10th. We have a weekend meeting for the ag. grads. here so that will take two evenings for that for me. I'm trying desperately to finish my

new "chartruese" wool jersey for the occasion.
I'm using the lovely blouse material
you got me for the blouse of this. The jacket
is plain and short sleeved. The skirt is
pleated all around - time consuming to
get the pleats in correctly as you well know.
I'm almost finished with the basting and
that's the big job.

How are your exams going? And
are you staying in N.Y. for sure this summer?

Dr. Wyatt who was head of the Soils
Department here died last evening. He was
troubled with a heart condition of some kind.
He was the jolliest person - a little tiny
fellow - small as Raymond - with the
twinkliest brown eyes. Dr. Newton, who
is next in line, will no doubt become
the next department head. He is nice but
a very quiet person.

We surely do wish N.Y.C. weren't so
far away - we'd all come to see you
graduate from Columbia University.
But being where so far away we'll all put
our heads together at four p.m. June the
third and give three loud cheers for our
auntie Vera and hope that if you listen
closely you can hear our faint echoing
over the prairies and down the great
lakes to Hudson River right into the
Columbia University graduation exercises!
We're so happy for you - honestly we are and
so proud of our one and only auntie!
Come see us when you can! Will tell you about

our next place when we have moved!!

Much love,
Ann & Ted
Helen & Fred

P.S. If you could sometime find a brown 24" x 26" 3/4" zipper, would you get it please? I'm
trying to make a brown leather case for carrying camera equipment. It's to be
in the same way that there's no hurry. I'd like to see it in a month.

11016 Univ. Ave.

Edmonton Alberta

May 29, 1947.

Dear Vera,

So the great day approaches! And I imagine it will be a great relief to have it over with. Of course taking courses always seems such a task at the time and then afterwards one looks

back at those days and
realizes that really they ^{to}
were enjoyed tremendously.

I guess we've proof
that such is the case
for you as shown
by your talk of going
back for more next
year. I don't know
whether Helen has
mentioned it or not
but we aren't sure

whether you are going
Robining or not this
summer. That I
guess determines
whether or not you
return to Columbia next
year.

I've been pleased
with your letters all
year. They've shown
you've been living
as well as learning
while in N. Y. That

is as it should be —
too often living ceases
during a graduate
student's learning period.

So now I've but to
give you congratulations
on your graduation and
hope that you'll obtain
enjoyable, remunerative
work using your new
knowledge. Best wishes
Sincerely,
Fred.

Dear Vera,

We meant to fix up a
real fancy individually
designed card for our Aunt
Vera's graduation but instead
we spent the time holding
and loving our Baby
Ted! Will you forgive us?

We also would like to
have made you an extra
special something in the
way of a gift for this big
occasion but we didn't
get that done either. So
instead - when you take
the money down to
George's will you give
him what's coming from
me and then stay
a minute longer to look
and see if there isn't
something you'd like to buy
with the money that's left?
Or if you saw something
somewhere else on the
way maybe you could go back
and get it for our Auntie
Vera for a graduation gift.

Best wishes to you from
us all for this day of
Yours!

XXXX XXX XXX XXX XXX XXX XXX XXX!

Baby Ted

XXX XXX XXX XXX XXX XXX XXX XXX!

Wee Ann

Much love,

Helen

Mrs. C. E. Bentley
11016 University Ave.
Edmonton, Alberta



Miss Vera D. Petersen
% Mrs. John B. Clark
Old Westbury, L. I.
New York, U. S. A.



11016 University Ave.
June 12, 1947

Dear Vera,

We just received the letter from you and, as usual, every thing stops when we get a message from Aunt Vera!

We think you were very much honored to get the chance to teach at summer school but we're much more tickled at the prospect of you're staying where you are for the summer!!! Hurrah for our Auntie Vera!!!

Ann is going to have her birthday picture taken "special" on the hose tomorrow if the weather is good. Fred will take



some snaps in Kodachrome. Our flowers are very nice at present out west of the house. Fred will be gone on Saturday when it's ~~Anno's~~ birthday so we'll celebrate a day early. Wish you were here to be with us. You'd have your picture taken also.

I've been busy as usual - Tuesday I gave a talk on "Color in Costume" to a group of girls in for Farm Young Peoples Week. I gathered up every scrap of material I could find to use. On one side of the stage I had set up the colors suitable for warm colored types. Featured prominently among these was the India tie dye scarf you gave me. It looked lovely. I had a strong spot light shining on it to bring out the sparkle. On the other side of the set up I had colors for the cool types of people. In between I had intermediate type colors. It was fun and the girls seemed to enjoy themselves. On the occasion I put on my new Chartreuse jersey with the figured silk blouse (the material you sent me from P.M.)!

It was such fun making it and I found a hat that is perfect. All I need now is gloves. Do you mind if I send a sample and if you have occasion to see any will you get them? I've looked all over here and every y.g. I've seen is just a little too bright to really be nice. If I could find some fairly long gloves they would be O.K. because the jacket is short sleeved.

The hat is straw. The lady in the shop took a

gorgeous veil (y.g. like the
dress & darker green combined)
off another hat and put it
on mine! I've never seen the
like of that for service. The
veil was all there was on that
hat; and, incidentally, is
all there is on mine!! She
was a honey of a sales girl and
knows what's good. Her shop
is on a par with Young-Quinlan
goods only not nearly as
extensive in line - just
hats, lingerie & dinner dresses.

If during your travels
you see something else for a

blouse in "my colors" I shall appreciate your letting me have a look at it. This blouse is really super in color. I'm thinking about wearing it this winter with my navy black skirt for dress occasions, too.

Will be glad to take on the colored things for weaving, etc. Thanks a million!!!

Did I tell you that we ordered six dining room chairs? They will have maple legs and upholstered backs & seats and will be such that they can be used either in the living or dining room. We hope to buy some plastic upholstery if we can find something really nice. Otherwise I'd weave some fabric for the upholstery. The factory doesn't have the plastic upholstery so we bought them with the muslin covers instead. We may have a dining room table made by one of the cabinet makers here at the University shops if I can figure out a good design.

We should know by this weekend if we're going to move or not. It will be good to know one way or the other at last!

Baby Ted and Mrs Ann are both having a wonderful time! Ted smiles and "giggles" a great deal the last week. He's much like Ann in many ways. Ann is

the "cleanest" child a going these days for she spends hours washing her hands, a wooden bowl, a bottle or anything else that to her is "dirty". "Soap" is, of course, all important in this cleansing process and without it the washing wouldn't be such fun! She can surely work up a lather with it.

At present I'm working on two slack suits and a jacket of dark red corduroy for her to wear this fall. They look a bit large at present but I don't doubt that they'll be a fit someday for her. Think I'll make a hat, too, to match the outfit. They shall be all ready for cool weather.

Say, do you think the saleslady at Younkers still intends to fill the order for Russel Wright pottery that you put in so long ago? I'm really interested in getting some more pieces - especially cups and saucers at present. We have only five now that are completely whole. The other three are chipped a bit.

Time for Ted's two o'clock feeding!

So long - have a good summer.

Thank you for finding out about the zipper!

Sincerely,

Delia



June 27, 1947

Dear Vera,

We are so glad you found
the nice pin at Jensen's!
We were so glad also to have
the very nicely illustrated
and autographed book by
Nura for Ann's birthday.
She enjoys the pictures
a great deal. We also had
a ride on the horse as a
special birthday treat.
It's a lovely horse, Vera.
Everyone who sees it

looks admiringly at it.
We have put Ann's
chair away temporarily
because she is a little
hard on it, insisting on
pulling it out on the
porch to sit on it, etc. and
in the process is getting
it scratched. So I hope
to find her an "everyday"
chair to carry around
so that we can keep this
one 'specially nice.

How nice it was that
Onis Dunn came to your
graduation! Glad some-

one could be there on such
a big occasion in one's
life as that is. Are you
planning to stay on at
Columbia next year?

We were so glad to hear
about the places and
the people in L.S. It must
be very exciting living in
such an interesting
"neighborhood".

Had a letter from Tittel this
week. She is leaving July 5th
for Copenhagen to give some
talks on flower arrangement.
Hope she sees you or calls
you on the way. She is flying

from N. Y. C. Isn't it
exciting?

We've been busy gardening
the past two weeks. We have
lovely lilacs and honeysuckle
and high bush cranberries
here. They needed good pruning
though, and I have a huge
pile of brush for Fred to burn
when he gets home from his
trip south.

We know for sure that
we're going to move by the
first of September. I'm glad
we're at least certain of that.

11016 University Ave.
Edmonton, Alberta
July 27, 1947

Dear Vera,

Do you still claim me a sister???

Mims had bushels of company since I last wrote to you and not a moment's breath between until now. But before I go into that I must thank you for all the wonderful things!

The zippers are perfect! I know I should never have been able to obtain such a good, good one in a store. Will you thank Mr. Clark very much for his kindness? This is a very, very late date to thank him and you, I know, but I just couldn't possibly get it done earlier. Some day when I have moved I hope to settle down and make the bag for Fred. Then I'll tell you all about it.

The gloves arrived this week and they are beautifully made. A little on the dark side they are, but as you say, with a few laundries they should be perfect. Thank you so much for sending them. I know that shopping for other people can be time consuming when one isn't right in town. Thanks a million!

(your y.g. one for my cutting")
And the dress — I've been looking
at it rather critically with an eye to
using it with some material I've bought
for a skirt. The skirt is a lovely stripe
pattern, chartreuse, white, blue and violet.
The dress is the same colors as the chartreuse
in the stripe. So I may some day remake
the dress into a blouse for said skirt.
Thanks again!

(P.S. Should I pay m.c. for the zippers?
If you think so will you please do it for
me?)

There being no customs declaration
on the glove package, I don't know their
value. Will you please let me know?

We will watch for stamps to send
to Robin. Ned is out of town most of the
time these days so he won't be able to do
much collecting until he comes in again
in the fall.

Did you have an opportunity to talk to
Titty on her way? What a grand trip for her
to have! I think it would be most
exciting.

Oh, dear, I've almost forgotten to tell
you that we received Muri's book, too.
The illustrations are very good, aren't
they? Ann certainly enjoys looking at
pictures. Thank you again!

Ann is sleeping in a big bed
now that Baby Ted is using the baby
bed. So she's sleeping in our room
until we move and get re-settled.
Meanwhile we are sleeping in the
basement bedroom which is

nicely finished and is very cool this summer.

Ann looks at the picture of you on my chest of drawers and says, "Good-bye, Auntie Vera! Come again Auntie Vera!" All this in conversation to herself. So you are talked about frequently.

Your visit with the artist, Francaise, sounds so interesting! We are sure the perambulator will be a success! And hope that the wall paper will be something too. Would you get us some if you think it's good?

Monday evening

Installment two!

Hello some more! Yesterday when I was at this I didn't get finished. I'd come home from golf, packed and left for the Peace River Country up north. So I didn't get any more letters writing done.

At present I'm down at the station waiting for No. 2 to come in from Vancouver. The Hutchins are on it - I hope! They are the people who lived in our upstairs when we were in Saskatoon. Les has been at the U. of Calif. at Berkeley doing work toward his Ph.D. and is now returning to be on the faculty at Saskatchewan. So I hope to say hello to them while the train takes on added passengers here. Mrs. Swanley is staying with the children this evening for me.

Say, when we move this month we will be going where there are about fifteen to twenty youngsters in the U. setup. Some of the girls are interested in getting some play equipment as there will be a community playground out back. Can you suggest any "literature" or books or readin' that would be good on the subject? All the children are at present pre school with the exception of two or possibly three. There is

adequate space for play room for different
age groups. It seems to me that the two
year olds should have an area of their
own which is enclosed. Do you think so?
Any subject matter on this problem
play equipment and space will be gratefully
accepted by us mamas !!!

Mr. Mitchell comes
here, too for a weekend.
Coming next week for
two weeks, etc., etc.

How is the job situation shaping
up by now? I'd be interested in hearing about
the jobs you didn't take. Were they
very fancy? Or weren't they in the right place.

Are you going to Dixie in August ???

It seems as though it's still very
uncertain as to whether the folks are coming
up here this fall. It surely would be fun to
see them — and you too if you can make it.

It will be nice to be moved. By September
first we will definitely be in. I'm going to try to
make some bedspreads in the next two

weeks if possible. Dad has just completed
putting the finishing coats on the twin beds
for our room. They look lovely!! I'm so
proud of his work. We are going to get a
couple of side tables and some new
draperies for the living room. The windows
are in the corner — like so.)

There is a real

fireplace in the living room. Won't it
be fun? We hope to buy or have made
a dining room table to go with our new chairs.
I can hardly wait! Can't buy the things
though until I see how well our present
things fit into the room.

I'm really very sorry I haven't written
much sooner but I've been so busy and with
Dad away it means early in the morning & feed
Ted and later at night to visit with company —
no unoccupied moments. Wish you could
see our Ann and Ted. much, much love, Helen

P.S. Guess I didn't tell you about our guests —
Billings has just left after two weeks with us.
A perfect lady from Ontario was here before that.

11016 University Ave.
Edmonton, Alberta
August 12, 1947

Dear Vera,

Having just received a
detailed account of your
jam-packed week in Alaska, I
feel as though I should sit
down and rest a spell just
to help you out after such

strenuous activities! What a good time you must have had seeing everyone!!

Here are a set of birthday pictures and others for our Auntie Vera. We got them collected and made up another set for Dad's birthday too. So you and he can celebrate the date by having us there in proxy if no other way.

Summer school is out today. Makes me think fall isn't far away! We entertained a couple evenings last week when Dad was in town, so now our schedule is quite open until September. Dad is off today for the Dakotas and Montana where a U.S. and Canadian Soils group is making a tour - a Correlation Trip. It will be a

grand trip and he will have
a wonderful experience.

Ann, Ted and I are just
recovering from colds which
somehow we got over the
weekend.

Last evening Ted and I
finally were able to see "The Egg
and I". We had a grand time.

Best of wishes from us all!

Love,

Ann and Ted
Helen and Fred

Oct 3,

1947

Dear Ma,

I'm certainly not very
sisterly by the amount of correspondence
I send you! Gosh, but this is a
hctic week!!

Classes started and all of a
sudden I'm teaching almost
full time because of a new
course in costume design +
advanced clothing. Nobody

has left any illustrative material
and I'm just in a "tizzy"!!!

Estelle is gone this week.
Her twin sisters are being
married this evening. She'll
be back Saturday we hope.
Nellie + Jack Clayton +
Holmes + Emma Turner
from Saskatoon came to
town yesterday for a few days.

So we were out to dinner
last night. Tomorrow I'm
having a tea for Nellie +
Emma and Saturday
evening a dinner. If
we can keep up the pace
for a few days maybe we'll
survive the week!!!

I'm taking kisses tonight
and writing while waiting
for them.

What you taking this
year ??? We're all ears.

Teddy boy can just about sit-
up now and he's been on three
meals a day since he was
five months old. He's such a
good baby, Vera. Ann is busy
wheeling baby carriages & kiddie
cars around the lot these days.
Everyone here has something for
outside or I guess will have to
find something - costly though
it is!! When we play something
which she likes she says, "Let's do it
again, Mummy!! And we do. Such fun!!

we loved the
dream story!!
For: Helen

Mrs. C.F. Bentley
11218 57th Avenue
Edmonton, Alberta

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BY AIR MAIL—PAR AVION

Miss Vera D. Petersen
c/o Mrs. John B. Clark
Old Westbury, L. I.
New York

11218- 87th Ave.
Edmonton
Treas. Room.

Dear Vera,

Had to finish feeding Ted but that's all - I didn't do another thing! The spoon sounds wonderful. I'd thought I'd give her a mahoegany bowl I have but I can give it to some one else. The spoon would be such a lovely thing. Do count us in and tell me what my share of the bill is. Thanks very much.

We were glad to hear about "The Cry" & the word about Nelies. We, too, have a Cry but would gladly exchange it for our old Silex which got broken a while back!!! Thanks for looking for enduring. Don't work too hard on it.

I've just about been forked the last three days with moving but Estelle is back with us now and

I can certainly tell the difference!
If only we had a fence in place for
Ann, now, things would look
beautiful. We hope we can get something
soon.

Fred is out in the country today.
He has surely been wonderful at
helping with all the moving; it's
been such a lot of work.

Will write more when I get a
bit of rest.

We were so glad to have
your letter.

Much love,

Ann and Ted
Helen and Fred

Mrs. C. F. Bentley
11218-87th Avenue
Edmonton, Alberta



Miss Vera D. Petersen
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Miss Vera D. Petersen
c/o Mrs. John B. Clark
Old Westbury, L. I.
New York

Sunday evening at
11218 - 87th Avenue!

Dear Vera,

We still remember you even if
we don't write!!! We were ever so happy
to have your letter and I've been trying
to find a nice "quiet" evening to answer
it but moving is a noisy - and I
must say - tiring occupation!!
However, we're over the worst now and
the fun is beginning. I've completed
bedspreads and curtains for our
bedroom. Will make the draperies this
week and then will hang the pictures.

I'm leaving the kitchen curtains
till very last, hoping perhaps to
stencil something if I get a bright
idea. We have a new Super
duty model of Hoover vacuum - if it
sweeps as it beats as it cleans fame!
The attachments are still to come but
the salesman assures it it won't be
long - whatever long is these days!

It's wonderful to know about the Russel
Wright coming. I'll be so delighted to have
it. Knowing Gimbel's is Gimbel's I had
me "doubts" but I was getting to be very
much in need of some dishes!!!

If you really like to go to Best's and
do some shopping here's what I'd like
very much for Anna - 4 white cotton

polo shirts or T shirts or whatever they're called. They're just plain knit shirts with short sleeves and a round neckline that fits up fairly high - no buttons or opening of any kind. I'd like them in ~~size~~ size 4 or preferably size 5 if they come in that size. They're for Ann to wear with her new Enduro slacks. White are the best because they can be bleached if necessary and don't lose color up here where the sun is very bright.

Thank you very much for the information concerning the play equipment. We are hoping to get an enclosed play yard for the two year olds soon.

(I should have used another sheet of paper - this will be difficult to read. - Will do another letter.)

Do write and tell us your plans for this fall and also your address.

Here are some more stamps for Robin. Thank you for letting us see Tasha's pictures.

Must be off to bed. Ted leaves again early in the morning.

Much love!

Helin

all prepared and everything.
She even has her bag
packed for an impending
trip!

I'm going to take part
of my vacation while H. is
in the hospital. Ann & I
are going to get the yard all
tidied up &c &c during
that time.

Both Ann and Helen
really enjoy their and each others
gifts. You choose the kinds
of things they like best! Thank
you very much. Hope things
are going well. Sincerely,

April 1, 1947

Dear Vera,

The surely are thrilled immensely with the Easter presents from our Aunt Vera! The chickens arrived Saturday just before lunch when I was having the H.E. faculty in for noon. It was most festive to have some new decorations. They're darling!

And the book!!! Oh, Vera we are having such a "looking" good time. The color is the most handsome I think I've seen in a child's book. Thank you so much!

Please take the money for the chickens out of that which I sent you. I don't want you to pay for them. The customs tag was cut off when the parcel

came so I don't know what it was. But be sure to do this, write you? I'm so very happy to have such things.

I'm just getting on my own after an attack of sinus which really was a whopper this time. Sorry I didn't get to writing you sooner but just couldn't.

Will write more when I feel a bit more perky.

Hope you have a very happy Easter! Tell us what you see on Fifth Avenue that day. We love to hear.

Love,
Helen

P.S. How do you like Mrs Ann in pigtails on the picture when she's holding the fur book? H.

Hi Vera,

This eve Helen seems much better. She's had three bad days. We think she's really on the road to recovery now.

School is just about over for the year. One more week of classes. I've a bunch of grade compilations to do this evening as part of the program! Helen has her things well in hand and her exams

11016 Univ. Ave.

Edmonton, Alberta.

Apr. 16, 1947.

Dear Vera,

your "in haste" arrived today.

Helen has had by far worst ever sinus. Bed ten days but now very much better & up for a week. Sinus at the moment all but completely o.k. However low energy level & that used in concentrating on exam marking to get results in before event. I'm not tied down at school at the moment and so am able to help a good deal and so we're getting along fine.

We're planning to have some one help Helen for a couple of months' after she gets home from hospital. So on that account too things should be o.k. Therefore don't worry.

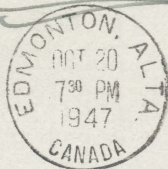
Yes we get 2 to 6. The first issue is one of our favorite reading books. To aim a book is not a book — it's "coco" — name of a dog in this particular issue.

Don't get the pop. And don't worry. Hope the work is going well.

Sincerely
Fred.

Mrs. C.F. Bentley
11218 - 87th Ave.
Edmonton, Alberta

Air MAIL



Miss Vera D. Petersen
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1230 Amsterdam Ave.
New York 27, N. Y.

October 17, 1947

Dear Vera,

We were so glad to have your letter this week with all the good writing and the clippings! I'd surely enjoy any and all such like on any subject connected with Applied Art or Costume design. They are excellent bulletin board material.

Thanks a million for the four G. D. coffee cups for Ted! They will be such fun for the youngsters

I know. Thank you very, very much!
We've had such fun with the ones
you sent Ann. Whenever children
come for a meal we use them —
and the youngsters drink cups &
cups!!

Your library job sounds like
such fun! I'm glad you have it.

The corduroy hasn't come yet
but I've not been concerned
because we're busy.

Mother is doing all sorts of
odd jobs for me around the
house. It's so grand to have them
done. I think I'll get a dress
made for myself this coming week
while she's here.

Miss Patrick asked me to
teach summer school. I think
I will if all goes well. We would
so like to build a house within
two years if we can possibly swing
it. Estelle says she'll help us out
so we will probably make out
O.K. The salary will be \$350. for the
five weeks for anyone who is on
the regular faculty here.

Did I ask you whether or not you'd like to have a complete set of the Beatrix Potter books? If so, will you send me the titles of those you now have? They have some more books in down town I notice.

Fred is out digging the vegetables this afternoon so that we can get our supply down for the winter. Mother is ^{at} home taking care of the children and Jim waiting here at the doctor's office for my annual check up. Have collected a whole set of quiz papers so my time has been valuably spent!

Best wishes from us all! Love,

11218-87th Ave.
Edmonton, Alberta
November 17, 1947

Dear Vera,

You would have had a real Christmas-time experience had you seen Uncle Ann opening all the parcels in the wonderful "package" from Aunt Vera! Ann was dressed up in everything as it was unwrapped. She looked like a little old grandmother by the time she had the pink bed jacket with the purple jacket on top of each other and everything else! She was having a wonderful time and so were we. The crowning event came when she got the box of suckers out and passed them around. The box of "Loft" we are saving for Christmas. The small box of fruit cake must be one from a wedding. Is it? Looks like it as they do them up for taking home and sleeping on."

I enjoyed the Sweden House catalogue very thoroughly. Do you think you could get us a half dozen little Hand Made Sautas - by Gunnel - red flannel $2\frac{3}{4}$ " high at 25 cents each sometime?

We tried the shirts on Teddy boy and they just fit him fine except the neckline is a little snug over his head but that's a small matter. He thinks it's a game. The size 4 is too snug on Ann. I think size 6 should still be O.K. I'm sorry to have to tell you this but I thought it best. We've used the one for Ted but the other three are still untried. Shall I just keep them for gifts and then sometime when you see some in size six will you take them? No hurry at all, at all! If the neck opening has a side fastening with two buttons that's O.K. Short sleeves rather than long if there's a choice otherwise it doesn't matter which. You've no idea how Canadian weather makes such husky, sturdy youngsters out of these Bentley bunnies!!! Must be the ultra violet in the northern lights!

We enjoyed the Christmas card from Jensen's. Dad says he has very "expensive" tastes as the only card he liked was the fifty-cent one!!!

I've just been home for a week with neuritis in my face. Today I went back

to class again and am now trying to catch up with all the undone work. Fred was wonderful to help while I was not feeling too well.

The girls in adv. costume class surely enjoyed the fashion section you sent. They were busily studying costumes by the designers whom we had discussed the previous week in class and said, "Isn't it fun looking at these when we know the designers?" Thanks a lot!

I must get at my grading now.

Haven't heard from mother yet since she arrived in Sile, but there may be a letter tomorrow.

Where you spending Christmas?
On Park Avenue?? I hope so.

We loved the story about the Counters. When Fred finished reading the letter he just said, "You'll now have to tell Vera that it's all over between her and us! We just can't compete with anyone who knows and corresponds with a counter. We're just not in that class!"

What's this about Tittie's Counter? Tell
me about her (Tittie's) visit when you
have a minute, please.

I've been busy buying decorative
objects for our art dept. here. It's very
difficult to find any good ones.
I must say. Now if the University
would see fit to send me on a buying
tour to N.Y.C. I might be able to
make a good job of it!!! (and have
a visit to boot!)

Best wishes from us all!

Love,

Helene

Mrs. C.F. Bentley
11218- 87th Avenue
Edmonton, Alberta



Airmail

Miss Vera D. Petersen
c/o Mrs. John B. Clark
Apartment 10c
1021 Park Avenue
New York 28, N. Y.

Christmas 1947

Dear Vera,

While the paint is still
wet I'm going to mail you the
very first of our Christmas
cards with all the best wishes
of all the Bentleys! We
know you will have a nice
Christmas with the Clarks.
Our very best wishes to

them also. Here^{are} a couple of Danish stamps for Robin.

The package for Ann and Ted came yesterday. Ann was very busy looking at the seals of Santa and Ann and Teddy on the wrapper! She was very interested in the skates and the sled. She has a pair of Trager Bibbey's ice skates so we are going to have a lesson some day. We have a nice rink out in "our" back yard, inc.

The Santa clauses and missemen arrived and sodid the tree in wonderful condition. The girls were so thrilled to see everything when they were here. Ann has to be lifted up to see the cooly house with the two Santa clauses on our fireplace mantel. We look at all the windows, the don, the chimney and the Santas many times.

We're glad you liked the books. We send back the "Two Bad Mice" and will get an exchange for you. Will you let me know which ones you

don't have? They've gotten some in
which I've not seen here before.

I didn't give Beulah & Wesley
a present. Mother told me we were
in on one so I've crossed that off
the list. Thanks for putting our names
on the "ticket" but we'd be glad to
pay a share, too.

We're glad you had the candle
out for your birthday again.

We have the Nissemen in our
dining room window. Ann
loves to look at them while we're
eating. She says the Nissemen

He's so unafraid to try these new things. Ann was always so cautious.

Ann, by the way, calls me Mrs. Bentley, Mrs. B., Helen and mommy just by way of a little variety at present!!!

We are having the Bentleys all in for Christmas Eve. This year Ann will hang her stocking for the first time. Wish you could be here. Much love and a Merry Christmas!

Ann and Ted, Helen and Fred

are eating porridge one morning and then the next morning they are eating rice crispies! So you see they do have a variety in diet.

Sorry you had such a lot of fuss and bother about mailing the tree - oh, but it's beautiful! Vera. Everyone enjoys it so. How much is the bill for it?

Were three deep in exams. Fred has 180 in one class alone. Notebooks too.

After Christmas I take on a series of lectures to the wives of service men here at the university. The subject is interior decorating. There will be close to a hundred according to reports at present.

So if you don't hear from us till St. Patrick's Day you'll know we're just "snowed in" for the winter.

Oh, dear, I forgot the very most important event of today! Teddy Boy can creep now!!! He "shoved off" for sure for the first time today. He also tries to pull himself up to a standing position when he's in the play pen.

Hi Vera,

Guess I rate you as a correspondent. However I have been getting by oke — we still get letters from Old Westbury (has Helen told you how that just panics me?) so I've continued to be lazy. Helen, with a mother's fond imagining, has probably been telling you that we have two unusually bright and accomplished children. Well I'm here to support her statements, they're true. If you don't believe me come see for yourself first hand!

By the way I was annoyed at you letting them badge you into excessive exercise. Bite back next time.

Well as you see sin
in the red — & that
won't do at J B C's. so
I'll wish you a very
pleasant Xmas season &
hope you are enjoying &
profiting by (1) your year at
school (2) the J B C's.

Sincerely

Frederick



P.S. "as seen in Vogue" (Aug.) I. Miller calls it "Young Love."
Black suede pumps!

Your experiences in New York sound most interesting, Vera. We enjoy your letters ever so much! "Caesar and Cleopatra" have come and gone but were hoping they will return another time.

Are I. Miller shoes as hard to get in the N.Y.C. store as elsewhere? I tried all over to get my black shoes but without success! I noticed in one of the recent "Vogues" - August issue, I believe, that they have a low-^{wedge}-~~flat~~-heeled shoe that looks as though it would be equally comfortable to those I've had. Across the toe the pattern looks like this (as I remember it)  I'll look send
in the office in the a.m. before I
this to get the name of the shoe. I'll
like a pair very much if they
are available in 8 1/2 AA or 9 AAA. With all
the walking I do these days I need a
good pair of shoes and Yunkers still haven't
sent me any - guess they haven't had
any in. mine in the morning!

Good night all! We were so
glad to see you all this summer.

Sincerely,

Ann, Fred and Helen

first broke out of customs. I am anxious to see it.

Tomorrow, Thursday, afternoon I'm invited to Mr. Hugh Smith's for tea. Mr. Smith was one of Fred's professors when he was in university here. I met them when we were here for Christmas two years ago.

Sunday evening we are inviting three fellows who are here working on Master's degrees. They are all former Saskatchewan graduates and friends of Fred's from there.

Perhaps it would be a good idea for you to forward this to Fred if you will. The time seems to be short every day here while we're still in the settling stage. There are so many things to find places for.

Ann is busy learning to eat and drink by herself and is very independent about it all.

We fixed the Jack-in-the-box with a set of small hinges from another box so he is ready for many, many more days of fun.

It makes exactly one year that we've been living from month to month here. The new University suites are quite nice - but the planning could have been much better. I'm toying with the idea of making and stencilling some new draperies for the living room which has corner windows. So there would be a chance to do something smart and stunning - if I can find the time!!! Hope we can get all settled before university classes open. I plan to teach again! Miss Patrick has asked me to be head of Applied Art & Textiles and Clothing - but I have a year in which to decide. I should know by that time how much I can swing at home and at school too. Did I tell you all this once before? I can't remember.

Must be off now. Am tutoring a girl during summer school. She is going to teach Applied Art at the University of British Columbia in Vancouver this year. She's getting some help on Interior Decoration. We're having a wonderful time!

Best wishes from us all to our good Auntie Vera! Ann loves at you

picture on my chest of drawers and
says, "Auntie Vera, Auntie Vera!"

Much love,

Helena

P.S. Baby Ted smiles his broadest
smile to Auntie Vera across all the
miles to Long Island.

H.

Vera, I'd like to tell
you about my new camera
and equipment. When we
finish the 1st roll (36 pictures) we'll
send some of the results! Fred.

Sunday p. m.

Dear Vera,

We enjoyed your letter so much! Here's
one from mom that's a bit more
cheerful than the signa-cards you got.
What a waste of ink and good time!

We're all wonderfully well and
happy! Our Ann says "all gone", "no more"
and "bye-bye car" most convincingly!
"Bye-bye car" is by far the most exciting.
"Twot Six" arrived yesterday. Thanks so
very much! We are enjoying it.

Thanks for getting the present for
Carl and putting our names on too! I surely
do appreciate it because this month
is pretty hectic with so many classes.
Will you be sure to subtract my part of
the bill from the money I've sent you?
Thanks a million!

Now I can say that I have sent all
Park Avenue editions - cause the last
two are right here in a pile of stamped +
addressed letters to be mailed in the
morning. Gosh we are busy! But it
seems I could find a minute to at least

lick a postage stamp for Enla! And so I did!!!

Have been working on one of my radio talks today. It's still in a nebulous stage but I hope to crystallize it soon. I bet!

Haven't located a "life" but will keep inquiring. Ned likes to see the write up.

Glad you were at the author's place.

We got us a new honey colored maple writing desk and book case yesterday. It's a honey. Bring up your chair and table and we'll have a get together!!! We hope to have all light furniture in our house someday. Fred likes it very much. I'm glad.

Must go to bed and rest.

Have written mother + dad tonight & needn't forward this.

Have you ever thought of seeing Emmy Gruibner? Misses Fisher + O'Brien said that you should go see her someday when you have time. She's with Am. Crayn Co. with an office in Rockefeller Center. She has such expressive hands. If any of her stencil prints of children or for children are still being sold I'd like two or three if they're not too costly. She was selling them for \$5.00 each in St. Paul but I got to the place too late - all gone.

Much love.

Ann, Helen and Fred

11215-87th Avenue
Edmonton, Alberta
December 10, 1947

Dear folks,

Perhaps my excuse is not a good one but its the same old one - we were snowed under until tonight at eight-thirty when Fred finished giving his radio paper! Now, we're going to start in on our Christmas cards.

But before I begin explaining I do want to thank you very, very much for sending Anna the biddy car. The package came just before noon. Estelle said that Anna could open it when she'd finished her nap. So Anna went off to bed after lunch but was back down after a very short sleep at two o'clock to "open the package, please!!" She had such a good time and we had just as good a time watching her. Fred has fastened it together and ~~so~~ she rides it around in the basement or outside in the playpen when there isn't too much snow on the ground. You certainly made her very happy by sending it to her. Many thanks.

I suddenly and unexpectedly had to give my radio talk on the third of December instead of today, the tenth. So I was busy getting the writing done in time. Then our final examinations for the term had to be in on the third also, so I was really burning the night light.

Fred's great aunt Annie passed away

last weekend. She is the lady who taught school up at Dawson City during the gold rush. Her funeral was yesterday. Margaret and Newcombe came in from Vermilion for the funeral and were here Monday evening.

Today I had the girls from our class over to the house for their last laboratory before the holidays. They saw some of our Christmas decorations and made some, too. A couple of girls made cozy houses for nephews & theirs. I was busy baking cookies three different evenings for the girls' coffee this afternoon. And so it goes! Oh yes, Miss Omer from the U. of Saskatchewan, head of women's extension, was visited us over the weekend too. It was nice to have a visit from her.

Aunt Volborg sent the red and white wool. Isn't it lovely? I think I can get a coat out of it for Ann for next year if I use both red and white. I surely was happy to have it. Thank you very much!

Our Christmas parcels to the United States had to go off by December tenth in order to insure delivery in time. So we sent ours off yesterday. I hope everything reaches you safely.

Thank you so much for the parcel with the cake decorations, zipper and all. The vegetable bowl came through without a crack! About the price list, I haven't one except an old one which is about all right, I think. Here

it is. starter sets - 4 each of dinner plates
 4 " of tea plates
 4 " of B & B plates
 4 " of cups & saucers
 4 each of oatmeal

\$10.00 for these

Here are the individual prices of items

dinner plates .60
 tea plates .45
 B & B. " .35
 cups & saucers .60
 oatmeal .45
 cream & sugar 1.15 each.

I need the cups and saucers most at present and then the tea plates, B & B plates & the cream pitchers next. Otherwise there is no hurry. I don't know what all the rules and customs which have recently gone into effect will do to such items. But if they aren't allowed the things will just come back to you. I don't think china and pottery are on the list, however. Some glassware is.

I was glad to have Aunt Dorothy's nice letter and to see the pictures she and Aunt Olga took a good deal alike. Isn't it nice that you are corresponding with her?

I have a Bonnier's Christmas catalogue. Thanks a lot! Aunt Jenny sent us a \$10.00 money order. Would you please pay the Fredville Church dues for me? I'll have to enquire at

the bank next time about sending money for things like that to the United States. There are very strict regulations in force about money at present. Canadians may only take \$150.00 with them to the United States in a year until the balance of trade again becomes favorable.

We heard over the River and through the woods, too, before Thanksgiving. It was on the Swift's Breakfast Club program from Chicago.

We'll be very glad to have the cheese glasses whenever you have time to send them or bring them. If you happen to have a glass jar with the glass cover on it like those I have, I'd surely appreciate another of them sometime. They're so handy for jam, peanut butter and honey.

About Ted's sweater - size four is the least you should get for him. He's really big. He's so happy to have someone help him to his feet. He just prances when we walk him across the floor. Of course, all of a sudden he will settle down for a rest but he surely likes to try walking.

He and Ann were very good children this afternoon while the girls were here. We were so glad. Neither one of them are afraid of strangers. Ann kept practicing all morning on "Hello, girls!" which was what she was going to say when she came down from her nap. Of course, the practicing was much louder

and more sure than the final result
when she did say it! But she soon felt
at ease and chatted away with them.
Barbara was the one she remembered the
best after they'd all gone.

The Harris' had a baby boy. Phyllis and
the baby came home a day or so ago. I've
not had time to go to see them yet but
hope to do so tomorrow. I'll tell her what you
said, mother.

Well, I must get off to bed. I'm
dreadfully tired after today. Sorry my
writing is so scribbly but I did want
to get this off to you. I wrote thanking
Polborg this morning for the material.

Best wishes to you both from us all!

Sincerely,

Ann and Ted,

Helene and Fred

Christmas 1947

Dear folks,

A merry Christmas to you
from us all here in Edmonton!

Our very latest news is
that Ted can creep! He started
off yesterday morning all
by himself! He's trying very
hard to pull himself to a
standing position in the
play pen and yesterday
he almost made that
too.

Ann is having her
usual good time. By way of
variety she is calling me
Mrs. Bentley, Mrs. B, Helen

a morning! She has made
a good time doing it.

And and I have had
all the rooms for this time
and are now busy making
papers so that we can get
them finished before
Christmas.

We are having Aunt
Maudie's and Bessie and
Edison here for Christmas
one. Small throat
having the ice cream
for dessert.

We have already received
a number of Christmas
greetings. It's such a
wonderful time when
we hear from all
the friends in various
places.

We think we will
take some to see Santa
Claus down town to-
morrow morning. He
will surely have a great
deal to talk about
after an excursion such
as that.

She was down town in the evening for the first time last week. All the places that had never fighting were Tuck Shops !!

Wish you could be here for Christmas but perhaps some other time.

Best wishes from us all to you both!

Sincerely,

Ann and Ted
Allen and Fred