

1307 N. Sierra Bonita Ave.  
Hollywood, Cal. July 6-36

Dear friend:-

I was so glad  
to hear from you. I have  
thought of you since Belia passed  
and what a shock it must-  
have been to you. I feel sure  
that Evelyn, Belia and Ruth  
must have had a grand good  
time together and that they  
one and all will be interested  
in some good cause that needs  
help both there and here. This  
changing world we are in today  
needs help from both sides of  
life.

I have not seen Josephine  
Black in a long time, she is  
these days a busy woman.  
and not free to make calls-

I am getting deaf in my old  
age and I cannot hear all  
voices that phone one - some are  
very plain others I cannot hear.

Mrs H. W. Clark, the lady with  
I make my home - is always  
willing to take any messages  
coming to me - she phone is

Hi-3091 - and if you come  
to Los Angeles - I want to  
see you - so phone me -  
with kind regards -  
I am friend Helen Blacklin.



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Dear Bill:

On my return I found your letter enclosing the cover of the 1944 Year Book of the National Forest Products Sales showing the pine grain. Also the package containing five pieces of clear Ponderosa Pine. I cannot tell you how much I appreciate your arranging to send this material to me. The lumber is an excellent selection and just what I wanted.

I too am sorry that I did not see you Friday afternoon to say good-bye. I did enjoy our visit and the evening we had together.

Before leaving San Francisco I happened to be going by the ticket office where your pictures are on display and was even more impressed with your work. There were also a number of other people standing there admiring them.

Do let me hear from you from time to time and let me know what develops in regard to your plans. I want to keep in touch with you.

Every success to you in whatever you plan to do. Kind regards.

Very truly yours,

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*Robert M. Bodkin*  
General Manager

*Bodkin, Robert M*

RMB-k

Dayton, Ohio  
Oct. 23, 1938

Dear Will:

This letter is a belated thank you for yours of Sept. 16. It gives me a great deal that I shall use in my writings. You see I have already made use of a part of your letter giving you credit for it. I may not be so generous another time for I <sup>it</sup> wanted to appear that I have some wits of my own. You don't know how hard it is getting material for my weekly corner. I can get king friends to read aloud to me, but I can't find anybody to skim for me, and the skimming thru periodicals and magazines is where we get most of our information.

I agree with you thoroughly on the subject of Roosevelt and send you this excerpt showing that Chas. A. Beard agrees with us. I (recent) wish you would send me some late copies of "The Week," if you have them, and who is Fred Kelly who sends them to you. Does he belong to the Xenia Kelly's? I wonder if you are situated as presently socially as I am. I go to see my best friends and they open up on Roosevelt. I have tried to change the subject and be polite but it is hard to do. Charlotte is equal to it. This summer when she was visiting me here in Dayton someone said to her with that finality of irresponsible gossips, "you know don't you that President Roosevelt was taken to the Mayo clinic at Rochester, Minnesota and pronounced insane," and Charlotte rejoined smugly "yes and you know don't you that Harding had negro blood in his veins," and she might have added "and you know too that the Lindberghs kidnapped their own baby." Yes I wonder as you do how some of these people will feel when they look back upon the ideas they expressed. The people who fought so viciously against suffrage, now accept it as a matter of course and I want to say "I told you so," and never dare.

Your letter arouses again all the longing that I constantly feel



to hear men talk. I mean men who think. They have a freer viewpoint than even the most intelligent women do, so please keep on with your letters as a kind of missionary work, to a hopeless "shut-in". Family affairs both at your end of the line and mine have taken up a good deal of our attention. It was good of your mother to tell me all about Billie Quarles death. It was very sad and I hope Tot has enough to live on. That may be a worldly sentiment, but in these days it means something. Here in Dayton we have been having a visit from Robert Dexter. He has taken one grand fling around the circle. From Pacific Grove to San Francisco, then to New York and to Washington to see all the new buildings, then to Cleveland to visit the Cutters, two weeks here in Dayton, spending a few days and nights with each of the relatives and seeing all his old professional friends. Now he is in Chicago for a few days with Margery and Robert (Reeve's children) after that to Lawrence, Kansas, for a week end with Charlotte and then back to the coast. It has been such a pleasure for he has been a valued member of our family since he married Mary nearly fifty years ago.

We are having our loveliest fall weather. They tell me the trees are superlatively gorgeous and I say without fear of contradiction that California can show nothing equal to it. Of course winter will shut us down after awhile and then we can't brag any more. My three grandchildren (Wilbur's children) are away at school. Reeve at the O.S.U. Frances at the Western Reserve Univ. and Hugh at the Hudson Preparatory School for boys. The last two got their places by a scholarship, by examination, and save their mother \$850 a year. I jog along as you might suppose a human soul would living at the bottom of a well, but I have many friends and life continues interesting. Share this letter with your mother and my love to both.

C. R. C.



# War Planes At Addis Ababa

(BULLETIN)

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# RUMORS INCREASE ENGLAND

## EMERGENCY PEACE CAMPAIGN

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A COOPERATIVE EFFORT TO PREVENT WAR AND PROMOTE PEACE

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NOBODY WANTS WAR

What can we do to

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## NATIONALLY

### ORIGIN

The Emergency Peace Campaign was launched by a number of individuals who are very much concerned about the rapidly increasing international tensions which threaten to bring on large scale disastrous wars in Europe and Asia with disastrous effects upon the United States. Realizing that the peoples of the world will be very fortunate if even another five years intervene before such conflicts break out, those at the heart of the Emergency Peace Campaign face the problem of what the peace-loving people of the United States ought to do in the meantime.

After much discussion and several conferences attended by outstanding peace leaders of various organizations throughout the Country it was decided to undertake a vigorous, nation wide campaign for two years. At the end of that time it will be decided what the next step should be.

### PURPOSE

*To Promote A Co-Operative National Campaign to Keep the United States from Going to War and to Achieve World Peace By*

1. Strengthening pacific alternatives to armed conflict.
2. Bringing about such political and economic changes as are essential to a just and peaceable world order.
3. Recruiting and uniting in a dynamic movement all organizations and individuals who are opposed to war.
4. Acquainting peace-minded people with the program and policies of the member organizations of the National Peace Conference and other peace groups.

### PARTICIPATION

Since the person determined to be through with war as a means of attempting to settle group disagreements, is apt to be one willing to pay the most in terms of sacrificial giving of himself and his substance, it seems best that the core of this campaign should be composed of such persons—especially those who have reached this conviction because of religious loyalties. Also to be included are those who cannot approve of or participate in any war except to repel an unprovoked armed invasion of continental United States by a foreign foe. A third category of people whose earnest support is desired are all those who are determined to do everything they can to promote peace.

### LOCAL CONFERENCES

Meetings and conferences will be arranged in four hundred or more of the most important communities in all parts of the Country between Easter and Good-will Day (April 12 to May 18). A similar series will be conducted in the Fall and again in January, 1937. Prominent, able speakers from this country and abroad, leaders in our religious, educational, and public life will participate.

# CONFERENCE PROGRAM

Dayton, Ohio

Tuesday, April 28, 1936

## SPEAKERS

RABBI FERDINAND M. ISSERMAN

Temple Israel, St. Louis, Missouri

DOROTHY DETZER

Executive Secretary Women's International League for Peace and Freedom, headquarters, Washington, D. C.

REV. RUSSELL J. CLINCHY

Pastor, Mount Pleasant Congregational Church, Washington, D. C.



## MORNING SESSION

9:45 o'clock—Biltmore Hotel

S. C. Britton, Presiding

Opening Remarks—Rev. Charles Lyon Seasholes

Topic: How Serious is the Threat of Another World War?



## CIVIC LUNCHEON

12:15 o'clock—Biltmore Hotel

Samuel Finn, Presiding

Invocation—Father B. F. Kuhlman

Topic: The Significance and Procedure of the Emergency Peace Campaign



## AFTERNOON SESSION

2:15 o'clock—Biltmore Hotel

Mrs. Charlotte Reeve Conover, Presiding

Introductory Remarks—Rabbi Louis Witt

Topic: What Changes Should be Made in the Present Foreign Policy of the United States?



## EVENING MASS MEETING

8:00 o'clock—N.C.R. Schoolhouse

Walter Locke, Presiding

Invocation—Dr. Hazen G. Werner

Theme: What Can the People of the United States do to Avert War and Promote World Peace?



Dayton, Ohio  
October 18, 1938

Dear Amy,

I am sorry you have been sick but hope that you are quite restored by this time. I shall be very glad to read your ~~impressions~~ of the Reeve family, and will send the pamphlet about Mother whenever you want it. It will have to go by first class registered mail and come back the same way, because I have only one copy. The Detroit Free Press discovered this little pamphlet and because it was about that part of Michigan used it as a feature article in their Sunday paper and never paid me a cent for it. I didn't find out about it until too late to do anything. It makes me mad every time I think of it. Sometime ago Julia Barlow Jewitt George, the grand-daughter of Aunt Julia Kellogg, of whom I am very fond, asked me to tell her something about the Barlows, she had never thought to ask her Mother Grace Kelly Jewitt about the family and after her Mother was dead she realized that she did not know anything about her forebears. I was ten years younger than her Mother. From what I knew from my Mother and Graces' Mother I could piece out some kind of a family story and she was very glad to get it. I regret that I did not ask my Mother more questions about the Barlows, for they were really a remarkable family. And now we as the oldest who are left, ought to put down what we know ~~while~~ we still have the wits to remember. I have a pamphlet too about father and I believe I will send you the both of them, for I know you are carefull and they will come back to me in time. All these things concerning the past are becoming more and more precious, and when somebody read to me the other day in the Journal this article about Xenia I knew there would be many things in it that would interest you. And you need not send it back. It tells me what I never knew before that Xenia means "Welcome."

We are enjoying a visit from Robert Dexter. Mary was not well enough to make the long trip from San Francisco to Washington. Robert wanted to see the fine new buildings and then to visit all the family. He is eighty - three years old, and quite hale and hearty. Although I notice he is quite out of breath when he to the top of our stairs, two flights from the street. He has been to Cleveland to visit the Cutters, and will leave us the last of this week to spend several days, in Chicago with ~~Reeve~~ Robert and Marjorie Conover (Reeves' children) and then to Lawrence, Kansas where my Charlotte lives and then back to California and Mary. He is seeing a great many old friends here in Dayton, where he was a practicing architect for thirty years.

Tell Will not to despair. That some one of these days I will get to answering his fine letter.

We are having beautiful fall weather and they tell me that the woods between here and Xenia are glorious beyond expression. I wish I could see them.. Take care of yourself and write as often as you can.

With love,

C. R. C.



Dayton, Ohio.

June 5, 1937.

*Mrs. A.B. Laughhead*

Dear Amy;-

This will be only a short letter to tell you that there is a box coming with some things that I hope will be useful. Duds for you to wear and newspaper "Corners" to improve your mind.

I want to speak particularly of the beautiful letter that Will wrote about Charlie. It was the most appreciative letter we got and gave us great pleasure. To think that such a stiff prim man as Charlie could find a level with those lumber men shows what kind of a man he was. On May 1, in the morning Everett's three children, Reeve, Frances and I-- Hugh and I. Everett at home sick, stood about a small excavation in Woodland cemetery, while the beautiful burial service was read and Charlie's ashes, lowered to their last resting place. I shall miss him all the rest of my life altho we lived so far away and I saw him so seldom. The great family news here is that both Frances and Hugh have scholarships at the Western Reserve University and the Academy at Hudson. This makes their higher education secure without any outlay from Everett. They are a dear family and much comfort to me. A longer letter when I have more time.

I hope you are as well as Anno Domini permits. Much love-lover to you and Will.

Lottie.

*Mrs. D.R. Conover*

Dayton May 26

Dear Will

Your letter was so fine it deserves a better one than I ~~can~~ can write. So I have saved a few clippings that I thought might interest you to take the place of my scribblings. Life goes on with us as usual after a long hard winter. I think I never was so glad to see green trees and how green they are! The flowers too are wonderful, even speaking in a California sense. I have a little garden which is cultivated by my downstairs tenant and neighbor and which I don't touch. She is a wizard with plants and has no interests except this little place. Consequently the impression people get is that I have a professional gardener with a large staff of assistants when it is only ~~one~~ <sup>one</sup> little old woman with a rake and a watering pot.

We are all well, thank God. Charlotte and her nice husband live not far from me and so does Everett, Wilbur's widow, and her three children. They often talk of their last summer trip to California and would like to start and do it all over again. Reeve has sold his house at Pacific Grove and will live at Salinas where his office is. It makes me rather homesick for I had had such nice visits in his home. But it is all right for him to get rid of the burden of keeping up a home now that his children are out for themselves.

I am glad always to hear from you and Amy. So keep it up. I will write you when I can. My newspaper work keeps me pretty busy.

With much love to both

C.R.C.



Dayton, Ohio.  
312 Grand Ave.,  
January 20, 1939.

Dear Will:-

Ever since Christmas I have inquired every day if the mail had brought any news from Westwood. I keep wondering all the time how your mother is. Tot's last letter was somewhat hopeful but I would like more definite word. I am trying to remember what her age is. Henrietta and I were about the same age. Pet older and your mother younger. My mind, like all old people's, dwells pretty much in the past, and I think a great deal about the time I used to spend in Xenia and your mother and Pet and Etta in Dayton. Did you ever know Mabel Binkley Sterrett? She ~~was~~ is the same relation to your mother that she is to me and when we were girls, she often joined the rest of the Barlow clan in Xenia, Dayton or Troy. Not long since my daughter-in-law, Mrs. Wilbur Conover, had an errand at Piqua and took me with her in the car, driving through Troy and stopping as an experiment to call on Mabel Sterrett, and wonderful to relate, I found her just as gay and cordial as ever. We had an afternoon together talking over old times and she asked about you people.

I am having a book brought out very soon by Putnam's Publishing Co. of New York, entitled "Builders in New Fields". I am looking for it early in February. You might increase sales by inquiring for it at the libraries. Not that increased sales will do me any good because it doesn't belong to me but naturally, even if I don't get any money, I want as much glory as possible.

There is no news to write. We are all well here in Dayton. Charlotte spent ten days with me during the Christmas Season and now is back in her home in Lawrence, Kansas. ~~Did you~~ I hope you will write soon and that you will be able to tell me that your mother is really on the mend. Also tell me what you think of the preparedness program and of the European situation. When I think that we may be facing another war and that I have three grandsons, Reeve's boy, Elizabeth's boy and Wilbur's boy, it fills me with horror. I would like to be able to throw a bomb at Hitler.

Much love to all of you,

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November 10, 1943

Mr. Arthur Caylor  
San Francisco News  
812 Mission Street  
San Francisco, Calif.

Dear Mr. Caylor:

I have read your recent story about a Government regulation unfavorable to mechanics making sheath knives for soldiers on their own time.

Is this a general ruling that applies in all cases, or did it merely cover the project mentioned in your story?

Several men in Westwood have been doing this work, and we would like to know whether they can continue to do so.

Your reply via inclosed envelope will be greatly appreciated.

Yours very truly,

THE RED RIVER LUMBER COMPANY

By

W. B. Laughead  
Advertising Manager

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# The San Francisco News



EDITORIAL DEPARTMENT

12 November 1943

Dear Mr. Laughead---

Goldberg's attempt to get clearance for his knife-making project is still under way, so I would assume no final ruling has been handed down. In any event, I don't think any ban would apply to individual mechanics working on their own time. Goldberg wants to start a company which would corollate such work. He says government agencies here approve, but Washington objects. If you write G.L. Fox of the San Francisco Chamber of Commerce, I'm sure he'll let you know how it comes out. Personally, I would keep on making knives until somebody stopped me, as I know how much the boys in the South Pacific want them.

Arthur Taylor

Westwood, Lassen County, California  
August 29 1944

Mr. Will Connolly  
San Francisco Chronicle  
San Francisco

Dear Mr. Connolly:

Old time football fans will read your column in Monday's Chronicle with interest. In placing Clark Shaughnessy among the history making coaches you have something. Whether the so-called T formation is old or new is an academic question. After all is anything entirely new? Hannibal used elephants as Eisenhower and Stalin use tanks. The smart guy is the one who springs something that works.

If we say "T formation" to cover all that goes on in the Shaughnessy system you are right. Taken as a whole it is new. If the function of the quarterback is the basic innovation that is as old as football. If flankers and wide spreading plays are an important feature an oldtimer remembers that Harry Williams used to say, 40 years ago "Your field is 60 yards wide. Make 'em defend every yard of it."

By the way, when reference is made to the great coaches of the past why do sports writers always leave out Dr. Henry Williams? If careers count for fame his was not so bad. He coached Minnesota from 1900 to 1920 inclusive. Look up his win-and-lose percentage. It may be a record for that length of time. He was not playing setups either. He was contemporary with Stagg, Yost and Phil King, some good ~~teams~~ teams at Illinois, Iowa, and Northwestern and Glenn Warner's Carlisle Indians and was the first to stop Yost's "point-a-minute" juggernaut.

If in doubt who pioneered the shift ask Mr. Stagg. He will tell you Harry Williams. Williams was using an unbalanced line and backfield with a couple of hikes way back under the old rules. When the new system of rules came along the Minnesota shift really went to town. The National Rules Committee clipped William's wings but he still had enough left to make a lot of imitators famous.

Thinking of old-new innovations what if another drop-kicker came along? Remember, those old boys kicked on the run dropping field goals from 30 and 40 yards out. The one and only Pat O'Dea from 60 yards. Compare that with the present field goal lineup. What if the defense had to guess till the last split second whether the ball carrier was running, passing or kicking a goal?

Another effective revival might be the calling of signals instead of the huddle. In calling his numbers the signal caller can change the play at any time up to the instant the ball is passed. Of course the formula of a tactic is maybe 20 percent and individual performance 80 percent. Your Eckersalls, Dobies, Steffans and McGovern never let the defense get set.

The new game is better than the old although the actual time the ball is in play has been greatly reduced. The old game had bad features we are better off without but it is a mistake to ~~think that everything~~ ~~profits~~ new and that ~~football~~ tacticians can not ~~look to the past with profit.~~ ~~look to the past with profit.~~

Good is  
Yours truly, W.B. Laughhead



CECILIA M. CALENDAR  
1708 JULIET AVENUE  
ST. PAUL 5, MINNESOTA

June 25, 1947

Dear Uncle Billy:

Think it's about time for another letter to you-and to inform you of how things are back here.

For the past two weeks we have been having nice weather-not any rain to speak of and the days have been sunny and bright-of course it is about time-but the weather seems to be unusual all over the country and we really have had very little summer weather yet.

John has been very busy painting the outside trim of the house-he finished the house last week and it looks very nice-this morning he has been working on the garage and hopes to get that finished either today or tomorrow-then he will be through for a while-painting-he also put up some awnings on our windows today-but we haven't needed them up to now-our fruit trees in the back yard are just loaded with apples-so we should have enough to make some apple sauce and some crab-apple jelly. Hope they are ripe before we leave on our vacation.

For the past two weeks Clarence and his family have been up at a lake near Brainerd-on his vacation-and John is off over the Fourth and so, he and I- Paul and Edith may go up near Clarence and spend the weekend next week-it will depend a great deal on how Aunt Mame is.

Think I wrote you that she was at Clarence's for a few days over Decoration day and then they took her to the hospital where she was, for about ten days-Clarence was hoping that she would stay there-at least until he came back from the lake.

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But, a few days before he left-she decided that she wanted to go home-so John and I went over one afternoon and took her home-but she found out that she was unable to take care of herself-and the next day she went down to some friends of hers and Toms who she has known for years this woman invited Aunt Mame to go down there and she was glad to go-think she at last has realized that she cannot be alone anymore-it is getting to the place where someone has to be within call all the time-Aunt Mame is getting more helpless all the time and has no confidence in herself to do things at all-the Doctor said the other day when he was there that she was failing fast-I saw her yesterday and the day before-and she is getting so she doesn't think she can get out of bed or even sit up-the Doctor told her she should make the effort or she would become entirely helpless-it is impossible to get anyone to go in and stay with her-but right now she seems to be happy at the place she is-but we told this lady yesterday that if she became worse-she should go to the hospital again-of course she doesn't want to go there-but there is nothing else to do-at least there is someone there to look after her-night or day-should she need attention-it is a pitiful thing and there seems to be so little anyone can do to relieve the situation-we haven't said anything to her about going away the fourth-and won't until just before we go-as it would probably worry her-but our being here wouldn't change things-but we will see how she is- before we go. She seems to be getting more helpless all the time. Clarence will be home a week from this Sunday.

Was talking to Olive Chadwick the other day and she said she had a phone call from Myrtle Welder-she is here visiting in St. Paul and Olive is going to try and have her

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over before she returns to the west, and we will probably see her there too.

Guess there have been a lot of changes-we are not getting the Sugar Pine now so don't ~~hear~~ hear any of the Westwood news except through letters-

Well the Congress seems to have gotten things in a fine mess-think they will have a lot of trouble since they enacted this Taft-Hartley labor bill-they may be ~~xxx~~ sorry, before they are through-I think something had to be done about labor-but think this bill was much too drastic. It seems no matter who they get in there-they never do things to suit everyone-now they are talking of a gas and fuel oil shortage next winter-and we certainly hope it won't interfere with our trip-Did I tell you we are going to take Olive Chadwick with us, at least part of the way? Time will pass quickly and the first thing we know it will be time for us to go-John has been working very hard around the house and we have it in very nice shape now and between that and his examinations that he has had to take -a vacation will be very welcome-he just took and passed an examination the first part of June with a mark of 97-he has done himself proud on every one-but has worked hard to

Write when you can-we never hear from the Taylors-but you can pass along the word about Aunt Mame to them-they probably wonder why they don't hear from her-but she is not able to write-Don't work too hard-

Much love from

Beal & John.  
If you or Don want to write Aunt Mame-you



Can send the letter to us - and I'll tell  
that she gets it - as in our - how long  
shall be at Mrs. Munis.

over before she returns to the West, and we will prob-  
ably see her there too.

Guess there have been a lot of changes - we are not  
getting the paper I see now so don't hear any of the  
westwood news except through letters.

Well the voyage seems to have gotten things in a  
line - I think they will have a lot of trouble since  
they entered the Gulf of Mexico - I think something had to be  
done about labor - but I think this bill was much too great  
it seems no matter who they get in there - they never do  
things to suit everyone - now they are talking of a law and  
that will be a great deal better than the one they have now.

We're interested with our trip - did I tell you we are going  
to take five weeks with us at least part of the way.  
Time will pass quickly and the first thing we know it will  
be time for us to go - John has been working very hard -  
the house and we have it in very nice shape now and he  
can take his examinations that he has had to take -  
vacation will be very welcome - he just took and passed an  
examination the first part of June with a mark of 92 - he  
has done himself proud on every one - but has worked hard  
since when you can never hear from the doctors - they  
you can pass along the word about him - and then to them - they  
probably wonder why they don't hear from him - but he is  
not able to write - don't worry too much -

Much love from

John  
If you want to write him -

1937

Jan. 31 —

Dear Mr Langhead —

Thanks so very much. That is just as I wanted it.

Had been wanting to get to town for an envelope long enough when, like hundreds of others, I was taken down with flu.

This has been the coldest and most disagreeable winter I have ever experienced in California. There has been much suffering as people here do not prepare for such cold weather.

The crop loss is great and it is pathetic to see all the lovely shrubs and flowers that usually live out so happily here, all frozen.

There has been ice on the little garden pools & fountains. The amusements is trying but has its comical side making people all look like dorkies and booming the cleaners business.

If a little of the struggle could be lifted, life would be so beautiful.

There is a building boom here. Hundreds of little new houses are springing up.

I do want one so much.

If I can sell the old home in

the spring of 1900 I have been thinking  
of building a little three room  
cottage in the valley west of  
Burbank. It would be lovely  
I would have to have a car as  
out where the lots are cheap  
enough is beyond transportation.

I envy you your relatives  
especially the little girl.  
My aunt has an invalid wife  
and wife's mother and aunt to  
care for. That is enough for one man  
I certainly don't want to add to  
his burdens.

My three sisters in Minnesota  
are just - with great effort -  
getting along.

So many people are saying  
that this is the "time of tribulation"  
foretold in the Bible which is to  
precede the millennium.

Well, it is the "time of tribulation"  
right enough.

There is a nice old gentleman  
- just my age - who has for seven  
years been trying to persuade  
me that man should not live alone.  
He lost heavily in the same  
venture that nearly cleaned me

out but he is optimistic and  
expects to recuperate.

It seems unfair to load  
a wrecked remnant like myself  
on any one.

Three nice old "pappa" has  
a daughter and two sons and  
some grand children.

If I thought the children  
would love me I might  
risk it young as I am.

Please forgive me for telling  
all my affair to you.

That's what you get for being  
nice and friendly.

Thanking you again for the  
etching and hoping to see you  
down this way before too long  
I am most kindest

Josephine Clark



May 8- 1938

Dear Mr. Langhead-

"Mother's Day" always seems to  
me like Cecilia's real birth day.  
Being born into a new world.  
A promotion to my mind.

My apprehension is that  
they being released from the burden  
of flesh will progress so fast  
that we will never overtake them.  
I feel isolated.

Almost daily people I have  
known for years are taken.

My good friend Mr. Powers  
who has been my devoted  
friend for so many years  
died on March 24.

He had spent Sunday March 20  
with me - wrote me Monday a  
letter which came Tuesday. on Wed.  
evening he went to prayer meeting  
And early the next morning his

son phoned me that his father had just died.  
Am enclosing an appreciation which a friend  
has written.

It has been a beautiful friendship and understanding companionship.

I am now going to make application for entrance to the Scripps Home for Aged.

There is a waiting list of over two hundred so it may be a year or two before they get to me.

It has long been my intention to make sure that I will be a burden to no one.

I am well and living each day to the full but still looking forward to something better.

Have you the books of Judge T. Toward?

In his Edinburg lectures he speaks of the three supreme mysteries - all bearing witness to the ~~same~~ <sup>One</sup> Truth, and each throwing light upon the other; and these three are the Bible, the Great Pyramids and the Pack of Cards.

I have been curious as to the cards.

This morning I spoke to a professor of philosophy about it and he said that he would enlighten me.

Would that I had a companion with whom to read and talk things over.

It does seem with a world so full of people there should be no lonely ones.

With always much interest in your welfare I am  
most sincerely  
Josephine H. Clark

Dec. 30—

1938

Mr W. B. Langhead —

Dear friend:

If you could know the joy and pride with which your greetings are received you would feel well repaid.

I am now the proud possessor of what I call my Langhead gallery — three uniform etchings — are they etchings? — all framed alike and hung in a group in my room.

I have a letter from Roy Henning in which he asks about you.

He worked with Mr Clark for many years and has heard much about you in connection with the Paul Bunyon stories and other things.

He is a "diamond in the rough" and not so rough either. A clean man with high principals.

He is six feet plus, blond blue eyed with a fine mind and a keen sense of humor.

I think you could with mutual benefit know each other.

It is a relief to me that I am now definitely on the waiting list for the "Pasadena Home for Aged." The list is long but I hope to be able to pay for my



care during the last years and  
so not be a burden to any one.

Of course it is not for us  
to decide but we must plan the  
best we know how and then  
trust.

Many times I envy those  
who are safely across the river.

Thanking you for the picture  
and for your kind friendship  
I am sincerely

Josephine H Clark

October 15, 1923

Miss Margaret Cross  
Local Director Girl Scouts  
Eveleth, Minnesota

My Dear Miss Cross:

We regret that we have no photographs available of logging scenes in Northern Minnesota. Since moving our operations to California, the pictures we have on file are all of this locality.

I would suggest that you communicate with Mr. Wm. T. Cox, State Forrester, State Capitol, St. Paul, and to the Advertising Managers of the Northern Pacific, Great Northern, Soo, Duluth and Iron Range and Mesaba Northern Railways.

Inquiries addressed to the Postmasters at Cloquet, Grand Rapids, Cass Lake, Walker and Bemidji, will give you the names of photographers who have been established a number of years and who will probably have some good negatives. The U.S. Forest Service Director at Cass Lake, Minnesota, might be able to lend you some good photographs.

It will then be necessary to have half tone plates made from the photos for engravings and for this work you should have the advice of the art department of some first class engraving firm in Duluth or the Twin Cities.

We will be glad to help you in any way we can at any time and regret that we have no Minnesota photographs at hand.

Yours very truly,

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W.B. LAUCHEAD  
Advertising Mgr.

WBL:AB

CARL J. CARLSON  
9 WEST WASHINGTON STREET  
CHICAGO, ILLINOIS

May 4, 1944

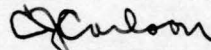
Mr. H. G. Zion  
759 N. Milwaukee Street  
Milwaukee 2, Wisconsin

Dear Curly:

Ever since the title "Bull of the Woods" was bestowed upon me I have been somewhat concerned because no papers from the National Organization were handed me. So my authority has been somewhat shakey but I have carried on, son, in the best tradition. Now, because of your thoughtfulness, I have the papers to prove my authority and I feel so comfortable about it all. Thank you very much.

I shall carry on with more vigor as long as the vigor holds out. Of course you understand, brother Zion, that certain limitations will be placed -- "will be," mind you, on me because of circumstances beyond my control. The incident of birth has an important bearing on my membership. However, I suppose that the boys can mount and stuff the hide when that time comes. Till then I shall carry on with "wim, vigor and vitality" to the best of my ability. You young bulls must have an old bull to keep you in line and it's a privilege to help with that job. Of course, your Fraternal interest will guide you in keeping the "Bull of the Woods" in line as time goes on.

Cordially and sincerely yours,



C. J. CARLSON  
Regional Scout Executive

CJC/ss

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PLEASE RETURN!



May 6, 1944

Advertising Department  
Caterpillar Tractor Company  
Peoria, Illinois

Gentlemen:

Our most recent contact, as I recall, was through correspondence with Mr. G. M. Walker concerning our 1941 calendar which was illustrated by a color photograph at one of your D-8's. This photograph was afterwards used in one of your Saturday Evening Post advertisements.

Last summer we engaged Berenice Abbott, one of America's ace photographers, to make a series on our plant and woods operations at Westwood. We are considering a repeat assignment for Miss Abbott and this brings up the thought that there may be an angle that would interest you.

Miss Abbott was here for two weeks making shots which she afterwards developed and printed in New York. Her shooting time was spread over our entire operation, which gave her only two days in the logging woods. While she works rapidly and efficiently we could only cover some high spots and many important phases were not touched.

For the purpose we had planned her work was concentrated on the human element rather than equipment, which was shown only incidentally. We got only two shots of tractors and these happened to be obsolete types.

If we get Miss Abbott to make another series this year we will go after dramatic pictures featuring logging equipment, tractors, trucks, loaders, etc. This brings up the object of this letter.

If you are interested we could work out a co-operative arrangement, with equitable distribution of the cost. We could get shots to suit you, either by written specification or with one of your field men on the job. At this time we have the following Caterpillar units at work.

- 4 D-8 - 1943
- 1 D-7 - 1943 (3 units with bulldozers)
- 7 RD-8 previous to 1943
- 5 50- Caterpillar Bulldozers
- 1 D-4 with generator for power saws
- 1 D-4 with bulldozer

All above not listed as bulldozers have Hyster logging arches.

May 6, 1944

- 1 No. 11 Auto patrol
- 1 No. 12 Auto patrol

In addition we still have 20 old style gasoline Caterpillar tractors, 6 of them currently at work.

Our object in engaging a photographer of Miss Abbott's caliber was to get better art than the regular commercial shots. Our immediate purpose was public relations for the lumber industry.

Miss Abbott made exhibition blow-ups of 56 selected negatives. With their art quality and Miss Abbott's prestige we are placing these as one-man art shows in leading art museums and industrial shows throughout the country. Our thought was to skim the cream of this publicity before commercializing the photographs by use in our advertising and press releases. We thereby reach an important section of the public that has little or no contact with the lumber industry.

Inclosed are photo-copies of three press notices covering two exhibitions already held. Also a copy of the booklet we printed for use at these shows and a mimeographed record of Miss Abbott's professional career. We now have three sets of the exhibition prints working on a schedule of exhibitions covering the entire country.

The foregoing is to indicate the class of photography produced by Miss Abbott. Your utilization of her photographs would, of course, be in accordance with your policy and plans.

If you are interested we can go into this in greater detail.

Yours very truly,

THE RED RIVER LUMBER COMPANY

By

W. B. Langhead  
Advertising Manager

WBL:am  
Incl.

# CATERPILLAR TRACTOR CO.

Caterpillar  
REG. U.S. PAT. OFF.

PEORIA 8, ILLINOIS

May 13, 1944

Red River Lumber Company  
Westwood, Calif.

Gentlemen:

Attention - Mr. W. B. Laughead  
Advertising Manager

It was most kind of you to call our attention to your program of having Miss Abbott do some photographic work on your operations during the coming summer months. While we do not happen to be familiar with Miss Abbott's camera work we know that your own photographic standards have been very high and are therefore quite willing to take your word for it that she does top notch work.

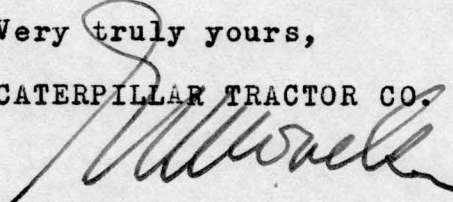
As you know we are in normal times always in the market for good pictures. During the war we are largely limiting our picture purchases to pictures showing our products engaged in their present military tasks. Of course no one can say at this time how much longer the war will last or how soon our products will be available in normal peace-time markets. When that time comes we will want to start at once to rebuild our files with good pictures of logging, roadbuilding, farming and other peace-time occupations of our products.

It is not likely that any pictures taken at Westwood this summer would have any immediate usefulness to us. On the other hand, if Miss Abbott will be there at that time and does not plan other future trips, it would seem quite desirable to take advantage of the opportunity to get some of her work. With these thoughts in mind we will welcome your suggestions as to what kind of cooperative arrangement might be worked out to our mutual advantage.

I do not find in your letter or in any of the attachments any indication as to whether the work Miss Abbott did for you last year or that which you propose to have her do during the coming summer was limited to black and white pictures or whether she has done and will do also some color photography.

Very truly yours,

CATERPILLAR TRACTOR CO.

  
Advertising Manager

GMWalker  
FM



# CATERPILLAR TRACTOR CO.

Caterpillar  
REG. U.S. PAT. OFF.

PEORIA 8, ILLINOIS

February 12, 1945

Mr. Wm. Laughead, Adv. Mgr.  
Red River Lumber Company  
Westwood, California

Dear Mr. Laughead:

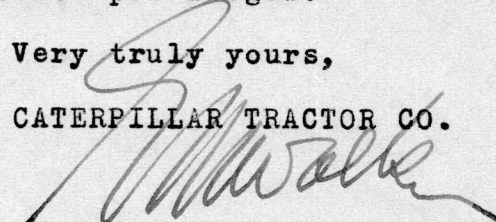
Mr. H. B. Scott, who recently paid a visit to Westwood, has told us how greatly he was impressed by a number of paintings made by yourself portraying lumber and timber scenes in and around Westwood, in some of which paintings our products are shown. Mr. Scott thought possibly we might be interested in making reproductions of these paintings in some of our advertising.

You are perhaps familiar with the fact that prior to the war we used photographs almost exclusively for illustration purposes. During the war, in order to portray the work our products are doing on the various battlefronts, we have had to use paintings and drawings very largely, inasmuch as good photographs have seldom been obtainable. As soon as possible, however, we plan to return to the practice of using photographs exclusively and are already taking steps in that direction, as you may have observed if you noticed our advertisement in the current issue of the SATURDAY EVENING POST.

Under the circumstances it does not seem likely that paintings would fit into anything we are now planning. However, there is always a chance that a place for one or more might be found. Possibly you have or could make a photographic black and white reproduction of those pictures which show our products. A 4x5 print would be adequate to give us an idea of the painting sufficient for judging whether or how it might be used, after which assuming that you might be willing to sell the originals to us, we could go into the matter of price and reproduction privileges.

Very truly yours,

CATERPILLAR TRACTOR CO.

  
Advertising Manager

GMWalker  
FM

CC: Mr. H. B. Scott

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THE COMPANY WILL APPRECIATE SUGGESTIONS FROM ITS PATRONS CONCERNING ITS SERVICE

December 29, 1944

Mr. Art Crawford  
The Ohio Match Company  
Box 118  
Spokane, Washington

Dear Art:

It was mighty good of you to write as you did. The worst thing about leaving the Promotion Committee is parting with the fellows whose friendship has meant a lot to me.

You are one I always looked forward to seeing at the meeting on account of the personal association aside from your thoughtful and practical contributions to the committee work. I hope the interruption of these contacts is only temporary and that we can continue to meet one way or another.

Where I will land is still a question. I have had several attractive offers and may work out something that will permit me to see old friends in the industry once in a while.

In the meantime I am thanking you for your letter and extending my best wishes and regards.

Sincerely,

WBLaughead/k



Westwood, California  
March 7, 1944

State of California  
Department of Public Health  
Crippled Children Services  
Room 744, 780 Market Street,  
San Francisco 2, California

Att: Martin Mills

Re: Betty Joyce Smith  
Lassen County

Gentlemen:

We are inclosing a check in the amount of \$123.15,  
drawn on the Westwood Infantile Paralysis Foundation Fund for  
our part of cost of hospitalization given Betty Joyce Smith,  
as per attached statement.

Yours Very Truly

Westwood Infantile Paralysis Foundation  
Fund

D. M. Smith

Member of Committee

*W. B. Laughhead*  
W. B. Laughhead

Member of Committee

LUMBER DEPARTMENT

# THE OHIO MATCH COMPANY

BOX 115

SPOKANE, WASH.

A. P. BAILEY  
MANAGER

GENERAL OFFICES  
WADSWORTH, OHIO

December 18, 1944

W. B. Laughead  
Westwood, California

Dear Bill:

There was an absence noted at our last Promotion Committee Meeting in Portland that definitely didn't seem quite right. In other words Bill, we missed you.

While I am something of a neophyte on this committee and perhaps haven't the advantage of the long associations that the others have had, nonetheless I was quick to realize what the lack of your presence meant.

I can only hope Bill, and most earnestly, that somehow and in some way circumstances will be brought about whereby you can and will become again a member of the committee and give it the same fine, sincere help and excellent judgement as before.

In any case here's another wish that we will all be seeing you in Portland next February.

Best regards and sincere good wishes.

Yours very truly,

AWC:mw

*Art Crawford*

*Merry Christmas !!!*

MRS. THOMAS W. DEAN  
1636 TAYLOR AVENUE  
SAINT PAUL, MINNESOTA

Thursday July 14

Dear Billy;

I was glad to get your letter and will write in answer soon. Just now I am enclosing a clipping from this morning's press.

In a letter to Sis I send the clipping from last Evening's dispatch.

It was a relief to read this morning's clipping of how neatly the C. I. O. were marched out of Westwood.

I hope there will be no more trouble - and that there were no injuries to Westwood men -

Love from Mame



May 15- 1938.

My Dear Billy,

Dear,

It is quite a while since I had your interesting letter and once or twice before I started to write to you without finishing.

Some time ago it seemed like I might soon be going to Westwood but before preparations were started there were many drawbacks cropping up so here I am, and I guess it is better so than the I went.

You wrote of riding thru the high snow banks to the green fields and flowers in Red Bluff, and the W. T. bringing crowds to places surrounding Westwood.

That is an interesting country with so many interesting developments.

Seems like you ought to develop other sources of income at Chester for winter vacationists. But he and Eleanor must know the possibilities there.

He writes that he is out of the fish business and shops there and he no more disappointment from

that source. Every thing is  
lively and green to look at here  
in Minnesota - but the weather  
continues cold and rainy most  
of the time. We have the furnace  
going for the past two weeks -

Cal came on Easter Sunday  
and gave us a ride - he has a new  
light colored Ford - with radio, coming  
home we stopped at the Dean Green  
house and Tom went in for  
flowers.

Dick and Dorothy went back to  
Helena last week. Dorothy made  
quite a long visit but Dick only  
had a few days.

Last week I saw Cal in the  
bank - he had been home with  
a touch of flu and not quite  
recovered.

Lucille was graduated from  
High School next month. In one  
of my mental pictures I see her  
Grandmother (Loche) in a High  
School Grad. Class

This event and many  
others bring to me my three Deco  
and many more years - 'lest I forget'.

Another May 12 has come and  
gone - The years pass swiftly and  
yet it seems a long, long time  
since **Cal** was leaving.

I wonder what? in that year  
hereafter, and who can tell?  
We are expecting to see this-  
year's summer, and I hope she  
comes early.

St. Nicholas Laughead in  
Reg Bluff? Almost went to  
her very soon.

Aisy phoned me that her  
mother (Annie) had her aunt  
visiting her, Mrs. Mary Green  
who is now 94 yrs.

Bertie and Clare visit the  
home for a visit this summer  
and Claire and husband may  
stay on the farm. The work  
is too much for Annie and  
Charlie is not so well.

I hope that you are feeling  
well and if your work takes you  
to various places that you find  
the trip enjoyable. I am sorry to  
have been so slow about writing  
you. From Mame

It is near time now for us to get going home, for I don't want to be late. I don't want to be late for you and mother from trees. Art was looking at one of your Paul Bunyan and his Big Blue Ox' books and said he would like one - and as I had two I gave him one. Weha will only spend a week in St Paul - they are stopping over places on the return trip. I want the Malays to meet them this trip. Clarence is home I think. Billie drove over here Sunday - she expected Cal the following day. Jerry was busy while he, looking over the neighbor children's toys and sand box, and Catherine hunted for cupboard doors or drawers that would open and then she made quick work of getting out the contents.

MRS. THOMAS W. DEAN  
1636 TAYLOR AVENUE  
SAINT PAUL, MINNESOTA

1936  
Tuesday June 30 -

Dear Billy;

about ten days ago I had two letters with me down town both addressed but not stamped, one was addressed to you, and that one I lost.

I have wondered whether some one might have found it and sent it on its way with a stamp.

I was with Ann Mc Call that day - having a last visit with her before she left for Shelby.

Margaret left June 11 - and yesterday a letter came from her.



Bertha Snyder came along the 18th and stayed a few days and then Daisy and family came over from Mpls. - spent the day and took Bertha back with them.

Bertha expects her husband and they will take a trip to northern Minnesota before spending a week or so with Surigards.

The Weber family who were at the precedes in Frisco and then went to Ft. Monmouth in New Jersey are in St Paul now. They reached St Paul yesterday and have taken an apt. near Summit and Chateaufort, but could not get it until today so stayed with me

last evening - I had to leave two of them here and two in a vacant apt. on Edmund St.

Tom and Art went to a movie to see the Lewis - S. fight picture last evening, and today we drove to Calvary Cemetery

Back Row and Art have relatives buried there.

The Weber drove here from N. J. Art has a months vacation and came via Ft Wayne Ind. where his father lives since he left St Paul.

Today about 2:00 P.M. they left for the Apt. and the house. Seems so still and quiet since art doors is still and quiet too - not a leaf stirring on the

MRS. THOMAS W. DEAN  
1636 TAYLOR AVENUE  
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Dear Billy;

I was glad to get your letter dated Feb 12 and thank so much for sending the panels.

We had such a good time in Calif-  
at all three of our stopping places  
and have so much to thank you for  
that I can't see why I am so slow about  
writing.

I look out at the snow here every  
day and try to realize that a short time  
ago we saw the Westwood snow, the Vallejo's  
rain and the oranges around Ontario.

There were very few golfers  
at Vallejo, or Done, on account of  
the rain so they had more time

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for visiting and seeing the surrounding country. Dorothy is growing and doing well at her studies and music. It won't be long now until her 'little girl' days are over.

We went down to L.A. on the coast route and it was an interesting ride, stayed there one night and then went on to Upland where Mahoney met us. We had weather luck again getting to L.A. on their first nice day in weeks.

Ed Mahoney is there work every day at 2 P.M. and some days he quit earlier so we had rides thru the surrounding country every day, and there were orange groves



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Everywhere. Mahoney's has a comfortable home on J Street just off Euclid Av.

Their rooms are arranged like yours but they have no breakfast nook. Margaret was and is still taking treatments for arthritis.

Harold is busy pulling out the peach trees, intending to plant grapes and it seems like it might be hard going for the sands drift so badly in that section.

I did not get to call Agda or to visit the Browns at Santa Ana (Olin Freeman) and now that I am back I am so sorry that I missed getting to both those places.

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MRS. THOMAS W. DEAN  
1636 TAYLOR AVENUE  
SAINT PAUL, MINNESOTA

I lost our papers and have now  
figured out what became of them so  
for a few days we were undecided  
about what to do next. But after a  
talk with the Ontario depot agent  
we telegraphed to Mpls and they  
telegraphed transportation to us.

From start to finish of our trip  
we had a fine time and we are again in-  
debted to you for all you did for us -  
and I am not forgetting the many  
other times that you paid and paid  
for me and all I owe you for the trip at  
the time of Cals accident. I hope some  
day to do something in return. Just  
now I can only thank you many times  
for everything.

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MRS. THOMAS W. DEAN  
1636 TAYLOR AVENUE  
SAINT PAUL, MINNESOTA

Clarence and family were here  
Sunday to dinner. Notice that  
Jerry is taming down quite a bit.  
I think that when he gets to  
school he will be a model boy.

Catherine Ann moves around  
so fast it is hard to keep track of  
her. We don't get time to visit  
much when they come for the children  
take naps about 2 P.M. and they  
get here for late dinner.

After dinner is out of the way  
there is not much time left - for they  
must get home to put the children to  
bed. I hope this will find you and  
mother Langhead well -

Love from Mame

Mrs. Thos. W.  
Dean  
St. Paul



Stewardess and it seems  
that she was the same girl  
who travelled with us part  
of the air trip to France.

I often wish that I had  
kept the names of the different  
pilots we had that trip.

And it will soon be two  
years since that time and

real accident and it is  
hard even yet to believe that  
such a terrible thing really  
happened.

I hope that you and  
Mother Langhead are keeping  
well love and good luck to  
you both from Mame

M. W. D. 50

Dear Billy,

It is evening of Easter  
Sunday and I am thinking of you  
and hoping that you spent the day  
pleasantly.

We had a drive around White  
Bear Lake with folks who live  
up stairs.

The day was somewhat spring  
like and remaining patchy of  
snow were disappearing fast.

Belle is still in the hospital  
but may get home before this reaches  
you. The Cal Maleys now has an-

other daughter.

I hear from Margaret - they  
have been making changes in

their home also painting and planting flowers. They have had prairie and everything is growing fine.

The Edmund St house is keeping me busy these days - I began this letter Sunday and then spent Monday and Tuesday at 1649 - and am going there again today - so will finish my letter before leaving the house.

Tom is working every day as usual. I seldom see any of the relations here. No news from Anoka except what I read in the Press or Dispatch.

Don will soon be getting

back to Chester and the Zick.

There is so much unrest and trouble and war in the world that there is no knowing what may happen next.

I wish that you and your mother were near enough to come often and visit me, for there are still times when I am not too tired to get a dinner the way I would like to serve it to you.

I had been keeping a clipping from the paper with an account of that plane accident - when they landed in the bay.

A Ruth Kimmel was at

and before we realize them passing we are  
looking back thru many years

Last time I was up Lake George  
way was when Cal. C. was here.

Cal took us for a ride and we rode  
around the lake and to Burgundy and  
Cedar.

Perhaps I may <sup>not</sup> start on a trip to  
see you all - but I had better not be  
setting a time - just send no message  
until I am on the way, when that time comes.

I am continues on the job from the he  
could take his pension since June 19.

I have had no word from Dor-  
since E and D. came, but wrote to  
him twice.

I guess he is kept busy, and  
all the writing to him again soon.

All not send Dorochips box with this  
as I want to ship once more before sending  
it - but it may follow soon  
Love from Mame

MRS. THOMAS W. DEAN  
1636 TAYLOR AVENUE  
ST. PAUL, MINNESOTA

July 19- 1939

Dear Billy -

Yours came while Eleanor  
and Dorothy were in Mpls. - and I was  
glad to hear from you. They spent Wed.  
of their last week with me and also  
Thursday of the second last week - and  
have quickly those vacation weeks  
passed away.

Dorothy made a good impression on  
all of us and the family wrangle is all too  
bad. Had not mentioned Eleanor's divorce  
to anyone here, and Eleanor said she did  
not tell her folks. No wonder she has written  
to the boys they know nothing about it.

We were all at Cal's and Eleanor



answered questions about Don and told of his work as the nothing was amiss in the Taylor family.

I had two short talks with E. L. about the trouble, the second one interrupted by Tom coming in, but without much understanding of the why and wherefores.

I had a box for Dorothy so tried to phone them the last two days they were in Mpls, but could not reach them.

We were going for a ride up past Elk River. That afternoon - so I wanted to leave the box in the depot in charge of someone who would see that it would be delivered to their train. But Ed's brother did not know what train they went out on and so there were two leaving about the same time

I decided to send it on later - and I'll send it to Dorothy at Westwood in your care.

Anoka did have quite a storm Daisy and family had spent that Sunday at her mother's (Anna Burgeard) and left late in the afternoon or early evening to drive home, and when they reached Anoka learned of the storm and saw the effects.

Houses in Cedar River, were flattened. One was the home of Johnson the store keeper and he was hurt - and another was the home of Dick Gallagher - his family were away for the day and found the flattened home on their return.

Dick is one of the six sons of Joe Gallagher brother of Kathryn.

And 30 or 31 yrs since you wanted in Anoka, it seems a long time to look a head - but the years keep gliding

and redecorating, painting and  
tending lawns etc - it is a busy  
time - next spring we will have  
less to do for this year we tended  
to painting etc which will not need  
renewing for a few years, and this  
coming winter we will not have to stay  
so close to home for we now have an  
oil burner installed.

It is too bad that Ceal and you  
are not journeying thru there and  
the years to come together. It makes  
such a change for you - and now  
our three years have gone by - and because  
it was all over so quickly and we  
did not see her after it seems like  
she is away.

I hope Mother Langhead is feeling  
well.  
Love to you both from Mame

MRS. THOMAS W. DEAN  
1636 TAYLOR AVENUE  
SAINT PAUL, MINNESOTA

Dear Billy;

Your letter to me was dated  
July 3 and here it is Aug 20 - soon the  
Minnesota Fair will be in progress and another  
summer will begin to fade.

He arrived Wednesday - Mr & Mrs  
Cal. and Mr and Mrs Lane met her at the  
depot, and they all came out here.

She looks well and I really thought  
she seemed taller. Last evening she went  
to Cal. and is spending Sunday (today) with  
them.

These first days she is trying to rest and  
relax so there has been no 'gathering'.

Don Gouley called one day and gave  
her a ride to Pauls.

We have been hearing about the sea.  
rest and trouble at Whitewood



There is so much upheaval going rampant on the globe that even Westwood tucked away off in the mountains could not escape. I hope there will be no more trouble there.

I wrote to Don at Canby and had an answer - Too bad you have the worry of a store so far away - Since the partner left. I hope that the fellow he left in charge will give you a good account of everything.

I wonder if the fish man, Anderson, will pay Don without any more trouble with him.

I forgot all about Dorothy's birthday until a day or two ago - We kept busy with 1649 Edmund - Young then to show and treat

a part of it - and have given the plate to an agent - Hoping he can sell it.

I guess Dorothy wondered why she did not hear from me, and I owe her a letter too.

When I bought her a peasant dress and will get down town soon and send it with a ring or something else.

Sib says that this Aug. 11 is her 14th birthday - I thought it would be the 13th -

The year keeps spinning by and she will soon be grown up.

We plan during the winter months what we can do when spring and summer comes - but what we really do is something different -

The place soon up in spring with tenants moving



with her dad - He is like a  
four year old when left  
alone. Lenore plans to move in  
Spring and with her 'sis' it will  
be hard to get a place. She is at  
White Bear.

It is some time since I heard  
from Margaret Madney Annie Sugand  
and Claire were in Mpls. yesterday -  
Claire phoned as she was stopping -  
Mr Monday with Daisy and Annie  
had already started home.

I met Paul on the street a few  
days ago - He looks well and Cal  
and family were here Sunday Nov 29.

I hope that you are keeping  
well, and that Mother Langhead is  
home again - Love from Mame.

Dec 6 - 1938

Dear

Dear Billy;

Ms  
Your letter came  
Oct 27 - and Mother Langhead  
was then in the hospital - I hope  
that she is now stronger and able  
to be at home.

"Cale Rose" was budding for  
the fourth time this year when you  
wrote, and it has bloomed this  
past summer for the fourth time  
since Cale accident.

This to have a place for  
poet in the yard, when you get  
time to play.

I hear from Lou at San  
Anselmo - He wrote that Eleanor

was going her way, and later he wrote that Eleanor and Dorothy were down there Thanksgiving Day.

Dorothy's schooling is a problem when they are at Chester and it is hard too for Dorothy to change schools so often.

The seasons are short at Chester but they have done a lot of hard work there and some day they may be glad to leave the place.

Too bad about Miss Madeline Lunk's accident - if I knew the name of her hotel, I would

write to her - that was a real accident - breaking her leg.

I was fortunate that my fracture was slight and except for an odd grumbling pain and inability to swing my left arm as well as the right there is no trouble.

Dorothy <sup>Dean Murphy</sup> wrote from Helena that she would be here on a visit in February. Perhaps I

could get away then to visit Calif. It is a snowy time to get into that country but perhaps there would be little snow this year - any way I will keep it in mind.

Dorothy could stay here

MRS. THOMAS W. DEAN  
1636 TAYLOR AVENUE  
SAINT PAUL, MINNESOTA

Saturday Dec 4<sup>th</sup>  
1935

Dear Billy;

Your letter came a week ago and I was glad to get it, also the folders showing views in Lassen county - Since early in Nov. I have been taking anteb treatment at the M. P. Hospital and last week <sup>getting</sup> a new tenant in a small apt. on Edmund St. took a few trips down there, so my letter writing was always to be done tomorrow - and you know those ~~tomorrow~~ <sup>tomorrow</sup>.

Beema like the new teacher I was



They are all well. The baby  
 Anne - She looks like the baby  
 picture of herself.  
 I suppose Father is living  
 at Chester - I never thought that  
 Dorothy might allow herself to  
 be married. Her mind is kept  
 busy - keeping from one place to  
 another. I hope the holiday will  
 prove a most profitable visitation.  
 Give her that I wish to  
 writing soon, if not today.

So keep please in mind for a trip  
 out there this winter but nothing definite  
 yet. Love from Anne

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MRS. THOMAS W. DEAN  
1636 TAYLOR AVENUE  
SAINT PAUL, MINNESOTA

highway will be an interesting trip, and all the views look interesting.

Nice that your mother is enjoying a visit in Red Bluff. and I must remember the date and hear Donald Duck on the radio.

About my going out - it would be great to be there Christmas but I could not make it as soon as that.

When I go next time I plan to linger in Calif. for some time, and getting there during the deep snows and cold of Jan. and Feb. is not

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MRS. THOMAS W. DEAN  
1636 TAYLOR AVENUE  
SAINT PAUL, MINNESOTA

so good either. Seems like this  
may be an other unusual winter  
we have no snow

I always enjoyed staying there  
with you and thanks a million  
for saying I might stay there  
again next time.

Tom lost his best friend on  
the C. N. The man we thought of  
seeing in Seattle. I will enclose  
the clipping.

Thanksgiving Day we dined  
with Cal & Billie and family and  
Lil Moley was there also.

We had a fine day,

# John F. Pewters Rites Set For Saturday



**JOHN F. PEWTERS**

Funeral services will be held in Seattle Saturday for John F. Pewters, 54 years old, western traffic manager of the Great Northern railway and a former St. Paul resident.

A native of St. Paul, Mr. Pewters began work for the Great Northern in 1897 as a water boy. He later worked as a clerk and sealer at the Hamline transfer, and in 1905 was promoted to chief clerk there. Five years later he became chief clerk in the St. Paul freight office.

In 1916, after a year as agent at Minneapolis junction, Mr. Pewters went to Great Falls, Mont., as assistant agent. Two years later he went to Spokane as general agent and in 1925 was advanced to assistant general freight and passenger agent for Montana, with headquarters in Helena.

He later came to St. Paul as assistant general freight agent, and in 1935 became western traffic manager at Seattle.

Survivors include the widow and two sons, Dr. John T. Pewters, a University of Minnesota graduate, and Edwin Pewters, both of Seattle.



Dean  
Tuesday P.M.

Dear Billy;

When Sis wrote last  
(The 18) Mother Langhead was in the  
hospital - I hope she is at home  
now.

She wrote also that a smock  
and box of candy that I sent  
had not been received by your  
mother.

I had mentioned sending the  
thing to Sis - as I had sent  
them, as I usually do, uninsured

I sent the two parcels and  
a letter a day or two after Sis  
left here and she left Sept  
25-

So they should have reached  
Westwood Sept 30.

Seems strange that the letter and both parcels would be lost. I put a return address on both packages - and think on the letter also. and they should have reached Westford by Sept 30.

The smock was in a Schaneman and Manheimers Cardboard box wrapped in plain paper.

If your mother had received the letter she would ~~look~~ be looking for the other things for I mentioned sending them in the letter.

I have the P. O. Dept tracing them from here - but when first I told them of sending the things I made a mistake in the date of sending - Thought it was Oct 3 or 4 - but called them today and told them about it - they said they were tracing the parcels at Westwood.

I am sorry they were not ~~delivered~~ long ago - when they were due - Even tho your mother could not eat the Candy at the time or use the Smock she might have experienced a few moments cheer when they came -

Well here is hoping that when this gets to Westwood Mother Langhead will be at home

seated in her favorite chair,  
wearing the smock and the  
box of Fanny Farmer Candy  
at hand.

We had snow and stormy  
flurries Sat night and  
Sunday but it has all dis-  
appeared and we have more  
fine weather.

My arm is getting  
better each day - I don't  
even use the sling -

Love to you and mother  
from Mame.

P. S. I think I enclosed a snap  
picture of Lisand I on the street  
in the last letter - or was it  
a previous letter?



if we will dine at 7:30 & or Pochok-  
But ~~the~~ we dine very plainly  
it does not make much difference.

I phoned at the wrong time  
twice to talk with Mrs. Dunbar  
about Miss Fenton's illness. Could  
not reach her either time.

I hear that you are looking  
well and I hope you are feeling  
well also.

Love to you and Mother from  
Maure.

MRS. THOMAS W. DEAN  
1636 TAYLOR AVENUE  
SAINT PAUL, MINNESOTA

July 7 - 1936

Dear Billy;

We are having some  
Sacramento Valley weather just now.

Last night was a record breaker  
and early this morning before we were  
awake Weber came in to say good-  
bye - They were starting their  
drive back to New Jersey.

Patricia their 16 yr old daughter  
had been in the Army Hospital at  
Fort Snelling a few days.

She had a touch of a severe  
throat ailment, but was able to  
travel today and they intend to  
leave her at the Walter Reed Hospital  
in Washington.

I have not seen Cal since he returned. He and Billie spent most of last week up north. Last evening I spoke with him over the 'phone and he gave me an outline of his Calif. goings.

He had a wonderful time - so these first two days at the bank with the record breaking heat are rather hard after his pleasant wandering.

I had a letter from Margaret the latter part of June and judging by what she wrote I guess they are on a trip now ~~now~~.

Bertie and Bill Snyder are up at Swigards now. They spent some days at Onamia - I don't envy the vacationers these days.

No place like home for me during a hot spell.

We need rain badly here. Some of the lawns are brown.

I had a letter from Sis yesterday and I guess Cal's stay out there was all too short for her.

Like Margaret's visit here - before we realized it - time was up and she was leaving. And now Vicks have come and gone.

We will keep planning on going to Calif when winter comes.

It is 7:00 P. M. and Ben Bernie is on the radio and about time T. W. D. came in. So many times they work overtime. So I guess know

Dec 30 - 1938

DEAN

Dear Billy:

Thanks so much for  
the fancy fruit, Mission Pack.

They are a wonderful way  
out there in Calif. of putting up  
fruit.

Dorothy and Dick Murphy  
and their baby Barbara were  
here for dinner the day the box came.

They thought it was a grand box.

Dorothy wrote some time ago  
of coming in February and next  
letter said they would all come  
to Christmas.

Dick only stayed two days

for to had to be back to work  
the day after Christmas.

They stayed at Murphys on  
Mo. St Paul. Dorothy and

Barbara are staying on  
and will be here next week  
for a few days.

I spent Christmas  
day with Cal and family  
Paul and family were there  
also, except Lucille who  
has a severe cold and the  
Dr wants her to rest in bed  
for a while.

I hope that Mother Langford  
is feeling better.

We have had two plenty cold days  
but today is not so bad.

Cal had his house, like so many  
others in his neighborhood, decorated  
out side, so the neighborhood was  
quite a sight.

Well Billy I don't know when  
I will get to Calif next. Perhaps  
some time again. Anyway I am  
grateful for all the kind invitation  
you extend, and I am mindful  
of what I owe you for past joys.

I hear from Eleanor and  
Sam before Christmas and I will  
write a few lines to each of them.

I hope the New Year will be  
a pleaser on for you and  
Mother Langford. Love from Mom



Nov. 18 - 35  
144 Amsterdam Ave.  
N. Y.

Mr. W. B. Laughhead.

Dear sir

Dropin you just  
a few words telling that I had  
the Carnival that I have been  
working has gone down to florida  
I did not go to. for I like to  
stay for awhile here in the City.

Mr. Laughhead. I have lot of fun  
and Traveling all over the countrie &  
villages. Some places is very nice to  
Spent your vacation.

Now I am working in the  
City again.

I'll be dropin you ~~some~~<sup>a</sup>  
letter again. Hopin that you are  
in good heath as I beave at  
present.

Yours.

J. Del. Cruz.

P.S.

Hows every body Mr. Laughhead.

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Sept 17/43

701 Asylum  
Ave.  
Hartford Conn.

Mr. W. B. Langhead,  
Dear Sir:

Dropping just a few  
words letting to know  
Here in the Hartford Rayon  
Corp. I am working along  
Since May till now.

Mr. Langhead.

I want you to know that  
the card of recommendation  
for being so old all the  
letters printed dissapered.

asking a favor. if I can  
have me a duplicate. fr. The R.R.L.C.

Hopingly all in good  
health. Same having it  
at present.

Sincerely

J. W. Cruz.

September 24 1943

TO WHOM IT MAY CONCERN

Joe Del Cruz was employed by The Red River Lumber Company for several years working in the Box Factory and later, from 1923 to 1925 in the Company's theatre. I was manager of the theatre at that time and can say that he was honest and industrious, did his work well and was well liked. He left of his own accord.

Yours truly,

W.B.Laughead-L



MRS. R. E. DEXTER  
341 LIGHTHOUSE AVENUE  
PACIFIC GROVE, CALIFORNIA

Dec. 16 '36.

Dear Amy: - Thank you for your letter  
rec'd today, and I am thankful to be  
able to tell you that Charlie is better -  
To everyone's astonishment, he dismissed his  
nurse and went out only two days after he  
took his first walk in the hotel hall -  
I am not sure that it was wise - He  
seems very feeble but says he is getting  
better all the time -

I send our Xmas card (?) early so as  
to tell you this. And I thought you  
would like to have the copy of the old  
letter - I sent it first to Charlotte &  
to Sidney.

I do hope that you & Will can drive  
down to see us some time before long.  
We have one room for our friends -  
Robert (not Mr. Dexter!) keeps very  
well & is a wonder to Maryne - He  
celebrated his 81<sup>st</sup> birthday on the 5<sup>th</sup> -  
The Dr. who examined him when he had  
"flu" in the late summer, said he would  
take him to be about 68 -

I am trying to write with Kitty on  
my lap so excuse all -

It is indeed hard for Lottie to be shut  
out of everything and worrying about  
Charlie too - I am thankful that she  
has Emmett & the children so near.

With love & all good wishes -

Mary -

**MR. & MRS. ROBERT E. DEXTER**  
341 LIGHTHOUSE AVENUE  
PACIFIC GROVE, CALIFORNIA

"CHRISTMAS WAS CLOSE AT HAND, IN ALL HIS BLUFF AND HEARTY HONESTY; IT WAS THE SEASON OF HOSPITALITY, MERRIMENT AND OPEN-HEARTEDNESS; THE OLD YEAR WAS PREPARING, LIKE AN ANCIENT PHILOSOPHER, TO CALL HIS FRIENDS AROUND HIM, AND AMIDST THE SOUND OF FEASTING AND REVELRY TO PASS GENTLY AND CALMLY AWAY."

"AND NUMEROUS INDEED ARE THE HEARTS TO WHICH CHRISTMAS BRINGS A BRIEF SEASON OF HAPPINESS AND ENJOYMENT."

"HOW MANY OLD RECOLLECTIONS, AND HOW MANY DORMANT SYMPATHIES, DOES CHRISTMAS TIME AWAKEN!"

"HAPPY, HAPPY CHRISTMAS, THAT CAN WIN US BACK TO THE DELUSIONS OF OUR CHILDISH DAYS; THAT CAN RECALL TO THE OLD MAN THE PLEASURES OF HIS YOUTH, AND TRANSPORT THE SAILOR AND THE TRAVELLER, THOUSANDS OF MILES AWAY, BACK TO HIS OWN FIRESIDE AND HIS QUIET HOME!"

CHARLES DICKENS.

ELISHA BARLOW---1750-1828, married, 1772 Sarah Barlow

JOHN BARLOW, their son, married in 1807, Polly Lewis

EMMA BARLOW, their daughter, " in 1849, J.C. Reeve

Judge Elisha Barlow was the great-great-grandfather  
of Wilbur Conover, Charlotte Conover Jones, etc.

THOMAS BARLOW, oldest son of Judge Elisha Barlow  
was the grandfather of Mrs. Amy Laughead.



COPY

Mr. Newton Reed of Amenia Union, New York  
To Henry Barlow, Peru, Berkshire Co., Mass.

Sept. 22, 1885

Dear Sir:-

I knew Judge Elisha Barlow from my childhood, when I used to see his venerable figure in Church. The last time that I remember conversing with him, which was at his own house, was in 1826, when I was 21 years old. He was always very dignified in his person and manner, had but little stoop in his old age, though he always used a cane, on account of a degree of stiffness in one of his knees.

His education, though not classical must have been above the usual learning of a layman. He was one of the first in this town who had the oversight of schools, and he was one of an intelligent community of readers. I have books and papers which show Elisha Barlow's careful and accurate clerkship. He was Clerk and Trustee of this ecclesiastical Society a good many years. No man in this community in his day was more influential in the support of public worship. He was conscientious in having his children baptized, but in consequence of a mistaken sentiment which prevailed at that day in regard to the "Lord's Supper", he was not a communicant.

It is significant of his general influence and of his precise punctuality also, that they used to say,--"Mr. Bennett (the minister) starts for church when he sees Judge Barlow go by."

I suppose that the Civil Service of Judge Barlow is well known. He was in the Assembly in 1801-1802. In the Senate 1807-1810; a member of the Constitutional Convention of 1821.

Judge Barlow was logical in debate which was characteristic of the family.

Some of them would go over the steps of logical reasoning to prove what was true on the face of it. They loved debate.

The family being democrats, some of the younger members were fired with great zeal for the "French Party" and were led, by easy association into the French notions of religion, but it was not so of the elders.

I suppose I have answered Mr. Bramhall's enquiries. He does not ask about the other Barlows. It comes into my memory now--their intelligence and public spirit and integrity. (I never knew a dishonest Barlow). You engaged me in a pleasant service.

SIGNED

## N·W·AYER & SON<sub>INC.</sub>

235 Montgomery Street, San Francisco 4

Mr. W. B. Laughead  
1214 Pardee Avenue  
Susanville, California

Dear Bill:

It was good to hear from you and at the first opportunity, I hopped down to the Shell Building to take a look at the display of your work in the window there. I also asked an Associate of mine, who is an Art Director and an artist in his own right, to give me his frank appraisal of your work.

My own opinion is of no value to you. I liked your paintings because I can understand them, which is more than I can say for a lot of this modern stuff.

My artist friend, however, was more objective in his appraisal. He said he thought your work was quite good. It was, as he put it, "pleasant", and would obviously appeal to people who "liked trees". He did, however, feel that your work suffered from being set off poorly by the frame. This is something that could easily be remedied.

He does not feel that you could expect to make a go of advertising art without committing yourself to a long hard pull. You are faced with a lot of competition from already established artists. You are handicapped by your location in Susanville. Even if you had an agent here in the city, he would at best have a tough time selling your work because of having to work at a distance. Furthermore, the limitations of your subject matter would tend to seriously

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Mr. W. B. Laughead

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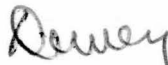
restrict the potential market. He says there is not a wide market for this particular type of work.

My friend says that in his opinion your best bet would be to make an arrangement with a gallery such as Maxwell at 372 Sutter Street. He feels that your best market would be with people or institutions who are looking for paintings of outdoor and particularly forest subjects for decorative purposes -- homes, hotels, offices, etc -- and those people go to galleries. Maxwell takes the artist's work on consignment and collects a commission of 25-30% on the sale.

I don't know how much good all this is going to do you, Bill, but you asked for it straight from the shoulder and that's what I have tried to give you.

Don't forget to make good on your promise to drop in and see me when you are down this way again. Let's have lunch together if we can fit it in.

Most sincerely,



A. H. Dewees

Susanville  
July 29 1952

Dear Dewey:

Many thanks for looking at my pictures and for your good letter. You gave me just what I wanted a frank appraisal that will help me plan my work.

Right now I am doing a commission for a Hollywood man who saw some of my pictures in the hotel here and wanted one made to order. After that painting will be limited to spare time, maybe some desert and ranch things for a change of pace.

You mentioned bad framing as one of my faults and I know how right you are. I have had to improvise with what mouldings I can get and as you know mouldings are the scarcest lumber item. Also I have been uncertain about the right way to finish them. I may be able to get some mouldings run by a friend in the business and if you can give me some advice it will increase my debt.

I'm looking forward to seeing you this Fall and hoping you can spare time for a bite of lunch and a bit of talk.

As ever

1214 Pardee Avenue  
Susanville California

A.H.Deweese  
N.W.Ayer & Son  
235 Montgomery St  
S.F. 4



Westwood  
9/15/44

Mr. A.H.Deweese  
N.W.Ayer & Son Inc.  
235 Montgomery Street  
San Francisco

Dear Dewey:

Thanks for the nice things you said about my paintings and your renewed offer of help in planning. The hell of it is I can't make any definite plans until things are cleaned up here which probably won't be until the last minute.

I am working all spare time at painting, trying to learn some of the answers. If I could earn a living painting I would rather do that than have a larger income from doing something else. Until I test out possibilities in this field I don't know what I'll be doing or where I will be doing it. Maybe some kind of freelance compromise can be worked out.

Your invitation to see you will surely be accepted as soon as things shape up a bit. Meanwhile any suggestions will be appreciated.

So thanks and best regards,

As ever

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AHD:B

September 12, 1944

Mr. W. B. Laughead  
Redwood Lumber Company  
Westwood, California

Dear Bill:

Carl told me the other day about the exhibit of your paintings up at the Western Pacific office on Post Street. I have been trying to get up town to see them for several days, but only made it yesterday.

The display is really a 'honey' and you can be mighty proud of it. Congratulations on your maiden venture into the realm of painting.

We are looking forward to a visit from you one of these days soon. Let me repeat, that if there is anything we can do to guide or help you in your future plans we want to do so.

Sincerely,



A. H. Dewees

Mr. W. B. Laughead - 2  
11/15/49

I am attaching a copy of the digest of this book, feeling sure that you will find it interesting and, I hope, useful.

Sincerely,



A. H. Dewees

P.S. Without cost to you, we will be happy to furnish as many copies of this digest as you might want to distribute to others in your organization concerned with problems of distribution, selling and advertising -- and possibly, to some of your trade outlets -- distributors, wholesalers or retailers.





Susanville California  
July 26 1954

Mr. Charles A. Dick  
Evans Lumber Company  
P.O.Box 2347  
Birmingham Alabama

Dear Chuck:

Following our telephone conversation this morning I am sending you inclosed two color photos to assist you in the choice of a picture.

There are seven paintings in the group offered for sale but one of the two shown in these photos would probably be your selection. The dimensions indicated are size inside frame. You can size up your wall space allowing about six inches all around for frame.

These photos are out of a set I have just recieved from the laboratory. They did a poor job on all of them and we will have to shoot them over but to avoid delay I am sending you these. They will not give you an adequate idea of color and detail. The one with the fallers has a bad light glare across the top. They will, however, let you judge whether you want a picture with or without the human figures.

No. <sup>(12)</sup>12 Ponderosa Pine is more decorative and impressive from a picture standpoint. On the other hand No. 12 Fallers and Squirrels may be more interesting to a lumberman on account of showing the loggers and more outside the usual run of pictures.

Take your choice and I will ship at once. Also I will later send you the other color photos and if you want to return the one shipped and select another it will be all right. Then too if the magazine story gets any reaction from some other lumberman in your locality he can see photos of any unsold at that time. As soon as I can get black-and-white photos from the photographer I will send them on and some personal data for the stories then you and Mr. Warren can go to work on the story and will have to wait only for the news shot of inspection of the picture in your office.

It sure was a pleasure to hear your voice on the phone, and I want to say I appreciate your interest in the pictures and the confidence to order one unsight unseen. Also your cooperation in publicity.

AS over

W.B. Laughead  
326 Pardee Ave  
Susanville

C.C. TO ICERPEN

July 14, 1954

Mr. Charles A. Dick  
Evans Lumber Company  
P. O. Box 2347  
Birmingham, Alabama

Dear Charlie:

Reference our several discussions during the past year I am pleased to let you know that Bill Laughhead advised me during a recent conversation that he will be offering for sale his paintings of timber scenes, logging scenes, etc.

He is having made color shots of these paintings for inspection by prospective buyers and is offering them on a first come, first served basis and are returnable if the buyer is not satisfied.

As mentioned, Bill has agreed to let me have several sets of these color prints and I will mail one to you immediately for your use in showing them to prospective buyers, including yourself among these, and will also enclose one set of black and white which you indicated Mr. Warren of the Southern Lumber Journal would like to have so that he may publish these pictures in the mentioned magazine along with a story of the artist. I have asked Bill to prepare that for me and will be mailed along with the color prints and black and white copies. > N.B.

Price is \$400.00 each and as indicated above are returnable if the buyer is not satisfied. Based on the many comments I have heard regarding these pictures I am sure that they will not last long as these comments expressed the desire to have one of them for their offices.

With best regards

Yours very truly

PAUL BUNYAN LUMBER COMPANY  
By

A. L. Kerper, Sales Manager  
Susanville Lumber Operation

ALK:c

Susanville California  
July 21 1954

Mr. Charles A. Dick  
Evans Lumber Company  
P.O.Box 2347  
Birmingham ,Alabama

Dear Chuck:

Al Kerper has sent me a copy of his letter of the 14th to you. At this writing we have not yet received the color photos from the laboratory but they are overdue and should be available soon.

Your contact with the Southern Lumber Journal brings back old times. Red River carried an advertising schedule in the Journal and in addition to this for a long time I enjoyed a personal correspondence with the former publisher, Ben Wand who was a prominent figure in the lumber industry, up to the time of his death.

Naturally such a story would be contingent on the sale of a picture , otherwise no news as the basis of a story. That bridge has not been crossed yet. If and when this happens the best publicity photo would be a shot in your office showing a group inspecting the picture. This would be a news shot and would also give the Company publicity in the Journal and possibly Birmingham newspapers.

Anyway we will send you black-and-white prints of the pictures in the group we are offering for sale to be available for any use that may develop. I will also write some personal data for such press releases.

You know, Chuck, I always get a kick out of any contact with you, direct or indirect so my best regards and good wishes are inclosed with this letter,

As ever,

328 Pardee Ave.  
Susanville

W.B. Langhead

*C.C. Kerper*





POST CARD

W.B. Laughhead  
Westwood California





Bread the changes in our life.  
Mrs. R. G. Ewalt 1927 12th Street Greeley, Colorado 28/46

Out of Pueblo - Saw Pike's PK. - In Pueblo saw  
Eng 909 + 889 / Also Old friends of mine - the latter  
was turned over about 3 sec after I left it.

Next Stop, Trinidad where you once carded  
me on your way south. A telegram from G's sis  
in Kilgore who meets us at Dallas and cars us  
to near Shreveport. - Now raining like Colo can.  
Could only get 2 uppers (not teeth) but the lady  
rubbed her lamp and had the Pullman Condr purring  
like a cat - we are now jellifying on sponge Rubber  
with a section. I carry the Bags. and say "yes!"  
Avg 63 M.P.H. Txs Zephyr - Will write from Kilgore



POST CARD

W. B. Laughead

Westwood - Calif.

Mrs. R. G. Ewalt 1927 12th Street Greeley, Colorado

A day or two with the above - Grace's  
Sister - will be on our way south Sunday

We crossed the dead Sea and gain-  
ed an hour - I found why Salt Lake  
was so called: It has salt in it.

plenty of work attached to present  
day traveling. Filthy and un-inviting.

No familiar land marks to date

Long, heavy trains in 2 or more sections,  
Another card later and

Dear Will:-

You may find passing interest in the enclosed - if you've not already seen it. I meant to send it in a recent letter to Tot, but Madame Crover having shared with the public your correspondence regarding Van Loon's favor(?) to Herr Hitler, I send it direct to your Highness.

Would that I could send you something worthy the treasured collection of beautiful cards for which I'm debtor to your artistry and kindly thought, if I



knows how splendidly fine he is in  
qualities that are worth while. I  
know that he contributes more  
to my happiness than he dreams  
Remember me with love to  
your Lady Mother Will; so  
much of good I wish for you,  
dear boy!

Yours in happy bonds of  
yester years and in the heart's  
fond hopes for your welfare.

Frank B. Wells

Oct. 20<sup>th</sup> '38

seem to accept them as those  
merely brought in, its because Din  
inarticulate.

My mind gives me (note  
Wiltonic flavor of phrase) that I may  
be in California this winter; at least  
that's what my sister Elys says,  
and Din not sure that I can  
contradict her.

Last evening, I had a phone  
call from King Kelly, reporting  
that he's safely home from the  
sea and Europe's squabbles as you  
may know, his awfully fond of  
you, looking up to you royally,  
and loyally. Do you spare Fred?

CLASS OF SERVICE DESIRED	
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TELEGRAM	ORDINARY
DAY LETTER	URGENT RATE
SERIAL	DEFERRED
OVERNIGHT TELEGRAM	NIGHT LETTER
SPECIAL SERVICE	SHIP RADIOGRAM

Patrons should check class of service desired; otherwise the message will be transmitted as a telegram or ordinary cablegram.

*Laughead*

# COPY OF WESTERN UNION TELEGRAM

GENERAL MANAGER SMITH  
EL CORTEZ HOTEL  
SAN FRANCISCO, CALIFORNIA

JULY 10, 1943  
10:40 A.M.

PLEASE RESERVE SINGLE ROOM FOR LAUGHEAD FOR MONDAY NIGHT. CONFIRM.

S. W. MACDONALD

CHG GENL EXP  
STRAIGHT  
SWM:NL

Westwood  
Lassen County  
California  
Oct 17 1944

Paul Elder & Co  
239 Post Street  
San Francisco

Gentlemen:

Yesterday I received from you a package containing 5 copies of Letters of Alexander Woollcott which I have returned by today's mail.

Evidently this shipment was made in error through confusion with my order for 3 Copies of Woollcott's Letters and 2 copies Sanberg's Home Front Memo which you have already delivered.

Yours very truly,

W.B.Laughead

August 31, 1944

The Emporium  
San Francisco, California

SHOPPING SERVICE

Gentlemen:

Will you please select for us, and ship at your earliest opportunity Christmas presents for twenty men in overseas Army and Navy services.

Please keep in mind the practical <sup>limits</sup> hints in size and form for overseas mailing, also a class of articles most serviceable and desirable for men at the front.

We would like to hold to a cost around \$5.00 with \$2.00 leeway above this amount.

Ship by mail or express, and invoice to the undersigned.

Yours very truly,

WESTWOOD FIRE DEPARTMENT

W. B. Langhead  
Westwood, Lassen County  
California

WEL:am



Dear Mr. Langhead:-

Thanks  
for your check recently  
received. It came  
at a good time as I  
had just returned  
from my association  
and it was nice to  
have on returning  
home.

Thanks again

Best wishes

Walter J. Fulwider

Mr. Thomas P. Brown,  
Western Pacific Railroad Co.,  
San Francisco, Calif.

Dear Mr. Brown:

Mr. W. B. Laughhead, of Westwood,  
has very kindly advised me of his communicating  
with you and telling you of the change in  
management of The Lassen Advocate.

I appreciate thus meeting you  
through the mails, as it were, but look forward  
to personally becoming acquainted with you  
in the not distant future.

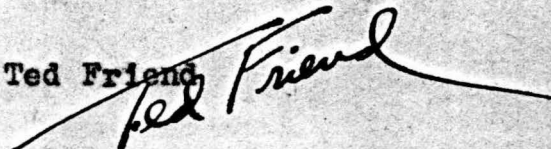
Needless to say I hope that when  
you are again in this territory that you will  
drop in and of course when I come to San Francisco  
I shall not fail to get in touch with your office.

I believe that The Advocate's  
usefulness to the community can be enlarged and  
I hope to make valiant efforts in that respect.

Assuring you it will be a pleasure  
to continue to list you among The Advocate's  
friends, I am,

very truly yours,

Ted Friend

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to read "Ted Friend", written over the typed name "Ted Friend". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a long horizontal stroke extending to the right.

October 2, 1943

ARCHIE D. WALKER, PRESIDENT  
CLINTON L. WALKER, VICE PRESIDENT

WILLIS J. WALKER, CHAIRMAN OF THE BOARD AND VICE PRESIDENT  
FLETCHER L. WALKER, VICE PRESIDENT AND TREASURER  
T. S. WALKER, VICE PRESIDENT AND MANAGER

KENNETH R. WALKER, SECRETARY  
JUSTIN V. SMITH, ASST. SECRETARY



## THE RED RIVER LUMBER COMPANY

MANUFACTURER OF CALIFORNIA SOFT PONDEROSA AND SUGAR PINE

LUMBER • MOULDING • CUT STOCK  
BOX SHOOK • • • PLYWOOD

MILL FACTORIES AND GENERAL SALES  
WESTWOOD CALIFORNIA

TELEPHONE RENO 4137

RENO

500 EVANS AVENUE

January 17, 1939

W. B. Laughead  
Westwood, California

Dear Bill:

In line with your letter Saturday, I got in touch with Mrs. Fulwider and, no doubt, she has written to you.

I do hope, Bill, that she will be able to do something to comfort your mother.

I do want you to feel free at any time to call on me if I can be of any assistance to you and any other friends that I may have at Westwood.

Yours truly,

*Walter*

*Walter Fisher  
Asst Manager  
Washoe Lumber  
Co. Reno  
Nevada*

SALES OFFICES  
DISTRIBUTING YARDS

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LOS ANGELES

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RENO

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MINNEAPOLIS

NEW YORK

ANNUAL CAPACITY 240 MILLION FEET

Ted Friend  
Publisher-assen Advocate

Westwood  
10-16-44

Dear Ted:

Mrs Quarles told me about her call on you and said you seemed to think I have not been trying very hard to get in to see you.

The fact is taht I have not been inn Susanville for months except to pass through once on the Reno stage. I have no car and don't get around much. It has been my wish to see you on your home grounds ever since you have been in Susanville.

We have all been upset in Westwood for some time and my personal plans are still indefinite. The problem of finding a suitable home in the locality of work I want to do is rather complicated. I have about concluded that it can't be done for a permanent set-up in a hurry in case I have to get out of Westwood on short notice. Conditions around the Bay region will be tough as long as the Japanese war is on.

I am looking for a place in Susanville. Once out of here and settled in a house I can go to work on the permanent location and take my time to it. So it might work out that we will be in the same town for a while at least.

Whenever you are over this way look me up, any time, at the office or at home. I am seldom any other place.

Meanwhile best regards,

Sincerely,



for current release

The retail lumber yard of The Red River Lumber Company in Reno has been purchased by Kenneth R. Walker, ~~Blair~~ Blair H. Walker, T.S. Walker and Sylvia Walker. Effective October 16 the name is changed to ~~the~~ Washoe Lumber Company.

Policy unchanged. Same management with D.T. "Dave" Jones and Walter Fisher as manager and assistant manager.

Ted: You might phone C.E. Priest for a line on Red River announcement if and when made. You probably saw stories in San Francisco and Reno papers. Position here is that Fruit Growers can make announcement of applications to Commission but Red River can make no statement until deal is definitely closed. Is still open until Commission acts on Fruit Growers applications. There are other factors still pending.

That is "of Today" may be settled any time. If on the other hand Commission decision is unfavorable the whole thing is off. For present at least. Better keep in touch for developments.

November 24, 1944

Mr. A.J. Glassov, Manager  
Brooks - Scanlon Lumber Company  
Bend, Oregon

Dear Al:

This will be my resignation from the Promotion Committee. The sale of Red River's Westwood facilities has not been completed, the time having been extended in the option but it appears to be in the bag.

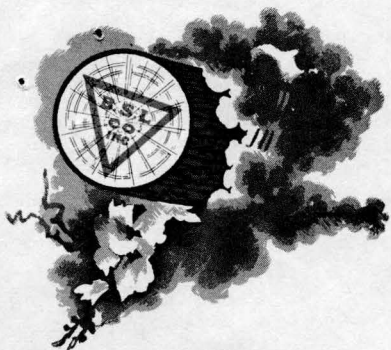
Sti called me in the teletype last week inquiring whether I intended to go to Portland for the December meeting. I told him I was not planning on it and that he should take my place and could notify you and Roy of this arrangement. It has been evident for some time that my resignation was in order, but I did not want to take definite action as long as there was any possibility that it would not be necessary.

Like Si Sawyer, I wanted to stick around until the first 4-color advertisements were published, but I will have to be satisfied with the proof-sheets received from Roy and his announcement that space had finally been scheduled for February in both publications.

I have enjoyed my association with you and all the members of the committee so much that it is hard to say goodbye. The coming years will bring a vast expansion in the use of wood products and the Committee will play an important part in the change from traditional thought and action. I wish for you and the committee members a lot of excitement and pleasure in this work. With my best personal regards.

Yours sincerely

CC: Roy Cary  
WEL:cp



# BROOKS-SCANLON LUMBER COMPANY INC.

MANUFACTURERS OF  
DESCHUTES (PONDEROSA) PINE

BEND, OREGON

Nov. 28, 1944

Mr. W. B. Laughead,  
c/o The Red River Lumber Company,  
Westwood, California

Dear Bill:

In all of our various talks regarding the sale of Red River properties it never occurred to me that this deal would make it necessary for you to resign from the Trade Promotion Committee. All during the years I have been on the Committee I have always felt that you and several of the fellows who have been on the Committee longer than I were the "corner stone" of our Committee. It would seem just right to get along without you.

Now with reference to your resignation, I presume this should go to the District Chairman of your district. As you know, each district selects its members for the Trade Promotion Committee and for that reason I would not be in position to accept your resignation. Nevertheless, Bill, I want you to know that I sincerely appreciate the privilege of working with you which I have had, and I trust that before very long things will work out so you can be back with the Committee again.

With best wishes, I am

Yours sincerely,

A J GLASSOW:MS

September 1, 1944

Mr. Milo T. Gates  
Collier's  
The Crowell-Collier Publishing Company  
235 Montgomery Street  
San Francisco, California

Dear Mr. Gates:

Many thanks for the copy of Collier's and your letter of the 23rd.

I read with interest Stewart Holbrook's article on Tree Farms in the Northwest. Holbrook is a good reporter, with a broad lumber background and he has a style that attracts so many different kinds of people that anything he writes should have a wide reading.

It is gratifying to see a magazine of Collier's circulation and prestige carry a first-class article on the lumber industry. Probably no other major industry is so little known and understood by the public and press. Its bad features have been largely a reflection of general tendencies of the times. The good things about it have not been told.

I hope we can see more articles on lumbering in Collier's by qualified writers; not propaganda for special interests. The dramatic action, individualized characters and picturesque settings of many phases of logging and lumbering offer a wide field that should be attractive to publishers and readers. So long as stories and articles jibe with facts they are valuable to the industry.

Yours very truly,

THE RED RIVER LUMBER COMPANY

By

W. B. Laughead  
Advertising Manager

WBL:am



Dear Leida.

Janesville. Dec 17/98

Just a line or two to tell you how much I regret not being able to make a visit to the hospital to see your dear mother. I wanted to do so very much but was prevented by circumstances.

I came over from Susanville with Arthur Hornshuk; leaving my car there. I was to return with Mr Morrell. He forgot all about it until he was some distance out of town. He had the flowers that were to accompany the remains and the Express Company was holding their truck in Susanville. Then he returned for me he was behind schedule and had to drive some faster than I am accustomed to ride in order

to get the flowers off.

I would so like to come to Westwood and have a little more time, then I could call on some of my friends that may be numbered among the "shut-ins".

We have your dear mother much in prayer that sustaining grace may be given by the Heavenly Father to bear up under her sore affliction. But though our outward man perishes yet the inward man is renewed day by day. For our light afflictions which is but for a moment worketh for us a far more exceeding and eternal weight of glory.  
With kindest regards to you wife and love to mother. We are sincerely Yours & send

2119 Calif. St.  
7/6/39. San Francisco  
Calif.

Mr W. B. Langhead.  
Westwood

Lassen Co. Calif—

Dear William,

Just a line or two, to inform you  
companion C. H. Joy. went through an operation  
at the Stanford Hospital, last Thursday a  
week to day. Have called on him several  
times, and I am pleased to say he is doing  
nicely. And I do look for an early recovery.  
He looks good and still has a cheer for you in  
entering the room. Notify all the Companions  
and inquiring Friends. Will say Mrs. H. is so  
much improved, is gaining weight and I hope will  
soon be herself again. Her hands is still stiff in the  
joints, but gradually letting go. With greetings to  
all Companions & inquiring Friends—  
Yours sincerely, *Line* James A. Gilbert

April 1, 1953

Dear Mr. Laughead:

Please forgive me for not answering you before this. I thought that I had answered your letter of February 4th. I surely do not mind if several of your friends call at my house to see your painting. The last two weeks of February I was called to work in my husband's office for seven weeks ( while the boss took four weeks vacation in Florida) I have been so busy that I overlooked getting a reply off to you, although I did think I had done so. This is my last week of work, and in the future I will be at home. Please do tell your friends to feel free to call and see our painting.

The Ponderosa Pine painting is not at the store any longer. We have it at home again. My husband will be home April 4th, and I believe he will pack it at that time and return it to you.

The store that displayed it was the Carter Sexton, on Laurel Canyon Blvd. in No. Hollywood. The same one that put the varnish coat on the two paintings.

Yours sincerely,

Trudence Gregory



THE BOULDER DAM ROUTE



1/11/43

Dear Lee,

The attached is  
really self explanatory. It  
comes from a friend of  
mine in N. Y.

This looks like a picture  
of Lake Almanor & Mt Lassen  
to me. Am I correct? If  
not what is it.

Appreciate your comment.

Regards

Carl Susan  
Box 390  
H. Falls, Ore.

UNION PACIFIC RAILROAD

UNIVERSITY OF MISSOURI  
COLUMBIA

SCHOOL OF EDUCATION  
UNIVERSITY SCHOOLS  
HIGH SCHOOL  
ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

May 7, 1923.

The RedRiver LumberCo.,  
Westwood, California .

Attention Mr. W.B.Langhead.

Gentlemen:

We wish to acknowledge receipt of and thank you for the advertising material which you sent us recently. Its use adds reality to our school work and proves quite valuable.

We are careful to file this material away so that it can be used from year to year. I trust that it will be of as great advertising worth to you as it is of educational value to us.

Very truly yours,

*M.E. Herriott*

M.E. Herriott  
Supervisor of Science

January 18, 1943

Mr. Carl Hanson  
Box 390  
Klamath Falls, Oregon

Dear Mr. Hanson:

We cannot make a positive identification of the post card photograph enclosed in your letter to Leo Opsahl, and which we return herewith. It looks like Mt. Shasta as seen from the north with Medicine Lake in the foreground; however, we suggest that you send it to Weed or McCloud for confirmation.

It is not Mt. Lassen and we are told that it is not Ranier or Mt. Hood. The contour of the high peak on the left and the dome tower down on the right looks like Shasta as seen from the north, and Medicine Lake lines up for the right direction and distance, but we could be wrong about this.

Sorry we can't give you a definite identification.

Yours very truly,

THE RED RIVER LUMBER COMPANY

By

W. B. Laughead  
Advertising Manager

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encl.

Winnemucca, Nevada.  
July 15, 1938

Mr. W. B. Langhead,  
Westwood, California.

Dear Bill:

I have followed the Westwood affairs, as reported in the newspapers and over the radio the past few days, with a great deal of interest. While it was very unfortunate that such action on the part of Westwood people became necessary, I was greatly pleased that in the showdown the old timers of Westwood who have been employed for many years by The Red River Lumber Company and have enjoyed the many advantages the Company has given them thru the long years of depression and recession, expressed their view in a manner that left no cause for misunderstanding as to their attitude. The Red River Lumber Company fully deserved the support and loyal cooperation of its employees, and from all accounts, it had by far the majority, led nodoubt by those who have been long in the employ of the Company.

With such an unmistakable majority expression, it is my opinion and sincere hope that there will be no more trouble caused by the source of the late conflict.

With my best wishes to the Officials of The Red River Lumber Company, and the good people of Westwood, I remain,

Sincerely,



Carroll Henderson

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Hope it will be possible to see you and others  
in Reno in August.

C H.



April 15 1936

Dear Mr. Hole:

I want to assure you that your letters are greatly appreciated. The relations between our institutions, the American Lumberman and The Red River Lumber Company are of long standing. Every expression I have ever heard from our officials has indicated the highest regard for the valuable service the American Lumberman has given and is giving to our company and to the industry as a whole.

From a personal angle, my relations with the A.L. have been a source of pleasure and profit. These have largely been through correspondence and the way you have handled our advertising and publicity. During the later years my direct contacts have been with and through Jimmy Austin and aside from the profit and helpfulness derived on the side of business, I like to think of him as a friend. ( Letter interrupted at this point by phone call from Jim at Klamath Falls. Will be here tomorrow night.)

My short visit with you a year ago stands out as the high point of a long trip and many valuable meetings and more than confirmed the high regard that grew out of your friendly and always helpful letters.

My own wish is that our space schedule may be restored next year. As an observer of advertising history I fear any recession from an established program that tends to maintain prestige.

Institutional advertising is bound to be intangible and in the case of lumber, with the many breaks in the line from mill to buyer its application is more indirect than with competing products. We have no measuring stick to gauge returns. The idea is always present that with advertising and selling- expense a definite percentage of gross receipts, the direct sales work should be given preference. This does not mean that our people do not give credit to advertising. They do, but no one can say what this amounts to in dollars and cents.

As to the publicity story from Miss Ferriss, this did not pass through my hands. In a way she was treading on my toes but I believe this was not intended.

She is secretary to T.S.Walker and has ambitions toward an advertising career. I would always try to encourage her or anyone else trying to extend their sphere even if it might be construed as at my expense. I told her of your remarks about the photograph but the one she sent is the only one obtainable.

Thanks again for your letters and with the highest regard,

Yours sincerely,

# American Lumberman

ESTABLISHED 1873

431 SOUTH DEARBORN STREET  
CHICAGO

April 8, 1936

PERSONAL

Mr. W. B. Laughead,  
The Red River Lumber Company,  
Westwood, California.

Dear Mr. Laughead:

Some little time ago I received from Margarette C. Ferris of Westwood, California, an article regarding Theodore S. Walker who in the latter part of January became the Red River Lumber Company's Vice President and Manager. She sent me a print of him which isn't very good.

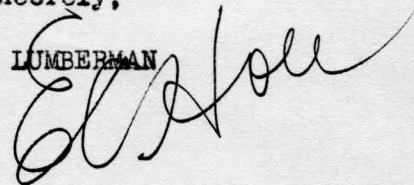
I was just wondering about this story. We look to you to send us material that you would like to have printed and I didn't know but what there was something behind this. Anyway, I wanted to tell you about it and have you tell me just what I should do.

As you know, we are always anxious to cooperate with you and the Red River Lumber Company and if you will indicate to me the course you would like to have me pursue, I'll be glad to do it.

Kindest regards.

Yours sincerely,

AMERICAN LUMBERMAN



Manager

ECH:EL

# American Lumberman

ESTABLISHED 1873

431 SOUTH DEARBORN STREET  
CHICAGO

April 8, 1936

Mr. W. B. Laughead, Advertising Manager,  
The Red River Lumber Company,  
Westwood, California.

Dear Mr. Laughead:

Your favor of April 6th enclosing copy just received by us at noon today. We did not have all of the type here in our office and we would have to send it out in order to get this extra type and it wouldn't be possible for us to get this all in shape and get it into the forms for this week's issue. I am awfully sorry. You know we would do anything in the world for you. If it had gotten here yesterday, we could have made it all right.

Week after next, we are going to have a meeting of the National Lumber Manufacturers' Association and also the National Retailers here in Chicago. I was just talking to Mr. Dulany this morning and he says they have quite a comprehensive program outlined.

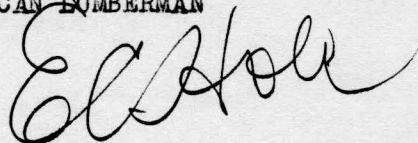
He also tells me that his retail yards (and he's interested in sixty of them) are doing a considerably increased business. All of our reports indicate that dealers are looking forward to an active year.

We are hoping that the present rate structure will continue. Quite a number of influential men are at work trying to persuade the railroads to authorize the continuation of the 72¢ rate. It would seem to us that the railroads appreciate the increase in business that came from the establishment of that rate and would be willing to make it permanent.

With kindest regards, I am, as ever

Yours sincerely,

AMERICAN LUMBERMAN



Manager

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May 4, 1936

Mr. W. B. Laughead, Adv. Mgr.,  
The Red River Lumber Company,  
Westwood, California.

Dear Mr. Laughead:

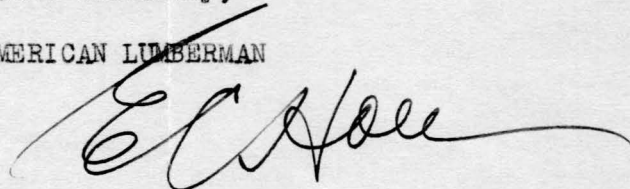
Your letter of April 21st has been brought to my attention and of course it gave me a distinct shock. I had been away for a few days vacation and came back and pretty nearly lost all the benefit of my trip. Your folks have been such consistent, straight forward advertisers all these years that we hate to see them reduce the space.

You certainly have done a good job in building your business into the consciousness of the retail lumberman all over the country. It has been a great pleasure to us to work with you in cooperation and we want to continue to do so. We assure you we appreciate you and the courtesy that you have shown to us in the matter of collaborating and getting out the best results for the advertising.

It is always a delight to get a letter from you. I want you to feel perfectly free to write us and call on us for any service that we can render at any time.

Yours sincerely,

AMERICAN LUMBERMAN



Manager

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*Mr. Laughead  
has written you with  
Reference to the space*

Westwood, Cal. April 2/38

Dear Roy:

I was mighty glad to get your letter and passed it on to Ralph and Don. I hope things are going well with you and that some time you will want to take a trip out this way and drop in and look us over.

There have been many changes since you left. The Theatre is now run by a circuit. All the store departments, the club, laundry, garage and all mercantile departments are leased out to concessioners. Don ran the Theatre for a couple of years after I left it and then he quit in '32 or '33 to give all of his time to golf, his own course at Chester in the Summer and as pro on other courses in the winter. He was at Oroville one winter and Vallejo two winters. He bought a half interest in a private trout hatchery at Clear Creek last year and gave up his golf to spend the winter here working with the fish.

Mrs Laughead was killed in her automobile on the Red Bluff road on Mother's Day 1935. I had been away for six weeks on a business trip and landed in Minneapolis the day of the accident. Caught a plane at Des Moines and came to San Francisco where she was cremated the following day. I have been going through the motions since then but it don't mean much.

Westwood is thoroughly unionized, has been for the past four or five years. We had an election to decide the bargaining agency March 17 after months of argument between the local union and the C IO. The local union won the election better than two to one.

Dorothy, Don's daughter graduates from the eighth grade this Spring and will be a high school young lady next year. Time marches on.

With all the changes you would find a lot of old friends still in circulation here who would be glad to see you. Write again when the spirit moves you and tell us about yourself.

With best regards and sincere good wishes,

Yours,

Photo shows my house with six feet of snow on the ground. We had a total fall of 13 feet in February, settling to six. In December we had a flood that raised Robbers creek till it flowed 4 feet deep through the plant. Holes 8 feet deep were washed in the highway where it passes through Chester.



Fremont. Neb  
Jan 22, 1938

Dear Bill & Mrs.

Thanks for the Xmas greeting, Bill  
didn't get to send any cards this year as  
I was away from home two weeks before  
Xmas and didn't know to whom the  
wife had sent cards, so missed my  
own particular friends. Don't hear from  
Ralph or Don but guess it's mostly  
my fault as I've certainly developed  
into a very indifferent correspondent.  
Hope everything has been going good  
for you and that you folks are both  
enjoying good health. Would enjoy  
visiting and seeing the many good  
friends I had in Westwood but the several  
droughts through this section put the

real estate business <sup>(2)</sup> on the bum with  
this year possibly the worst at the  
the state as a whole isn't bad. Been  
selling <sup>stock</sup> for concern out of Lincoln and  
have it worked up <sup>to</sup> where it should be  
better each year. At least hope so.

With any sort of a crop break to bring  
business back to normal, will do  
a nice business. What's Doc still  
doing, golf at Chester? Think quite often  
of you as there is usually some  
mention of Bemidji, most recent a  
picture of the Paul Bunyan they had  
there at a ~~celebration~~ celebration. Suppose there are  
lots of new faces in Westwood but if  
you see any mutual friends of the good  
old theatre days, greet them for me please.

With kindest regards & best wishes for 1938

Sincerely  
Roy Honey



Bill: Read on and you'll see you  
really ought to make a trip east!

May 11<sup>th</sup> 4

Farling F.K.

FK

Rose Holland

I very seldom read so called  
women's magazines - but in glancing  
thru one lately, I came on a little gem  
from "The Wisdom of Laziness" - like enough  
now, I'll have to go thru all of 'em every  
month for fear of missing you! That  
book is a favorite of mine - I read from  
it a lot and laugh at, and profit by its  
wit and philosophy - I had an experience  
this winter in Florida which I much  
enjoyed - I met a Mr. and Mrs. Brew  
from Xenia - they actually live there -  
when not in the south - Mrs. Brew is  
Louise Hillincaut's sister - 'member how  
gave a big party for me? Mrs. Brew  
heard me introduced to some one as  
Mr. Stifler's daughter - she asked me if  
I'd a sister named Stevens - whose hus-  
band was pastor in Xenia - she said  
they (the Stevens) had a very young sister

with them one winter named Rose.  
We talked often and for long minutes  
about people in Xenia - she knew and  
admired your people - but since she is  
fifteen years or more older than our genera-  
tion - she didn't know much about  
you - she wants me to go back with  
her some spring and renew old friend-  
ships. I also met a Miss Jenkins - Dayton  
and Xenia - she was younger - ~~knew~~  
Julia McCormack - played the wedding music  
for Jamie Chew and Jess Baker - lots of  
interesting "old stuff" - it all made me  
dreamy. Neither of them knew Bill Laughlin  
And he's the one I'm interested in - won't  
he ever come East? My reading  
this winter was varied and informing  
nothing, subsequently, ever came up to  
Our Age of Unreason - I loved it and  
think over parts of it often. You always  
know what's good for me - Since  
returning, I've read Maughan's The Ragged

Easter Sunday

Apr. 2 1945

My dear Bill -

What a lovely friendly gesture - for you to send me a copy of Paul Bunyan and his big blue ex - even before I'd got around to answering your completely satisfying letter of Feb. 6th - Fred had told me something about re-organizing you were facing, so far as your connection with Red River was concerned - I'm wondering how things stand with you now - your resumé of the years since Kenia, I found fascinating - you surely went far afield but apparently you've had a good life up to this point and you are by no means even elderly, at least I do not consider myself so - and I fancy we are all more or less the same age - therefore, I see nothing odd in the least in your "starting something." I'm ranking a lot more

promise to let me know what and  
where - also I heartily subscribe to  
any possibility we may meet - and  
put all that water back under the  
bridge. I forget how much I told  
you of my life - but I lost my mate  
2 years before you suffered your loss.  
I met Fred for the first time in 40 yrs  
when I'd been a widow about four  
months - after that he saw me each  
time he came to Boston - we still  
carry on a desultory correspondence,  
and only the fact that in the South  
when he comes east has kept us  
from meeting for two years and a  
half. I have two homes, two <sup>or</sup> perman-  
ent addresses - and to prove I really  
want very much to hear from  
you I'm going to enclose them -  
I looked eagerly thro the group  
but - as in 10 or 15 years - a number



see if you had marked anybody as  
being you - have you a snapshot?  
I have a very good one of Fred, with  
his infant son, taken just recently -  
he is, I believe happily married -  
my oldest boy, wife and two sons, lives  
on Fred's Peninsula estate - Life  
brings about some funny re-unions  
doesn't it? Who would think that  
little red-head would have a son  
a close friend of Fred Kelly? Which  
all goes to prove you and I will meet.  
Here are the addresses - 69 Nowell Rd  
Melrose, 76  
and 131 Loomis Ave Mass.

Daytona Beach -

Florida I live with a

married daughter from May to October  
here, the rest of the time -

Best of luck, dear Bill

Rose S.H.

# J. E. HILL

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MINNEAPOLIS, MINNESOTA

Jan 9th. 1945.

Mr. W. B. Laughead.  
Westwood, Calif.

Dear Bill:-

Your beautiful card received today.

I must answer it at once because if I do not do it now the thanks for the card and and thanks for thinking of me will be put off in my careless way.

You will remember the large storehouse at 2nd. Ave. N. and 7th. St. where you and Jim made many measurements and levels to show the movement of the building. It was on fire last week. All of the available fire apperatus was used because of the smoke. It caught within the storehouse. The contents was burned and the smoke caused the serious injury to three of the firemen and some ten others were overcome from the fumes from the burning of goods in the structure. Loss was estimated at \$ 200,000. I have not seen the building since the fire but think the walls are all standing. Minneapolis has changed greatly in the past few years. The Boston Block at 3rd. and Hennepin was razed the past year. Lake street has become a business street from Hennepin to the Lake Street bridge.

I closed out the office down town a year last June. Sold part to a young man Mr. Harvey Cartwright. He is the County Survey of Anoka County. Lives in Columbia Heights and has not established an office in Minneapolis and therefore can not survey in Minneapolis because the Council will not grant a lisencc until he has such an office even though his residence is only

(over)

Two blocks north of the City limits. I am working with him on that end of the business. This gives me something to keep be comfortable busy and the mind occupied. It has worked out very well.

My strength is slipping each year. I can walk from the Chamber of Commerce to the Walker building at 8th. and Hennepin only slowly.

You know that James Corr passed away about two years ago. He worked up to the last days. was ill only a few weeks. I miss him greatly as we were as close as ever up to the last days.

Mrs. Edith Robbins Daniels passed away last Fall. She became a frail old lady. I met her a few weeks before she passed. I was able to help her in working of the properties she had the care of and she appeared pleased with the help I was able to give her.

I enjoy the articles I read in the papers of your comments on Paul Bunyan. You seem to be able to hold your own in the arguments.

Percy Walton, at last accounts that I have, is living in New York. Only one of the old Walton force is still in business that is Mr. Kelly who is manager of the Minnesota Federal Savings and Loan Assn. He is as usual and seems to be doing well. He suffered a loss when his wife died last year.

My son Wm. C. Hill is still at Kalmath Falls Ore. He is a Lt. in the navy and is learning more engineering in his work about the building of a city than he ever knew before. He is assistant to the executive officer at that post. Am sorry to say that there no children in his family.

The last year has brought me more rest and comfort than any of my years although I miss working and the problems that the business has brought. The only wish I can make for you that



Thanksgiving  
Day

My dear Bill,

I'm casting about  
for something unusual to do  
on a holiday - I came to the  
conclusion that hunting up an  
old friend would be most  
comforting - do you remember  
me Bill? Rose Stifler? A little  
red head of sixteen springs <sup>'was</sup> -  
back in Xenia in '98 or so?  
That was an outstanding  
period in my life - that year  
in Xenia. (I late I've met  
several people who know Xenia  
and meeting them has brought  
it all to mind. Mr. and Mrs. [unclear]  
are here in Dayton - she was  
a Hillin Court - they still live  
in Xenia - and I'm invited to  
return wish them - wouldn't



at the fun -- No doubt you  
know of the dramatic fashion  
in which Fred Kelly and I  
met -- now seven years ago -- in  
I know -- no, really nine years ago.  
I suppose we have met a half  
dozen times since that initial  
get together -- we are very congenial  
and certainly he is a stimulating  
and vital person -- I'm pretty  
proud he likes me -- after all  
not many run-of-the-mine folk  
like me, have real live authors  
for friends. And now Fred has  
been sending me clippings  
which look mighty much as  
tho you were a painter and an  
author -- don't you ever come  
East? It so love to renew our  
youth. At least you might  
have a snap shot. Life has  
dear you a rush with me -- I

have not become unduly aged  
in spite of being sixty one - in  
my idle moments, I wonder if  
I ever shall - but looking  
around me a bit, especially  
here in the South, where people  
from sixty on, Congregate, I  
find myself happy I'm still  
fleet of foot and able to wear  
the current vogue in Parking  
suits. Please, sometime write  
me about you - I'd so love  
to hear. My family consist  
in four handsome young folk  
all married - two in service  
(Tommy) - Can you top it?

Maybe this very inadequate  
bit of writing will start the  
ancient ambros, a-glowing?

Affectionately  
Rose

Rose Holland  
Daytona Beach Fla  
Nov. 1944



My wife was taken sick some years ago. Since then he has been alone with the exception of a daughter. The daughter married. The marriage was not a success. Although they had one boy and a girl they separated. Since Jim's daughter has married another one and from what I gather from Jim she is happy. Her son is now 18 years old and in the army. I do not hear Jim of his grand daughter but she is now a young woman. Jim is now 75 years old. His eyes give him considerable trouble. He is now resting on some deths in Carver which keep him busy and gives him money and enough work to keep his mind away from his little personal troubles. While he is on that job the usual Spring business in surveying brings to his office a rush of work. This he is turning my way to get rid of it as the ditch work interferes with the city business. I helped him get out some certificates of survey this P.m. and had a visit with him. He has not changed much. You would know it was Jim Coor

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S.P. M.D. and wife  
Wm. & Mrs. Minneapolis Minn  
Apr. 16<sup>th</sup> 1943

W.B. Loughhead  
Westwood Calif.

Dear Bill:-  
After returning from a conference with James Coor this P.m. I re-read part of the Sunday Tribune and was pleased to read your letter to the Tribune relative to "Paul Bangum". I believe you as well informed on that subject as any other man in the country. I hope to read more of your writings on the subject.

The years do slip by. Jim and myself appear to keep in good time even with the passage of time. Jim returned to Mpls. from working with the U.S. Engineers on the dams along the Mississippi River several years ago. Since he has held an office in Mpls. similar to the one we ran the time you were with us. In appearance he is as you know him. The glass are treating him well. However even Jim cannot



if you would meet him in San Francisco or any other place.

I have continued in the same business and still have the field books in your hand appears, and also the plots you made there. The demands on construction of the war needs has almost killed the business and if the summer is as it was the winter will close all the offices of the private surveyor in N.Y. except the old one of Egan Field & Novack.

Otto Novack is the only one left. He is having a rough time to keep the business alive. He will no doubt put into the business enough money to be ready to carry on when the war is finished. I know that I will be washed out by then. Have been in my room for over 20 years. I too am feeling the effects of old age weakness although I am latter able to carry on.

an 74 which is old enough to be ready to give up. I called to Jim but he had evidently gone to get his driver.

I could not resist the urge to write you at this moment for if it was not done now it would not be done.

Kindest regards to you and yours.  
Yours very truly J. E. Field

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you may have for the remander of your days that you may have  
the strength and facualties to do just what you most enjoy  
doing at the tiem you wish to do that work.

Wishing you comfort and happi~~th~~ness for the remaind-  
er of your days I am,

Yours very truly,

*J. E. Hill*

Westwood California  
February 7 1939

Mr. Vance E. Thomas  
Parole Officer  
United States Penitentiary  
Atlanta Georgia

Re Par 1 Lee D. Hodges # 55171-A

Dear Sir:

I have your letter addressed to "Bill Lawhead" informing me that Lee Hodges has presented my name as his parole advisor. Statement forms were inclosed with your letter but the instruction pamphlet was not inclosed.

I will be glad to do all that I can to help Mr. Hodges before and after his release. However his return to Westwood would no doubt necessitate finding employment for him. I have taken this matter up with the Industrial Relations Department of The Red River Lumber Company and the officer who picked up Mr. Hodges here. I am told that he will be employed without prejudice at any time when employment is open. At this time we have 200-300 regular employes laid off and no new hires will be taken on until these men are placed. Mr Hodges was not employed by the company at the time of his arrest. Reemployment depends upon improvement in the lumber industry which can not be foreseen at this time.

The Red River Lumber Company, with it's lessees and contractors is the only source of steady employment in Westwood and vicinity.

I do not want this to prejudice Mr. Hodges parole but think this condition should be understood. I will hold the statement forms pending your advise. I will also keep Mr. Hodges case before the Industrial Relations Department of The Red River Lumber Company and inform you as soon as employment from this source is possible.

Yours truly,

cc Charles H. Upton  
S.W.Macdonald

W.B.Laughead

Westwood California  
February 7 1939

Mr. Charles H. Upton  
Chief Probation Officer  
Northern District of California  
Post Office Building  
San Francisco

Re Parole of Lee D. Hodges # 55171-A

Dear Sir:

Replying to your letter of January 31 please note the attached copy of my letter to Mr. Vance R. Thomas stating conditions governing Mr. Hodges employment at Westwood.

I will be glad to be parole advisor for Mr. Hodges and to do anything I can to help him before and after his release. If you can give me any advice it will be appreciated.

Yours very truly

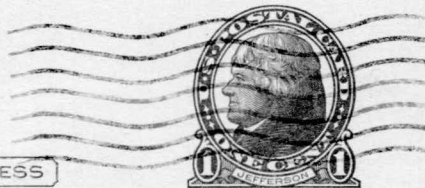
W.B.Laughead

cc Vance R. Thomas  
S.W. Macdonald





THIS SIDE OF CARD IS FOR ADDRESS



Mr. Bill Langhead  
Westwood  
Calif.

Susanville, Calif.  
Aug. 28, 1939

Dear Sir:

Nappy, or "Bam" as he was generally known in Westwood, asked me to advise you that you have been accepted by the parole board as his parole guardian. He will return last part of Oct.

Some time ago he said he had sent you a book, and wanted me to ask you to give it to Mrs. Charles to put with his other things.

Thank you.

Very truly yours  
Mrs. Ray R. Williams

CHAS. H. UPTON  
CHIEF PROBATION OFFICER  
JOS. C. ASTREDO  
RALPH I. EBNER  
U. S. PROBATION OFFICER

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TEL. MARKET 2500

UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT  
OFFICE OF THE PROBATION OFFICER  
NORTHERN DISTRICT OF CALIFORNIA  
Box 487

January 31, 1939

Mr. Bill Lawhead  
Westwood,  
California

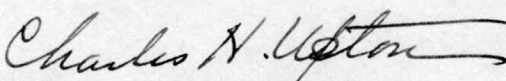
Re: Lee D. Hodges, #55171-A

Dear Sir:

I have been advised by Mr. Vance E. Thomas, Parole Officer at the U. S. Penitentiary, Atlanta, Georgia, that you have signified your willingness to act as parole advisor for the above named man upon his release from that institution.

Will you please let me know whether or not this statement is correct?

Yours very truly,

  
CHARLES H. UPTON,  
Chief Probation Officer.

CHU:A

Department of Justice  
United States Penitentiary

Atlanta, Georgia

Jan. 24, 1939.,

Mr. Bill Lawhead,  
Westwood, Cal.,

Dear Sir:

..... Lee D. Hodges, #55171 - A ....., an inmate  
of this institution, has made application for release on parole.

Each parolee is required to have a Parole Adviser resident in the community where he will reside. Frequently parolees are in need of advice in the use of the social resources of the community or they need assistance in obtaining employment.

Proper counsel concerning the various social and economic problems which may confront any parolee at any time may avert serious violation and it may serve to insure a successful parole, whereas lack of such counsel may result in a parolee's return to prison.

The Parole Adviser is asked to counsel with the parolee and to correct his monthly reports and to certify to the correctness of this instrument. He is asked, likewise, to report promptly any violation of parole or any condition which may result in a violation if this condition is left unchecked.

You have been suggested to serve as a Parole Adviser for the person named above, in the event that his application is approved.

There is enclosed herewith a pamphlet "Instructions to Parolees" for your information. This pamphlet indicates the major duties of the Parole Adviser. There is enclosed also a "Statement of Parole Adviser" which, if you will serve in this capacity, should be completed and returned as soon as possible in the enclosed franked envelope, which requires no postage. If you are not willing to act in the capacity of Parole Adviser, please so advise us as early as possible so that other arrangements may be made.

Very truly yours,

*James E. Thomas*  
Parole Officer. *✓*

Encl.

Parole Form No. 15a-57

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## STATEMENT OF PAROLE ADVISER

TO: THE U. S. BOARD OF PAROLE,  
Gentlemen:

I have the honor to advise you that I am a citizen and a taxpayer in the County and State named below. My residence and business addresses are:

Residence:-----  
(Street and Number)

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(City and County)

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(State)

Business:-----  
(Street and Number)

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(City and County)

-----  
(State)

My employment or business is:-----

My position and duties are:-----

I am willing to assume the responsibilities of parole adviser for:

Lee D. Hodges, #55171 - A----- without remuneration therefor, and will aid in this parolee's social readjustment to the fullest extent of my ability.

I will report promptly any violation of the law or any certain violation of the conditions of parole and will state on each monthly report all the facts about this parolee's actions which affect parole, of which I have knowledge.

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(Signature)

## CERTIFICATE

State of-----

County of-----

I, -----, a public official resident in the aforesaid County and State, do hereby certify that I know the signer of the above acceptance form to be a responsible citizen and a fit person to serve as parole adviser.

Witness my hand and seal this----- day of----- 193--

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(Signature)

*Certificate should be signed by a Postmaster, U. S. Marshal, U. S. Commissioner, U. S. Probation Officer, or other Federal Official; or officer of a state or county court.*

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(Title)

55171

T. O. Box 1733.  
Atlanta Georgia  
Feb. 19-39

Mr. Bill Lawhead  
West. Wood Calif.

Friend Bill.

I wrote you a couple of weeks ago But have not Rec. a Reply as yet How ever I Believe it is my fault. When I gave your name in to the office here I spelled it Lawhead instead of Langhead. so if you answered and signed it. Langhead why I am sure it has or will Be Returned to you. so when you write to me I am sure if I am to Rec. it it will have to Be signed Bill Lawhead. How ever I dont no if there is any thing that you can do. if Mr. McDonald. Went Back on his word. as I am sure he has. for in order for me to make a Payole I must have a job. Many thanks for your interest Bill I wont forget it. I will have my time served in full By Oct. 21 this year any way. so it wont Be too long. How ever it would have been nice to have



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come home in April and home again  
in on the spring work. How is your  
mother? much better I hope. my wife told  
me she was still in the hospital. tell  
her I ask about her. will you? and give  
my Best Regards to Mrs. Gravel and may  
she has been so nice to me shall  
never forget her. How is the snow this  
winter? Plenty tho I'll bet. Bill please  
explain to Mrs. Gravel why I have  
not wrote to her. is because I can't  
also ask her if she has heard from  
Bill Beard lately. Bet he went  
back to his wife. Bill is a good  
logger. Well Bill. Dont forget when  
you write sign it Bill Lawhead  
Will close hoping to hear from you  
soon

I am your Friend "Glad"

Lee D. Hodges

Box 1733

Atlanta Georgia



55171

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P.O. Box 1733  
Atlanta Georgia  
May 11-39

Mr. Bill Lawhead  
P.O. Box 1203  
Westwood California

Friend Bill

Just a few lines to write  
to ask a few questions. Haven't heard  
from you in some time. How is every  
thing in Westwood? Has the Plant gone  
Back to work yet? and How is Mrs. Quarel  
and Mary fine I hope. Tell Mrs. Quarel  
that I said to be sure and keep my  
things at her House. as I am coming Back  
in Oct. and am not going to stop in  
Susanville. But am going to live in  
Westwood. Florence can ~~to~~ live any  
Place she likes. it is O.K. with me. I just  
wanted Mrs. Quarel to know that I want  
her to keep my things at her Home and  
not to let Florence or any one else  
have them. When I get out I still  
have 2 months and 18 days to go before I  
will get my Release so I will have

to live in westwood until my last  
Report goes in. & yes just in case you  
Hopper to see Mr McDonald let him  
no I will be home Oct 26<sup>th</sup> give my  
Very Best Regards to Mrs. Quarel and  
Mary. also Please answer this and  
let me no what she Mrs Quarel says  
Thanking you in advance I am  
your friend "Glabow"

Lee D Hodges

August 22, 1944

Mr. James J. Hickey, General Passenger Agent  
Western Pacific Railroad Company  
526 Mission Street  
San Francisco, 5, California

Dear Mr. Hickey:

Please accept my thanks for the opportunity to show my pictures in the Western Pacific ticket office window.

Knowing how busy you are, I hated to impose on your time with this request, but it was important to me to have the pictures accessible in San Francisco at this time. Your consideration is a valuable service to me and I want you to know that it is appreciated.

Yours very truly,

WBL:am

# Eugene Register-Guard

LANE COUNTY'S HOME NEWSPAPER

1037-1041 WILLAMETTE STREET

EUGENE, OREGON

Nov. 11, 1944

Mr. W. B. Laughead,  
Advertising Manager,  
The Red River Lumber Co.  
Westwood, Calif.

Dear Mr. Laughead:

Thank you for your  
kindness in sending me the picture  
of your fuel pile, which was much  
appreciated.

I am forwarding it to  
the editor of Cosmopolitan magazine  
for consideration in connection with  
the article on the local alcohol  
plant.

Sincerely,

*George E. Hart*

George E. Hart



October 26, 1944

Mr. George E. Hart, City Editor  
Eugene Register - Guard  
Eugene, Oregon

Dear Mr. Hart:

Your request for a photograph of our fuel pile finds us without a print from the series of airplane shots. It was from this series that the photograph used by a number of magazines was taken.

We do have an 8 x 10 print shot from ground level which is interesting on account of the two bulldozers and the man which gives it scale. We are sending you this one with the hope that it will serve your purpose. It would take some time to get one of the airplane series and I don't want to hold up your story.

Yours very truly,

THE RED RIVER LUMBER COMPANY

By

W. B. Langhead  
Advertising Manager

WBL:k

# Eugene Register-Guard

LANE COUNTY'S HOME NEWSPAPER

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EUGENE, OREGON

Oct. 3, 1944

Red River Lumber Co.,  
Westwood, Calif.

Gentlemen:

I am preparing an article on the new wood chemistry for a prominent national magazine, and wish to submit with the article a photograph of the large sawdust pile at your mill. I have one photograph of it, but this one already has been published in a trade magazine, and I would like to get one that might be similar but not identical.

If you have one or could obtain one for me, and will bill me for whatever expense is involved, I will be greatly obliged.

Sincerely,

*George E. Hart*

George E. Hart  
City Editor  
Eugene Register-Guard  
Eugene, Oregon

8-9-39

Mr. William B. Laughhead  
West Wood

Lascom Co. Cal.

My Dear McPherson

I was up to Kencana last week to attend the 100 anniversary of the Green Co Fair and met a few of my old friends. there are not many left. I was at Henry Bitter Bull. at Yellow Springs last Feb. when your wife came in telling of your Mother's death. I was surprised to hear that she was living up to that time. How old was she when she died. I saw the House that you were

born in and the house  
of your Mother folks  
have looki good just  
painted and colored paper  
living in it. My Wife died  
21 years ago Joe not married  
yet Ruth married and has  
a Son two years of age. She  
is in T. B. Hospital in  
Cine. John D. married  
a back three month here  
at Brent Ky. I have room  
in Cine, been around here  
for a back 20 yrs. I met  
a man in Xenia by the  
name of Lang that said  
he used to work in Kingsberg  
Clothing store where  
Philip help there and that  
he wish to start Philip





IOWA STATE COLLEGE  
OF AGRICULTURE AND MECHANIC ARTS  
AMES, IOWA

DEPARTMENT OF FORESTRY

March 18, 1950

Mr. W. B. Laughead  
Susanville, California

Dear Mr. Laughead:

I wish to get a copy of a colored print or card issued several years ago. It showed a huge yellow-plated Ponderosa pine, perhaps 5 or 6 feet in diameter, with other smaller pines in the background. The card may have been 24" wide and 36" long, or larger. In reply to my inquiry to the Western Pine Association Mr. Joseph W. Sherar stated that the Red River Lbr. Co. had distributed that print. He suggested that, as former director of advertising for Red River Lbr. Co., you might still have a few copies available. If so, please send me one. In case there is a charge, advise me on the amount due.

Very truly yours,

*L. F. Kellogg*

Leonard F. Kellogg, Professor  
Department of Forestry

LFK:da

April 22 1950

Leonard F. Kellogg , Professor  
Department of Forestry  
Lowa State College  
Ames Iowa

Dear Professor Kellogg:

The Ponderosa pine picture described in your letter of March 18 was the 1940 calendar of The Red River Lumber Company. The picture was reprinted twice to meet requests but that was a long time ago ; the Red River Lumber Company has been liquidated and the picture is out of print.

I am sorry I can't send you the picture but was glad to get a letter from a friend of Joe Sherar.

Yours very truly

W.B.Laughead

File N B L personal

K

February 18 1943

The Kenny Institute  
Minneapolis Minnesota

Gentlemen:

This letter is written at the request of the Westwood 20-30 Club, a young men's service organization. This club sponsors the President's Birthday Ball annually and acts as custodian of the local Infantile Paralysis Fund.

Having heard that physicians and nurses are now receiving training in Sister Kenny's method at Kenny Institute the club would like to have information regarding this training.

How much time is required to complete the course

(a) By physicians ?

(b) By nurses ?

What charges are made by Kenny institute ?

It is the hope of the 20-30 members that later on, perhaps after the War, funds can be raised to send a physician and a nurse for this training. In the mean time we would like to receive any literature you may have that we can give local publicity to acquaint the people in this locality with the Kenny treatment.

Please address correspondence to the undersigned.

With thanks.

Yours very truly

cc 20-30

W.B. Laughend  
Westwood, Lassen Co.  
California



Jan

1939

My dear Bill -

I have not

heard from any one about your Mother's condition. I do hope that it means she is better.

One never can tell - Many times we thought Dad was going & with an amazing strength he would pick up & seem quite himself. I think each time he slipped a bit, but when you are so constantly with them it is hard to be sure, & we are loath to believe it.

We are missing Dad so much but thinking how much better off he is. Some way I feel he is not so far away, I just won't let him go, any way we are all held close in each other's

thoughts been if miles lie  
between us. Your advice  
to me, not to do any thing  
in a hurry, is very good. There  
doesn't seem much to do -  
I am going to rent a few  
rooms, to, moreover, not  
students either, & I think it  
will take care of the house.

Again, I have to know that  
"God is my help in every need."  
Now I wish I could talk  
with real, so often I feel  
she knew so much about  
the practical metaphysical  
line of thought. There, I  
know in small measure

your lost.

I do hope you will feel  
like writing me, but don't  
do it if it's at all difficult -  
I would always understand -

As always,

Ethal -

Mrs. S. S. Karmel  
Dex

My thanks for your lovely  
Christmas card, your own  
work & worth framing -  
E.



My dear Bill, thanks for

your thoughtful message.

My heart goes out to you  
in your mother's illness. We

can not expect to keep them  
always, but it's difficult to  
break these visible ties of  
love & kinship. Jake & I, having  
lost all that our lives have  
revolved around, taken, when  
Dad went. He would not  
go when he could no longer  
enjoy life and take a part in  
it & we would not call him  
back, but our hearts reach out

Help you at this time, I hope your dear  
mother will rally & regain her strength and  
you will know my strongest thoughts are  
with you in sustaining friendship &  
love.

affectionately

Ethel -

Mrs. J.S. Karmel  
Berkeley  
1938

toward him & I feel some  
time we will all be together  
again. At least, we can't  
know that actually; but I  
feel it to be true with in  
me, where the center of knowing  
lies. I wish it were  
possible to say to you  
all the things that must  
stay unspoken, for we have  
no adequate language for  
our deepest feelings. Tell  
me you his friendship  
and I wish I had four seals  
comforting thoughts she  
expressed so beautifully to



looking so incredibly young.  
I realized that his dear spirit  
had moved on to a new house.  
It is such a release for them  
my dear, and that is what you  
must turn your thoughts <sup>towards</sup>.  
We hold them by our strong  
vibrations of grief & <sup>cherish</sup> ~~love~~  
Keep hold of the few near & dear  
things we have always leaned  
upon. They may not realize what  
it is but they are held back in  
their departure by the vibrations  
of our sorrow. We are all  
children at heart, & the breaking  
of these tender ties are anguish  
indeed, but by thinking of them  
& knowing it is not God but us  
who sever the cord of love  
that binds us together here &  
hereafter, we ease our pain.  
With love, you ever - Fondly, & Affectionately

My dear Bill,  
It is  
MRS. S. J. S.  
(Karnel)  
Berkeley  
Dec. 1938

Christmas morning & such  
a strange one for us all -  
You are in my thoughts  
so much these days & I  
do appreciate your writing  
to me at this time - Your  
Mother's illness is terribly  
tragic for you with out real-  
how I wish I could help  
you. There is something  
about the coming in & the  
going out of this world that

is far more painful & sorrowful than God ever intended it to be. The description of life as a depot ~~is~~ there which people are continually passing is a remarkably true outer picture of it. What we miss, in the big adventure, is the feeling that we will meet again. What we can comprehend in the outer existence we doubt in the vitally true & real life.

Someone said to me that they believed there was only just "so much" Soul substance, & that as individuals it is

used over & over again. We come into close association with those we love, & love is the link that binds us together thru the ages. I can not believe that God separates spirit from spirit any more than he separates Himself from us, it is we who in our Dark Doubt, so that, & suffer accordingly. - We come up against the big test, what is it we love in our dear ones, the outer physical semblance or the inner spiritual reality. As I looked at my dear Father lying so peaceful & happy &



Born  
June 1936

My dear Bill—

How the days  
fly by and I hope <sup>you</sup> they are busy  
over little mine, for one is happier  
so. Marshall Y. West is home from  
a visit to his brother in St. Louis  
of four months duration. I say home,  
he is in Oakland, at a Hotel I think.  
My, its grand to have roots sunk some  
where, isn't it? The last few days  
Dad has seemed much better & not  
so confused about things. Jack  
is with Hastings Clothing Store in S. F.  
& expects to be in Oakland when they  
open their store there or about ~~the~~  
August 15<sup>th</sup>. There isn't much news  
except the howls of the Democrats  
over the radio. Aren't people, just as

people, too funny for words -  
Amy wanted to come down or send  
May but after saying they could  
I had to recall my acceptance of  
their request for with Dad in his  
condition & the messes we some  
times get into its no place for a  
young girl & it would be laboring  
for him & all of us & besides I have  
my hands full & am quite sure  
she would not do it in my place.  
She was very nice about understanding  
the situation. I so desire to be  
hospitable that I some times consider  
the problems of others before my own -  
I looked up the definition of hospitably &  
find the dictionary a most illuminating  
book & too much neglected. Hope one of  
these days you will be ringing our door  
bell or dropping me a picture postal or something.  
Best regards from my two boys -  
as always - Ethel



Westwood, Cal  
July 16/38

Dear King:

I was surprised to get your prompt answer to my letter and glad to get your views. They confirm my opinion that the G.O.P will be the same old elephant no matter what decorations they pin onto his harness.

I wish you were here now to get a first hand picture of the labor controversy we have been having. Judging by the publicity already given to it and this company's key position in the lumber industry it may reach some importance. At the risk of boring you I want to give you some highlights as your opinion is important on account of your contacts. You should not make up your mind until you hear all sides.

There are so many important factors in the lumber industry that the public does not know and additional factors peculiar to this Westwood setup that there is bound to be misunderstanding.

What I write is merely personal opinion. I have been sympathetic to the objectives of the Wagner Act and the general policies of John Lewis. I don't think for a minute that Mr. Lewis or any responsible leader would have stood for what was done here in the name of the C.I.O. These birds were starting a reign of terror. In their ranks was a small percentage of old employees, sincere and honest, the majority were transient ex-wobblies and a lot of guys that did not know what it was all about but who had been subjected to pressure of all kinds. Among the Mexicans particularly terrorist tactics were used.

I have always hated Vigilanteism and recently my dread of it has increased regarding it as the forerunner of facism a more imminent danger than Communism. This Westwood purge was necessary. It was impromptu and occurred after a three hour battle. The company had nothing to do with it. The management has leaned over backward in neutrality. In fact the camp of the CIO. beef squad outside the town was housed in tents and an army kitchen voluntarily supplied by the company.

This purge went off like clockwork. No one was killed or seriously hurt. If victory had gone the other way I honestly believe there would have been bloodshed. This was threatened before the row started. Evidence is the fact that in all the purge crowd there was no weapon except pickhandles and axe handles. When they approached the camp outside of town organized firing started from the C.I.Os. The purgers then sent some of their number home to get guns (everyone here owns from one to six hunting rifles and shotguns). They returned and disarmed the C.I.Os without firing a shot after the sheriff had issued surrender conditions.

The fact that the purgers were so well organized and disciplined would be suspicious to an outsider not acquainted with this Westwood crowd. Our frontier town has fought so many hundreds of forest fires the past 20 years, has searched for lost people and met so many emergencies that impromptu organization and discipline is instinctive. The loggers are woodsmen by profession, the town people by avocation. As a side light our volunteer fire department is ranked by underwriters among the top four of the State in efficiency including the metropolitan paid departments.

To go back to the beginning. Prior to the Wagner act employees had a local of the 4-L a cooperative management-employee set-up that was started to combat the K I.W.W. during the War. It worked ok here both sides satisfied. The Wagner Act compelled the company to withdraw participation. Not even a sub foreman could be a member. The new organization was the Industrial Employees Union. The Labor Board election went about 2 to 1 for I.R.U. Recognition has been ~~with~~ withheld by the labor board pending investigation of protest filed by the C.I.O. With no other bargaining agency to work with the company has had a working agreement with the I.R.U. subject to cancellation if and when they should lose bargaining ~~xxx~~ rights.

The proposed wage cut was accepted by vote of the I.R.U. They are used to taking such things in stride having had two ten percent increases the past year, one voluntarily offered by the company. They understood that wages would be raised again as soon as lumber sales permitted. People have been well contented here. This is the only big outfit that runs the year round ( 38 years without a shutdown). Wage scale has been the highest in the industry. The company took staggering losses in the depths of the ~~xxx~~ depression but kept about 1,000 at work. Employees expect a square deal and get it. Bob Ripley says that Westwood in 1937 bought more new automobiles per capita than any community in America.

The C.I.O. voted not to accept the wage cut. They were in minority in spite of a meeting packed with transients and outsiders. Then they started a picket line. I.R.U. went through and ran the plant. Then Monday came the showdown. The plant had been shut down Friday and Saturday to avoid possible trouble. Monday morning the pickets were reinforced by a formidable beef squad. The gate was barred by solid ranks and the employees who wanted to work stood in amass a block away. The organizers of the pickets ( outsiders) told the sheriff the line would be opened if the workers came through two abreast. Agreed. The lines opened. Pickets were told by their commander in a radio loudspeaker car "not to lay hands on anyone". The workers started through. Immediately the picket ~~xxx~~ jammed in from both sides. They kept their hands down but were doing plenty with elbows and knees and feet. It was a mess. No blows struck but the milling was awful punishment. The workers, men and women jammed through finally and the plant started.

Talk went ~~xxx~~ through the plant, man to man, to take the beef squad apart at noon. Management posted orders closing the plant at noon.

Then came a day of ominous quiet men talking in groups. That night a C.I.O. meeting. ( Company has always provided them meeting hall ) Many inflammatory speeches were made by outside strangers and the announcement made that C.I.O. would go into the plant, take possession of power house and run the town. Then men went from house to house calling men out and whispering to them. At one a.m. a group approached the picket line told them to go home, picketing was over. C.I.O.s and their friends gathered on the street and then started a rush on the gate crowd headed by automobiles, two abreast at full speed. Crowd at gate withstood the rush with fire hose. Then the balling started, mostly fists.

At five a.m. someone turned in a general fire alarm. As a fireman I responded and that was the first I knew of what had been going on. The ~~after C.I.O.s formed~~ ~~and~~ ~~moving~~ ~~they~~ ~~decided~~ ~~to~~ ~~keep~~ ~~them~~ ~~going~~ ~~out~~ ~~of~~ ~~town~~, C.I.O. beef squad leaders had already jammed.

Then came the shooting at the C.I.O camp and soon rifles and shot guns appeared in the hands of the purgers. Men rushed home in cars and came back loaded. The sheriff deputized a lot of them and strict discipline ordered to prevent bloodshed. C.I.Os were escorted by guards to their homes with time allowance to get their families and movables. All day the squad cars brought in suspects by ones and groups who were given a hearing in a kangaroo court. Some were ordered out some allowed to stay.

At noon the whistle blew and the plant started.

The central office of the I.R.U. showed its weakness. They did not have a man here to advise the local boys who did not know what the score was when peaceful picketting was turned into a gangster roughhouse. At a meeting last night the local I.R.U went over to the A.F.L in a body.

Before starting the plant the company announced by bulletin, press announcements and radio that all men and women employed before the trouble started were eligible for reemployment without prejudice. Some of the C.I.Os returned and went to work. Plant crews refused to accept them but were warned by the company that no coercion would be permitted. I am told however than many private conversations between men have occurred. Some C.I.Os have again left.

What the next chapter will be I cant tell you. The next episode will be shown at this theatre next week, don't miss it.

Yours,



D. B. SHIFFER  
OPTOMETRIST  
14 EAST MAIN STREET

ANNVILLE, PA.

Peninsula, March 16

Dear Bill:

That Paul Bunyan book is a honey. The illustrations are excellent and I like immensely the style of writing, with just the right folksy, informal, but deadpan quality suited to the stories.

I find such stuff fascinating to my young son and it seems to me you might have a gold mine in a juvenile book about Paul. Kids like crazy exaggeration (you remember how we ate up Munchausen) and you could compile the stories in a series of brief episodes. There used to be a publisher in San Francisco but I forget his name. If there is one why don't you try out the idea? I'd be glad to feel out a NY publisher or two, next time I'm in the East, which will be soon. Suppose you send me one or two more copies of the book.

I may be in Xenia for a day soon as Burt Ebright, my old college room-mate is to be there on his way to Seattle.

I'm having trouble lately from an occupational disease-- backache from settin' at typewriter. I hope you're feeling all right.

Faithfully,

*King*

PS My biography of Dave Ross, the Indiana inventive genius, is to be published by Knopf in September. You'll get a copy.



PS I saw Hetty Harbine on the street and she asked about you. She looks about as you'd expect, but is crippled with arthritis in her hands.  
PS jr. Gosh, if we had that snow shown in your picture I could finally try the snow shoes I got for Christmas two yrs ago.

Peninsula  
Sabbath Day

*Chicago  
1938*

Dear Bill:

I can't begin to tell you of the contempt I feel for that Tory British government, the greatest force of evil in the world. If they had joined with France in preventing the Hitler invasion of the Rhineland, the German menace in Europe might not exist today. The enclosed copy of The Week will give you some of the late dope.

By the way, I wonder if I told you all about my conversation with our old friend Rose. Very confidentially, we overlooked a bet back in our high school days. There was a ripe plum waiting to be plucked--and was plucked not long afterward. She was and is much more liberal minded about a lot of things than you and I ever dared to suspect.

I was in Xenia for a few hours last week on my way to Dayton to have an evening with Orville Wright. There is a good deal of charm about the old place, ~~xxx~~ largely because it changes so little. Eddie Wood still runs the barber shop and everything looks just about the same, including the tile floor in the lobby of the Hotel Bradley, now called the Dakin.

Is there any chance of your getting part way East any time soon? I probably can't get to California this year but if you were as far East as, say, Denver I might contrive to go there.

I saw Thurman Arnold in Washington recently and he says he is planning to write a book debunking education in the same way that he debunked economics in the Folklore of Capitalism. He's certainly a great guy.

By the way, did I ever send you a copy of the little pamphlet, the Unintelligent Inquirer's Guide to Wisdom? In this a supposedly dumb fellow keeps asking questions of a smart fellow until the latter finds himself all balled up and making contradictory statements. Well, "leave me know" what you're doing, as the saying is.  
Ardenly, Old King

Fred<sup>e</sup>  
Kelly

Peninsula Ohio Feb 10

Dear Bill:

Just by way of a brief preliminary reply to your letter--

I think you should read John Strachey's The Coming Struggle for Power. It may give an answer to questions you raise in one paragraph. Also his The Nature of the Capitalist Crisis. I have a copy of the former, lent to a girl in Akron, and I am writing her to send it to you. The next time you're in Frisco go to The Worker's Bookshop and you can get the capitalist crisis volume in a dollar edition I think. While there get E. Palme Dutt's Fascism and ~~the~~ Social Revolution or some such title, also his book on current European politics. Both are lively reading.

More soon.

Ardently

FK

PS I must contrive somehow to have some one send me to California at his expense.

July 14, 1954

Harry O. Geary  
#5 Glendon Circle  
White Plains, New York

Dear Harry:

During a recent discussion with Bill Laughead he advised that very shortly he will be offering for sale some of his paintings. I am sure that you are familiar with these paintings of timber scenes, logging scenes, etc. Bill is having made color shots of these paintings and he has agreed to let me have several sets for mailing to those I know are definitely interested in them.

He will offer these on a first come, first served basis and they are returnable if the buyer is not satisfied.

I am writing you because I feel sure that in your wide acquaintance in that area of lumber people there may be some that really want one of these paintings and you could do them a great favor by your being able to obtain one for them.

He has a price of \$400.00 each on these paintings and as indicated above, they are returnable if the customer is not satisfied.

Let me know by return mail if you wish a set of these color shots of the paintings to show to those that may be interested.

Yours very truly

PAUL BUNYAN LUMBER COMPANY  
By

A. L. Kerper, Sales Manager  
Susanville Lumber Operation

ALK:c

July 14, 1954

Rinn Scott Lumber Company  
360 North Michigan Avenue  
Chicago, Illinois

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Yours truly

PAUL BUNYAN LUMBER COMPANY  
By

A. L. Kerper, Sales Manager  
Susanville Lumber Operation

ALK:c



1604 Charles St  
St. Paul Minn.  
March 18 1920

Dear King:

They say blessings never come singly. The other day I recieved another copy of " Business Profits and Human Nature" from the publisher. That makes two.

Shall I return one copy to the publisher, send it to you, or present it to some one to whom it would be a valuable piece of business information?

Yours without réservations or interpertative clauses,

*W.B.K.*

Dear Bill:

There are two editions of the book, one for mail orders, the other a regulat trade edition with a pretty red cover. I told the publishers to send you one of each. Please send back the copy you mention and tell 'em to send you Hyman Nature In Business, trade edition. You will like the looks of it better. Then you can trade the other copy ~~xxx~~ to somebody for Only a Boy. or something really interesting. By the way I just finished the suppressed Madeline. It gives a lot of information that comes too late in life to be valuable.

Fondly,

FK

STORY & CLARK PIANO CO.

FACTORY  
GRAND HAVEN, MICH.

GENERAL OFFICES AND SALESROOMS  
AT 64 E. JACKSON BLVD., CHICAGO, ILL.

April 16, 1942

Mr. W. B. Laughead  
Westwood, California

Dear Mr. Laughead:

The writer enjoyed your fine letter of April 11th and have forwarded it to my father Mr. E. R. Laughead of 139 University Blvd., Toledo, Ohio with the request that he write to you about our family. Our name was also spelled Loughead and my great-great grandfather and subsequent members of the family all lived in Tustarawas County, Ohio near New Comerstown.

I am now at Grand Haven, Michigan, address, care of the Story & Clark Piano Company should you ever be in the vicinity I would be most happy to see you.

Sincerely yours,

STORY & CLARK PIANO COMPANY

*Gordon Laughead*

GL:ck



Toledo, Ohio April 18th 1942  
139 University Blvd

Mr W. B. Laughead  
Westwood, Lassen Co.  
California.

My Dear Mr Laughead:-

My son has sent me your letter of the 11th to answer regarding my clan of Laugheads- My name is Edward Rankin Laughead the Rankin being the family of my great grandmother- I can not find where there is any close connection with your clan however there is no doubt in my mind that they were originally of one family in either Northern Ireland or Southern Scotland- I am 73 years old and can remember my Great Grandfather who came from N Ireland about 1820 and who settled on a farm near Keene in Coshocton Co Ohio and who had 5 sons and 2 daughters- my Grandfather Thomas Laughead had a farm near New Comerstown Ohio in Tuscarawas Co and who raised a family of 5 men and women all who were raised to manhood and womanhood but strange to say that My son is the only except his 20 year old son to bear the name in my clan of the Laugheads- Strange to say the original spelling of the name was LOUGHEAD in the cemetery at new Comerstown Ohio where most of the clan are buried the tombstone of my great grandfather is spelled with an O but the rest are all with an A and as I remember my great uncle John Laughead changed it for what reason I can not tell this may have some reference to the change in spelling you mention but how I can not tell- I remember meeting years ago a Laughead in Washington Court house Ohio and that is not so far from Xenia- I am sorry I can not connect you with my clan names familiar in our family were Thomas my own Richard John William- I had a great Uncle who was in the lumber trade in Cincinnati Ohio who I was named after and he never changed the O for an MA his son's ~~daughter~~ <sup>wife</sup> was the first woman elected to the Ohio Legislature- I was very glad to get your letter and to give you the above information- we always claimed Irish Protestant forbears- Wishing you good health and happiness I am

Sincerely

Edward Rankin Laughead

*E. R. Laughead.*

condition. Hope you are  
keeping in good health. If  
you ever get down to the city  
would be glad to have you  
run over for a visit and  
would enjoy having you here.  
Give my regards to the boys  
there and thanking you for  
the trouble I have put you to  
I remain  
Yours sincerely

Walter Duff

1003 Norval Way  
San Jose  
12/6/36

W B Langford  
Dear Billy

Just a line to let-  
you know I am still alive;  
feeling good and enjoying  
the nice weather. Could you  
send me the address of  
the American Lumberman  
also date of issue in which  
my wife up appeared that I



ago also a letter from  
R F Bray enclosing a letter  
from <sup>Hecker</sup> Hecker. I suppose you  
are having some cold weather  
there by this time, we have  
had no rain here since we  
arrived and only one night  
when it dropped as low as

32% Mrs. D<sup>B</sup> feeling better since we made the

Change and notice quite  
our improvement in her general

may send for some copies of  
same. Also would you kindly  
send me about six pieces of  
California incense cedar  
4 or 6" wide and about 12 long.

I am curious to know who  
was appointed Lieut of the

the department in my  
place. Had no news

of Westwood since leaving  
there. Had a very nice

letter from Archie some time

1939  
MISS MADELINE LISSAK  
524 SUTTER STREET  
SAN FRANCISCO, CALIFORNIA

Friday  
August  
Eleven

Thank you Billie dear -  
for yr little note - I have  
wondered what became  
of you - If you left yr  
name Sat. I did not get  
it - Hung around all I  
could - Read in paper of yr  
day at Treasure Island.  
And supposed yr men  
friends wanted you with  
them their remaining  
days here -

Shall hope to see you in  
October - Anyway am

Very glad to have been  
join + certainly en-  
joyed our evening  
together - XLNT dinner

+ the show - Hope you  
did too - Also that you  
were pleased with your  
convention & stay in

our City - And many  
that you will come

again - And make  
yourself at home

as it were -

Weather is lovely here  
now - I've just spent  
over an hour in Moon  
Grove - Yours - M -

1214 Pardee Avenue  
Susanville California  
December 31 1950

Mr. Bill Leiser  
San Francisco Chronicle  
San Francisco

Dear Mr. Leiser:

This is a personal letter, not directed to the Sports Editor for publication. The inclosed clippings carry figures available to you from other sources but on the off chance that you may find them useful I am sending them to you.

When the University of Minnesota announces the new coach to succeed Bernie Bierman no doubt background stories will come out of the Twin Cities but in case you want to cover it these figures, brought up to date might come in handy.

If Minnesota should pick an alumnus coach here is another lead. When Bierman was appointed the press carried a story under Clark Shaughnessy's by line. He told how he and Dr. Cooke, then Athletic Director at Minnesota, were called in by Dr. Williams then on his death bed. Williams, said Shaughnessy, urged the appointment of Bierman and that Minnesota carry on tradition and the Minnesota system by sticking to former Minnesota players for coaches.

A check up of the Minnesota coaching staff, up to this time at least, will show how this advice has been followed. For example, Sig Harris, quarterback of the Little Brown Jug game was Freshman Coach for at least a quarter century.

I have the Shaughnessy clipping but can not find it at this writing. Barton, Johnson or Cullom could locate it in the files of the Tribune or Journal.

Yours very truly

*W.B. Laughead*  
W.B. Laughead



October 6, 1943

Letters Department  
Life  
Time & Life Building  
9 Rockefeller Plaza  
New York, 20 New York

Gentlemen:

Please send me three reprints of America of the Future, by  
John K. Jessup, mentioned your issue of October 4th.

With thanks,

Yours very truly,

THE RED RIVER LUMBER COMPANY

By

W. B. Loughhead  
Advertising Manager

WBL:k



# KALEM COMPANY

INCORPORATED

## MOVING PICTURE PRODUCTIONS

Office and Laboratories

235-239 West 23d STREET

Eastman Kodak Building

NEW YORK,

July 28th, 1916.

Mr. W. B. Lawhead,  
807 Hennepin Ave.,  
Minneapolis, Minn.

Dear Mr. Lawhead:-

Herewith I return your outline of a motion picture advertising campaign, which you were kind enough to submit for consideration. I have read it with a great deal of interest.

It is my opinion that a company should be specially organized to carry out the line of work you have planned, for certainly the campaign need not be limited to one particular industry. The idea is so big that no company with a multitude of diversified interests, could handle it to advantage.

You are to be complimented on the genius displayed in the outline. It shows careful study and analysis of the motion picture business and a keen knowledge of advertising science.

It has been some time since you submitted a photoplay to me. Having in mind the successful productions made from your Indian and military dramas, I am in hopes you will have a scenario in line with our present requirements to submit.

Trusting I may hear of your success in launching the motion picture advertising proposition, I remain,

Yours sincerely,

*Phil Lang*

Editor Kalem Company

PL/L  
Encl.

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Jacksonville, Fla.  
Hollywood, Cal.  
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Telephone: 8770 Chelsea

736 Superior St. S.E.  
Minneapolis  
February 11th  
1921

Mr. F.R. Lobdell  
East Hennepin State Bank  
Minneapolis

My dear Mr. Lobdell:

After considerable skirmishing around, I located one of the men in authority and learned something about the Eight District Advertising Convention in St. Paul Feb'y 16th and 17th.

There are no restrictions on attendance, everyone is welcome but all are required to register and the registration fee is \$5.00 each. Now as this is their first convention, and will probably be more of a "get-together" affair, I do not feel like paying that price and losing the time to attend.

I think what we were both looking for was a chance to hear addresses by some of the big men of the profession. No doubt there will be plenty of such opportunities from time to time. I will keep my eyes open and will call you if I see something of attraction booked that we can attend. I would appreciate it if you would do the same by me.

Thank you very much for calling this one to my attention and I hope we can attend something of the kind together in the near future,

Yours,

*The other fellow  
about the leaving  
the "Cant deliver"  
notice.*

Is there a large body of people somewhere called "They"  
whose duty it is to start things? "They" must be the  
family name of the "Gorge" who is left to do everything  
~~the~~ ~~best~~. "They" must have a monopoly on American  
~~news and American progress.~~

Remember the story in the school reader about the great  
plan to have everyone in the world yell "Boo" at the same  
instant, and make a noise that would be heard on Mars?

Instructions were printed in all languages - calendars and  
chronometers were distributed so that on the "zero" second of a  
given date every one would cry "Boo". Fine scheme. ~~Now~~  
~~everyone was~~ ~~expected~~ ~~to~~ Every one ~~expected~~ was  
expecting an ear-splitting cataclysm of noises, and each  
one ~~said~~ "One Boo won't make any difference, I'll keep  
still and hear the racket." So at the appointed instance  
there ensued ~~a~~ ~~silence~~ a silence such as the world  
had never known before or since.

Every one was waiting on "They."

I wait on the other fellow - the other fellow is waiting  
on me.

Thank you very much for calling this one to my attention  
and I hope we can attend something of the kind together in the near  
future.  
Yours,

The early starter generally gets there first.



January 17, 1945

Mrs. J. Glen Liston, Executive Secretary  
Western Association Art Museum Directors  
Seattle Art Museum  
Seattle 2, Washington

Dear Mrs. Liston:

The Red River Lumber Company has sold its manufacturing facilities at Westwood and, for the time being at least, has ceased production and selling activities. Consequently my services ended December 31.

Future correspondence regarding the Berenice Abbott photographs, press notices, reports of exhibits etc., please address to Hudson D. Walker  
2709 Grand Central Terminal  
New York 17, New York

In terminating my connection with the company and the Berenice Abbott photographs I want to tell you how much I have appreciated and enjoyed my acquaintance with you through our correspondence. I also want to add my own thanks to the thanks of The Red River Lumber Company for your generous service that made it possible to exhibit these photographs in the art museums of the West.

For the time being my address will continue to be Westwood, Lassen County, California.

Yours very truly,

W:ep

CC: Hudson Walker

December 22, 1937

Air Mail

Mrs. Amy and W. B. Laughhead  
Westwood, California

Dear Amy and W. B.:

To write that I am now and for many months last past have been ashamed and humiliated both with my conduct and myself, does not fully express my present feeling. I most earnestly appeal to you to try, as far as it is humanly possible, to forgive me for my gross neglect of an affectionate mother and a devoted son for whom I possess the highest regard. You may not believe it, nevertheless it is true that weekly I have thought of you, but on these occasions, the opportunity to write was not present, and when the opportunity was present, I failed to think of writing you.

Now lying on my lap is W. B.'s Christmas greeting, for which I now, in a feeble way, attempt to express my unlimited gratitude. There is now great sorrow and remorse in my heart because from that greeting a name is lacking. The dear mother remains silent and unrepresented. Is it because of my gross neglect in failing to do that which I have so often wished to do? To her, I now pledge my sacred word that I shall, from now henceforth, as long as I am physically and mentally able, write and post to her lines expressing my past and present appreciation of her wonderful womanly qualities, remembering at all times her motherly devotion, affection and admiration for her baby boy. Though a magnificent man in form, intellect and energy, nevertheless, to his mother he is her baby boy.

Often have I wondered about and hoped for her health. On this Christmas Eve, when the world should be in peace, with affection for our fellow man and love and devotion for the dear ones close to us, and I assure you that I place you in the latter class, I now hope for your health and happiness. Wishing you a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year and many happy and prosperous years, until time to us shall be no more.

With love and affection, I am

Sincerely,

WHM:EH

Will H. Morris

P. S. Being anxious that you should receive this letter before Christmas day, I post it Air Mail.

MORRIS & DUBUAR  
ATTORNEYS AT LAW  
503-506 TITLE INSURANCE BUILDING  
SEATTLE

January 11, 1939

Mr. W. B. Laughhead  
Westwood, California

Dear Mr. Laughhead:

Your Christmas greeting of December 17, 1938 was received during my absence from Seattle. On my return, I found same awaiting me. This is the first opportunity since the first of the year that I have had to acknowledge your greeting. Words fail me with which to express my appreciation and gratitude. However, I am addressing this with a feeling which I now hesitate to express. Your greeting was from you alone.

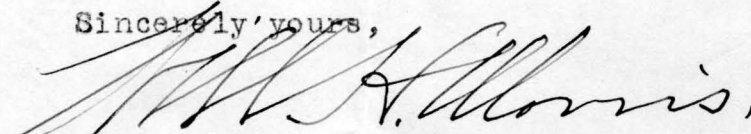
December 22, 1937, by air mail, I posted a letter to your dear mother and yourself. A copy of that letter is herewith enclosed. Not having received a reply thereto, and not having heard from either until I received your last Christmas greeting, I was compelled to arrive at the conclusion, and did so arrive, that God, in his infinite wisdom and mercy, may have removed your dear mother from this earth and to her final resting place and reward in Heaven.

I am in good health, actively in the practice, and I will be delighted if you will drop me a line and advise me of existing conditions. I sincerely hope that you are in good health, prosperous and that this year may be of great financial benefit to you.

A boyhood friend of mine, with his wife, for many years resided at Westwood. I refer to William (Willie) Quarrels. Some months ago he passed on. I presume you were well acquainted with him. We had been close friends from early boyhood.

Again wishing you and all your family a Happy New Year and many prosperous and happy years, I am

Sincerely yours,

  
Will H. Morris

WHM:EH  
Enc.

*J.A. Mahoney*

Westwood  
7-29-44

Dear Mac:

Shipment goes forward today express prepaid to Madi Hearney . Should arrive Monday. I wrote to Hearney as per inclosed copy. Also wired you this morning

TWO BOXES PICTURES FOUR BOXES EVERGREENS  
EXPRESS TODAY HEARNEY

W.B.L.

The evergreens are not all we could have wished for but best we could do under conditions. I hope something can be worked out with them.

I did not get to show pictures to Hudson Walker as he will not arrive Westwood until next week. It took me clear up to last night to get pictures ready and packed. Hudson expects to be in San Francisco Monday and Tuesday and possibly Wednesday of next week so I will get word to him to contact W.P. ticket office as pictures may be in place before he leaves.

I certainly appreciate this chance to show the pictures in such a good location and owe a lot of thanks to you and Mr. Hickey. I will thank Mr. Hickey when I arrive in S.F. or by letter.

Looking forward to seeing you in the city,

Hastily,



Westwood  
9-11-44

Dear Mac:

Thanks for your letter regarding W.P. holding the pictures another 2 weeks. Naturally this is agreeable to me but I would like to have them shipped as soon thereafter as convenient.

I was disappointed, owing to the setup, in not being able to get criticism from some people I had hoped to contact. I did get a letter from Carl Eastman although I had not told him the pictures were on display.

If it does not take up your time and you can call up anyone in the art or commercial art field to look at them I would like to know their comments. I am not fishing for compliments. I want tough criticism and practical advice so I can correct faults.

These particular paintings were not made with the idea of approaching buyers of commercial art they are just "pictures". I am working now on simplification, treatment and method of painting more adaptable to commercial requirements. When I leave here I may be able to spend some time in the city getting some instruction.

There is a market for color with manufacturers of heavy equipment (tractors, bulldozers, logging rigs) and my background makes this a natural field for specialization. If I could figure on placing a few pictures each year it will make a big difference in my future plans.

I think that if paintings are planned in advance for color separation the painter can use a minimum number of colors and reduce blending and shading and that should make the engravers work easier. I have some ideas in this direction I want to talk over with you the first time we can get together. Maybe something can be developed for mutual benefit when postwar business comes along.

Any suggestions you can make will be appreciated.

Best regards and thanks,

Sincerely,

December 9 1938

Metropolitan Life Insurance Co.  
600 Stockton Street  
San Francisco

Policy # 2698213 Loan

Gentlemen:

I would like to borrow the maximum  
amount on my 20 payment life policy, No. 2698213  
dated September 24 1920.

This policy is now held as collateral  
by the Bank of America, Lassen Branch, Westwood,  
California.

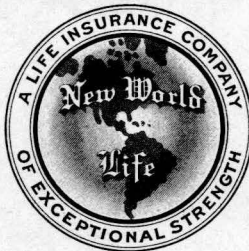
Please send me forms and instructions.

Yours truly,

W.B. Laughead  
Westwood, California

# NEW WORLD LIFE INSURANCE COMPANY

OFFICE OF THE  
COMPTROLLER & ASST. TREAS.



EXECUTIVE OFFICES

HOME OFFICE

SEATTLE, WASHINGTON

April 19, 1939

Mr. W. B. Lawhead  
Westwood Lumber Company  
Westwood, California

Dear Bill:

We arrived home Saturday afternoon in good shape.  
We all enjoyed our visit with you, and I hope that things  
will work out so that you can visit Seattle some time during  
the summer.

Yours very truly,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read 'F. W. Maddux', written over a faint circular watermark of the company logo.

F. W. Maddux

FWM:V

I would say that is  
a clever idea.

Went over to the Post Office.

Yesterday with Cal & picked  
up the Chestnut Christmas  
tree. The tree was  
beautiful. Had our first  
real bonfire today,  
but weather continues mild.

We were very sorry to hear  
in one of Cal's recent letters  
that your mother's health  
of late had been quite poor.

We were hopeful that it was  
not as serious as reported, but  
should it come to pass, there  
is certainly some consolation  
in having her with you these

years.

We are all with you, & hope  
for the best.

Sincerely wishing you, Ben,  
Learner & the Valerides as  
enjoyable a season as possible  
under the circumstances,  
We are with love.

The Valerides  
on Jellies St.



H. Paul Penn:

Dec. 21, 1938.

Dear Bill,

I hope that hearing from the  
end of the world will not be  
too great a shock.

Everyone from Florence up  
has been going thru some  
preparatory motions for Xmas.

Weather here has been  
unusually mild, we have had  
about two cold days & they were  
from 5-10 above zero.

I received a replica of Paul  
Dunyan last Sat. which I  
believed came from you, & for  
which accept my thanks.

# RAILWAY EXPRESS AGENCY

INCORPORATED

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To Destination Office

*San Francisco Calif*

Consignee

*Mardi Nearnsey*

Enter Date Shipped

*7/29/19*

*194*

Street Address or Non-Agency Destination

*28 O'Farrell St*

No

Receipt Number

*8489*

Name of Forwarding Office

*(905-1) Westwood, Calif.*

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*2 BX pictures fragile*

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*750.00*

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Shipper

*W.D. Laughhead*

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## RAILWAY EXPRESS AGENCY

INCORPORATED

Received shipment described hereon, subject to the Classifications and Tariffs in effect on the date hereof, value herein declared by Shipper to be that entered in space hereon reading "Declared Value," which the Company agrees to carry upon the terms and conditions printed hereon, to which the Shipper agrees and as evidence thereof accepts this receipt.

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For the Company

**M**

July 28, 1944

Mr. Mardi Hearney  
28 O'Farrell Street  
San Francisco, California

Dear Mr. Hearney:

We are shipping you by express two boxes containing two paintings each for display in the Western Pacific ticket office window.

At the suggestion of Mr. Mahoney we are expressing at the same time 4 boxes containing evergreen trees and foliage, pine cones and bark. The use of this material is optional and at your discretion and judgment.

We have tagged this material for identification in case you think it will add interest in the window to attach cards to show the species. The cards in the boxes of cones and bark are not very secure so for your information the long cones are Sugar Pine, the short, round cones are Jeffrey Pine and the bark is Ponderosa Pine.

Shipment is scheduled to leave Westwood Saturday and should reach you by Monday.

Yours very truly,

THE RED RIVER LUMBER COMPANY

By

W. B. Laughhead  
Advertising Manager

WBL:sf

cc J. A. Mahoney



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SAN FRANCISCO JUNIOR CHAMBER OF COMMERCE, 333 PINE STREET

Mr. W. B. Laughead, Advertising Manager  
The Red River Lumber Co.  
Westwood, California

February 14, 1941

Dear Mr. Laughead:

We have delayed answering your recent letter in order to secure copy of the script you requested. The copy we are attaching is the script writer's file copy which he would very much like to have returned when you have finished with it.

Thank you very much for your most complimentary remarks regarding the broadcast and we are further flattered to have you request a copy of the script for circulation. It is our hope that through the medium of these radio broadcasts we shall do what little we can to build additional good will for our city with our neighboring communities.

If we can be of any other assistance to you in any other way please feel free to call on us.

Very truly yours,

SAN FRANCISCO JUNIOR CHAMBER OF COMMERCE

(signed) Frank P. Nibley

Frank P. Nibley  
Secretary - Manager



# WESTERN PINES *Plywood*

**KALPINE**

TRADE MARK

KLAMATH FALLS

OREGON

P. O. Box 109

December 5th 1937

W.B. Laughead  
Westwood California.

Dear Bill:\*

I have intended to write you for ever so many weeks to say hello and let you know how I was coming along with the Plywood plant but no doubt you can about guess what a busy fellow I have been. But I have the buildings all up now and ready for the machinery so I feel as though I do have a chance to get my breath.

This plywood plant has certainly been a large undertaking. It looked at times like I wouldn't be able to push her over but shes on her way now. I have quite a nice set up and naturly I beleive I'm out to make my self some money. At least I'll have my own business and I'm still sold on the idea thatx that is a damn sight better than working for some one else. I might change my mind after a year but any how I'm still young or at least think I am.

We couldn't get a place here at the Falls to live so Dorothy and Jack are spending the winter down at the ranch at San Jose. It makes it kinda tough but it will be worth it when we can get settled again in the spring and the plant is turning out plywood.

Claud Parker stopped through the other Sunday and we had a great visit. Sure hope if you ever get up this way you'll find time to say hello and hone you'll find an excuse to come up. Say hello to DON and Eloner and Johnny and Ceil and all the old friends and with my very best to yourself, I remain as always, with kindest regards,

*Hollis*  
Hollis Munneley.

Susanville California

July 1 1955

Nevada Hearing Aid Company  
Byington Building  
Reno Nevada

Gentlemen:

I am mailing you today one Beltone Mono-Pac  
Model "C" belonging to Mrs Amy B. Quarles of Susanville for  
adjustment or repair. When you return it to Mrs Quarles  
please mail to

Mrs. Amy B. Quarles  
Glen Eden Nursing Home  
8585 Skyway  
Paradise California

Yours very truly

328 Pardee Avenue  
Susanville California

W.B.Laughead

Santa Rosa, Calif -  
Dec 29/38

Dear Mr. Langhead:

Thank you again for remembering me. You are one of the few and I really appreciate it.

If you ever come this way please drop in and say hello -

Sincerely wishing  
you a happy New Year -  
Truly Yours  
Ida May Pratt.

P.S. If your mother is still in  
Wickwood please remember me  
to her. We used to have some good  
visits.

Imp



Sept. 18 - 1944.

George Peltier:

Please order mouldings run  
for me as per sketch attached and samples  
of mouldings previously run for me which are  
inclosed for comparison.

New mouldings to have same profile as  
old ones but are to be  $\frac{1}{4}$ " thicker as  
shown by sketches.

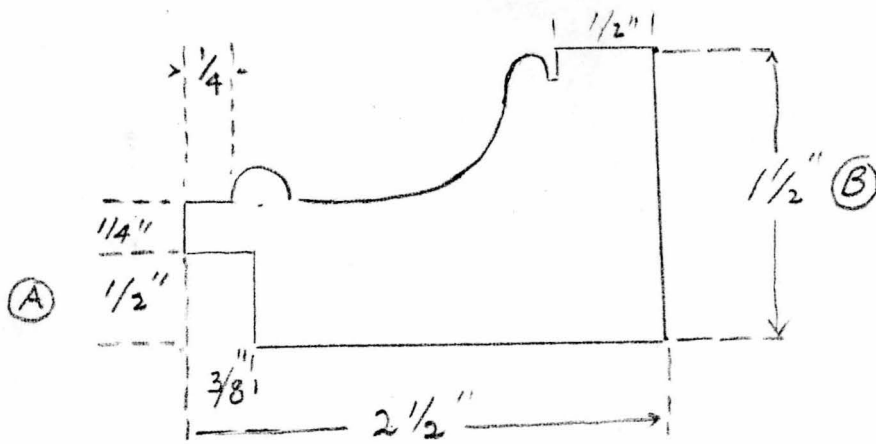
Order No 1. 300 lin ft.

No 2 200 " "

No 3 150 " "

Delivered to Carpenter shop on  
my account.

W B Layhead



Sept-18-44.

MOULDINGS  
FOR  
W. B. LAUGHEAD

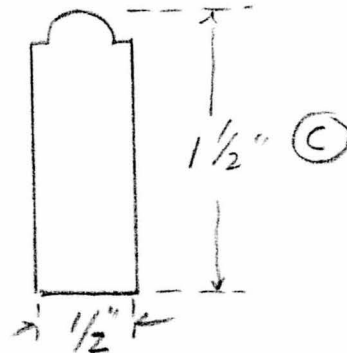
COMPARE WITH  
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Moulding No 1 Same as old moulding except.

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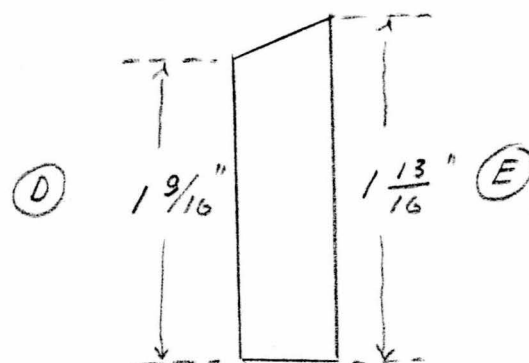
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Moulding No 2



Same as old moulding except

(C) increased from  $1\frac{1}{4}$ " to  $1\frac{1}{2}$ "



Moulding No 3 Same as old moulding except.

(D) increased from  $1\frac{5}{16}$ " to  $1\frac{9}{16}$ " and

(E) increased from  $1\frac{9}{16}$ " to  $1\frac{13}{16}$ "

January 17, 1945

Mr. M.B. Pendleton  
Editor Manager, Wood Products  
431 South Dearborn Street  
Chicago 5, Illinois

Dear Pen:

I was so busy with a lot of details closing out The Red River job that I did not look at trade journals. Consequently I missed the kind mention you gave me in the December issue. It was called to my attention by a letter from my good friend E.L. "Cy" Sawyer of the Peshastin Lumber and Box Company, Peshastin, Washington.

Many thanks, Pen, for remembering me and the nice things you said. I can't tell you how much I have appreciated and enjoyed our contacts and friendship. I also want to add my own thanks to the thanks of The Red River Lumber Company for your generous assistance and cooperation at all times.

For the time being my address will be Westwood, Lassen County, California. Have several things in view but am in no rush to make the rather difficult decision of which way to jump.

I am sending you every good wish for your success and happiness and hope we can meet again before long.

Yours sincerely,

W.L. op

CHESTER E. PRIEST  
1045 MONADNOCK BUILDING  
SAN FRANCISCO 5, CALIFORNIA

July 18, 1952

Mr. W. B. Laughead  
Susanville, Calif.

Dear Bill,

Thank you very much for letting me know about your paintings that are being shown in the Shell Oil Company window. I went down to see them this noon and enjoyed them very much.

From an artistic standpoint, they all seemed to have the excellence to be expected of any of your work. So far as the subjects of the individual pictures are concerned, I can imagine the one showing the "cat" working with the big log in the deep snow as appealing particularly to Fletcher. The one where the two lumberjacks with saw and axe are admiring the magnificent stand of timber would probably be picked by Kenneth. The cattle ranch scene with its barns and corral on lake shore would probably go to Hi Browne, if he were still with us. For myself, I think I could lie down comfortably and go to sleep in the shade of the big tree in the foreground of the one showing the fence-enclosed meadow running back into the background of snow-capped mountains, ownership of which is accredited Don according to the card on the picture.

They are all delightfully reminiscent of old days, and I enjoyed them immensely.

Entirely aside from that, I am glad to hear from you because I have been expecting to either see you or hear from you ever since you were in the office a few weeks ago, hospital bound. I hope that the reports that you received from your check-up were of the very best. I look forward to seeing you again some time in the not too distant future, although, you don't have to put yourself in shape to offer hospital inspection just for that purpose. Things here, including the office and Mrs. Walker and Leon, Alta and myself are just about the same, and no one is complaining very much because it wouldn't do any good. Very best regards.

Sincerely yours,

*Chester*



May 9, 1938

Mr. Jennings Pierce  
National Broadcasting Company  
111 Sutter Street  
San Francisco, California

Dear Mr. Pierce:

Mr. Keith Merrill has accepted your invitation to an interview Saturday evening, May 14. He will arrive in San Francisco Friday evening and, if you desire, will be glad to go over the script with you.

We have made up the following outline from which you can select material. Mr. Merrill can amplify any points with more detail.

Merrill has been a logger all his life. He was born in the pine woods of Michigan. His father and grandfather were loggers. His whiskers are not yet down to his knees but he has seen the progress of logging from primitive methods to modern mechanized development. From hand work with canthook and peavie, sled haul and river drive to the oil tractor, jammer, electric locomotives and trucks.

Are all loggers physical giants? No. From earliest times down to the present skill and headwork are more important than physical strength.

Are the men of today different from the old timers? Yes and no. The old timers blew their stakes because there was nothing else to do. Loggers of today save their money, build homes and send their kids to college. They are like the old timers in spirit and are still a distinct type. They will not do any other kind of work. Once they get a taste of the woods they do not want to be any where else. In the old days and today every man is a specialist. There is no such thing as common labor in the woods.

When Merrill first came to Westwood logging was done with horses and high wheels. The Red River Lumber Company bred and raised their own horses and mules.

Then came donkey logging. Donkey is not an animal. A huge machine on railroad trucks that hauls steel cables through the woods. Cables dragged the logs 1200 to 1800 feet through the woods on the ground from stump to railroad.

Then came the tractor. Red River operation one of the principal development grounds of the modern tractor. Tractor engineers

Mr. Jennings Pierce  
Page No. 2

and logging engineers working together. Tractors eliminated faults of the donkey, did not tear up the ground and knock down small trees. Made modern conservation and selective logging practicable.

The oil tractor reduced costs and on account of its greater power and flexibility permitted hauling heavier loads and longer hauls. Longer hauls reduced the number of railroad spurs to be built. Power permits working on rougher ground. A logging tractor takes an awful beating. Modern design has reduced repairs and maintenance.

How many logs does your company haul in a year? Two hundred million feet. Some years less, some years more. Mill runs twelve months a year. It takes more than 100 railroad carloads of logs a day to run the mill. Railroad uses steam locomotives, Diesel electric locomotives and electric locomotives.

Newest development is truck logging. Trucks are supplanting railroad haul but not the tractors, which yard out logs from stump to the truck loading point. This company runs upward of 100 trucks, handled mostly by contractors. Our longest haul 24 miles. Longer hauls are used elsewhere. Some long hauls are profitable, some are not. Truck averages loads of 4000 feet or 32,000 lbs.

If you have changes in material to suggest, we will make them on receipt of a wire.

Yours very truly,  
THE RED RIVER LUMBER COMPANY

By

W. B. Laughead  
Advertising Manager

WBL:AM  
cc: Keith Merrill

Westwood, Calif.  
December 8, 1938.

Mr. W. B. Laughead  
Westwood, Calif.

Dear Bill;

It is my pleasure on behalf of the Westwood 20-30 Club to inform you of your election, as honorary member, to our club.

I understand that Lem Hastings has made arrangements with you to be at our meeting to-night, at this time the club will inniate you to membership.

Honorary membership to the 20-30 Club carries no obligations or limitations,

Sincerely yours  
in 20-30,

*Clinton Prusia*  
Clinton Prusia  
Sect-Treas.  
Westwood 20-30 Club

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March 10, 1945

Mr. W. B. Laughead  
Red River Lumber Co.  
Westwood  
Lassen County, Calif.

Dear Bill:

Thank you so much for remembering me with the 30th anniversary edition of Paul Bunyan. As a long admirer of Paul I will value this highly. But its chief importance will be to provide a constant reminder of all the adventures through which Mac, you and I have passed whether the meeting has been in Westwood or San Francisco. Lets hope it isn't too long before we meet again.

Sincerely,



J. H. Quire  
Publicity Officer  
ESMWT

JHQ:jw



September 17, 1943

Mr. J. H. Quire  
War Training University of California  
201 California Hall  
Berkeley, California

Dear Joe:

This is to remind you of your promise to send me  
all the dope on your extension program as soon as available.

Dr. Stephen Walker, member of The Red River Planning Committee, was greatly interested in what I could tell him of your work. He thinks your information will be helpful in planning adult educational work the Company has in mind.

Let me have all the dope.

With best personal regards,

Sincerely,

WBL:sf

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November 8, 1943

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Mr. W. B. Laughead  
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Westwood, Lassen County  
California

Dear Bill:

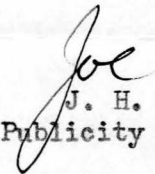
Our catalogue is finally off the press and I take pleasure in sending you two copies under separate cover.

Dr. Walker will find that the catalogue gives a complete picture of the services and courses we offer. Our work is often concentrated in the industrial areas around San Francisco and Los Angeles but we have made every effort to bring instruction to other localities where it would be helpful.

It would be outside my province to determine what the University might do in Westwood but should the company be interested I would be most happy to see that the proper authorities gave special attention to its needs.

While I am on the wire may I ask the favor of having you mail me a copy of the Susanville paper under its new management.

Sincerely,

  
J. H. Quire  
Publicity Officer

JHQ:jw

November 12, 1943

Mr. J. H. Quire, Publicity Officer  
University of California  
War Training  
201 California Hall  
Berkeley, 4, California

Dear Joe:

Received your letter and the two catalogs. I had thought it had probably slipped your mind and in a letter to Mac a few days ago I asked him to remind you of the catalogs.

I do not have any copies of the Lassen Advocate handy so have dropped a line to Ted Friend the publisher to send you some copies direct. I get a great kick out of Ted. He is a nice friendly fellow, a typical New York Newspaper man, transplanted into the sagebrush and full of enthusiasm for his paper and his new environment.

It was good to hear from you again and while I have no present plans for a trip to San Francisco, hope I can see you before long.

Many thanks for remembering my request and sending the catalogs and your offer of assistance. While it is late in the year for any changes in the current educational program, this material may be helpful in planning for the future.

With best regards,

Yours very truly,

THE RED RIVER LUMBER COMPANY

By

W. B. Laughead  
Advertising Manager

WBL:sf

NATIONAL RESEARCH COUNCIL  
ADVISORY COMMITTEE ON ARTIFICIAL LIMBS

JOSEPH H. QUIRE, EDITOR  
309 BANK OF AMERICA BUILDING  
BERKELEY 4, CALIFORNIA  
TELEPHONE: THORNWALL 3-1027

June 23, 1952

Dear Bill:

Under separate cover, I am sending you a copy of the address on the Western Pacific by President Whitman, and my Cornerstones of California, protected by a spare blank Matson Navigation Company menu which I thought might brighten the Susanville scene.

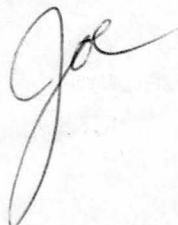
You might like to drop a note to Mr. Gilbert Kneiss, Western Pacific Railroad Company, 526 Mission Street, San Francisco, to whom I am indebted for the Whitman brochure. You might encourage him to look you up some time in Susanville, for I understand he is quite a guy, and I believe the two of you would have many common interests - as contrasted with the uncommon ones you have with Mahoney and myself. Mac, by the way, was due back today from Florida, where he was attending a convention - not the Shriners - and visiting with his nephew and his new wife.

We set sail July 1 for Los Alamos, New Mexico, traveling via Sonora Pass, Lone Pine, Death Valley, Boulder City, Flagstaff and Santa Fe, to revel for a month in a four bedroom house right on the A\* bomb reservation, with Mrs. Quire's daughter and two grandchildren. That, of course, defers Susanville again, but by Golly we'll make it up there before the snow flies - or the fnow slies, as Mrs. Quire, who is addicted to spoonerisms, would say.

Did you catch that spoonerisms in Time where the radio announcer intended to say " Always reach for the best in bread?"

Hope you were rejuvenated by your trip down here. Do it again soon after summer, and make Berkeley this time.

Best always.





Westwood Lassen Co. California.

December 22nd 1938.

My Dear Mr. Laughead,

I did not send you a Christmas Card, for a variety of reasons.

I could not find one that seemed at all appropriate. They all seemed to insist on "A Merry Christmas" and I knew that was impossible for you while your Mother was in the Hospital.

Besides that, I did want to send something that told of the Trees that we both love and admire, and that did not come to me till the Christmas was past.

I have often wanted to tell you of some of the "Trees" which have been a part of my life, but the chance did not seem to come, so I am putting part of it in this.

The first Tree that I really remember was a Great Beech that stood alone on what in Indiana we called a "Common" just down a low hill from my home when I was about eight years old, Perhaps one reason that it made an impression on me was that it had a great many nuts which I liked, but I really think it was the lonely grandeur, as it was the only thing left of what had been a grove.

This was of course in Indianapolis, where there were a great many Locust Trees, but I think that they appealed to me more when I saw them in the outskirts of the City of Baltimore much later in life, as then they served as a reminder of a happy childhood.

During my early married life, there was a group of Five Second-growth Chestnuts, that was a constant source of delight, Their long straight stems were wonderful.

I often Photographed them, but have no picture of them now, except a mental one. During that same period there was a great Oak that stood near a Blacksmith shop in the hills above Plainfield, that always made me think of the "Blacksmith" of Longfellow's Poem.

Of course my contact with the Pines did not come until I came out here, but I think I can understand the great love of them that is part of the life of anyone who has lived among them.

I hope this does not too egotistical.

Your Friend Emily M. Rand.

## THE TREES.

By Christopher Morley.

The Poplar is a French tree,  
A tall and laughing wench tree,  
A slender tree, a tender tree,  
That whispers in the rain.  
An easy, breezy flapper tree,  
A lithe and blithe and dapper tree,  
A girl of trees, a pearl of trees,  
Beside the shallow Aisne.

The oak is a British tree,  
And not at all a skittish tree,  
A rough tree, a tough tree,  
A knotty tree to bruise.  
A drives-his-boots-in-deep tree,  
A what- I-find-I-keep tree,  
A mighty tree, a blighty tree,  
A tree of stubborn thews.

The Pine tree is our own tree,  
A grown tree, a cone tree,  
The tree to face a bitter wind,  
The tree for mast and spar,  
A mountain tree, a fine tree,  
A limber tree, a timber tree,  
and resinous with tar.

And the tree that my friend W.B. Laughead can Draw to  
Perfection.

Westwood, Lassen Co. Calif.

July 25th 1939.

ly, Dear Mr Laughead

Some time ago, in one of the very few  
"Talks" we have had, you expressed great admiration  
for Oscar Garrison Villard.

I am wondering if you have seen his new book

"Fighting Years"

I have just finished and am returning to the Library  
today, I am putting into it a note to Mrs Tower that  
Mrs Geyer wants and that possibly you also might be  
interested in it.

I was much interested in it because as I grew up  
under the Beecher influence of Negro Freedom, and  
spent many years in New York City when Greeley, Godkin  
and many others who are mentioned were in the midst  
of popularity. But it has not really made me think  
that he is always correct in his ideas.

Of course I always read the Evening Post, but all the  
same the New York Times has always been My Paper.

As always your Friend

Emily M. Rand.



Dear Tot;-

To Mr Wm T. G. 1935

L. Reynolds  
Xenia Ohio

I was so glad to receive your letter, always am glad to hear from you. I often think of you in between letters too. I was always sorry I did not go on up to see you when I was in Los Angeles, but I would never have wanted to leave I am sure. Nobody knows how I wanted to stay out West the last time I was there. There seemed nothing to come back here to, as the boys have their little families. But it was not to be, and I would have never known Mrs. Edwards and all that she has taught me, so things do work out for the best for us even though we do not see it that way at the time sometimes. Yes, you guessed right about the Camp, am enclosing a program just to let you see something of what it is like. And every day I wished my narrow minded Xenia friends could see what fine looking people were there this year. Every year the personality of the people is higher, both in intelligence and appearance. I enjoy going on my own account as much as to give Mrs. Edwards the trip back among all her old friends, as she has been going for so many years.

I am sorry I did not send the papers to you, I surely thought I did at the time. I was anxious to make a second statement as you will notice the first one sounded like Will's mother, Mrs. Laughead was not living. The one who wrote the article, who did not know the family, made the mistake, so I had it corrected. She went on Mother's day, as my mother did.

Do you remember the family of Nesbit girls who lived across from the Presbyterian Church. They have lived in Cleveland for many years but nearly every summer they come back for a day or so. Anne and Lilian the youngest ones were in town today for a few hours. Their husbands had come as far as Columbus on business with them. They still keep up their interest in Xenia.

I talked to Edna and Gert in the Woolworth store yesterday, the first time for several weeks, even living next door to them. Kate is a mystery. She does not walk even around the yard or house any more, Gert carries her to a little waggon, then they pull her down into the yard when she lies on a cot, sometimes they take her riding down town. If she did not have severe headaches one would think imagined she was ill, but she must have something wrong. She looks about like she always has, sometimes she gains some flesh, and then loses it, but always looks better than Edna does.

I am glad Mary had a happy time in San Francisco, I too love that town, so much to see and do there. It is still my hope to get back there again. Before I forget to tell you, did you know the Williams girls' Uncle Ed had died, just a few weeks ago. He was here as usual this summer. He has been so good to them. Built a lovely home for them out on North Galloway street, made it possible for Eleanor to quit work and Sam lives with them too, and they take nice trips too, so he must have given them plenty to live on. I just wonder how much more they will have now. It is mighty fine for them.

Did I ever tell you that Anna Kump has been with her mother here for about two years as near as I can remember. I have only seen her on the street once in all that time. She looks older than her mother, white hair, no teeth, and very fat, but very neatly dressed. It was in the winter and she had on a nice black coat. She said she wanted me to come out to see her, but I never heard from her. I never see her mother, you know they never did go out any. I do not know her two girls when I see them, as I have not seen them since they were babies. I wonder what has become of Charlie.

I do envy you the wonderful scenery you have around you, and if you can drive a car you must have grand trips. What is it that Billie is doing that takes him away from Westwood. I love to drive, never get tired of it am like both my brothers. Eber is in Xenia and has two cute children and Arthur is in Detroit with his little family of two children and another one expected in September, and they are all so excited about it, like it was the first one.

I hope Mrs. Laughead is well. She has had another ordeal in seeing Will's wife go. I remember her as such an attractive, sweet woman. I have not seen Stella Collins Dines yet, but must stop and see her sometime. She looks so pitiful, can hardly creep around the house with the help of a chair to lean on, is nearly entirely helpless, but is heavy and looks well, and the same jolly girl

Loads of love — Love —



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January 17, 1936

Mr. W. B. Laughead

Westwood, Calif.

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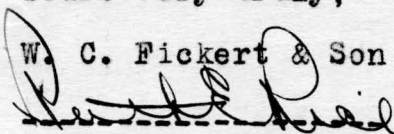
We received your telegram and  
have mailed the certified copy to Mr. Manuel  
so that he will have it in the morning.

The County charge for this is  
\$1.00, a bill for which we are enclosing  
as we paid for the copy.

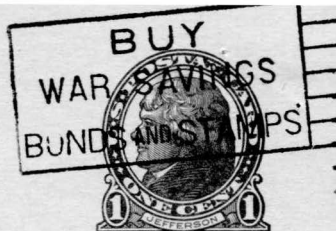
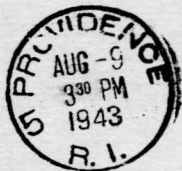
Hoping this is satisfactory, we are,

Yours very truly,

W. C. Fickert & Son



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THIS SIDE OF CARD IS FOR ADDRESS

Red River Lumber Co.,  
Westwood,  
California

→ LOG CABIN BOOK

Mailed  
August 17, 1943  
N.E.

WBL

7 Harvard Ave.,  
Providence, R.I.  
August 7, 1943.

Gentlemen,

Kindly send me in-  
formation regarding material  
etc., for a log cabin.

Thank you.

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September 4 1929.

Mr W. B. Laughead,  
Care Red River Lumber Company,  
Westwood, California.

My dear sir:

Herewith inclosed copy of my letter of this date to

Mr Fletcher Walker and this is for your attention,

thru the courtesy of Mr Ed De golia of Printing Plates,  
Inc.,

And if you are interested, will be very glad to cooperate  
with your suggestions in any way.

I am,

Yours very truly,

*Inclosure ①*

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West Los Angeles.  
May 24. 1942.

Dear Mr. Longhead.

Please forgive me  
for being so long in writing  
you. and acknowledging  
the check you sent me  
by Mrs. Eney. It was appreciated  
more than you will ever  
know. I haven't had a very  
easy time the past year  
and when I received the  
message of my Mother's  
death I was so unprepared.

It hurt me very badly  
to know I could not put  
them away as I would  
like to have done.

Working in a Department  
Store for Sixteen Dollars  
a week doesn't give me  
much margin for emergencies.  
It was so kind of you to  
come to my aid.  
I would liked to have  
thanked you in person

as I find it difficult to  
write how much I appreciate  
your kind generosity.  
This terrible tragedy is  
the hardest thing I have  
ever had altho my home  
has been broken twice  
by death. I lost my son  
father when he was such  
a little fellow, and again  
three years ago I lost my  
second husband. So you  
see Life hasn't been too  
kind to me.

However it is wonderful  
to know there are such  
kind people in the world  
as you and the Knix.

Thanking you again Mr.  
Longhead.

Yours most Respectfully.  
Mrs. Lynn Snyder.



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NORTH FORK, CALIFORNIA  
WESTPOINT, CALIFORNIA  
DORRIS, CALIFORNIA

December 13, 1944

Mr. W.B. Laughead  
Red River Lumber Company  
Westwood, California

Dear Bill:

I returned a few days ago from Portland, having attended the promotion committee meeting in your absence, and believe me boy you were surely missed at the table.

I know you will be interested to know what subjects were discussed so I will try to give you a brief resume:

Colonel Greeley and President Dan Johnson of the West Coast opened the program by laying a suggestion before the committee that a group be formed of the three West Coast Associations, namely Western Pine, West Coast, and Redwood, and set up a promotion joint program involving about a million dollars for three years. The purpose of this committee would be to advertise West Coast forest products.

For your information, this did not set any too well with our committee as we feel we are doing a good job for Western Pine and if any other specie is in trouble they should put their own house in order before attempting to steal our thunder. Of course this suggestion will be placed before the executive committee, who, I feel certain, will not look with favor upon it.

The rest of the meeting was devoted to apportionment of the budget to our various activities, with of course some other minor discussions such as color advertising, visual, etc.

Al Glassow said he had received your resignation and the entire committee spent some time complimenting you on your loyalty and hoped that whatever venture you go into will be a successful one. I join in this thought also, Bill, and if there is anything I can do to be of assistance just holler out.

With warm personal regards and wishing you a Happy Holiday Season and Many Prosperous Years to Come, I am

Sincerely, "

C. O. STIBICH.

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THIS IS WESTWOOD 18 RED RIVER

MR STIBICH TARTER WEBSTER JOHNSON SAN FRAN CALLING MR WM LAUGHEAD  
IS HE THERE GA

MIN WILL SEE

1944 NOV 17 PM 1 59

YE H YES HE IS ON WAY TO MACHINE

I JUST TALKED TO DEWEY DEWEES WHO RETURNED FROM PORTLAND AND ROY CAREY  
TOLD HIM HE WAS WONDERING WHETHER U WERE FIGURING ON ATTENDING THE  
N MEETING ON THE SEVENTH IF ON ACCOUNT OF THE CHANGE U WILL BE  
RESIGNING FROM THE COMMITTEE IN WHICH CASE I WUD HAVE TO ATTEND AS  
ALTERNATE WUD LIE TO KNOW ON THIS AS SOON AS POSSIBLE SO CAN  
ARRANGE ACCORDINGLY GA

TELL HIM I WILL NOT ATTEND THE MEETING I HAVE BEEN WAITING DEVELOP-  
EXX MENTS HERE BEFORE SENDING IN RESIGNATION BUT HELD UP FROM DAY TO DAY  
AM NOW PRETTY SURE I WILL RESIGN FROM COMMITTEE

LAUGHEAD GA

- OK BILL IN THAT CASE I BETTER FIGURE ON TAKING IN THIS MEETING AND U  
CAN MAKE A LATER DECISION OTHERWISE WHATS NEW GA  
NOTHING THAT I KNOW OF THANKS STI END OR GZ  
OK ENDV





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TELEPHONE  
DOUGLAS 2-2060

July 29,  
1952

Mr. W. B. Laughead  
1214 Pardee Avenue  
Susanville, California

Dear Bill:

On my return to San Francisco, after visiting some of the mills last week, I find your postal card advising of the display of your paintings at the Shell Oil Company building on Battery Street.

I went down there today, and really I never dreamt for a minute that you were so gifted with the brush. One most interesting factor in your pictures is that you lean very heavily to Ponderosa Pine, and I don't believe I saw any sign of a Sugar Pine or White Fir, particularly the White Fir. I will have to tell you as a Member of the Promotion Committee, one actively engaged in promoting White Fir, that you add a few White Fir trees to these beautiful pictures.

Anyway, Bill, they were really very clever, and you will probably be interested to know that while I happened to be in the vicinity I saw several people stop and look at them - so you are drawing attention.

I hope this finds everything well with you, and don't forget should you ever come into San Francisco, be sure to give me a ring or drop in to see me - I am at #1 Montgomery, and we certainly could have a bite together and discuss some of the old times.

With warmest of regards, I am

Sincerely yours,

  
C. C. Stibich

CCS-C

August 21, 1938.

Dear Mr. Laughead:

It is nice to have your letter, and now that I have a starting point I can explain myself a little bit! I do think it was funny, the way Fred chucked me at you by postal card, but that is how he does things and his intentions are always of the best.

So you do come through Winnemucca? I am stopping here with an aunt and she doesn't have a phone because she is entirely deaf, so you can't call me up. But I do hope I'll see you next time you go through. I live in a gray stucco house with a red roof, 334 W. 4th Street-- that's the street the postoffice is on and I'm on the same side of the street as the post-office. If I knew when you were coming I could be sitting out on the stoop, or something.

I knew Fred in Washington, D. C. since the early '20s, and as you say he is very loyal to old friends. I have been west since the spring of '35, and haven't seen him since about '34, but he is always "Good Old Fred". I suppose you knew him in Ohio? Did he do magic when you knew him, or is that a late accomplishment?

I belong in Nevada-- born here-- and it is very swell to be home for a while. Winnemucca isn't exciting but it wouldn't be kind to leave the aunt here alone. I go to Reno occasionally, to visit my family there-- my uncle is Jerrie Sheehan, do you know him? And of course I know Carroll Henderson.

I'll be happy to hear from you again and shall hope to see you one of these days.

Very sincerely,

*Kell Morrow Starr,*

Westwood California  
August 3 1944

Harold P. Schultz O.D.  
1561 Filmore Street  
San Francisco

Dear Sir:

I expect to be in San Francisco August 14, 15 and 18 and if you can give me an appointment on those days I would like to have my eyes re-examined. I will telephone you upon arrival in the city and find out if you have been able to give me some time.

Yours very truly



October 12, 1933.

Dear Mr. Laughhead:

It was nice to have your letter of September 23. The hardest thing about letter writing is to find quiet time to do it in, I think, so I can sympathize with you about your interruptions.

Believe it or not, my life here in Winnemucca has always been hectic. It is a great town for visiting so we are seldom alone at home. Since last spring I have been working at all sorts of things, for all sorts of people, and that is the hardest way I know of digging out a living. However, it is interesting and I've learned a lot that I didn't even know I didn't know! Nobody in a small town can be much of a specialist, I find. Now I have a steady job, working for the State-- getting jobs for people, and doing something or other with social security, when it starts. It is so very easy that I can't believe I really have it, and I don't exactly know how it happened!

The one really bad drawback to Winnemucca is that it is so far away from everywhere else. Until this year I didn't stay here long at a time, but now I must, and I sometimes miss the bright lights and the shops. However that is a minor complaint. What I like best here is our good old mountain, at the end of Main Street. Not every town has its own private mountain. Of course, it isn't a very high mountain, but it is nice.

I had a letter from Fred in Paris today in which he says: that he is leaving for the States October 5, that he is glad I met you because you used to play show together, and that if I ever see a Nazi to kill it and God will reward me. That's quite a long and newsy letter, for him.

Am I right in thinking the enclosed clipping refers to your mine? It is from the Humboldt Star, but I hadn't brains enough to date it and now I have forgotten which day it appeared.

A man is painting our shed roof red and he got paint on Fluffy, who no doubt was trying to fraternize. Soon she will be so dirty with winter soot that it won't show, so I suppose it is all right. Since we came here we decided she could stop taking baths because she is so very old and doesn't go any more in society. Do you have any animals?



I am still limp and panting from the war scare. Actually, I don't think I have yet recovered from the World War, and another would be just too much. Nevada is all ready to start a young war with the CIO if they insist on invading us-- but no doubt you have read of that. Westwood had about the same idea, didn't it? Nevada will always be a good place for individualists.

I hope you can come to Winnemucca again, before so very long, and that you will have time for a bit more of a visit. The weather is still fine enough to make motoring a joy in these parts.

Sincerely,

*Nell Starr*

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TELEPHONE MAIN 277

XENIA, OHIO

December 12th, 1944

Mr. W.B. Laughead, Adv. Mgr.,  
The Red River Lumber Company,  
Lassen County,  
Westwood, California

Dear W.B.:—

I want to thank you for the prompt reply to our wire in reference to the Red River Lumber Company sale.

The information you sent so promptly made a splendid story for our next issue.

This is about the biggest deal I recall in my whole experience in the lumber industry, and it is especially interesting and significant to the dealers in this area, owing to the fact that the new purchasers, we understand, are cooperative.

It is certainly pleasant to hear from you occasionally.

We spent a pleasant evening with the Elwells several days ago, and enjoyed, especially, their reminiscences about you and Philip.

I believe I told you that I found your name and Willie Harners scratched on the side of our office - the old YMCA building on Green Street - and I exhibit it, with a good deal of pride, to our mutual friends, as proof that "I knew you when".

Cordially yours,

WOOD CONSTRUCTION AND BUILDING MATERIALIST.

By:

Editor

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## SLEEPY HOLLOW COUNTRY CLUB

SAN ANSELMO, CALIF.

Office of  
General Manager

3/2/39

Dear H. B.:

Things seem to be going along as good as ~~can~~ be expected for March I guess its pretty good.

I'm wondering what your doing during this shut down up there and that I'd suggest you come down to Marin Co. for a visit. You could find a place close by to stay and get a much needed vacation for yourself. Its always easy to get to S.F. from here & you could play golf hike or just rest around here to suit yourself.

Let me know about this. I wrote Earl H. re some tips & expense of Earl ~~down~~ dont know whether it will be any good to him or not.

Best regards  
Don



Friday  
26. 1937  
Vallejo Calif

Dear H. B.

Received your letter  
& check. Thanks a million.

From the reports up there  
old man winter must be  
on the rampage. Had no idea  
it was so bad until Mella  
was down & we heard from  
Helse & Fred. Helse says the  
coldest he's ever seen it & Fred  
says over 6' at Clear Creek. Trunks  
froze & the small creek froze stopping  
all water causing him to have  
to move all eggs into new  
building (clear creek water) for a  
few days. It's been bad here too  
no business etc but believe it  
will turn for the better soon.

Got a card from Aunt Mame  
say she lost the passes &  
suppose they will be hung up  
for few days at Ontario pending  
new ones.

Dorothy went to a Telantiner  
party, a girl friend neighbor is  
having 40 boys & girls in, you



know, dancing & that sort of thing. She was so excited in her evening dress her first experience in such affairs, boys, dancing & the like.

Dont know when I'll be getting a new car but will have to have a new passenger car & pickup too one of these days & will keep the credit at Proville in mind.

Kind of glad I missed the winter up there this year but am anxious to get up there & hope things will work out so I can come about April 10<sup>th</sup> or 15<sup>th</sup> & take my permanent place in the fish biz.

The golf season will probably be plenty late this year with plenty of high water etc., but wont have to sit & look at it or care a whole lot.

Love from all of us

Don Taylor

## SLEEPY HOLLOW COUNTRY CLUB

SAN ANSELMO, CALIF.

Office of  
General Manager

Wednesday

Dear H. B.:

Got your nice letter some time ago but just haven't gotten around to writing. I keep pretty busy & with the swell break we've had in the weather things have been pretty good. It's tough getting even but I'm slowly getting there.

Nothing much new or startling but there seems to be a steady improvement here at the course. I'll probably have 3 or 4 classes of school kid per week starting soon & have had good luck with regular lessons so far.

I hope things are ok at Canby and that you can see daylight ahead.

Let me know how grandmother is getting along & tell her I think of her quite often & hope she strong again.

If you get to S.F. be sure to ring me on the phone, San Anselmo 2999

Kindest Regards

Don Taylor

Saturday

Dear H.B.

Been here about 3 weeks and things are going about as good as can be expected. Looks like the winter season has set in as it's rained almost all week & it looks as tho this week<sup>end</sup> will be a total loss.

Had my first experience yau might say, "it the big time" last Sunday when Espinosa & myself played two other Pros before a gallery of a couple of hundred people. Was pretty nervous for the first few holes & to top it off got one of those blind headaches just before starting. Got some anicin however & attho I couldn't see the ball for the first two shots by the time I got to the first green it had cleared. I was tickled with the results & really hit the ball myself as good as I ever have. Was driving as good or better than 2 of them & my short irons were to the pin. Espinosa is a powerful man & a long hitter. He were putting the ball out 250 to 325 on the firm fairways but his were



always out 50 to 60 yds past us.  
Espinosa & myself had a best ball of  
67 & the other 2 boys 68 the match  
in holes however came out even  
which made it a swell game.

I was fortunate in securing the  
Ho. Calif. Pro-Amateur Championship for  
Sleepy Hollow last week. This is an  
annual tourney sponsored by the P.G.C.  
& will give us some nice publicity.  
The match plays here Monday Dec 1.

Its been pretty tough going to make  
a dime & probably will continue so  
until the rains are over & the spring  
play starts. I've had to go in the hole  
plenty for stock for my shop and  
its going to be a tough pull to get  
out. I'm hoping that but April  
I'll be able to see the light & if Fred  
make a substantial payment on Mar  
15 I may be sitting pretty.

Let me know how things are going  
at Canby & how grandmother is.

Didn't see as much of Eleanor &  
Dorothy as I'd like to have when  
they were down. I'm hoping they will  
be able to come down again during the holidays.  
Wanda & Dan



Sunday evening.

Dear "Bill";

It is quite impossible for me to tell you how contrite I feel over my failure to write to you immediately after receiving those pictures of Willis which you so kindly sent.

I shall not bore you by enumerating a list of reasons why the atmosphere of my apartment these past few weeks has not been conducive to letter-writing.

Some of the reasons would sound fantastic, even though true!

Anyway, I greatly appreciated your thoughtfulness and generosity not only in seeking to have my wish granted, but in actually accomplishing the getting of those "Big Kane" pictures of Willis for me.

There was a certain "mood" of Willis' which was caught in that picture, not characteristic of his day-to-day moods, but a certain <sup>something</sup> which

I recognized and wanted, and, as I've said before, I do appreciate your goodness in running those pictures down for my benefit.

Possibly you've heard of Leon's and Evelyn's newly acquired ranch? Ranching is just about the last thing I <sup>ever</sup> would have thought of Leon's taking up, but he apparently likes it tremendously. It's just a small ranch; - walnuts, and fruit - and grain fields in a picturesque part of

the country. An hour and a half, by motor, from San Francisco, - a mile or two from Sebastopol. -

The immediate surroundings of the ranch-house are on the level (with no intention of being "smart" when I wrote those three words) then the land rolls this way and that in hilly fashion. So I named the place for them (at least I sent them some engraved stationery which, if they preferred, they could light fires with until they found a



name which they liked better)  
"Lorelyn Hills Ranch" - a  
combination of their two  
names to look at, and the  
sound of it - would make  
sense, too, for the place is  
level <sup>in</sup> hills, as I mentioned  
on Page 4. -- If you  
like the name - drop them  
a card to <sup>Mr. and Mrs. Leon Brooks Walker</sup> Lorelyn Hills Ranch  
Route 1, Box 416  
Mill Station Road  
Sebastopol  
California,

and tell them that you happened  
to hear the name of their  
newly acquired ranch

(they won't know where you  
heard it - as Irene was here  
last week and so were others  
who saw the stationery, and  
anyone of several might have  
mentioned it -) and that ---  
well, I won't compose your  
sentence of approval for  
you as you are far better  
at that sort of thing that I  
could ever be. - The idea  
just occurred to me that it

others, (I mean certain others, like yourself, whose ideas they would honor,) mentioned that the name of their ranch appealed to them, it would naturally <sup>help to</sup> convince them that the name was not bad. --- This is just an idea of mine which you can disregard completely if you wish, <sup>and</sup> - "no harm done" as the saying is.


To think that I've covered 7 pages and said practically

(8)  
nothing! — Della is at her  
Lake Tahoe place; Harriet's  
husband (St. Com. Wellington  
Henderson) is out of the  
Service now. — "Major Brooks  
Walker" is still in Wash. D.C.;  
Alma's husband (St. Com. Chauncey  
McCleerer) is still in the  
Service, — that finishes the report  
of Della's and my families. — And  
now, how are you? And how is  
Amy? — My love and all  
good wishes to you both,  
and again so MANY thanks for  
those pictures.  
Affectionately, Alma



Levelyn Hills Ranch  
SEBASTOPOL, CALIFORNIA

P.S.  
On the flap of the envelope was <sup>added</sup>  
the Rank and Box numbers, - The  
heading of the stationery is as above.

Della <sup>was visiting</sup> <sup>once</sup> somewhere, I remember,  
where at the upper left of the  
stationery was a <sup>drawing of a</sup> couple of telephone  
poles with wires  [remember, please,  
that I can not draw] swinging between,  
and the telephone number underneath.

At the <sup>upper</sup> right was a mail-box on a  
post and the mailing address underneath.

The drawings were tiny, - just to indicate  
a telephone number and the postal address.

Of course had I had those "symbols" on  
<sup>either corner of</sup> this stationery, I would only have

Levelyn Hills Ranch  
in the center, without Sebastopol California underneath  
well I've believed in such things since I was a child. (7/27/27)

Goodwin 30112 Ranch  
SEASIDE, CALIFORNIA

With this Ranch name, Stationery etc.  
--- pray forgive me.

A. W.



WESTWOOD, CALIFORNIA

Dear Billy,

On the inside of this sheet -  
are the lines I have often thought  
of writing for you because it seems  
to me that if Cecilia had known  
that she was going, and could have  
left some comforting message for  
you, it might have been some-  
thing like this:



"If I should die and leave you here awhile,  
Be not like others sad, undone, who keep  
Long vigils by the silent dust; and weep.  
For my sake turn again to life and smile,  
Giving thy heart and trembling hand to do  
Something to comfort weaker hearts than thine:  
Complete these dear unfinished tasks of mine,  
And I, perchance, may therein comfort you."

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With loving remembrances of  
her, and with most earnest wishes  
that Time may deal gently with you, and <sup>thy</sup>  
thoughts of the Faith, which was hers,  
encourage, comfort - and even inspire you  
to "carry on". - Always affectionately,  
Alma

Wednesday, June 26<sup>th</sup> 1935



The Selig Polyscope Company, Inc.  
Motion Picture Films

58 EAST WASHINGTON STREET

CHICAGO, ILL. April 24, 1916.

Mr. W. B. Lawhead,  
2636 North Emerson Ave.,  
Minneapolis, Minn.

Dear Mr. Lawhead:

We thank you for your favor of April 22nd, enclosing your detailed plan on motion picture publicity. We have referred this to Mr. Hoagland, our General Manager.

As you know, the film game at present is uncertain and this is rather an inopportune time for an institution of such a proposition. We have no doubt that later you might interest film manufacturers. In any event, we will do all we can to interest our superiors, and thank you for your kindness.

Yours very truly,

THE SELIG POLYSCOPE COMPANY.

Per *Sam L. L. Wright*

WLW.RK



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58 EAST WASHINGTON STREET  
CHICAGO, ILL.

October 8, 1915.

Mr. W. B. Lawhead,  
807 Hennepin Ave.,  
Minneapolis, Minn.

Dear Mr. Lawhead:

I read your proposition on photoplay advertising with unusual interest. I believe that you have a practical and at the same time valuable plan.

As I have written to Mr. Lang, I do not think the time right now propitious to arrange such a scheme, and would urge you to wait until Spring when perhaps I can give you some beneficial aid.

Thanking you for the opportunity of reading this and with best personal wishes, I am

Yours very truly,

WLW.RK

*Wm. Lind Traylor*

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DOMESTIC	CABLE
TELEGRAM	FULL RATE
DAY LETTER	DEFERRED
NIGHT MESSAGE	NIGHT LETTER
NIGHT LETTER	SHIP RADIOGRAM

Patrons should check class of service desired; otherwise message will be transmitted as a full-rate communication.

# WESTERN UNION

R. B. WHITE  
PRESIDENT

NEWCOMB CARLTON  
CHAIRMAN OF THE BOARD

J. C. WILLEVER  
FIRST VICE-PRESIDENT

CHECK
ACCT'G INFMN.
TIME FILED

Send the following message, subject to the terms on back hereof, which are hereby agreed to

Westwood Cal Nov 26 1932.

To Morgan Walsh

Street and No.

25 Taylor St.

Place

San Francisco

Heavy flight ducks reported adjacent  
Westwood Elliotts letter just recieved contact  
Taylor chester if you come -

W. B. Langhead

Sender's address  
for reference

THE QUICKEST, SUREST AND SAFEST WAY TO SEND MONEY  
IS BY TELEGRAPH OR CABLE

Sender's telephone  
number



## ALL MESSAGES TAKEN BY THIS COMPANY ARE SUBJECT TO THE FOLLOWING TERMS:

To guard against mistakes or delays, the sender of a message should order it repeated, that is, telegraphed back to the originating office for comparison. For this, one-half the unrepeatable message rate is charged in addition. Unless otherwise indicated on its face, this is an unrepeatable message and paid for as such, in consideration whereof it is agreed between the sender of the message and this company as follows:

1. The company shall not be liable for mistakes or delays in the transmission or delivery, or for non-delivery, of any message received for transmission at the unrepeatable message rate beyond the sum of five hundred dollars; nor for mistakes or delays in the transmission or delivery, or for non-delivery, of any message received for transmission at the repeated-message rate beyond the sum of five thousand dollars, *unless specially valued*; nor in any case for delays arising from unavoidable interruption in the working of its lines; nor for errors in cipher or obscure messages.

2. In any event the company shall not be liable for damages for mistakes or delays in the transmission or delivery, or for the non-delivery, of any message, whether caused by the negligence of its servants or otherwise, beyond the sum of five thousand dollars, at which amount each message is deemed to be valued, unless a greater value is stated in writing by the sender thereof at the time the message is tendered for transmission, and unless the repeated-message rate is paid or agreed to be paid, and an additional charge equal to one-tenth of one percent of the amount by which such valuation shall exceed five thousand dollars.

3. The company is hereby made the agent of the sender, without liability, to forward this message over the lines of any other company when necessary to reach its destination.

4. Domestic messages and incoming cable messages will be delivered free within one-half mile of the company's office in towns of 5,000 population or less, and within one mile of such office in other cities or towns. Beyond these limits the company does not undertake to make delivery, but will, without liability, at the sender's request, as his agent and at his expense, endeavor to contract for him for such delivery at a reasonable price.

5. No responsibility attaches to this company concerning messages until the same are accepted at one of its transmitting offices; and if a message is sent to such office by one of the company's messengers, he acts for that purpose as the agent of the sender.

6. The company will not be liable for damages or statutory penalties in any case where the claim is not presented in writing within sixty days after the message is filed with the company for transmission.

7. It is agreed that in any action by the company to recover the tolls for any message or messages the prompt and correct transmission and delivery thereof shall be presumed, subject to rebuttal by competent evidence.

8. Special terms governing the transmission of messages according to their classes, as enumerated below, shall apply to messages in each of such respective classes in addition to all the foregoing terms.

9. No employee of the company is authorized to vary the foregoing.

### THE WESTERN UNION TELEGRAPH COMPANY

INCORPORATED

R. B. WHITE, PRESIDENT

## CLASSES OF SERVICE

### TELEGRAMS

A full-rate expedited service.

### NIGHT MESSAGES

Accepted up to 2:00 A.M. at reduced rates to be sent during the night and delivered not earlier than the morning of the ensuing business day.

Night Messages may at the option of the Telegraph Company be mailed at destination to the addressees, and the Company shall be deemed to have discharged its obligation in such cases with respect to delivery by mailing such night messages at destination, postage prepaid.

### DAY LETTERS

A deferred day service at rates lower than the standard telegram rates as follows: One and one-half times the standard night letter rate for the transmission of 50 words or less and one-fifth of the initial rates for each additional 10 words or less.

#### SPECIAL TERMS APPLYING TO DAY LETTERS:

In further consideration of the reduced rate for this special Day Letter service, the following special terms in addition to those enumerated above are hereby agreed to:

A. Day Letters may be forwarded by the Telegraph Company as a deferred service and the transmission and delivery of such Day Letters is, in all respects, subordinate to the priority of transmission and delivery of regular telegrams.

B. This Day Letter is received subject to the express understanding and agreement that the Company does not undertake that a Day Letter shall be delivered on the day of its date absolutely, and at all events; but that the Company's obligation in this respect is subject to the condition that there shall remain sufficient time for the transmission and delivery of such Day Letter on the day of its date during regular office hours, subject to the priority of the transmission of regular telegrams under the conditions named above.

### NIGHT LETTERS

Accepted up to 2:00 A.M. for delivery on the morning of the ensuing business day, at rates still lower than standard night message rates, as follows: The standard telegram rate for 10 words shall be charged for the transmission of 50 words or less, and one-fifth of such standard telegram rate for 10 words shall be charged for each additional 10 words or less.

#### SPECIAL TERMS APPLYING TO NIGHT LETTERS:

In further consideration of the reduced rates for this special Night Letter service, the following special terms in addition to those enumerated above are hereby agreed to:

Night Letters may at the option of the Telegraph Company be mailed at destination to the addressees, and the Company shall be deemed to have discharged its obligation in such cases with respect to delivery by mailing such Night Letters at destination, postage prepaid.

### FULL RATE CABLES

An expedited service throughout. Code language permitted.

### DEFERRED HALF-RATE CABLES

Half-rate messages are subject to being deferred in favor of full rate messages for not exceeding 24 hours. Must be written in plain language.

### CABLE NIGHT LETTERS

An overnight service for plain language communications, at one-third the full rate, or less. Minimum of 25 words charged for. Subject to delivery at the convenience of the Company within 24 hours.

### SHIP RADIOGRAMS

A service to and from ships at sea, in all parts of the world. Plain language or code language may be used.



August 12, 1944

Mr. Kenneth Murray  
Greenville, California

Friend Murray:

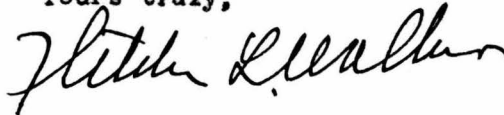
I have suggested to our friend Ziegerst that he try to get someone interested to drill Ziegerst's and my property east of the Plumas Mine and if there was milling ore to use the Larsson hoist and the Solid Silver Mill at Crescent.

If the Plumas ore body was milled on a royalty basis, it might continue into this property of ours and develop it into a mine.

Would you and the other owners of Plumas make a low price on the property with a 10% royalty on the net profit after taxes, to apply on the purchase price?

With corporation taxes taking half of the profit and an operator with any sort of an income would have from 25% to 60% tax on his dividend, does not leave very much value to a mine and if any sort of a strike was made, excess profits tax would take 95%, so no large gain could be made. Excess profits tax might be reduced after the war and that might induce someone to try to make a paying mine out of your and our property.

Yours truly,



Fletcher L. Walker

FLW:NL

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Care The Red River Lumber Company,  
Westwood, California.

Separate copy for the attention  
Mr W. B. Laughead.

My dear sir:

Mr Ed De golia of Printing Plates, Inc., of Oakland a brother-in-law  
of Mr Dick Pershing and whom your Mr Laughead has done business with  
before respectfully made the kindly suggestion that I get into touch  
with you as you might be interested in having a photograph of the late  
dear son Mr Fletcher Walker Jr reproduced on gold plate. The writer  
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possibility that I will be in the Lake Almanor neighborhood within a few days on a camping trip, possibly next week, would be glad in this case to call at your office and show some examples of my work, providing you would have no objection to my calling in camping clothes.

Trusting I may have the courtesy of a reply, I am,

Yours very truly,

HAROLD A. STEWART.

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HAS KT C

Westwood  
10-19-44

Dear Hud:

I would like to try painting with tempora. I know nothing about it except that it is used by commercial artists and for some kinds of work by painters who also work with oils. I want to have at least an acquaintance with it.

Could you pick me up a book that gives instructions in working methods. I am not interested in the "art" element right now but want to find out how to mix the colors with water, egg or other vehicle, prepare the ground etc.

I tried to get a book of this kind in San Francisco but the dealer to whom I wrote did not have it. Maybe someone in New York has it on his list. I don't expect you to put in time shopping for it but perhaps you could locate something by telephone.

I am working nights and Sundays trying to develop a style and method that will find a market in commercial and popular fields. It is slow work without instruction or advice but I think I am making some progress. There is such a hell of a lot to do and so little time.

I hope you are all well and happy and send best wishes,

Yours,

WBL

If book dealers do not have such a book maybe one of the paint manufacturers Devco, Rich Art Color Co. or other who make tempera colors has something along this line.



HUDSON D. WALKER

70 EAST 45th STREET  
NEW YORK 17, N. Y.

November 3, 1944

Mr. William B. Laughead,  
The Red River Lumber Company  
Westwood, California

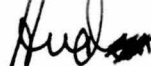
Dear Bill:    ~~Dear~~

Sorry not to have answered your letter of the 19th sooner, although I called the Weyhe Book Shop and asked them to send you the two books on Temp~~era~~ painting which they have in stock. I hope they arrived in good shape.

If you are going to continue painting, I do think it would well repay you to either come to New York and work with some good painter here, who can give you the sort of advice you need, or find someone in San Francisco. I think putting in full time on it, you will make much more rapid progress. I think you are wise to have a real try at the painting, based on your work which I saw at Westwood. I think it would probably be a little while before your work would bring in very much mone~~etary~~ return, but I am sure it would come in time.

With kind regards, I am

Sincerely yours,



HUDSON D. WALKER

11-7-44

Dear Hud:

Many thanks for the two books on tempera which arrived yesterday. I read late last night, -- enough to get the idea that to do anything really worth while with it will take a lot of study and painstaking work. I will have a go at it as soon as I get things worked out to have more time for painting.

Please send me the bill for the books and thanks again for ordering them for me.

Best regards to Ione and family.

As ever

Westwood  
11-9-44

Dear Hud:

Your letter came the day after I wrote to you regarding the tempera books and I want to thank you for your encouraging advice about painting.

I would like to follow your recommendation to devote full time to it and get some competent instruction but I will not be able to do so, at least for some time to come. I will have to get a steady job to keep beans on the table but hope to get a 5-day week somehow so I can get an additional day for painting.

I do not expect to be employed by Fruit Growers so may be able to get in a few weeks between jobs to finish some projects I am working on. When these are completed I will try to connect with someone who can give me advice from time to time to help over some of the tougher spots.

I had some encouragement following the showing of paintings in San Francisco last Summer. If I can get into a market for commercial paintings I can work on pot-boilers and get in some odd hours ~~for~~ for more serious work.

Your encouragement is fully appreciated and if any progress is made I will keep in touch with you.

As ever,

HUDSON D. WALKER

70 EAST 45th STREET  
NEW YORK 17, N. Y.

November 14, 1944

Mr. William B. Laughead,  
The Red River Lumber Company  
Westwood, Lassen County,  
California

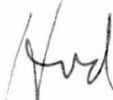
Dear Bill:

Thanks for your letter of the 9th, and I am glad that the tempera books were satisfactory.

I wish that I could talk over with you your future in the painting line, as there might be a possibility of working it out somehow so that you would be able to put in full time to get things rolling. However, it doesn't look as though I will be able to get out that way for sometime and, therefore, can you send me photographs or colored transparencies of your paintings to date, and I will see if I can possibly find some outlet for them here. I do not think that it would be feasible to figure on turning out pot-boilers, if you are interested in doing more serious work. This arrangement is difficult because the pot-boiler psychology is bound to creep into the more serious things and the net result, in the long run, is much slower progress, or no progress at all towards the goal of turning out sincere and serious work.

After I get the photographs and have a little chance to work on them, I will let you know what the possibilities appear to be.

Sincerely,



HDW ec



Westwood  
12-1-44

Dear Hud:

I was glad to have your suggestion to send you kodachromes of paintings. This will be done as soon as we can get films. Rognan is writing and wiring for them and we hope to have them within a few days. I already have kodachromes of some of my early pictures.

I had intended to make kodachromes with the idea of sending them to Mrs. Liston, executive secretary of the Seattle Art Museum and the Western Association of Art Museum Directors to see if she would consider exhibition. I thought that perhaps the subject interest in a group of timber and logging pictures would carry some weight and overcome, to some extent, the shortcomings in technic and art values.

However I will follow your advice on this and will not approach Mrs. Liston until I hear from you.

If it works out that I can have some time between the conclusion of my work for Red River and starting my future job I hope to be able to finish some pictures I have in progress or planned. I have several good job openings to write advertising but have held off making any commitments as I do not want to get tied up so that I can't get a day or two a week for painting.

Deciding what to do, what town to live in and finding a suitable house involves a lot of angles. Naturally I want to arrive at some definite plan as soon as possible so you may be sure we will get the kodachromes without delay.

With thanks and good wishes,

Sincerely,

January 16, 1943

Mr. Hudson D. Walker  
2709 Grand Central Terminal  
New York 17, New York

Dear Hud:

Inclosed is a copy of my letter to Mrs. Linton instructing her to address future correspondence regarding the Abbott photographs to you.

The Abbott prints we had are now in Ted's custody. He wanted to make some selections and as long as he can look after the prints they will not be stored in the warehouse as will our other prints and negatives.

I hope to get the Kodachromes of paintings taken this week.

With best regards,

Yours very truly,

November 28

1 9 4 4

Mr. Ted Witter, Account Executive  
Howard Swink Advertising Agency  
372 East Center Street  
Marion, Ohio

Dear Mr. Witter:

It has been impossible to give you a definite answer regarding new photographs of Osgood Mobile Cranes. Our entire program of field photography has been held up for months. The Red River Lumber Company has been negotiating the sale of its manufacturing facilities at Westwood. If and when this sale is completed our advertising and photography will be discontinued.

I recommend that you get in touch with O. J. Rognon, photographer, Westwood, Lassen County, California, and make your arrangements with him direct. He has done our photography for a number of years and would be the man who would get the photographs you want if Red River were handling the work.

Mr. Rognon is a good photographer, with commercial and press background and in addition is an experienced woodsman. He has been at this game of photographing logging operations for a long time and knows the angles. He does this work for a number of lumber companies and for the Western Pine Association.

Our logging operations are now 60 miles from Westwood. By planning the shots in advance and working out a schedule with the logging office in Westwood, Rognon can save a lot of time and mileage that would be wasted if the set-up and working conditions are not just right when he goes to the woods. So much depends upon these factors, and the cooperation of the loggers that it is a vital element in making good pictures and in the cost of getting them.

I am sure you will get good pictures at an economical cost if you employ Mr. Rognon.

Yours very truly,

THE RED RIVER LUMBER COMPANY

by

W. B. Langhead  
Advertising Manager

WBL:ek

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November 14, 1944

Mr. W. B. Laughead, Advertising Manager  
The Red River Lumber Company  
Westwood, Lassen County, California

Dear Mr. Laughead:

Several weeks ago we wrote you regarding the possibility of obtaining new photographs of your Osgood Mobilcranes in action. At that time you replied that you might be taking some new pictures and we are wondering if any such are available for use in the Osgood advertising and literature?

Cordially,  
HOWARD SWINK ADVERTISING AGENCY



Ted Witter  
Account Executive

TW:RAC



T. A. Walls  
Assessor

Phone:  
Red - 961

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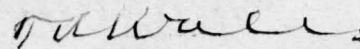
June 28th, 1944

Mr. W,B, Laughead  
Westwood  
California

Dear Mr. Laughead;

Thanks for your letter of June 21st calling attention to our error in value of improvements on your property in Canby. In 1943 the property you own, together with the property now owned by Cornelius, A Hood was all assessed in your name as one parcel, in dividing the property for the 1944 roll we failed to divide the improvements, placing the total value on the property assessed to you. I have seen Mr. Hood and have shown him the error, and we have adjusted the matter in this way, as soon as the 1944 tax levy is made I will notify Mr. Hood of the amount of tax he should pay and he will give Mr. Buckley his check for that amount and let Mr. Buckley pay the total tax. We will assess the improvements as they should be for the 1945 roll. Again thanking you for calling this to our attention, I am.

Yours very truly.



T,A, Walls.  
Assessor for Modoc County.

September 6 1939

THE W E R K  
Suite 302  
20 Vesey Street  
New York, N.Y.

Gentlemen:

Inclosed you will find my check for \$ 2.50.

I have paid Claud Cockburn One Pound Six Shillings for renewal of my subscription at expiration date September 20 on Air Mail rate. Exchange cost \$ 6.06 and the inclosed check is to pay balance of the \$ 8.50 quoted on the renewal form from your office as price of one year, Air Mail.

Remittance to London was Bank of America ( London) check No. 74279 dated August 26 1939 payable to Claud Cockburn.

I hope you can nonfirm this with your London office before my expiration date. In any case please continue my subscription, Air Mail and I will make any adjustment necessary.

Yours truly,

W.B.Laughhead  
P.O.Box 1203  
Westwood, California ( Lassen  
County )

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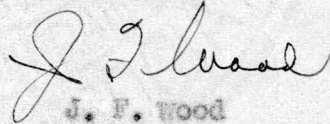
Westwood, California  
Dec. 9, 1937

Mr. Sylvanus Sessions,  
Westwood, Calif.

Dear Mr. Sessions:

On December 10th, there will be due payments amounting to \$68.10, plus late charges of \$1.00. This loan is long past due, and unless payment is made immediately, we will look to your co-signor Mr. W. B. Laughhead for payment.

Very truly yours,

  
J. F. Wood  
Manager

c/c to W. B. Laughhead

May 5-

1938  
his mother

My dear Mr -

Ok came o-k -

Just when I can come I can  
not say - Some days I feel  
equal to anything - other  
days not so "glibly" Mrs B -  
want go for two weeks - and I  
better come with her - the  
weather is not only cool - but  
cold at times. In some manner  
the expense must be cut down -  
It wrote me you had said I  
wanted to go to my room and  
she begged me not to allow  
any one to suggest I go into  
that cell - but come right to

her - She'd be alone when B. &  
goes to the mine - I immedi-  
ately wrote her - you wanted me  
and if I went anywhere it  
was to my own - She says  
since was she was giving me a  
home - I told her you said  
things always adjusted them-  
selves if allowed to and your  
desire was I do what I wished  
without suggestion - or there  
He also is going <sup>to give</sup> Guy Porter  
one piece of the mine & there's  
none later -

Sincerely

Wm. H. H.

So much talking around I  
can scarcely write



Week-

1938

My dear One - Have looked  
every day for the W. ek -  
want to get a few things  
before I come - You better  
have my room cleaned -  
for I want to come soon -  
I'll be just as well off -  
and cut expense + be near  
you - You must expect to  
find me of not too much  
free - There is a Sunday  
picnic on hand so do  
not panic about it - if  
they all go I'll find a  
room some where for I  
will not stay two nights  
and days with Aunt Jo



Two things stare me in  
the face - no much sick  
talk + lots' constant abuse  
every letter is a tirade  
against L.S. - you for  
being friendly with Eleanor  
I - + hating her + Mary-  
+c. - I shall not let it  
down me - but how can  
I stop it? - Her vibrations  
tell on me every time -  
it is no longer fear -  
just unhappy vibrations  
+ every time I've been  
ill there has been a  
cause - Do not know  
yet about the noon  
meal - can not let up  
on my eating

Mrs B. is greatly changed -

Faye says it is only her  
real self cropping out -  
but she can raise h-l -  
When you hear I am coming  
put in some coffee, sugar -  
can milk - All bran +  
bread - I know you have  
plenty of fruit - I see  
no reason why I should  
not get along no  
diseases - I do yes - have  
the company man who  
cares for the yr - treats  
the drops over the front  
windows - My dress is  
lovely and a perfect fit -

Hastily

Walter

Monday - a - m -

My dear One -

1938

The ck came o - k -

Yesterday was red letter day -

Mrs B. has been in Croville for a wk - and Faye is out on a

flu case - we gave two wks - on the girls and I are keeping -

house - they are very capable -

Had a good visit from the

Calendars, & Moses - and in

the afternoon from F. L. W. and

family - Look for Mrs B. back

today - A letter from Lk tells

me how lovely they are - and how

very frail B. B. is - "Aunt Jo" is

very one good deed a day" - I

read the b. D. lesson with her daily.

have her find the references -

wipe the dishes &c - find we sur-

prised how much she can do - +

is so happy in it - Maybe some  
day I'll be old. " The sun is  
brighter today - had a heavy wind  
last night - windows rattled  
plenty - Am making soup  
for dinner - the girls like it  
and it is easy to make -

Am sorry to learn of Miss  
Stearns condition - the W's were  
not very encouraging -

Be a good boy and love your

Mother



My dear One - I wrote you a  
fine(?) Easter letter, but after  
Ila came and told me how  
some cat had talked to you  
of my looks, I decided not to  
mail it - I am thin - but  
have gained the past few wks -  
I am older in looks - but what  
do expect at 80 yrs - but I am  
decidedly on the up grade - &  
one thing I dread in my re-  
turn to W - is the comments  
made upon my changed ap-  
pearance - altho at break-  
fast one of the girls said -  
"you surely look so much bet-  
ter than when you came" -  
It remains to be seen just  
what I can do - at any rate  
the expense must be curtailed,  
\$10 per wk is entirely too  
much - I will be very glad

to see you - but won't worry  
if you do not get here -  
Much warmer for two days -  
just pleasant - Am glad  
Eleanor + Dorothy can be  
with you - I got very busy  
for you Billie - Much get  
this in the mail -

Loveingly

Mother -

Wednesday - a.m.

My dear Sam -

There is not much to relate - It is entering the second week of rain and gloomy weather. I am getting my balance ~~some~~ some what slowly but surely - am very grateful I am here - have every attention - Sunday we rode down to see the river on a rampage - it was some sight - Have heard from Lh - It is too bad about Emily Pollard - Lh says she sees very little of you and seems to feel it

you under ear with them,  
but that is all you & her  
problem. I have cut out  
all adverse thinking -  
Where will you eat din-  
ner tomorrow? They are  
planning for a plain  
dinner here - No need to  
even think of my return  
at this stage of the game -  
Am better off here in this  
house than at the Brach's,  
I would like to have  
Mamie's address - I will  
her a letter - I hear  
Chuck is still faithful -  
Keep me posted as to  
your doings - Has Mrs



Getter quite! - The girls  
are going to pick their  
oranges this afternoon. -

I miss you terribly  
- my son - but know  
it is best for me to  
stay here a while -  
Hope you'll have a  
pleasant Thanksgiving.  
Loveingly

Mother

Friday - a bright lovely  
morning - We spent a very  
pleasant day - Faye got a good  
dinner and in the evening  
we all went to see "The Idiot  
takes the air" God bless you my  
son - I pray all is well with you -

Dec 25 - 1938

My dear Mr.

Have rather looked  
for a note from you - but the  
papers + clipping tell me you  
are all right - Day after day of  
heavy rains - the sun is out today  
but a sharp wind prevents me  
going out much - Mrs B + F. went  
to Cronville Sunday - F. coming  
back that night - I knew to be  
with F. - she is very determined  
but always nice to me - we work  
together finely - I nearly take a  
fit when she and her mother  
argue - Mrs B. is no match for  
her and is like some you have  
seen "I never get angry" - & F  
says "that is because you are a  
Zachery" - This does not occur  
often and is harmless - Mrs B.

is still in C - I hear rumors of  
the W- weather - do hope you  
keep well - There is no news -  
Was glad to get the shock of  
D.F. news - Lovingly

Mother -

Be sure I get the Bid ck by  
wed - I will return you \$10  
of the W- ck - to even up  
your \$20 per mo -



I am progressing finely  
in health + understand-  
ing. You've been a  
new mother after while,  
I age sends love. The  
past few days have been  
beautiful. Write when  
you can. You are a dear  
one.

Truly  
Mother

Love -  
My dear An -

Dec. 1937

I have expected  
a letter - yeh, I am from  
busy you ask - hope you keep  
well - We are all right  
- saw the movie Sunday -

I am sure I'll work some  
to W. for Kansas - I would  
not <sup>be</sup> to come into all that  
confusion - I am not here  
for pleasure - but very quiet  
ly - but am here for a spe-  
cific purpose - the basic rule  
is - harmony - peace - no  
gossip - or criticism - from  
his letters I know. She is in  
a very upset condition and  
very bitter - so while I'll



now you really will not  
try to come - If you have  
the chance - please do not  
fail to ask Helen + J.  
- they are our throat -  
I do not expect to give  
gifts - will keep tags with  
the divine - do want to  
give Mrs Boyd a blanket -  
if I possibly can - can get  
a gown for \$8. I have  
formed the acquaintance  
of some very pleasant people  
at the L.O.S. Church - all  
healed people - Perhaps  
you better send one way.

Church - I get pretty cold  
perhaps you really wish -  
only drinking those water -  
over 500 where brought in -  
Q.B. - I saved for by do -  
nations of the town  
thanks for the cards, may  
agree to - I do not think  
it necessary to send the  
letter - but I read very  
little fiction - Glad you could  
care for some such family -  
I wonder if they'll stay all  
winter with you - Please  
write Mrs. B about the paper.

Went to church - good service -  
hot dinner at B.R. and really and truly  
ate every thing served me!

Sat

1937

My dear Mr -

Your note just  
received - thank you what is  
in way. The Fitzgeralds have just  
come for the day - I have went in  
to the Bunches to get some things  
and was told I had taken  
all I wanted - By the way I  
never planned any one I was  
sick and coming to R.B. for treat  
ment - I feel perfectly normal  
when I came. Mr. F. says for  
me by all means to stay in R.B.,  
and will as long as matters are  
managing just my affairs -  
Rec'd a message from Mrs  
Ann Maime - also a fine letter,  
And now I'll have to ask



you to receive my check -  
for this month - I hope is out of  
a job - and I would pay only  
found and save regularly -  
I had to get some money -  
near - abouts &c -

Rec'd a fine letter from  
Mrs Rand - her anxious  
to learn of your progress con-  
cern - hope no disturbing  
element will enter in.

Rec'd another letter (?)  
from Mr. I would like to  
hear up for I am cheerful  
to reply after my experience  
I am thinking of ~~disappointing~~

about you & O. G. B. know -  
I have heard to be sent

back - as always with &  
now it is in state -  
the days are busy now -  
and the flowers look in  
place - now still in bloom

Some change trees have  
I hope quite a job as the re-  
fused to go with petalure &  
take with place after much  
trouble - she is now very  
big - but many will be  
a case for a while

Water  
The packages are here -  
they look good - can so

disappointing over my  
know to you - brought

chance to say a few  
and advise Penny-  
and her conduct

By the way - Faye  
says for you not  
to pay a particle  
of attention to any  
thing she says - at-  
tends to talk with her,  
at least she never  
has held up and  
we are very comfort

Thurs - Nov 11, 1836  
My dear Mr -

Heck  
came all right -  
I think is a very good  
arrangement - and  
there need be no  
misunderstanding -  
Faye confessed the  
other day she was  
afraid of Glad's and  
his talk and wd  
give me a



are and in general are

recommending liberty -

Can cattle well and

steep the water there

last night - Was 13 +

7 expect to go to some

business - the girls + I

were deep down

do you know of (Helen)

I ever hear from her

It must be like that

Many's my agreement -

was in danger of being

hatched - Was 13 + 7 about

time - Only you are a

unbeliever on - I am sure

her will be so too -  
Worth.



Dec 12 - 1937

My dear Lou -

Have just written  
to "Jack" Shree to send the D.R.  
for a month and to collect  
of my bookie W.B.L. - I had  
no money in shape - I hope  
you had a good trip to P.O.  
and will be very glad to  
see you on the 3<sup>rd</sup> if you  
don't come I'll not worry -  
I think I'll enclose a  
letter from Lou - It all  
rolls off like water - but  
shows you how impossible  
it is for me to return to  
W. and get well - I'd

Last about a week - L

Do not mention it to Lot.

She has worries enough -

Sunday the Fitzers came down & we had a fine day -

Late in the day they took us a lovely ride to Coning-

Telama - over the river -

then to the B.R. for sup-  
per - They will be down

for Xmas dinner & You

better get the T.B.W. check  
for I want to keep

ahead of Mrs B. The

weather is marvellous -  
sunny and bright -

the orange trees in the



yards are beautiful.  
Went to L.S. Church Sun  
day with Mrs B. & Faye -  
I saw Jack & Bennie in  
the evening - didn't enjoy  
the picture very much -  
nothing but noise.

Get my cloak out and  
look it over - needs  
cleaning - & please send  
me Maime's address - I  
am so sorry to hear of  
Fryberg's accident - wish  
he'd get off the road for  
the winter. Give my love  
to Chuck - I'd love to see you  
any time - I miss you -  
Sincerely  
Mother

April 12 1938

My dear Anne -

I hope you had a safe trip - good results and some thing to tell the Co. - Lot's letters are all tale of misery - no friends mine gone &c - They don't sink & in any mine - but they are to be pitied - I am glad Eleanor was with you a short time - but don't take her for keeps - It is cloudy again - more rain & drought - Faye is still on her nursing job - The passing of her sister in law - was pitiful - a handsome, splendid woman of 42 - wife of a rancher and "rode the cattle" - just three wks before she spent 4 days here - one day at dinner I looked at her and said "Mrs Robinson you don't appreciate what a beautiful woman you are - your coloring & hair are lovely" - she of course laughed - she was in the hos - 4 days - getting better of pneumonia when an over dose of morphine took her - I was interested

in the brothers who came - big  
strong ranch men -

Helen and Faith were here on  
Sat - lunched with us - both  
loved me - we had a good  
visit - Thanks for the Mrs -

In May we will have to decide  
what we will do - Perhaps

the room should be given up -  
all depends upon my strength -

The pen I brought at the door  
of a boy "working his way thro  
school" has given out -

God bless you -

Mother

Sat. a-m

My dear Ann -

This promises to be quite a long letter - but read until the end - I feel I want to come home when I can - if I improve the next ten days as I have the past two wks I might as well be near you - I have suggested she come after her mother and me in May - me to be in my old room & her mother near by - Now I do not need Mrs B - and could not be alone any more than I am now - for she is gone days at a time and I grow so tired of looking at "Aunt Jo" - I sometimes want to slap her - I have not been any place since you took us out - I am able to wash all the dishes - and get a lot of the



meals - why not in my own <sup>12</sup>  
room! and how why not  
make a try - One thing I  
dread is the adverse shock that  
will be sent out - for never  
again can I listen <sup>to</sup> any  
gossip - criticism or fault  
finding - my only safeguard  
is a peaceful old age - I  
think I made a discovery  
a short time ago - the reason  
why I got so thin & pallid -  
Ever since I came I suffered  
from constipation - always going  
three days - four - and not so  
long ago 6 days - She would not  
listen when I asked for help -  
said it disgusted her for me  
to speak of it - It was vulgar -  
that kind was the cause of all

3  
nervous (Eddy) - and no  
doubt I was holding a bondage  
over me - I'd get no nerves,  
wake up + think of that prison  
going around in me - was  
told God never made any  
thing but good - the pressure  
was disturbing the nerves of my  
back - so I woke up - scrub took  
prunes, bran - juices etc - cleaned  
myself up - kept clean + am  
gaining - I believe awfully in  
C.S. - It no doubt saved me - but

there are true things very far  
fetched - Mr Mahan bought  
the boxes and I surely "flew the coop"  
six wks ago I asked for to send  
me two or three summer dresses -  
roll them up and I'd have  
them washed here - next I heard

she was sick & had given them to  
Mrs Breedlove - I at once wrote to  
Mrs B. to send me two dresses -  
stating wh - & to send me the bill  
at once - I also wanted bloomers &  
slip - and what came! six dresses -  
a lot of junk only fit for the rag  
bag - & that old hain coat - not  
wearable at all - I did not want  
you annoyed - they must think  
you are the apple tree P.B. picked  
in a many apples from - the box  
contained two sea urchins I never  
saw before - Are people born asses?

Sunday -

The folks have all gone to see  
"God is where you find it" - all  
except "Ann & J" and me - I took  
a nice walk, stopped at a colored  
man's house - and got a bunch of  
locust blossoms - home reminders -  
This morning I did up all the  
kitchen work & had dinner  
ready when they came from ch -



Helen & Faith called & week house  
loaded with flowers - Do you know  
us I guess I'll modify my statement  
and say - one can see too many  
flowers - R.B. is one immense  
flower garden - I so often wish  
the Gilberts lived where I could  
be with them - I know I'd be  
happy - I wonder if there is a  
C.D. practitioner in W - I do not  
want treatments - but it will be  
necessary for me to have some one  
to read and talk with - You must  
promise not be. I do, not that I  
do not believe in them - but I  
am not going to be scared to  
death when I know that all  
that ails me is 80 yrs - but when  
Loetic 84 yr writes me she is learn-  
ing the "truck system" on the type  
writer - I think I ought to do some-  
thing yet - I surely miss reading  
matter - the B.P. is the only paper



out side of C.S. literature. though even  
comes in the house - I said today  
I'd like to see a daily paper once  
in a while + was told all I had  
to do was to sit by the radio + listen  
to the news - I said so far the  
radio had never given me any  
the letters such smart men  
write to the papers - but they  
come from the two senses - not  
divine mind - No I am not  
catty - + I believe an awful lot in  
C.S. and it is my hope for a  
peaceful old age - I wonder  
if you'll read all this - I venture  
your work - I guess Billy it is  
the \$10 per wk that niles me -  
things are not consistent -

Well - well see -

Loveingly

Mother

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Mr. W. B. Laughead  
Red River Lumber Company  
Westwood, California

Dear Mr. Laughead:

Enclosed is a copy of our issue of September 2nd,  
which will be on sale August 25th.

The reason I am sending this particular issue  
to you is to make sure that you see an article  
by Stewart Holbrook which appears on page 42.

As you will very quickly discover, the article  
is along lines that are particularly interesting  
to you and I am sure you will want to read the  
whole piece.

I will be glad to have any comments you care to  
make.

Sincerely yours,  
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martha mary

Nov. 9<sup>th</sup>

Dear Billy —

I received the cook-book - &

truly don't know how to express  
my thanks it is lovely —

Mother had a tea for me the  
other day and when I showed it  
off all the oh's! & alas! were heard  
around the room

Hope this finds you well



Best wishes for the Holidays

Thank you again—In so proud

Martha



St. Paul, Minn.

Wed. Aug. 31-1938

Dear Uncle Billy-

Yesterday it was two weeks since I arrived in St. Paul - Had a good trip East - never saw the country especially from Omaha north - look so good - green and fertile <sup>and</sup> they have the finest corn crop in years - They've had lots of rain this summer and all the country around the Twin Cities is green and looks fine.

Found everyone well and the nieces and nephews have changed considerably. I've been feeling fine - was pretty tired the first week I came - but rested and now am getting around a bit. Have raised three sons

since I came - and being in a lower altitude seems to agree with me.

Aunt Mame is well and right now is engrossed in a deal for selling her Edmund Street house. This morning she went down to see Clarence with an agent who is selling the place and who has a buyer for it - She wanted to discuss the contract with Clarence. If she sells. then perhaps I can convince her a trip to California should be the next thing in order.

I expect to stay here until the middle of September and then will begin to think about a return trip to Westwood.

Was sorry I missed you

the days left:

Hope you and your Mother are well and that things are peaceful on the Westwood front.

Weather has been fine - haven't had a hot day since I came in fact it's a little cool.

The State Fair opens this coming Saturday.

This evening - the Cal Males, Tom and Aunt Mame and I are going to Paul's for dinner. Hope to get there early enough to get some "movies" of the group.

Aside from the fact that John isn't with me - my trip would be perfect. Tell your Mother I think of her often - particularly on Thursday mornings. Take good care of yourself - Lots of love -

Helen  
Barlow.

I really want it. I do many things but  
I never showed an old old man. I never  
knew anyone out of our house. I never felt  
a little "white" "Army Devil - B. Thompson"  
in it. I never noticed my daughter  
chances of happening - I never noticed my  
dumb of making my husband leave me -  
breaking up my time - I've had much in  
time - I've stayed at home & worked -  
And H. has never worked. X  
as I'm writing to be accused of murder  
& even the first of being like her.  
This means paper says woman  
pride killed himself - poor devil - he just

Dear Aunt. Thanks to you.  
Mrs Boyd for the flowers.  
They arrived O.K. & are  
occupying a place of honor.  
Emily is looking for C. each  
day, I do not see how we can  
part with our baby.  
A later report from the D.P.  
week says that Morris fractured  
bone in the foot. He left Reno  
last eve for D.P. has in D. J.  
I wired Mary, knows she'll  
see him - we have been so  
fearful of those locks.  
Their week has caused  
by a rock - big as a box-car  
which they met right  
around a curve.  
Morris jumped thru  
windows & smelt thru the



door-way. D. landed in a 'cut' between  
rocks on hands, knees & cranked that way  
quite a distance, a derailed car rolled  
behind him a foot <sup>every step</sup>, then when I smelt  
could crawl no further the car slpt a foot  
behind him! We've been dreadfully upset  
especially B. who is not well. Terribly  
irritable at times. I don't know what I'll  
do when E. goes! I stopt at Mrs Likens last  
eve. The Lissierands have taken the Hedley  
apt. they wanted to know if you had given  
up yr room. I told Mrs L. no. I turned the  
heat on in yr room. We went in & looked  
at yr flowers!! I went to Hedley &  
thanked her for him having called me.  
+ They are nicely fixed.

Yr son ate here yesterday - we had dinner at  
2:30, B. found out he (N.B.) had no place to  
go so he asked him - we did it turkey!

I alluded to H. & F. visits to R.B. & he  
said "Helen was like all the rest of the  
Barlows - queer & unaccountable".

I told him I resented that - that  
I knew that I had many faults but I  
absolutely refused to be classed with H.

entirely as  
we wish have  
them -  
Peace - Peace.  
Peace - & a  
Don-Jennetian  
Say, instantly  
"Repece."



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SAN FRANCISCO, CALIF.

My love  
Daddy

July 24/38-

Bullie dear -

Have been mean'g to  
write - ever since I began  
to read of labor troubles  
strikes &c with - you -  
one thing after another  
delayed me. And now  
I want you to know I've  
been think'g of you right  
along - And of course hope  
for the soon end of such  
an outrageous Condition!  
Also have just reread yr  
last letter to me in which  
you tell of yr plan to work 12  
mos. for <sup>sho' a bit reduced now</sup> lay-offs - good wage  
& prospect of better products  
in view - I do get so work  
up over the injustice &  
unpardonable behavior of the

so-called "working" people  
of today - so much unem-  
ployment - & yet the fortunate  
ones who are employed  
being so dissatisfied &  
grasping - So one the  
blame lies entirely with  
this miserable admin-  
istration! Another sub-  
ject it is better for me  
to keep off of - People like  
Y<sup>r</sup> Company do's the fair-  
thing & such ingratitude  
& pressed & condoned & abet-  
ted by the powers that be.  
It is almost impossible  
to get people to work when  
it is offered to them - They  
prefer the dole = Making  
beggars of the work'g class.  
Note all you write - about  
Y<sup>r</sup> business taking you in  
the opposite - direction to  
A.F. And naturally I am  
sorry - "Herbert's" you may  
or may not know - has some





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out of business = labor  
demands I suppose the  
cause - as they have been  
with many such firms  
the employed + taxes +  
getting all the profit (?)  
if there is any - so why  
work for the ungrateful  
masses - + for governments  
= federal - + state + have  
nothing left for one's own  
compensation = And the  
way such hard earned  
money is squandered is  
terrific." "I find my pen  
constantly catching in the  
tatters of a threadbare  
theme" said somebody -  
I know what you mean  
Billie when you say you  
"deep optimistic + avoid  
the news as much as pos-



"Schle" - Take the "Wynona  
Cowboy" I do my dumbest  
Angels cd do no more -  
I do get so much in-  
spiration from Mr  
Jenneman + see all I can  
of her - It is n't reading +  
listening to lectures - "Go out  
& live it - do something  
abk it -" + forget ourselves  
otherwise I feel in the  
days as they come along -  
Nothing special - Go to Mr  
North's office often + help him  
out when there is anything  
important there - Enjoy his  
orley - Saw a wonderful  
picture "The Elephant Boy  
taken in India - I think  
it must have been the "boy  
spoke Eng. rather deliberately  
but cd be understood - a fine  
look'g little chap. with won-  
derful teeth + sweet smile  
Remember the night I went  
with you + Celestine to a  
9:30 show to see jungle  
pictures - not killing + we  
enjoyed it so much?



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Nice to have yr Mother with  
you - someone to come  
home to - I so bad you  
don't have home meals.  
One does get so fed-up  
with - restaurant - cooking.

I went to a delightful  
birthday dinner in Berkeley  
recently - And beside many  
happy features - that din-  
ner was not to be put  
in the background.

Also I was driven home  
along the wonderfully  
lighted hi-way to the bridge  
& then across it - with P.F.  
sparkling like diamonds  
before us - a lovely night.

Billie dear you are a  
young man - There is

Much of life before you  
& you must accept it  
& get all the good &  
happiness out of it that  
may come your way -  
We were not put here to  
mope & feel sorry for  
ourselves - We are  
alive with - the life of  
God - Think of it - And  
we must act as tho'  
we know it - & appreciate  
it & thank the Father  
that it is so! If I come  
cross-roads that seem dif-  
ficult - I merely put my  
affairs into God's hands &  
it is remarkable how  
matters work - And I say  
"Thank you Father" & real-  
ize that He hears us always.  
My love to you Billie dear  
Some day we shall meet &  
we'll have lots to talk about  
These matters will come out

Remember me To <sup>6</sup> Will.

Your cousin

J. C. Reeve

P.S. The Jewetts were reed-organ builders after the Civil War & it was from there that the music of all these Crooks came. Your sisters music came from your German mother. Mine came not from the Barbers & not from my father!

Oliver's piano programmes are great.



word, Oliver (G. Cook). I see the subject enlarges.  
George Jewett (of Sudlow) was consummately fond  
of music, & played very little. All his children  
were musical, the 2 boys doing little in that  
line or anything else, the 2 girls accomplished  
amazingly. Julia (George) while rearing a large  
family as we wd. call it now, six (?) kept up  
her music & taught at least one. (H. Thomas, Ky.  
Triny has helped for years in the support of the  
family by teaching & at the same time starting  
them all in music in which they are all pro-

ficient. The Lord has suddenly made a great leap  
on the victim. This brings us back to Olive who  
has corresponded with me for 3 years - on music.  
This Spring he graduated at a country college in  
N. Carolina after working his way through with  
good grades & prodigious work. He wanted very  
much the degree of Master or Doctor from Michigan.  
This he has just taken thro' the generosity (or  
sacrifice) of his mother who opportunely received  
a small bequest from her mother at this time.  
He now has a position in a N. S. near Charlotte  
N. C. & his photos show a handsome man of good

physique in spite of the <sup>3</sup> great overwork. He is,  
thank Heaven, the support (morally) of his  
mother. Now, I must take another piece of paper  
to go on. How I should like to help these  
hardworking & deserving people & how easily  
I cl. have done it before the slump! My  
violin & notes should have gone there & not  
where they did — see my next. I intended  
only a note & see what I have written. I  
know you can not be interested in these  
people but their lives make attractive reading.



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Dear Billie -

Five days after my re-  
turn from quite a long  
absence - I have at last  
succeeded in clearing my  
desk of all sorts & sizes of  
matters that accumulated  
while I was away & not  
thit' advisable to readhes

to = Among them I  
found a letter from you  
written last January! I  
can't believe I have not  
written you since then  
but if such is the case I  
trust you will forgive me  
time skips along so fast.  
we don't realize it.

Well some time in March  
the friend who drove me to



Carmel for Xmas & New Year  
was going again to visit her  
daughter = I went along &  
stayed nearly two wks =

Had only been home three  
days when I decided to join  
a friend in L.A. for a trip  
to Murrieta - Hot Springs & a  
week's stay there = She had  
written they wd drive out on  
Saturday & was urgent that  
I come & go with them =

Maudie & I met them in the  
Country - & spent many sum-  
mers with them at Home Farm  
& Oak Cottages = Sonoma Co.  
It was not decided until 11  
A.M. Thurs. that I cd get re-  
servations = And I can tell  
you there was some scurry-  
ing - Bank - Safe - Sleep. Ticket  
office - a down town office -  
dinner engagement - packing  
But I got the airline Fri -  
8:15 A.M. & reached L.A. at 6  
to the dot - They pickt me  
up Sat A.M. - a fine drive  
pleasant weather = Not too wa-



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+ quite - cold at night - About  
500 people there - 3 hotels - of  
course belong to Gueneth's  
Murieta Hot. Spr. but built  
to accommodate the people -  
Hot mineral bath daily -  
+ sitting with feet in hot  
mud with <sup>mineral</sup> water flowing over  
it + open again at night -  
we ate a hot. All sorts of  
games - walks - horseback  
riding - plenty of places to  
sit out of doors! We visited  
the farm - stall after stall  
of huge cows - each with a  
litter (one 11) pig - lets - some  
out a day or two old - + others  
3 or 4 days - Older ones out in  
enclosure - Cows - horses - chickens  
etc - And the people  
were interesting to watch -  
tho' we kept to ourselves -  
And in evening generally

went to Billiard - Pool hall  
fo's down the Bar - didn't  
not stop!! It did us both  
a lot of good & we shd both  
have liked to stay another  
week. I went home for rest  
of wk with - my friend - & on  
Friday until Monday I  
visited friends in Hollywood  
& from there to my niece at  
Laguna Beach for ten days.  
She had to go to L.A. to dentist  
so we spent two days there.  
& saw other friends with  
whom we dined one evening  
to see her home & meet her  
new (not so very -) husband.

All these people have been  
writing for me to come down  
for the past - over - three years.  
But I never cd make up my  
mind to take initiative.  
But the definite suggestion  
appealed to me. & the other  
visiting just unfolded.  
So it was all very satis-  
factory - I thoroughly en-  
joyed each place & group I



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visited. Found weather  
abt same as here - East  
was hot & two days fol-  
lowing - otherwise warm  
& pleasant in sun - & us-  
ually a cool wind in  
p.m. - & cold nights -

Has been lovely since  
my return to good old O.F.

Thot some of going to  
N.Y. this spring to see my  
Sister - But matters seemed  
to arrange themselves - for  
my going south - And now  
to stay any time wot take n  
into the heat - which I  
prefer to avoid.

Have thot often of you  
wondered how you are get-  
ting along - Hope you did  
not come to O.F. while I  
was gone - I'll probably



stay home - anyway for  
a short time - But  
anytime the spirit  
might move me to  
flick - if an appealing  
opportunity - shd arise -  
So you had better come  
soon - or you might  
forget how - well - the  
city - or I look -

Best to you - Billie -

Sibby

May 10 - 1938 -



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San F  
Oct. 1938

Killie dear -

How are you? What are  
you doing? How are you  
amusing yourself? &c &c &c

Not so good with me!  
Slept over two marble  
steps on to a marble  
landing in Flood Bldg -  
on way to dentist - just  
three who afo + fractured  
bone in one leg which  
was under me. And

have been in my room  
with leg bound + resting in

+ bound tightly - Mr Rose

Vanduburgh - comes every

two or three days to renew the

Vandage - the foot + leg look  
in good condition now - + we

hope the bone is knitting

Have a lot of company +  
room looks like a florist-  
shop.

Suppose it is good for me  
to rest. But I'm not so keen  
about it.

Since you were here &  
we did have such a de-  
lightful evening - didn't we  
I spent two weeks in Carmel.  
Had some fine drives & oh!  
the flowers were lovely -  
we drove to two nurseries  
& in both places - the bloom  
was marvelous - we wound  
about handsome homes &  
gardens - & places I'd never  
been before - Guess I'll  
stay put for a bit now -  
Saw "Susan & God" Miss  
Lawrence - Don't really know  
whether I liked it or not.  
Wd like to see it again  
as one misses so much  
on the stage these days.  
"Dance with the Wind" was  
b'd to me - Thinking I wd  
have plenty of time to read  
it now



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524 SUTTER STREET, ABOVE POWELL  
SAN FRANCISCO

After a day or so I picked it  
up + found it was a "7  
day" book - & "not renewable"  
So I skimmed thru it -  
& thoroughly disliked it!!  
Can't see how anyone could  
be interested in such a  
book - Did you read it &  
what did you think of it?

"Our climate" has been for-  
feared for all of October - tho'  
friends coming in here have  
objected to its being "too hot" -  
How is it with you? Some  
places are even having snow

Really Billie when I get to the  
weather it is time to stop - eh  
Nothing of interest - as one grows  
weary of "unions" - "strikes" - "war"  
"Conditions in Europe & the Orient"  
& even our own politics &c -



Should you come to R.F.  
Of course you will run in  
to see me - That wd be a  
pleasure - Tho' no nice dinner  
and/or ~~dinner~~ <sup>theatre</sup> this time -  
I dread to think of Holidays  
so fast approaching - But  
perhaps matters will be  
better by then - I pray so! -  
As the French Countess wrote  
to her friend =

"Having nothing to do I am  
writing to you - And having  
nothing to say I am bidding  
you 'good day' -"

Best of everything for you  
Billie -

Yours &c -

Madeleine

Sunday  
October  
Twenty-two  
-1938-

To J. B. Morris  
Aguia Caliente -  
Sonoma Co.  
Calif.

July 2/36  
Morris

Dear Billie -

It is some time since  
I rec'd yr last nice letter -  
But it is just a month since  
I came here & there has been  
such a lot of writing - besides  
padding & chatting to & fr  
that I have neglected you -

I am on a ranch in  
Sonoma Co. - where Maudie  
& I came for many sum-  
mers years ago -

Our friend lost her husband  
suddenly abt. 2 or 3 mos. ago  
& leav'g I wanted to get away  
in "Bess's out-of-doors" made  
the proposition that I come  
here - I am very comfortable  
& she looks after me nicely -  
we are in a separate & very  
attractive cottage by ourselves -  
she cooks - we have our meals  
together & have much in  
common - And each is a  
help to the other -

Just a year July 1 - since  
Maudie left me to face things

alone - And the 4<sup>th</sup> at hand  
which 2 yrs ago Celestine spent  
with me - all day - facing the  
ocean - & being so uplifting  
& dear to me - The 4<sup>th</sup> of July  
will always mean a lot to me

Glad you are busy & keep  
moving - It is best to visit  
among people & live one's  
life - It comes to us all -

Only wish I had something  
definite - to occupy me -  
Seems hard to become in-  
terested in anything - no  
incentive - And drifting as  
I do makes one feel so useless  
& not worth while -

I shall probably be in D. F. for  
a night - possibly two - between  
the 6 & 14 - & if by chance you  
are in town - do stop by the  
Cartwright to see if I am there -

Don't know how long I shall  
be here - I needed the complete  
change & refresh in the lovely -  
free country - out in fresh air  
without too much exercise -  
Feel pretty fit now tho' -

My best to you Billie - & hope  
to see you some day -  
Madeline

Sept. 1st - '97.

My dear Willie -

It is clouding up for a rain and I think I am the occasion of it all. Am nearly in hopes there will be a dry spell. next summer so I can hire out in different localities as a "rain-producer".

The cause of it all is — I ate an apple this afternoon!!!! Do you wonder the weather is disturbed? If it begins to thunder

we may expect to see "Hippity-hop" come flying up the street. for you know thunder storms are not exactly her

forte. I must tell you about our friend, Freddy J. he is strictly "in it!" There is to be a W.R.C. Club at the Opera House tomorrow eve and Freddy is going to accompany the Logan faction, etc.

Broadstone, McCormick, Chew, Johns-etc- there-unto. or rather one of the young ladies will accompany him.

We suggested to him to harness Billy up and drive her down and his father said he thought if he would get a horse he could get him the meat wagon for that evening.



Fred and Ralph W. went hunting today but are painfully silent since their return home. I have not seen Kumpie today just think of it! I must see her soon. Ralph W. has a new trotting buggy and the "rat" looks quite fine to it. Sabra had a party the other day and the kids looked awfully good. I was down to Johnson's the other eve and Anna was telling us about someone and she informed us that they had the "Saint Jesus dance!" "I thought I'd effire!"

Friday morn. It has been two days since I began this but you must consider that I am a "kitchen mechanic" now and my time is not my own. This is the second letter I have begun to you so please take "the will for the deed." Your mamma's letter came this morn and so you will be home so shortly it is not worth while to write any more. especially so this is all the paper I have. Tell your mother to give my love to the Robbins' and I do wish some of them could come and see us - I should like to see Amy - she was more particularly my companion. Mr and Mrs Lymf are spending the day in Columbus and the kids are out at Owens. The W.R.C. entertainment last night was simply killing! A regular "home-talent" affair! At the most pathetic Lanto I fairly

shirk with laughter -  
Well, I shall receive all  
my news (?) til you return  
of - goodbye -  
Love to all - M.

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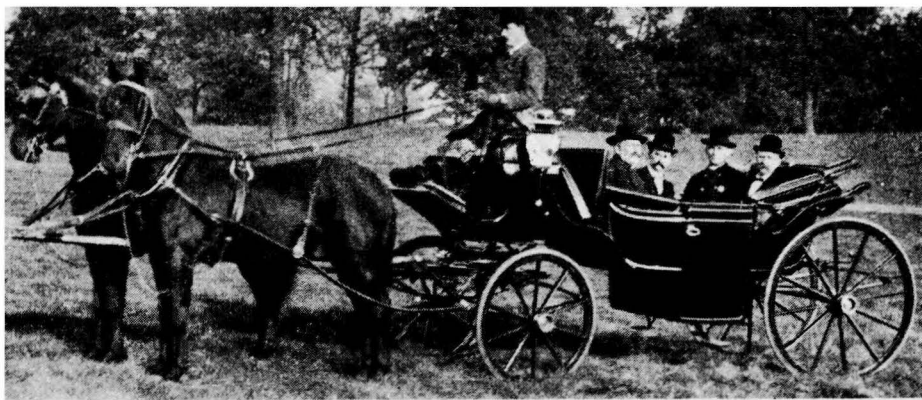
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You dear Will:-

This picture of your mother - what a happy thought to send it! Another evidence of your gift of understanding - a rare gift. How sweetly she expressed her expression; so it was the last time - the last three times we talked together; of course, you were a part of it - ever in her heart and mind. You've experienced an uplift of soul in beautiful memories that preserve the best of joys experienced.

Will, you and Sandburg and Woolcott and you have given me oodles of pleasure and acres of knowledge. Several times, about to return your books, I'd find myself re-reading pages and pages; have copied a few choice passages or fly-leaf of various books. On every page of Sandburg are quotable sentences; how do you keep from marking some wit and wisdom! So many things from his insight of the Gettysburg Oration to the Road to Victory Panorama, must be of interest to your Mother.

Blessed Woolcott! I don't know how to do without him; I've depended on him to help me make up my alleged mind on matters. It's such a help in living; how he liked and loved to like people! He liked the people I do from Jane Austen to Richard Berry Harrison. Green Pastures



is a joy to remember.

And now George Ade has left us! With Edwin Codd, Woolcott and Ade gone - you or King Kelly ought to come to the rescue.

Sandburg finds Paul Bunyan an ever present help. You've read Paul's Wife by Robert Frost? Quite in harmony with legends that account for forests and streams.

You read "The man who" in the Herald; here's a supplement to Russell Greiner's chapter. The old farmer and Walz grocery had a band of wiseacres who sat around the stove and settled matters for their country and heaven. One man lamented that the son of a friend was going to the bad. One of the group responded: "Well, haint that what the Good Book says - Train up a boy and away he goes?"

Lin Yutang's "Tears and Laughter" promises world War III. How he doesn't like England!

When I try to understand the crisis in India, I'm as certain of the outlook as the Editor who prays: "Lord, give me my daily opinion and forgive that of yesterday." Am trying to understand "The Little Clay Cart," a Hindu drama assigned to me on our club program.

On "Mother's Day" I dined with the Arthur Reynolds. Jimmie (8 years old) sneaked, in the early morning, to the kitchen, made coffee, arranged a tray and took it to his mother's bed - his "Mother's Day" offering his moral future is assured.

Arthur and Jean are so wise in managing their kids (each of the 4) from the child's view-point. And Louise, handsome as ever, adores them.

Will haven't you a picture of yourself to send me? All that concerns you and that is of interest to me. Lovingly, Jean

J. A. GILBERT, S.

SHELBY PARKS, E. H. P.

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FOREST CHAPTER No. 145 R. A. M.

WESTWOOD, CALIFORNIA

Oct 10<sup>th</sup> 1934

Mr W. C. Laughhead  
Companion, at the stated Convocation  
of Forest Chapter #145 Monday  
Evening Oct 15<sup>th</sup> business of  
vital interest to every member  
and to the chapter will be  
brought up and you are urged  
to be present.

Sincerely yours is F. A. M.,  
R. H. Conley, Secy.



Hotel Serra,  
Monterey,  
Sep. 15 '36

Dear Amy; <sup>Laugress</sup>

Xmas is coming & you  
were to send me the address where you  
& Will obtain ~~get~~ those fine cards like the  
charming "etching," etchings you sent me. The  
last you sent has always been on my wall &  
is still there. Only it is not an etching. I  
never was sure of it so I asked a young  
Italian artist then in the house & who did  
much work in prints. He said No, & was  
some uncertain as to its nature. He then went  
on to tell how all prints ~~cd.~~ be told, just  
what I wanted, but was so diffident in his  
English that I understood little few of the  
words he used & out of politeness did not  
ask him to repeat as I had done that so  
often. To continue with his career; he is  
a decorative artist, designer, & was here to

decorate the walls of a new theatre in Car-  
mel. That work has won praise but none of  
his wall ~~work~~ have I seen. His studies real-  
ly gave me ~~higher~~ a higher conception of  
the ~~con~~ designer. Work increased & he was, I  
suppose, wallowing in wealth.\* He celebrated in  
the only way known this jay age; got a big  
car & took five "friends" joy riding. The car  
rolled over killing one passenger & severely in-  
juring two white he was clapped in jail under  
\$5000 bail. Assuming his guilt I was much de-  
pressed over the career wh. might never be re-  
sumed. For a long time nothing was heard &  
then he was freed for lack of evidence.

We have some relatives now in Hawaii.  
Do you know who Grivy Jewett is - daughter,  
Charlotte, of Grace J., now living in Norfolk, Va.  
& with the name Cook. Her daughter married a  
professor of unpronounceable name & is living in  
Honolulu where he does work for the Army.  
A boy baby has appeared & next summer  
mother & son will visit home & us. The next  
of Grivy's 5 children deserves more than a  
\*Think of it, an artist, a young one!



August 24 1939

Dear Bert:

*Smith*  
Do you know anyone who would be interested in an investment in a gold mining-milling operation or someone who could contact a group of investors? We own the machinery for a 40-50 ton oil-flotation mill. We have a good ore property and mill site. We now need funds for erection of machinery, including mill tests, and operating capital for 30-60 days. The minimum would be \$ 5000.00 and the most we would accept would be \$ 10,000.00

The funds invested for mill operation will be held in escrow in the bank and if mill construction were not undertaken would be returned to the investor. In other words we would not take an investors money say \$1,000 or so and then if we did not raise enough to assure completion of the mill spend that money on other mine expense.

Property is situated in Plumas County in the heart of an old proven and present operating district. It is quatrz of good mill value favorably situated for a very economical operation and continuous the year round.

So far our group has been confined to local friends in whom we have confidence and we do not want to take in a sharp shooter or a control grabber. With such a small group we have about reached the limit of our own investment and the ~~present~~ <sup>amount</sup> is not big enough to go on the market for capital or to interest a big investor. The heaviest stockholders at present are F.L. Walker, Dr. Davis, George Peltier, Guy Porter ( Susanville) Vern Ricketts and myself.

amount  
we now  
need

If someone could get together a group who can put up say \$ 5000.00 immediately we will pay a reasonable commission. We are incorporated in Nevada and while we have operating permits for California actual stock transfers would go through our Nevada agent without any commission to him.

We will have to know early in September if funds are available as we must start construction at once. Property and accounts are open for inspection. If you or anyone are interested complete detail information will be forwarded at once.

Can you let me know at once if you have any recommendations to make?

With best regards,

Yours,

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August 30, 1939

Mr. W. B. Laughead  
P.O. Box 1203  
Westwood, California

Dear Bill :

I expect to be in Westwood sometime during the coming week, and will be glad to take up the mining proposition with you at that time. In the meantime I will throw out some lines and see if I can interest anyone in your proposition.

Very sincerely yours,

BMS F

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Mr. W.L.Laughead,  
1214 Pardee Avenue,  
Susanville, California.

Dear Bill:

Thanks for your postal telling us of your paintings on display. I went down to the Shell Oil for a look see and was delighted. They had five on display, the snow tractor which was great, The trees were wonderful, the light was a marvel. One lady near me remarked to another lady with her, "Just look at those squirrels they look so life like. You'd expect them to just jump off the tree." They raved over the whole collection. I next took some of the boys over and they were loud in their praises.

I then took Judy down and how happy she was about it. She was particularly thrilled with the one loaned by D.C.Taylor. Is that Don?. We stood there for quite a while listening to the remarks of window shoppers. Everyone seemed genuinely pleased with them. They looked so real and natural.

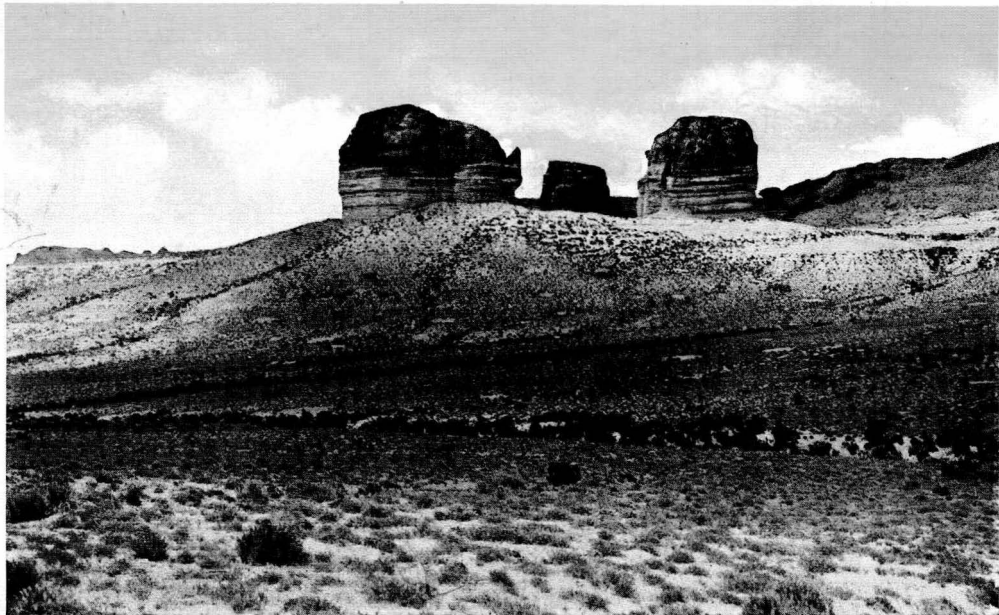
Judy did not want to come away but wanted to stay and listen to the comments. She said write Bill and tell him how we enjoyed the paintings and the rest of the people.

Thanks again Bill for letting us know and with best to you from  
Judy and myself,

As always,

*Pat*

Pat. O'Dea,



TEAKETTLE ROCK, GREEN RIVER, WYO.



Teakettle Rock and other weird erosional statuary along the Overland Route in Wyoming, furnish many train window delights.

Dear Uncle B.  
Sorry to have missed  
you Sunday  
enjoying trip.  
lots of travelers  
out to see you & your  
mother

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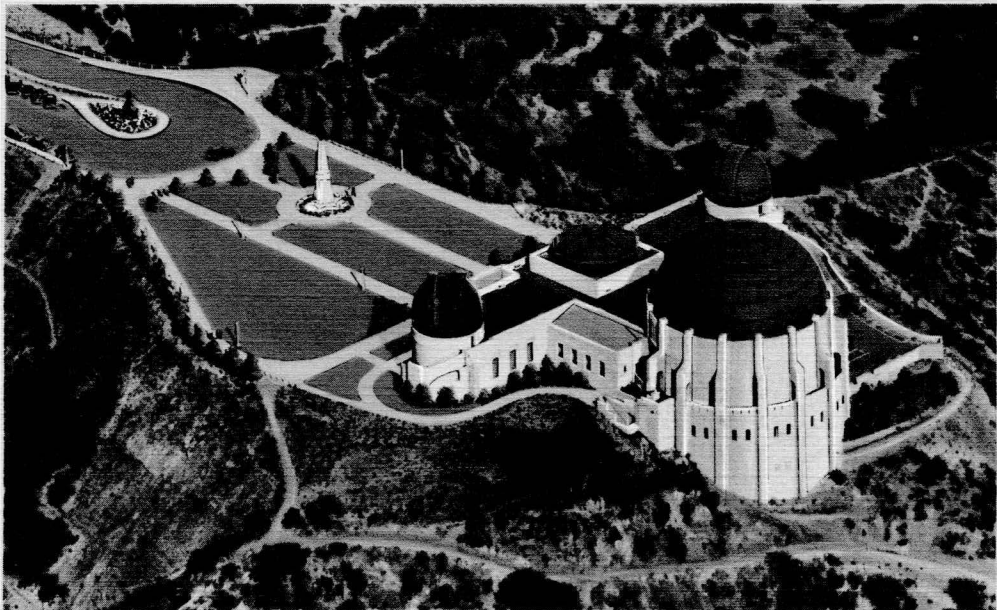
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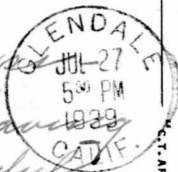
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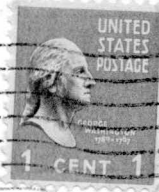
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Dear. Gump  
I am having  
a wonderful  
time going  
every where &  
doing every  
thing will  
be home soon.  
Love  
Dorothy.

Mr. W. B. Langhead  
Box 1203  
Westwood  
California  
Lassen County

Dear Gumps -

We would like to have you eat Christmas dinner with us. If you can come plan to spend the day here. Can't tell now just what time we will eat - but probably

4:30. Love from us all

Dec 4 1927

Eleanor



*W. B. Langford*

Eleven years ago, in London, I called on a pleasant-faced, cordial Scot in a frock coat. John Buchan was then a famous author and book publisher. He was not yet Lord Tweedsmuir, nor had he been made Governor-General of Canada.

That was during the summer of 1926. London seethed with indignation against the blood-sucking Americans who had had the temerity to expect the war debts to be paid. The newspapers were full of cracks against "Uncle Shylock." President Coolidge was openly ridiculed as a cautious, calculating old maid, afraid of accepting any degree of world responsibility. On the stage and in the streets, Americans were the butt of every sort of slur. They were crass, vulgar, ignorant, selfish, money-grabbing.

To a young man of 28 -- who believed (perhaps naively) in an ultimate brother-hood of nations and who, moreover, had felt that America's settlement of the war debt question was if anything generous and forbearing -- all this vicious anti-Americanism came as a rude shock. I asked Buchan why the British disliked Americans so thoroughly. He smiled.

"We like Americans," he answered. "It is American we dislike." His explanation, as I recall it, was that Americans as people were a good lot. But rolled into a nation they were too assertive, too self-assured, too hundred-per-centy, too money-worshipping, too lacking in culture and breeding, and so on.

My recent six weeks in the British Isles are still very green in my memory. The recollection of them still makes my hackles rise with irritation. I feel that I am ready to reverse John Buchan's statement to me. I like the British, but I do not like Great Britain.

Most of the British I met were worthwhile people. They are, compared to Americans, a slow-witted race. Like Americans, they are surprisingly ignorant both of the doings of their government and of foreign affairs. Like Americans, they are inclined to be both honest and friendly. Their adherence to cut and dried customs -- customs they don't know the origin or meaning of -- to an American seems a bit amusing. As human beings, however, they're good specimens. It's not hard to like the British, as individuals. But when they're plastered together into that aggregate known as Great Britain they're far less attractive, if not at times offensive. They acquire a smugness, a self-righteousness, a sort of blind imperialism, a total lack of humor regarding themselves, a condescension toward others. They become Kipling Englishmen, than which there is nothing worse. In short, they're splendid company until a glimpse of the Union Jack reminds them that they are the Chosen People. Then they're insufferable.

It is not my object, in this letter, to attempt a comprehensive picture of the British or of Great Britain. I'm merely relieving myself of what has been a decided overdose of British smugness. I'm nauseated with Professional Britishism as I've collided with it on the streets, in newspapers, over the air, and in the numerous British-written travel books which always manage to exalt the Englishman and disparage the American.

Specifically, I wish to examine critically several propositions that I ran across most frequently in Great Britain. They are cornerstones of British smugness, and -- amazingly -- are rather generally believed. The first is that the size and relative prosperity of the British Empire are due to the innate superiority implicit in the British race and stock -- that the British are the world's best breed of people. I wish I had a dollar for each time I encountered this naive belief. Does it stand analysis? (Being myself French, British and German I win -- and lose -- whatever may be the answer to this question.)

It seems to be impossible to conclude that there is any copyrighted, exclusive virtue in the British breed as such. It is a blend of Celt, Northman, Roman, Teuton, Norman French. These bloods are found in other peoples. Indeed, from an ethnological standpoint it might be hard to prove that the British stock is equal to that of some others -- the Scandinavian, for instance.

If the British breed is not the best on earth, why then does Britain rank first in Empire area and second only to the United States in Wealth? The answer, I believe, can be summed up in a single word -- Geography. I believe that if, centuries ago, the British and Germans had been transposed, or the British and Dutch, or the British and French, whoever occupied the British Isles would have developed approximately as England has. And England, faced with Continental handicaps, might today be a Belgium or a Denmark. Let us see how the British Empire developed.

The Norman Conquest gave England a stake in French Territory. For four centuries England struggled to build a Continental Empire. Her abandonment of this objective was not due to British wisdom but to the power of French arms. In the long struggle over French territory, the British won the biggest battles and got the best publicity. But the French won the wars. From their extensive holdings of half of France the British were finally driven out of all but the seaport of Calais. And presently a French army took that last stronghold away from them.

The first important step in the building of the Empire was Britain's learning to turn her eyes away from Europe and across the seas. Did she master this lesson by foresight or perspicacity or superior wisdom? Hardly. It was pounded into her by French cannon. She turned away from Europe because she was not strong enough to carve an Empire there.

Evidently, then, if England was to build an Empire, she must do it overseas. To discover explore and claim other lands requires ships. Here again Geography smiled on Britain. Her very position, surrounded by water, made it necessary for her to be a mercantile power. She was given Europe's best location and incentive, as far as being a seafaring nation is concerned. Sea eminence was thrust upon her.

Again, to safeguard an Empire required that England be a strong nation. Here Geography granted her the greatest boon of all. For up to the era of the airplane, England has been unassailable. She was protected by an effective moat of salt water. Thus she couldn't, even with her fleet beaten (as it often was) be invaded. There wasn't enough available tonnage to permit an enemy to land and supply a big attacking Army. Thus the Dutch fleets that swept the Channel clear of British warships, and the big French fleet that during our Revolutionary War scattered the British ships and actually anchored at Falmouth, could go no farther. There was no way of landing an adequate army. So England -- solely by the intervention of Geography -- was able to develop internally in peace. Bloody wars on her own territory -- the curse of Continental nations -- were spared her. The Thirty Years War wrecked Germany for two centuries. Where would England be, politically and industrially, had a score of armies fought for a generation from one end of her realm to the other? The point I should like you to remember is that it was not British genius, but salt water, that let England wax prosperous while her stronger rivals were prone and bleeding.

Still another factor, important in the building of an overseas empire. At no time in history has England been the strongest military power in Europe. But, blessed by Geography, she didn't need to be. Where other nations had to divide their money and energy between two costly arms -- Army and Navy -- England was free to specialize on Navy alone. She was not compelled to spend huge sums on an Army, or to provide against invasion. She alone could devote full attention to a strong Navy. So, there was good reason why her Navy should be the best one.

And so, being an insular power with freedom of the sea, England could develop her policy of playing off one nation against another, of always letting the other fellow do the fighting. For a thousand years France warred against combinations of German kingdoms. Either side, in a military way, was far more powerful than England. But England egged them on, at times subsidized them, and built up a gigantic empire while they were hacking away at each other. England's policy was to remain aloof and uninjured, perhaps coming in at the very end for the coup de grace. England generally managed to reach the last battlefield in time to get her picture taken. (In the World War we usurped the traditional place of England. We arrived too late to suffer severely, yet early enough to participate in the final blow. We marched in the Victory Parade and took our bows with the rest. In other words, we filled the role that England usually occupies. Is that why America's part in the World War usually is a red flag to the English bull?)

For example, let us consider the struggle with Napoleon. Every British schoolboy will tell you that England beat Napoleon; that the battle of Waterloo was won on the playing fields of Eton and so ad anuseam. Yet England's part in the defeat of Napoleon was something like that of the United States in the recent defeat of Germany. We were one of the victors, but certainly not the principal one.

England was supreme on the sea; Napoleon's chief problem was not marine, but on land. He must watch Spain, Portugal, Russia, Sweden, Belgium, Holland, Prussia, Austria, Russia. So England patrolled the sea, subsidized the Continent, maintained just a handful of troops, watched the Continent embroiled for two decades. Finally the Russian campaign destroyed the trained framework of Napoleon's armies. There was no replacing it. The battle of Leipzig (at which England was not present) sent him to Elba. During the Hundred Days he was able to assemble some fragments of his former armies, but they scarcely deserved the adjective "Napoleonic".

Yet, as I say, Great Britain really believes she beat Napoleon. It is true that she protected herself by great sea victories; Napoleon could never invade and destroy her. But on the other hand, Great Britain could never in a thousand years have done any harm to Napoleon. Great Britain never put more than 30,000 men in the field against Napoleon. Such a number, on a Napoleonic battlefield, would have been laughably small. Of the two armies that smashed and routed the French at Waterloo the British constituted about one fourth.

The Continent, as a result of the Napoleonic Wars, almost bled to death. England emerged from them without a foot of her homeland ravaged, with her manhood scarcely scratched with her potential enemies greatly weakened, and with a good chunk of French ~~coneline~~ colonies. Yet England tells how she beat Napoleon. In another fifty years she will also tell how she beat Germany in the last war. Still, like Napoleon, the Kaiser had behind him a nation infinitely stronger than Britain alone.

Geographically sheltered, England was free to make the most of the Industrial Revolution. However, she had what is needed for manufacturing growth -- proximity of iron and coal. She got a big head start in industry -- a head start so great that it took the better of a century for the United States, Germany and Japan to surpass her technically.

So much for the first point.

This letter is getting much too long. But there are two more Britishisms that I wish to consider briefly.

How many times I was told, in six weeks, that England is the best of all possible countries for the common man! But is it? In my opinion, ~~decidedly-not~~. decidedly not.



The general attitude is all wrong. "We intend to keep the common people in their place," said a British attorney to me. I found that England's economic rulers agree with him. In England a very few get all the money. The rest can't even afford a telephone. The mal-distribution of national income is perfectly shocking. The average industrial wage in England is \$10.50 a week. That's for men of some skill -- heads of families. Maids get about \$200 a year, farm laborers about \$8 a month, and so on.

But the cost of living is lower, you say? I doubt it, unless you don't intend to compare real wages, which have to do with buying power. I talked with a man who had raised six children. He was a railway clerk. He told me, glowingly, how low rentals were, and how well he had been able to house his family on about \$3 a week. I discovered that the quarters he was bragging about consisted of a 30-year-old house with four suitcase sized rooms, and no bath at all. So it goes. American rents would be low, too, if we aren't particular about light, ventilation, and plumbing.

Clothes are cheaper in Great Britain. But manufactured articles of the same quality as ours are as high or higher than in American. Railway travel is higher. Quality considered, hotels seemed about one-third higher. Groceries are decidedly higher, which isn't surprising when you consider that England must import almost everything. In two side by side store windows we counted some 17 articles of food which America produces abundantly but which England must bring in from every corner of the world. Butter from New Zealand, for example. Oranges from South Africa. Meats from Australia...So, if you plan to live in England, don't expect your \$10.50 to go too far.

The plight of the middle class man is if anything less palatable. He may make \$15 or \$20 a week, but that disappears quickly, what with the necessity of keeping his white collar white, and all. His opportunities are small; his raises infrequent; promotion, usually, depends on how soon the man higher up gets ready to die. Most of the people we saw in London looked definitely undernourished. Nine out of ten had bad teeth -- the result of inadequate or badly balanced diet.

The attitude of those in authority is well illustrated by the actions of a beneficent judge who fined and severely censured a man who had, apparently, become discouraged because his \$15 a week salary didn't adequately supply his wife, himself and their six children. The judge lectured him savagely. According to His Honor, \$15 a week is, for a family of eight, almost princely. As I read about it, I recalled that I'd just bought a pair of British shoes for \$15, and that I was paying \$8 for my hotel room -- a room that in New York would have cost me not over \$6. Imagine a country that not only accepts, but is satisfied with a \$15 budget for eight people. That's 25¢ a day apiece.

You hear often, from well dressed, plumpish English people, that the dole encourages idleness. Yet when you ask them to tell you just how a family can live on it, they get a bit embarrassed. The allowance for an extra child, for example, is 50¢ a week. Fifty cents a week, in a land where milk and eggs cost more than in America! It possibly is true that many Englishmen, on the dole, have found their pittance preferable to going back to work. If so, I wonder if the fault isn't that the British wage is on a bare subsistence level? The dole could scarcely be less than it is without starving its recipient. Hence, with dole and daily wage almost at a parity, how can you blame an underfed workman for taking advantage of the situation. He gets a shabby deal either way. It seems to me that an American on relief is better off than an Englishman with a full-time job. And I'm not eager to change this condition. I'm all for it.

Right now, day and night work on rearmament has cut British unemployment to about a million and a half. When the billions for rearmament are gone, what then? It's a question that is worrying England a great deal. England's present "Prosperity" is of exactly the same nature as that of our own FWA. It will last as long as the government keeps spending.



Now, briefly, my third point. Every Englishman believes that British foreign policy is honest and sporting -- better than the foreign policies of its neighbors. Of all the Britishisms, this one irritates me the most. I believe that Britain's foreign policy is opportunistic, unsporting, unscrupulous, utterly selfish. For example, consider England's wars. "Holy and righteous", say the professional Englishmen.

But, miraculously, England generally picks out her chief rival in Europe, and then yells loudly for lots of help. In other words, any Power who becomes the strongest in Europe automatically becomes the enemy of honesty, truth and -- England. For many centuries it was France. In the name of righteousness England fought Napoleon, and helped herself liberally to French colonies after he was beaten. She acquiesced in the shameful partition of Poland, which Napoleon wished to keep free. Napoleon had freed Yugoslavia; England let the Balkans go back to serfdom. The Holy Alliance, with which England and other great powers sealed the defeat of Napoleon, still smells to high heaven.

England repeatedly fought on the side of Turkey, and helped maintain her cruel oppression of the Balkan peoples, solely to keep Russia from getting an unobstructed seaport. She fought the Opium War to make China buy opium, China having sought to curb the use of the drug within her own borders. She forced her profitable slave trade on her American colonies, long after they wished to check it. Britain's inept, vacillating, unscrupulous foreign policy extends right up to the present. Had Germany known that England would fight there would have been no World War. But England's precise attitude, in 1914 as in 1937, is difficult to foresee. . . England's handling of the Abyssinian affair is a wretched blot on her diplomatic escutcheon. . . England refused to back the United States up -- in a strong attitude against Japan when Japan invaded Shanghai in 1932. There is no question but that England preferred to take her chances unilaterally -- she hoped to split China into two spheres of influence. This would have sacrificed China; it would have negated the policies of the League of Nations which England supports; it would have left the United States out on a limb. Now, her blundering weakness has come home to roost. The Japanese have double crossed her as she double crossed China. So Great Britain is assiduously courting the United States and the United States Navy.

The inconsistency and opportunism of the British foreign policy is nowhere better shown than in the post-War attitude toward France. After the War England demobilized. There were no jobs for her ex-soldiers so she had to institute the dole. France, meanwhile, did not demobilize and hence escaped the unemployment problem. But that meant that France was the strongest military power in Europe. At once the British attitude toward France became critical and resentful. "The Germans are our natural allies." . . . "France needs a good licking." --- You recall that was said . . . Then Germany began scraping the Versailles Treaty. She flaunted England as well as France. She grew much stronger, in a military way, than England. Then England changed her tune; courted France; voted billions for armament; announced in honeyed tones that England's frontier was the Rhine. France hadn't changed. Only England had right-about-faced, as she realized that Germany, not France, was again the most powerful.

If Italy wants to take Abyssinia, thereby endangering England's supremacy in the Mediterranean and her communication with India, France is a poltroon not to join her in threats against Mussolini. But if Germany occupies the Rhineland in specific violation of treaty, and France wants English support, then France is hysterical and England is preventing another war. . . In all the Abyssinia hubbub, it was always "France won't join us -- America won't go in on sanctions." For the great British Empire to fight Italy alone didn't occur to anyone. To do the fighting themselves would be too un-British.

It's quitting time. Let me make it plain that, in rebutting some of the more bombastic claims of British I've met, I am not arguing that America or other nations are perfect. I am not comparing Great Britain with other nations. I wish only to refute three statements that were very often thrust at me and that I believe are untrue.