

August 29, 1985

Dear Phyll and Ross,

It was difficult reading the postmark but we believe we have you folks to thank for the lovely poster of Australian parrots, etc. It is just beautiful and we are very happy to have it to show when Maurice speaks on our trip.

Our slides came out great and we have divided them into two carousels dealing with New Zealand and Australia and one carousel of Athens and Rome. Even the four slides of the koala bears look good. We thought we might have to tell people that the little black spot was a koala bear but they show up very well. One of our prize pictures is of us on the same camel at a farm between Alice Springs and Ayers Rock. I never realized what huge beasts they are.

Since we arrived home on June 5th, we have managed to get some more traveling in. Maurice was two students short of having enough to teach this summer so we've had a bonus of some extra free time. We spent most of a week in New York state--Hyde Park, West Point, Corning Glass, Finger Lakes, etc. before spending a weekend with Alan and his family in Burlington, VT. This last week and a half we spent in Nova Scotia visiting friends and then went around the Gaspé Peninsula. Beautiful scenery.

Now M. is getting ready to teach a course in Nurses' Chemistry, starting next Tues. He'll have 50 students so it's back in the harness again. He likes to do it and it's good for him to keep his hand in.

We wrote last week that Ross is in the hospital. We sure hope he is home by now and OK. We often speak of the good times we had with you folks. We also remember the raucous noise the cockatoos made that morning. We also enjoyed our visit with Mike in Bathurst. Didn't see too much of Janet because she was going your way but Mike was a very genial host and went out of his way to entertain us--even cooked dinner for us!

As you might imagine, we were very thankful to arrive home safely. Just two weeks before that hijacking, we were on the same TWA flight from Athens to Rome. I have already told Maurice that I'm going to stay on the ground for a long time. Which reminds me--we have sold our 1981 Escort and bought a very pretty red (I picked out the color!) Ford Tempo. It's heavier than the Escort and has air conditioning. We plan to spend a couple of months next winter in the southern part of the U.S. Thought we'd meander down toward Tennessee where my brother lives, visit friends here and there and end up wandering around in Texas, Oklahoma and New Mexico. The children will be happier this time because we can call home every week.

I'm going to leave the rest of the paper for Maurice. Thank you again for the poster. We will treasure it.

*Greetings! Yesterday the last two large envelopes of materials sent to ourselves by surface mail in May arrived. We sent a one quart plastic jug of maple syrup*

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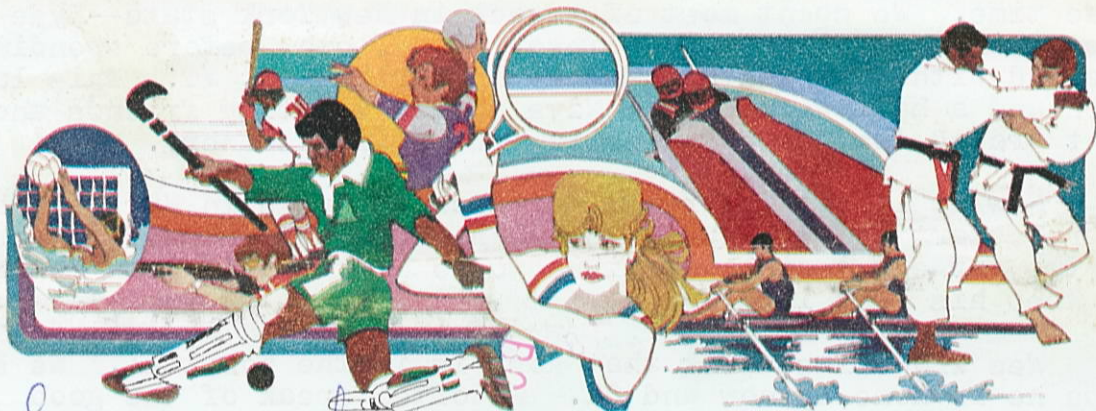
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to you about the middle of June. I tried to find out from the postal authorities in Portland if a metal can was a superior container. Non-committal, "6 of one or half dozen of the other."

Gardens in southern Maine have not done well this summer. We had the driest July in 35 years. Most of the lawns turned brown. We have a semi-dwarf plum tree that did very well about 35 lbs. of plums.

I will try to get a Colby Catalog + a Univ. of Southern Maine one off next week; some reading for Ross. Love + best wishes  
Maurice + Doris

11 Lincoln Street  
Gorham, ME 04038  
October 15, 1986

Dear Phyll and Ross,

We enjoyed your letter so much. Time seems to have a way of flying by. That really isn't much of an excuse for not writing, is it?

It was great to see Wes and Beth again and we're looking forward to seeing them again sometime in Nov. We've also had visits from my younger brother and his wife and a couple of weeks ago Harvey and Fran Steere visited from R.I. We went to an agricultural fair with Harvey and Fran but it turned out to be too much honky-tonky and too little agriculture to suit us!

Maurice is teaching his one course this semester as usual. I hear mutterings that this will probably be his last semester of teaching--just maybe a summer session now and then. It gets to be a chore after awhile and the students don't seem to be getting any smarter! Next summer we hope to be in Alaska and that will be a good change from teaching. We haven't had time to do too much planning as yet but we're thinking of flying to Seattle or Vancouver and then taking a cruise ship up the coast. We don't want to go with a tour group because we like to go our own way and not have someone telling us what to do! We may take a series of ferries on the way home. They go thru the channels and nearer land than the ship does. It's fun planning.

We will be leaving for Florida on Feb. 1st and plan to be gone just about one month. We had planned to stay home this winter and write the second book that M. wants to write but Mary Beth (our youngest) has been living in Orlando, Florida ever since last spring and she plans to be married on Feb. 14th. She is the nurse in our family and had no problem finding a good position down there. On our way down, we'll spend a couple of days with our oldest son, Alan who moved his family to Raleigh, N.C. last summer to get out of the long cold winters in Burlington, VT. He is in financial planning and so had no trouble finding his niche down there. Also in Florida is our oldest granddaughter, Diana, who is a freshman in college there. It's a long way from Maine but she loves it--especially the weather!

We enjoyed our trip thru Oklahoma, Texas, etc. last winter but arrived back in Maine a little earlier than we expected to. The Texas cities were unbelievably huge with the main street in Houston over 34 miles long! That was too much for two people right from the wilds of Maine! It was beautiful country, tho, and we particularly enjoyed Galveston and Corpus Christi.

*My secretary is more efficient than I am. Ten days have elapsed since she started this letter. Wes + Beth will arrive here Nov. 3. We have had several heavy frosts; most of the leaves are off the trees. Gardens did not do very well this year. July broke a 93 year record for lack of sunshine in the Portland area. June, July, + August had the lowest ave. temp. in 46 years. Oct. 23 was the 39th anniversary of my folks being buried out in Newfield. Love + best wishes, Don + Ann*



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View of the Group VI building which houses the College of Visual and Performing Arts with its painting, sculpture, and ceramic studios, music rooms, art gallery, and recital hall.

**SOUTHEASTERN MASSACHUSETTS UNIVERSITY**  
North Dartmouth, Massachusetts 02747

We attended a Summer Conf. of New England Chemistry Teachers (in) several years ago.

Dear Phyll + Rex,

We were glad to get your greetings + newsletter.

My father, born in 1881, never told me anything about Grandma driving a bullock wagon. He had several stories about her skill as

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a "housewifery" riding side-saddle, etc. He did mention about his older brother driving the bullock wagon loaded with bales of wool. Best wishes,

Maurice + Doris

Photo courtesy of Professor Theodore P. Mead of the College of Fine and Applied Arts, 66684-D

Jan. 2, '91

(continued from card)

Recently our Methodist minister, Rev. Richard Hamilton, told us about arriving in Maine from Boston University School of Theology in 1958. The first thing he had to do was borrow money to buy a 2<sup>nd</sup> hand (used) car in order to get around his first parish.

I told him my father arrived in Maine from Boston University School of Theology in 1914 and the first thing he had to do was buy a horse and buggy (a light weight, 1-seat, 4-wheel carriage). Later in the year he had to buy a sleigh for use in winter plus a big fur coat made out of some kind of Russian dog fur and a thick black buffalo robe.

He bought his first car in 1917. It was a 2<sup>nd</sup> hand 1914 Model T Ford. He was the minister in Harmony, ME, at that time. He kept a horse and sleigh for winter use until the spring of 1919. After that he rented a horse and sleigh when + if he needed one. After 1925 or 26, most towns started plowing the roads in winter. I never remember seeing my father driving a horse.

Love,  
M + D

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P.E.I. 3 July 1996: I hope your Northern expedition went well and that you are now happily ensconced in your old Winter nest

The N. Scotia - New Brunswick - P.E.I. tour ends in two days (I then transfer to the Whitts.) This tour short on scenery and sights (Anne of Green Gables country) but the hotels have been luxurious and the food splendid - much to my liking, I need hardly say. Already 3 lobster dinners. But, fun though it has been, I am looking forward to putting my feet up with the Whitts.

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Greetings!

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We were glad to hear that you had a Whitten family reunion recently. That is great!

We were delighted to have Wes + Beth visit us the latter part of June. We were sorry that they couldn't stay longer!

June 1<sup>st</sup> we attended the wedding of a grand-daughter in Boxboro, Mass. She graduated from the Univ. of Conn. with a degree in Actuarial science. She is employed by a large insurance company in Hartford.

We drove through the Mid-West and visit one son, Ronald, in Appleton, Wis. He has a Ph. D. in pulp + paper technology. He

is sent to various paper mills east of the Miss. River and to several mills in Ontario + Quebec provinces as a trouble shooter.

Then we visited son, Stephen + family, in Lake Zurich Ill. He has an M.B.A. from Indiana Univ. His office is on the 13<sup>th</sup> floor of the Sears Tower in Chicago.

Best Wishes for a  
Happy Holiday Season.

Love and Best wishes, Marnie + Doris

In July we flew to Deer Lake in Newfoundland, rented a car and toured for a week. Spent last 2 days in St. John's (pop. 45,000). Beautiful country! We were too



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late to see the icebergs. Gander Airport was impressive!!  
When it was completed in 1938, its runways were  
wider than most of the world's major airports here long.

In August, Doris & I were guests of honor at Wilton Academy's  
class of 1946 Reunion. *The first student that I taught after  
graduating from Colby  
in 1945.*

The sender of this card is a friend  
and supporter of Project Hope -  
helping people to help themselves  
around the world.

We leave for St. Petersburg, Florida, Dec. 26<sup>th</sup> It is 1600 miles  
south of Gorham. We will return in April  
Hope you are keeping "healthy, wealthy & wise".

Helping People Help Themselves



M.T.D.

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Greetings!

12-06-97

The pictures the past week on TV of the terrible forest fires in NSW remind me of the fires of October 1947 which burned out the town of Newfield. My folks lost everything except their car, some clothes and a few things they could put in the car. At that time there were 88 fires burning out of control in Maine.

In July we took a 10-day trip in Canada, the Gaspé Peninsula, then Chicoutimi, St. Felicien, Trois-Rivieres, etc.

We are planning for May a 1-week in the Netherlands and 1-week in Switzerland.

Doris's children gave us an "early Christmas" present in late August of a Compaq Presario V410 computer

*Wishing you every happiness  
through this Holiday Season and  
the coming year*

Love and Best wishes  
Maurice + Doris

with a Canon Printer. Have contacted Wes once.

I was called for Cumberland County Superior

Court jury duty for October. Served on 1 civil and 2 criminal cases. Interesting but time consuming.

Nov. 4, Doris had a cataract operation on her left eye. The surgeon's father did her right eye in Jan. 1988. Now the incision is 2.07mm. Cataract is removed by suction. No stitches. Very rapid recovery.

Winter came early this year, two Finnish snow storms in mid-November. Nov. 16, we had 14 inches on the ground. Had to have roofs shoveled off yesterday. We leave for St. Petersburg, FL on Dec. 26.

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Ross, you might be interested in the following.

President Gee of Ohio State University resigned last summer to become President of Brown University in Providence.

Ohio State was the first Univ. in U.S. to have a budget of over \$1 billion. It is the largest Univ. in U.S., over 55,000 students on the Columbus campus.

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For the past 5 or 6 years, three out of the top 25 liberal arts colleges in the U.S. are located in Maine; Bates, Bowdoin, and Colby. It now costs about \$29,000 a year to go to Colby. University of Southern Maine now has about 55 more students than the Univ. of Maine at Orono. The University of Maine System is suffering. The Legislature has not increased funding since 1991.

Greetings!

Dec. 2

We are having our 1st snow storm of the season a mixture of sleet + snow at 19°F. About 5 inches and still coming!

I was delighted + surprised to get the card from you for my birthday!

We had a great visit with Mel + Beth in Nova Scotia in Oct. We were glad to see Jane + to meet her family. We observed Canadian Thanksgiving there on Oct. 14 + U.S. here on Nov. 28.

We had a nice trip last summer down across Canada to Vancouver + Victoria. On the way dipped down to N.W. Montana to take in Glacier National Park, over 60 glaciers. We came home thru the U.S. stopping at Crater Lake, Craters of the Moon, Yellowstone, + Theodore Roosevelt Park where we saw 3 herds of bison (Kron). Some were within 2 feet of our car.



Joy to you at Christmas,  
and blessings all year long.

Donis has been making cinnamon bread and just finished a batch of cherry divinity fudge for Christmas. She has also bought many pairs of mittens for poor children in Gorham + Portland.

We hope to help you healwise.

We plan to stay home this winter instead of going south.

Love + Best Wishes,  
Maurice + Dore

We were glad to have a phone call recently from Wes & Beth in N.S. We have had a busy year. Went to my 50<sup>th</sup> Reunion at Colby College in June.

July 1<sup>st</sup> a granddaughter got married. The first of that generation. She is a registered nurse.

We went on an 18-day tour of Denmark, Norway, Sweden, & Finland. Our guide was fantastic, a German prof. of psychology at Univ. of Heidelberg. Had lived in U.S. 3 years.

This summer will go on a short tour of Newfoundland.

We leave for St. Petersburg, Florida Dec. 26<sup>th</sup>. Wish we were there now. Got 6-7 inches of snow & sleet today. We hope you are both keeping well!

Warmly wishing you  
a season of beauty,  
a season of joy.

Love & Best wishes  
Maurice & Doris

Academic Trivia: Ohio State University recently gave its president a 31% raise. His salary now is \$230,000. They have 56,000 students at Columbus.