Greetings;

It is about time I am getting down to business and write to you, but gosh I just can't get the ambition to do anything but this time will try to get something off that looks like a letter, seeint that my running around is about over and I have something else to talk about, so will try to get you cought up with the activities this last couple of weeks.

Think I told you about our rehearsals for over a month for the big event, whish was the International Sq uare Dance Festival in Chicago. Most of the gang got on in the District, but about 8 of us got on in Silver Spring, Gus picked up Lee, then came to pick me up, we had a little time on our hands so went to our fameous ice cream parler and had some desert, and met another cou le there doing the same, then while we were walking over to the station we heard the train whistle, and ran, only to find that it wasn't our train, but the all pulman train that is five minutes before the Columbian, well we met the rest of the gang, and finally got on the right train, we had a private coach to ou selfes as we had about 36 going by train, more were driving and a couple was going to fly, the B&O had a representative on the train to see that everything was all right with us, and we were comfortable, then they got off in Martinsburg, the trip down was a lot of fun, of course everybody was all through the train, including the club car, observation and strata domw car, but mostly in our coach with a lot of talking and singing, and of course a couple games of bridge and Canasta, which went on into the wee hours of the morning, and we finally settled down to get some sleep about 2 A.M.

Arrived in Chi. about 8, and had to rush to check into the Sherman Hotel which was our headquarters, then had to be at the 8th St. thretre at 9, it was an interesting meeting, but some of the girls wanted to get insome shopping also some of the fellows was getting hungry, including yours truly, so we left about 11, had dinner and walked up Michigan Blvd. did get some shopping in but kept most of it until we went to Marshall Fields, as you know that is a must to shop in that store when you visit the windy City. then back to the Hotel to get cleaned up and be at the statium at 2;30 for rehearsal, they expected a larg crowd and wanted everybody where to sit, and where to stand for the mass dancing, also some of the groups had time to do a little rehearsing, well we got away about 5;30 and only had two hours to eat and change to out Western cloths and back to the statium, thought we look something special, but found out that the rest of the dancers looked just as good, all our girls had dresses made of the same material and patern, but each set or maybe I should say the four girls in each set had the same color, one had light blue, green, pink, and yellow, all the dresses was a very full skirt of the same patern, and they realy looked like a millionrbucks, the fellows had westers shirts of black and gray, and of course had a lot of embroidery and various colored stones on the shirt, they belonged to the Recreation Dep't, bought for the occasion, also the dresses was made by them too. Ration station WLS was in charge and even though it was on a large scale, they worked it by the split second, it started right on the dot of 7;30 and just when the hands stopped on midnight the master of cremony said good night, it realy was a wonderful sight, and wished I was one of the spectators instead of participating in it, as it must of looked wonderful to see over 900 dancers on the floor at one time and all doing the dame dance, plus all the exibition dancing, they had over 19.000 paid admission to see the show. a lot of the states brought people along in costume that didn't take part in the exibition dancing but was in on the mass dancing.

The Festival got through at midnight and it was about 12;30 when we got out, you couldn't get a cab, so we took a street car, which wasn't too bad, as you know the statium is located on Madison St. and we only had a block to wal walk when we got off to go to the hotel, well we took our coats to our rooms then went down to the College Inn for some fum, had a couple of dr nks, but the floor was too crowded to dance, so didn't stay long, then we started to look around for another place, one of the fellows spotted the Music Box, so we went there, it was just a hole in the wall and the music was furnished by a juke box, and all jitterbug dancing, some of the gang danced, but after two drinks we decided to move on then went to a Ukrainian night club, most of the gang went there first, but our crowd couldn't do the Folk dancing, so we tried to find a good american d nce, but couldn't so we went there, the place sure was full, you couldn't even breathe deply, when they saw us, they insisted on a dance, so one of the girls from California called and we did a fast and furious dance for them, know the rest of the gang that was there earlier did the same, anyway, we had a great time, the music was super, two violins, three guitars, I mandalin, and a base violin. and all good singers, of course in Ukrainian, but even then we tried to sing with them, the floor was so crowded you culdn't even dance, but the crowd tried just the same, well, to make the long story short, Lee and I ducked out at 3;20 and made a mad dash to St. Pst's Church for 3;30 Mass, then something to eat and bac to the hotel for some shut eye.

Was called at 11 A.M. and got up at 11;30, as had promised a cousin to drop in and see them while in town, so after checking the suitcase at the depot, went out to see them, you know them the Nagles, think I told you that some time ago she developed Multiple Neurosis and is paralysed from the shouldfers down, we had a nice vist and also a good meal, then they drove me to the depot and at 4 P.M. we said good by to Chi, and headed East, the crowd wasn't so peppy on the way back, mostly talking and when 9 P.M. came along most of them was willing to call it quits and get some dleep, and arrived in S.S. at 8;20 and to the office, one of my old patients was keeping the phone hot trying to get me, and she knew I was in Chi, and wouldn't be back until 10, and when I did answer it she wanted to ome right away, but told her that the office would be opened at 10 and no earlier, then had a couple of visiters in that morning, so didn't have any time to catch any sleep. Monday night, went to the Sweedish dance club didn't do too much dancing as don't know many of them, but am willing to learn.

Tuesday was sort of busy and didn't go anyplace that evening, also didn't want to take the car out as seeing it was Holoween thought it would be safer to leave it home, instead of going into the District, but Wednesday was talked into going to a Holoween party at the Walsh Club, on Wed. nights they teach modern dancing mostly South American Dancing, so wasn't interested in attending that night, but went to the party and had a good time, they had a lot of Folk dancers there and later on in the evening we did only Folk dancing, and danced until 1 A.M.

Friday night Gus, Alice Edyth and I went to Esther Finkelstein's ap ap't to see her new TV set, and of courst when she wanted to show off the set, it would act up, but it didn't make any difference, as Alice just came back from a three week vacation in Mexico, and Edyth was there last spring, so they kept the floor with checking notes, and all we could see on the TV was silent pictures, until the main show, came on, they showed Moonlight Sanata, it was interesting and two hours long, so didn't get away until after 1 A.M. would like to get a set, but can't see where I can spare that much cash right now.

Saturday, Wally Davis brought Lee to the office where Gus and I was waiting then we went to pick up Helken Bonnell then headed down to the Southern part of Va., to her folks farm for the week end, they just bought the farm about 2 years ago and still havn't fixed it up to be liveable, such as inside plumbing and central heating, they had an old fashioned wood stove in the

kitchen and a fire place in the dining room, it was too warm when we came in, so they left the fire place go out, and aftera wonderful chicken dinner the kitchen stoe was let burn out, then we same and danced Folk and some Square dancing until 2 A.M. we had a great time, but had to figure on some sleep as they only had one Mass in their church which was in another town ab ut 10 miles away, so had to get up early, so at 7 was called and after trying to get out of a nice warm bed into an ice box sure was tough, but finally did, then we had a real old fashion breakfast of wheet cakes and country sausage and corn bread, then on to Church, and talk about a cold reception at church, they couldn't get the heating system working and you know how clammy a church can be when it is cold, we shivvered all through the Mass, had to stand in the sun to get warm, then home for dinner, after dinner some f their friends came in and we danced until 5 then had to head back to home, after we delivered all the folks to their home or car, Gus nd I drove to the office he was going to help me with the records and music, then he saw a show at the theatre across the tree he wanted to see, so we went, it was the Broken Arrow, I saw it before but thought i was so good didn't mind seeing it over, so it was again after midnight before I got to bed.

Last Monday, didn't go to the Sweedish dance as wanted to finish my Christmas shopping, so went downtown to a friends shop, he deals in silver wear and jewlery, so finished all I needed to get, then decided I would go home instead of going to the dance, and did get to bed reasonbly early.

Tuesday got up early and voted, but it didn't do any good as most of the State went Republican, then that evening went to a Folk dance in Chevy Chase, didn t do too much dancing, but enjoyed watching it just the same,

Here I am talking about what I do in this town, and know you are very busy and realy havn't the time to read a lot of rambling, so will cut it short for now, and give you a break, havn't anything to somment about the folks in Buffalo, as havn't received any news in months, even Anna Mae is slow in writing, but she has an excuse, as her unkle is very sick and they are just

waiting for the end to ome, he had about 10 stokes and the only thing that is keeping him alive is his heart, she had to quit her work to help take care of him, would of liked to sopped of on my way bake from Chicago, as the train went through Meceesport Pa. but couldn't affort the time away from the office, know she will be peeved when she hears that I went through her town twice and didn't even stop off for a visit, hope she will understand, that the office has to be kept open if you want to make mything out of it.

Talking about the practice, it has picked up a little the last couple of months and it sure is encourageing to see the ledger in the black for a change thank goodness, some of my old patients are coming back for more tre tments also getting some referred cases, bought myself a new sacles, didn't like the other one at all, also bought a second hand refrigerator and now will be able to have things in it to eat, at times I like to cook something special, but had a job as if I couldn't eat it right away, it ould spoil before I got around to finishing it.

Hope you are all ready for the winter business, as think it should be getting started seeing that the cold weather has decended in the north, know that it has been on the cool side since 1 st week end, and we are promised cooler weather so think the trains south will be full for the next couple of months, that is if you folks are through having the big wind, also hope you are in the pink and can take care of all the business, by the way, know you are happy with the election returns, hope they all do better then the last congress, but am not hoping too much, as don't think they will do anything worth while,

Well Betty, am just about out of gab, and will close for now, can hear you say, "Thank Goodness, now I will be able to do something important" so will just say so long for now,

Always,

James



Greetings;

Received your most welcome letter yesterday, and thought I had better be getting down to business and answering it right away, yes I did receive your last letter, and thought I memtioned it in the last letter, as was glad to hear that you arrived home safely. and knew you would have a lot of talking to do and see that is just what you have been doing, gosh you are luck to have so much to tell, and in years from now you will remember things that you saw that you had forgotten to memtion, the clippings are really wonderful and you may be sure they will be forwarding on to Marg this very day, as know she will be just as interested in hearing about the trip, maybe it will give her an idea of taking a trip herself, as you know she sure needs a change and over there, she won(t have to worry about big winds like you have in the South, hear that one is forming now, hope it will by-pass the continent.

The e isn't much to talk about up here, last Sat, Dave and I left for Harrisburg, arriving at 3 P.M. went to Dr. Rubenstein's home and got cleaned up and talked with his wife for a while then went down to the office and I too had my eyes examined, and will be getting the glasses in about a week, then back to his home and talked until he came home and had dinner, and that evening we went to a movie, agter had something to eat then home and more talk until the wee hours in the morning, then to bed, Sunday, afternoon we took a drive up one of the mountains for the view, then on our way home Ruby showed us their new Synagog (?) had to put on one of their hats to go n, but found it interesting, then home for dinner, and the then we went to Hurshey Pa. with his children, had a nice time but the kids was just too muc for me, the youngest is always whining for everything, and neither of them minds, and I just love that, bur servived it, and the evening we went to another movie, Jimmie Stewart in "The Broken Arrow" was very good, then we had some ice cream and called it a night, then Monday morning we left about 9 for home.

Last Thursday night was at a Folk Dance and wasn't dancing just

watching when one of the girls insisted on me doing the Hombo with her, and we did, then they played it over again, and I couldn't get away, even thought I was bushed then near the end of the dance, she slipped and fell backwards and I fell too and landed on my knee, and now have a nice case of bursitis, am afraid to get an x-ray of it for fear it will show a broken patella, but don't think so, as even thought it is very painful am able to walk and bend a little, but it was had to drive, as in keeping your foot on the gas peddle, it cramped my leg, and had to twist around and use my left foot every once in a while, finished the book on Pius the 10th, and Lee wanted to read it, so la t Monday brought it to the Thompson school with me, but didn t do much dancing, but enjoyed the gang just the same, then last night I went to the Conn. Ave. center for a folk dance, and was asked to play bridge as they needed a fourth, so played all night and only did the Hombo once with the s me girl I dinced with at the Roosevelt School, met Gus there and he asked me if I was figuring on going down to Machells after, you know the place I showed you where they do the Folk dancing on Tuesday night, but I wasn't in the mood also couldn't see the expense in going there, so we settled in coffee and, then went home.

The practice is preaty good, but could use a lot more p tients, have just about enough to pay all the office expense and that is all, but still living in hopes that it will continue, maybe ith this war scare things will pick up.

Havn'tt heard from the folks at home, so every thing must be about the same, still havn't writtend Marg, expressing my sympathy about her fathers death and now think I will just let it go and not mention it to her, will send your letter with the clippings, and she will know you know about it.

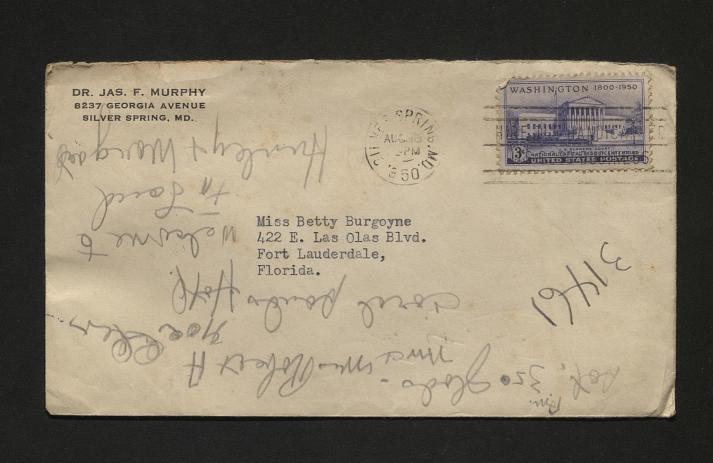
Called Esther today, to tell her about out trip, and she invited me to a drinking party next Sat. was invited for one last night, but she didn't extend the invitation as she knows I don't drink and thought I wouldn't care to go, but seeing I havn't any other place to go told her I would, and will call Gus this evening to see if he would be interested, it is the first drinking party in a long time and hope it won't be one of those brawles, like some people have, this fellow is an old friend of hers and is invalided with polio and is in town trying to get a

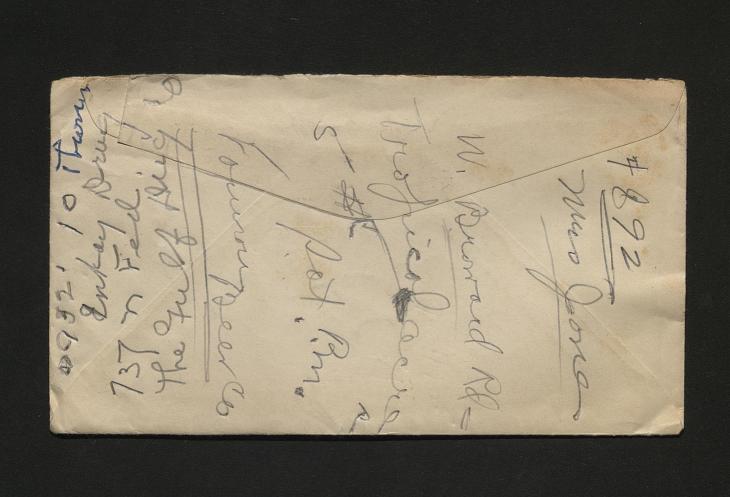
job here, and is on the wild side, he has two fellows with him all the time to help him as he is confined to a wheel chair and has to be carried everyplace, he has a position, teaching in the New Mexico University, but ould like to get some work here where the weather is a lot moderate, anyway the party will be something new.

Took a pair of shoes to a shoemaker I know in town, met him right after the war, and liked him a lot, only mee him when I have the shoes repaired, anyway, he asked me if I was going out soon, so rushed dinner, then drove him back he is trying to buy a home out here for his wife and kid, as he thinks he will be drafted and will have to seel his business, and want someplace for his wife, but it is discourageing to see the prices they want for shaks, they start from 13000 up, and miles away from S.S. didngt like to see him locate out there as know the bus service there isn't too good, but everyplace is about the same, you realy have to move out side of D.C. to get away from the colored people, and that is what he wants to do before he gets called, as he is only 29 and even with previous service he thinks he will be drafted when the time comes, this war in one time I will stay home and hope to make some money. like some did in the last war.

Gosh it is time to get ready for my patient, so will have to close for now with the bet of tishes, and hope you are still keeping up with your work, wish I could be with you to help you, but don't think I would be much help at that, and now will just say so long for now,

Always.





Greetings;

It is about time I am getting down to business and writing you, and expressing my appraciation in your stopping in D.C. on your way home and telling me all about your trip, you don't know what it did to my, one thing, it gave me encouragement in struggling along, and a lot more pleasant things to think about, and that is one thing I needed the most, When you left the field in D.C., thought your plane was a constalation and asked to be sure, then thought you would made the trip a lot faster then you had anticipated, sure wished I could of been with you, but know I wouldn't go asleep for fear that I would miss something.

Bet you must be still tired, as know you have a lot of firends that wanted to know all about the trip, and along with your work, you must be kept too busy for your own health.

Getting back to D.C., went to the convention every day that week, from Tuesday on it started at 8;30 as they had so much to cover, they had to start early, and you know I had to get up in the middle of the night and that is bad, didn't have too many patients in the evening, and the phone didn't ring much during the day, so the nurse didn't have too much trouble, all my regular patients knew I would be away, and they didn't bother to call until the night, the convention was preaty good, but would rather if they paid more attention to the practicle things we could use in the office, such as diagnosis, technique and etc, instead of disgussions of verious sickness, it was worth while, but am badely in need of more practicle things, of course Tuesday night found me at a Folk dance, arrived late, but got in some good dances, then Friday night was very tired but needed some fresh air, so drove to a drive in theatre and just sat there and watched the show, Sat was so exhausted I just couldn't get around at all, was a good thing I didn't have too many patients and could sleep most of the day, and in the evening went to the Folk dance at the Walsh Club, then home and dept like a log.

Sunday didn't do anything just lay around, took a short ride in town and had dinner,

and in the evening took in a movie.

Even this week am still tired, know I am getting old, and should get use to beeing tired, but it isn't any fun, as I just don't have any ambition to do anything except sit and day dream. Monday night took myself down to the Thompson School to a square dance, don't go there often, but try to make it once in a while, so in case someone should want a chiro, they may think of me, Tuesday night wasn't going any place, but a friend called and wanted to go to the Folk Dance, so we did, had a good time, one thing that is in our favor, it starts about 8 and always finishes at 10;30, and that gets us home in pleanty of time to get a good nights rest. last night the gang out here had out monthly square dance, but the evening was too hot for most of them, so the evening dragged along.

Dave Frank, and maybe Esther and I are driving to Harrisburg this Sat. as you know I go there every Aughst to have my eyes examined, Esther don't know if she can make it or not, and will let us know later on in the week, so this morning had the car checked for the trip, and while looking at the battery found an ear ring behind the cuishions, it is a silver owl about an inch long, does it belong to you? if it does, let me know and I will send it to you.

Received a short note from Belle and Aunt Eliza, conferming the news that Margs father did die, Belle was sick in bed at the time and Aunt Eliza wasn't feeling so good, and she didn's get a chance to call Belle until a week after he died, and both forgot to tell me (some people) but Aunt Eliza said that Mrs. Kepfer is k eping up preaty good, hope it last for some time, but have a feeling that with the way she is feeling and with the shock of his dieath, she till follow in a short time, hope I am wrong.

Well the practice has picked up a lot this last week, and hope it will continue, have a number of old patients comeing back with other ailments, and that sure is incourageing to see, maybe I will lick the situation after all, hope so as sure would hate to give up and admit I was a failure.

Dropped in to see Esther last Sunday, she had a friend come in town for a couple of weeks, he is a paralized polio patient and is confined to a wheel chair

all the time, and he had asked Esther if she could find an appartment for a couple of weeks, and she was looking for one, and up to last Sunday she didn't find any, so I dropped in to see her and he was there, they were still trying to find something, everything they heard about was too high, some wanted as high as a hundred a week anyway, she thanked me for bringing you around and was sorry she didn't have more time to talk to you, and wished that the next time you come in towh, she would be able to entertain you the way she would like to, and she liked you very much.

Finished the book, and found it very good, nd before I send it on to Buffaho, think I will read it again, as know I can gt a lot more out of it if I do.

Well Betty, know this isn't anything like a letter should be, but just can't collect my thought in writing a decent letter, and now find it is near three and want to get this in the mail, so will close for now with the best of wishes and hope by now you are completely rested, and let me know how you are making out, and now will jst say so long for now,

Always,

P.S. got a lucky break, I ordered a thousand envelopes, and they made a mistake, instead of James F. Murphy, D.C., Ph.C. they sent a thousand like the envelope, I called them about it, and they sent another thousand, and now have more envelopes then I can use for some time.

Greetings;

Received your most welcome letter this afternoon, and you may be sure it was more then welcome, and much to my surprise to hear that the letter was forwarded to you, thought it would be held in Paris for you, glad to hear that you received it, and hope this one will catch up to you too.

Read about the Canization and was wondering if you would be near and could see it, it sure must be wonderful, and you will have things to talk about the nearly everybody in the U.S.A. hadn't seen. lucky you.

It was a funny thing I was trying to write to Marg when your letter arrived, and had written that I heard from you and tried to remember all you said in your last letter, and in this one you asked me to enclose it to her, and you may be sure I will be more then glad to do just that, as it will save time in trying to re-write it.

A week ago last Friday, Gus and I drove to Mc Keesport, to see our relations there, we had a wonderful time, left here about 3 and arrived there about 8, that evening we drove around Pittsburgh to show Gus the sights of the steel plants at night, then went to a firends house for something to eat. Sat morning we went into town and showed him the sights, also went on top of Mount Washington to see the sights of all the downtown area, that evening we were invited over to another firends house and of course more eats, and sat around and talked all night, we took out records with us but up there they don't go for Folk or Square dancing, but we had a great time just sitting relaxing and listening and talking too, we left Sund y at noon for home, and another week end had passed, with a wonderful time had by all.

Sunday, June 25th. didn't get time to finish this letter, and now will try to get it dowe so you will received it before you comehome. Thursday night had three patients, then Gus came and we went to Glen Echo to a square d nce, would of liked to stay home, but had promised about a month ago I would go, so couldn't get out of it, after we went to one of the girls appartment for something to eat, and didn't

get home until after 3. Yesterday is a legal holliday in Sweeden and it is observed in the stares too, it is called Mid Summer, and Gus's sister—in—law had a party at their home, and was invieted, we had a great time, she also invited a Chief Thunderbolt Left Hand, a full blodded Indian, he started off the evening with all sitting around the May Pole and after certain rights, we all smoked the Peace Pipe, then he did some dancing, then it changed to Sweedish singing and dancing, of course they had all the eats and drinks you would want, bought over my records and we did some Folk dancing didn't try to square dance as the crowd was a little too high and noisy, so didn't even try, but we had a good time just the same.

Friday afternoon had a phone call from an ex-mate, hadn't seen since I left the Piedmont, he was on his way to Norfalk and stopped off here, he came to the office about 5 and we talked between patients, then at 8 finally got away and we went downtown for supper, had it at the 500 club, ould of rather gone to the Neptune Room but he heard so much of this place he wanted to go, it was preaty good, but the eats wasn't up to par like the Neptune, then we drove to the Naval Medial Center, and then downtown for more drinks, at midnight we called it quits, it was so hot that I suggested to spend the evening in the office where we could take advantage of the air condition unit, which we did, then Sat. morning he hung around around until about 4 then decided to go swimming I would of liked to go also, but had an appointment at 4 and couldnet get away, wanted him to go to the Sweedish party with me, but he had to report at 2 P.M. Sunday, and thought it would be best to leave early and make sure he wouldn't be late, heard a lot of nessabout other shipmates, now will have something to write about when I write to the gang, if I take as long in writing as this letter, they will be lucky to hear by Christmas, talking about Ch istmas, do you realize it is just 6 months away, better do your shopping early.

Trying to figure a way in meeting you in the big city, but can't see

my way, as I wou d have to close the office for at least three days, and also the next wee

week the National convention will be held in D.C. and will want to take off during

the day and gown to try to learn new ideas and technique, one thing that will be nice

is that my phone will be covered during the day, and Mrs. Mahoney will be qable to

the appointments for the evenings, and will send your ticket to the Hotel Taft so it will be there when you arrive, as I think you will head there for the few days you intend to spend in the Big City. in case you lost Mrs Murphy's address it is 1781 Riverside Drive, Phone, Loraine7-7821, I think that is it, you better check up on it in the Manhatten phone book, that is if you would be interested in calling her, know she would love to go to the races with you.

Well Betty want to get this in the mail, so will close for now with the best of wishes and surely wish I could see my way in meeting you in the Big City, but think that I should stay close to the office, and will meet you here, let me know when you will arrive and will try to meet the plane, and now will just say so long for now.

Always,

Silver Spring, Md. June 8, 1950

Greetings;

Received your most wonderful letter, that is the one you wrote aboard ship, and what I read you sure are haveng the time of your tife, hope it will continue that way, you didn't mention anything about getting sea sick, or greezing, hope neither of them bothered you, and you may be sure your letter was forwarded as soon as I read it, as know your folks will want to hear about the trip too.

The weather in the Big City continued to be cold and rainey, or misty, was disgusted with it, after you sailed, I went shopping for some Scandianiym records, but couldn't find anything I wanted, then took in the Palace you know it is a vaudeville now, and thought it would be worth while to see, and it was, then sropped in at Terry place to see him for a few minutes, while I was on my way over to see the Kelleys, they were disapointed that you coulnned make it over there to see them, but told them that you were so busy and excited, that you didn't even have time to sit down and have something decent to eat, found them in fair health, A.J. is suffering with low blood pressure and is very weak, Aunt Belle turned her ankle is is just about able to get around without too much trouble.

Saturday, I tried to look up some fellows I knew, then in the evening called the Murphys and found that Terry was taken to the hospital with a bad stomach dondition, so went out there and had a nice visit with Mrs. M. and her youngest daughter also husband, as you know I couldn't get a word in edgeways that Thursday night when we were there, with the horse and Terry trying to talk,

Sunday night was the big night, the gang finnally arrived at the Latin Quarters about 9, and we had a fair dinner, about 50 fellows and 30 wives attended and after we got everybody straightened out we had a great time eating and watching the floor show, then we went to another tavern where they had a nice small dining room waiting for us and we sat around and talked about everybody and everything, and of course drank, but it was surprisingly to see how little the gang drank, they were too interested in the news, I didn't have anything, as thought it would be easier not to start then try to refuse anyone, so kept to coke all night, anyway at 3 we went out for omething to eat, then for the last drink, and finally finished up at 5;30, and now will try to plan our next reunion in Chicago next year.

The weather was so miserable, that when I got up Monday it was raining, so gave up and checked out at the hotel, went offer to see Terry, then took the bus home, to the land of sunshine, arrived at 7, had some lunch then went to the Thompson School to meet Gus, he had my car while I was away, did a little dancing then came home.

Last Saturday, went to an Irish dance, had a great time, but was out of place as all of them are from the other side and most of them only here a year or so, and talk about the brogue, you could cut it, it was so thich, tried to do some Isish dancing, but will have to go to more of them before I get the hand of the reels.

Sunday night I danced at the Watergate Folk Festival, the weather was cold, especially down on the Patomac, but we had a good time just the dame, and after it was over we headed to a placer where we could get some coffee.

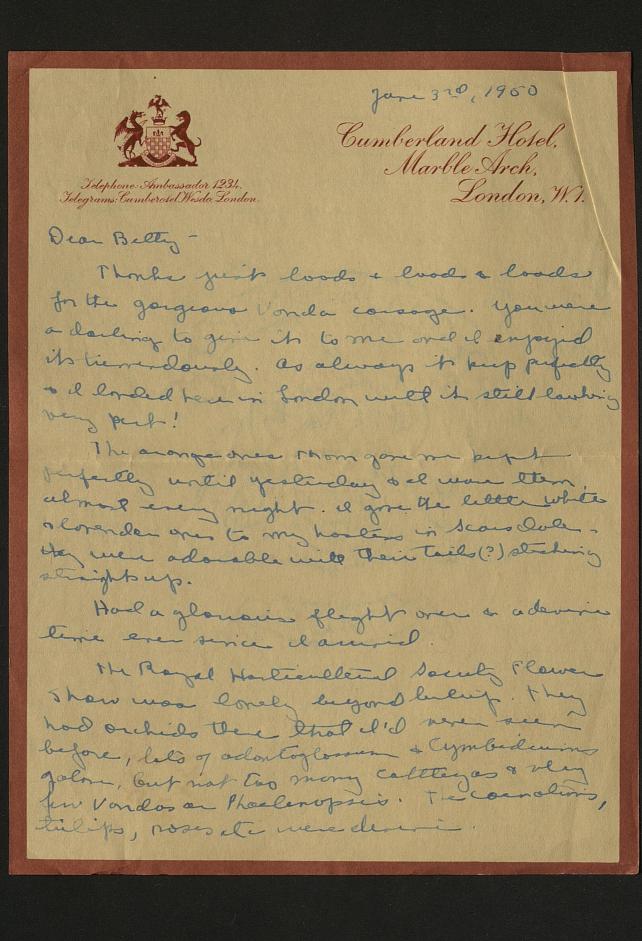
Called Hattie Mae Coke, and thanked her for helping you getting straightene out, and said you would see her when you come back, yes she intends to stay in D.C. most of the summer, as they keep the office open all year, and she just runs down South for short visits, so told her you would be dropping in the last of July, she eaid she hoped you would and tell her all about the trip.

Tomorrow afternoon, will leave here for a trip to Mc Keesport Pa. Gus wants to go, so thought it would be a good time seeing that the practice in on the slow side, will be back Sunday night, s only be away from the office Sat. and that is one day I could close with all the p tients I get, am sort of anxious to see how the car will act on a long trip.

Well Betty, will close for now, as know you have more important things to do then waste your time in reading, so hope you will see all that is worth to see on your trip and will be looking forward to hearing all about it when you get home, and now ill just say so long for now,

Always.





con the Duby, want on the winner, of cause, but led was a mira, mira detail. It is the tempie crowd that counts them one 500,000 milling people from eagurten, youngstre of all ages, gypseis telling fortunes, bookies, by the hundreds, it seemed, evel with a slate & gelling coconut shies, wegular county fair games, all made it some spectale! We on off to Belguens Fine fee a few days of then book here o to Devon & pulops elabored before heading home. I hope you has so gravel a trip or mean, could wish no mon for you! Thombo ogen for eneighting. Cordrolly, Mon troy



Loose Item

Wednesday, May 31st.

My dear Betty:

Have thought of you so much and wanted to get a message off to you on the boat but things were pretty hectic about that time with my brother's wife's mother very ill in the hospital and I was trying to do what I could to help the folks get ready for my cousin's wedding which was a big church wedding last Saturday morning at 9:30. Tommy my nephew was the ring bearer and really was adorable. Everything went off fine, the chirch was pretty well filled and after the ceremony there was plenty of activity as 24 frat brothers of the groom came up for the wedding and reception. They had a stag party for him the night before after the bridal party dinner - not a dull moment and I haven't seen so much merriment at a wedding in years. At the reception they sang ever so many songs much to the enjoyment of everyone. It really was a lovely and festive affair.

Now that that is over maybe I'll get down to business and find out just what is in store for me. Came down to Junction yesterday afternoon as I wanted to take some flowers to the cemetery and then came to my cousins. You know they really close up the stores for all day heere and give the day over to honoring the dead - as it should be.

I'm not so good on this machine but thought I might get a little further and then get this off in the morning as I don't even know the postage to France.

We are having grand weather just enough furnace fires to take the chill off in the morning and evening. The country is beautiful in its various shades of green and vou have never seen so many gorgeous roses, peonies, etc. Iris everywhere and All shades. Am going to stay around Junction until Monday as they are having a big church picnic at my Uncle's next Sunday and of course I have to help eat fried chicken.

Know your hours are filled with many thrills and you still wish you could cram more in. Just keep well and exjoy every minute. Am only sorry I won't be able to hear all about it when you land back in N.Y.

You remember Billie Russell (Pomp's husband) (brother-in-lw of Edna) they lived in Vero. He was buried yesterday - don't have any of the details but they had taken him to the Orlando hospital the day before I got to Vero.

Keep well, enjoy every minute and say an extra prayer for me.

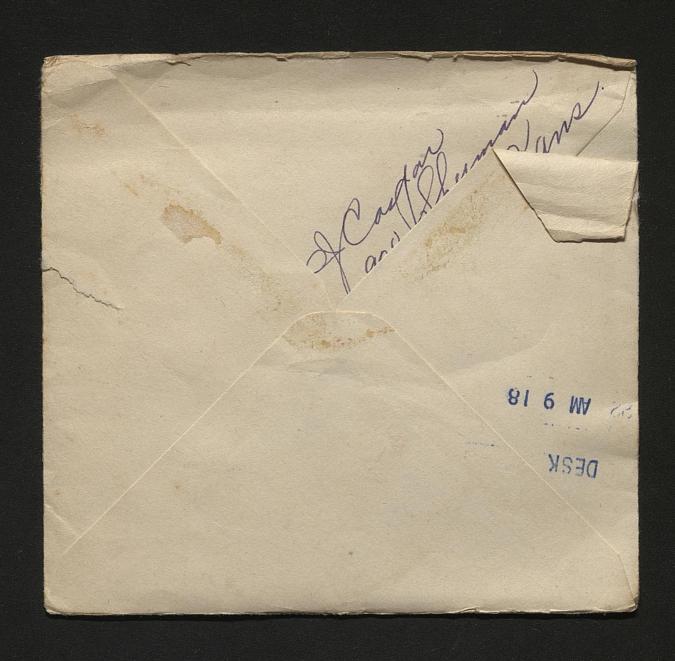
Much love.

Sherman

Salina, Kansas.

antacked him sol, nuch Jul M - mount hound Month of the ruft on Turner pres popular so The many studes and for the to see your off Thell him "Thefle" for me - The had such Genden 3/20 Mydian Billy., She James the got your Eller gistulay and theanh me evening well him Alexel. Just sky and anything extra proper for me - as Washington. Hish June Joining you on Ale trop Jund Ill Idout have anything erlamly want to hear with me and am not all about it, when near supplied -. Thunks just Shall same you return. Meantime Throw you are excited their well-don't climb

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Greetings;

Received your most welcome letter a couple of days ago and will just sent a note this time, as want to get this in the mail so you will be able to answer very soon.

You mentioned that you will fly either to N.Y. or D.C., does that mean you intend to stop off her for a while then take a train, or another plane to the Big City? let me know your plans, so I can arange it here, Still trying to figure if I can spare enough cash to see you in the Big City on the 25th. which I think I will that is if you gly straight there, hang the expense, am getting fed up with watching my money, and think I will take the trip, even though I know I shouldn't, so let me know if you plan to stop here for any length of time and what ti e the plane will arrive here, if I don't hear from you, think I will take the evening bus of May the 24th. and arrive in the Big City the monring of the 25th. so please let me know your definite plans as soon as you can.

Sorry to hear about your neuritis of the elbow and hand, wish I knew something about the flowrest business, think I would be tempted to close shop here and go down and give you a some much needed help, but know I am too dumb to learn the business, ourside of being delivery boy for you.

Things are very slow here, and it sure is getting me down, don't know what I will do, hate to give up what practice I have, but can't see how I will be able to stick it out much longer until it is paying for itself, but enough of my troubles, you have enough of your own and want to be in a happy frame of mind when you take the trip, sure wish I could go along with you, as I always wanted to see the foreign country, (especially Ireland of course) but maybe some time in the future I will be able to make the trip, who knows, now I AM day dreaming.

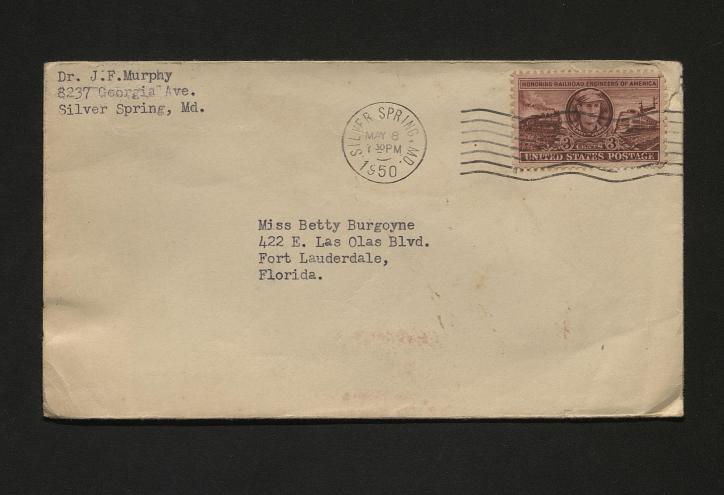
Not doing much in the form of amusements, as am trying to keep my ennecessary expenses down as far as possible, so am sticking very close to the

square dancing also some Folk dancing, most of them are in peoples homes and it don't cost anything that way, This Wednesday will be at the Presses home for a dance, then Friday will go to the Mack's home and teach them how to dance, then Saturday night will go to the Cafritz's home and teach them how to dance also, yesterday our gang went to Dr. Mc Dougald's home for dinner and dancing after, we had a good time, they had 20 peoples there more then enough for two sets, and we had about three hours of streneous dancing, then it broke up as Monday was a work day and most of the people has to rest up for it.

Received a short letter from Belle, she told me that Beth Mc Cabe (
Aunt Eliza's daughter) intends to be married the 15th of July, they will have
a small wedding, only the immediate family attending, which I am glad to hear,
then they were wondering who to give the Bride away, as they wanted someone that
wasn't married as they don't want to have to invite anyone and not invite everybody, they thought of me, but still trying to figure it out, so I immediately
wrote to Belle telling her to try to discourage the idea, as did see some weddings
that only the best man and brides maid walked first then the Bride and Groom,
both of her brothers are on the lakes and their boats won't be in port at least
they can't figure them in port for the day, Aunt Eliza's knee is still bothering
her a lot and is hard to get around, also think I bld you that they operated on
Margs mother and removed one of her eyes, and the other isn't too good either,
so she will be near blind the rest of her life.

Gosh here I m trying to wr te a decemnt letter and all that is in it is dad news, so think I will just close for now with the be of wishes and hope your arm doesn't bother you too much for next Sunday, and let me know as soon as you can your plans, so until then,

Always,



Greetings;

Received your most welcome letters, and am ashamed to see that so mych time has gown since I wrote last, not that I have been busy, on the contrary it has been the other way aroun, but just couldn't get pep enough to write, but now will try to get something off that looks like a letter,

As you know, the crew of the Piedment is having thier reunion in the big City the 28th of May and had several letters from fellow ex-mates, wanting me to be there with them, but so far am still undecided, as even though I would take it easy while there it will cost money just the same, and that is something I just don't have to throw away, now seeing you will be in town for the 25th and 26th, it makes it more tempting, and you may be sure if I can make it, I surely be to see you at the Taft, will let you know later on in the month if I can make it.

The practice has fallen off to nearly a vacant effice, and it has me werried, as I don't know just how long I can hold out as the money is going preaty fast, at time I think I should try to sell out and try to get my old job back with the government, but don't want to do that, don't know just what I will do, will try to hold out a little longer and hope that things will break for me, what I hear, I am not the only one that is having a tough time, as most of the established Chries are having the same trouble, and also the Mds are complaining too, but I have my one trouble and hope it will get better for me, as I'realy don't know what I would do if I had to give up the office, Enough Of my worries, know you have yours too, so will try to tell you something more newsey, received a letter from Aunt Eliza, and she said that they operated on Marg's mother and removed her eye, and she is in serious condition, when she wrete Mrs. Kepfer didn't know that they removed the eye, her other is effected too, she can just see a vision out of it, and it will be hard on her as she liked to read and play cards, also being old, it will be doubly hard, havn't heard from Marg, but know she has her worried and havn't the

time to write.

Last Tuesday I was invited to a dancing party at the Unitatian Church so Gus and I went, we were having a good time, mostly I sat and watched the dancing as it was mostly tanges, rumbas, sambas and modern dances, and I am a little rusty with them to dance, then a colored couple came in, he is their instructor and it seemed funny to see them dancing with the white people, I couldn't get use to it, but didn't say anything about it, he was a good dancer, but still balck, and it didn't look right to me, that is something for a Yankey to say, isn't it?, anyway after we went to Mrs Janes apt for cocktales and had a nice hour there then called it a day, Wednesday we were over to the Press! house for our weekly square dance, and as usual we had a good time, last night three couples of us went to a closed dance, it was all right, but all of them beloned to a club and knew most of the dances and the three of us was outsiders and had a little trouble doing the dances, so it wasn't too enjoyable, but was worth while just the same, next Tuesday night I am invited to a square dance at the Press Club, it is to be worth while, as you had to have invitations to go, one of the girls I know from the Thompson School received the invitation, and am looking forward to a goot time there, then Thursday, Friday and Sat. the D.C. Recreation Center wx is holding a Folk Festival, don't know if I will go or not, the Thompson School gang wants me to dance with them on Sat. even ng, but am still undecided if I want to or not, will have to make up my mind by Monday, so they can gt another person, outside of square dancing, I havn't done anything only one night of bridge, and the rest of the time stay at the office with the hapes that someone will come in for a treatment.

Gosh it is late and have to hurry up if I want to get this in the mail today, so will close for now with the best of wishes and you may be sure I will try to figure a way out to be in the big City for the 25th, and will be letting you know one way or the other, and now will just say so long for now,

Always,

Thurs apr. 20/50 Near Betty Well answer your letter today, soffere you have wordered why I havens done so The fore for I wanted to wait till & get more definite news from my No.

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is my one his conarne The hospital care here is all any one can och for & being a Veteran & heing able to come in her is the hest thing in the world How have you been feeling? bette Shope Take good care y yourself & Ear off on some I the Iwork quess may be that is what will day so Long for now I and your again when I get home Ester Jone Ben

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Lifta Boly correspond Bullet mother Booten mon pret Kisse MRS. ALBERT M. WAGENER 14871 CRUSE AVENUE DETROIT 27, MICHIGAN

March 2 -Dear Belly: How time flies - have been going to wite ever since 'Old Jaint nick' made his 1949 visit. So many of our friends have gone to the this year in fach ever since 1947, may be well journey south some day also. Our two youngest are 15-14 now Bud 26 is in his Junior year at Wagne mederal Collège. If all goes well, hell graduals fine 1951.

He married in 1948, they live five houses down the street. We like his wife very much- Wellet gives her any shing she wants. We furnished their flat and gave thema can for weading gift. We realize it was pretty tough going for us, one day and wied like our children to have a little easier time (hupe we don't over doit De Levy's . Som has two lovely Drung. mobile has done fine since Doctor passed away. The rents office and two rooms in her home. morher arresual is in Jueson Ciniz

for winter, she leaves Eine now 12 3 returns april 15- This is her fifth

MRS. ALBERT M. WAGENER

14871 CRUSE AVENUE

DETROIT 27, MICHIGAN year - Ishiell be 77 to mouran. mother lægener is 81 to-day-enjorp perfect health but her eye sight is bad. We had a long letter from Tillean Herbert during haliday - sher still in cherings, She Was in Eine last summer and Ella Burns had a reunion for her- nuns also attended, they had a grand evening. We may visit her this summer. Last august we went they Smokies - what a beautiful country from Com. Cinni., south. We could have remained for a cample weeks but had made other anagement.

my like long cheem from Rochester my hus spent 10 days with us at a cuttage in northern mich. 1948-1949. Like yourself, she's had many opportunties, but never married. Deep she waiting for albeit and In too mean to let her have hein. We have many good laughs. Wint hear any direct news from Eie, ils mer ain fault-seldom wite to any one there. You'll never guess who I heard from at times. Cutherine Haft, Wrote to her but I doubt still answer. Boyers daughter has a daughter o son, Buyer says she's beery baby sitting.

many mc Laughien also has two grand 5 children. I believe many works griet, MRS. ALBERT M. WAGENER 14871 CRUSE AVENUE DETROIT 27, MICHIGAN

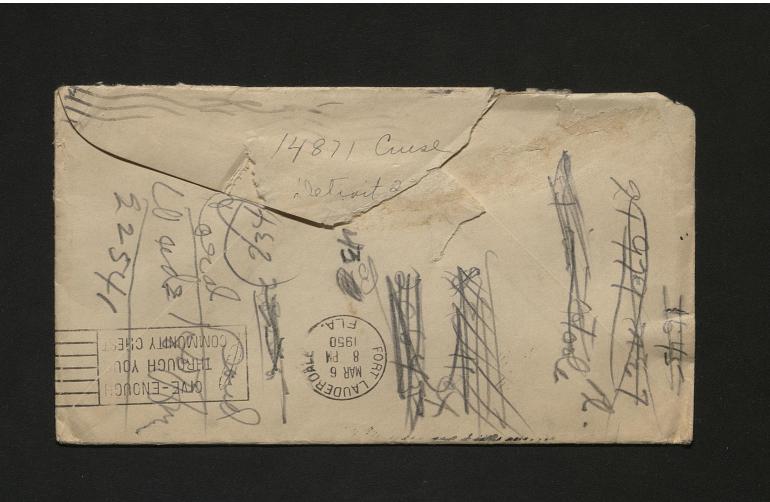
Weel, Belly hope you are well and happy. The years sure well bey, if you are coming this way.

Let us know so we can planto be here.

Love from

albert & Sarah.





Greetings;

Received your most welcome letter this day, and you may be sure it was more then welcome and now will try to answer it with somewhat a decent answer, but lately just can't get my mind down to writing, and I owe everybody but just can't think of anything to write about.

First of all, Belle and Anna arrived in town last night they were tired but happy, the trip to here was with some excitement, it seems as this couple that drove them here wasn't such good drivers, and they had several marrow escapes, they told me about three of them which left them very anxious to get here, but the trip was a lot better then taking the bus, even though it did take them longer, they at le st had a good night rest, and upon arriving here they were not so tired, had hoped that they would stay ove night and leave this afternoon, but Anna wanted to get home, so they took the ll P.M. bus and will arrive in Buffalo about 4 P.M. we had a nice visit and they did tell me all about what they did in Florida, and said they wished they could move down and live there, also what a wonderful hostes you are, and how you helped to make their time so enjoyable, know they will think of the wonderful time they had for years to come.

Am glad to hear that your business is still going strong, hope it isn't too much for you, but know you can take a lot of work and enjoy it, especially when you see the money coming in, sure with I could say the same, some times I get bery discouraged, but will stick to it a little while longer as know it takes some time to get established, but hope the money will hold out until then, for the months of Oct. and Nov. was very good, at least made enough to pay all the bills, then Dec. was very slow, but this month it is picking up a little but will have to hurry up before I make enough to not draw on my reserves.

About the Buick, I sure wish I had it, but am afraid that I can't afford what you would want for it, as when Phyllis comes back I will be without a car and then will have to get something as you need a car around here, and nothing ould make me more happy then to have your Buick, but with the money situation, just can't afford to pay too much for a car, will have to look for one around here for about 200, and know you could get a lot more for yours then that, that is I think so anyway, don't know the prices of cars these days, but would love to take a week or so off some time in March and go down and drive it home also that way would have an e cuse to take a trip, much as I should not even think of closing even for a day, If you can see your way in giving me the car will have to find the way in getting it here or may have to have you sign the sal s slip an mail it to me and see if I could get plates here and take them down with me, now I am day dreaming again, will have to stop it.

Had a nice New Years, hadn't thought of doing anything, as lately don't drink much, and you now most of the New Years parties is centered around drinking, then two days before I had an invitation to dance at the Cafe La Conga with the Grand Old Opry group, an thought it would be fun, and went, we had a good time and didn't get home until about 5, had only two highballs, and several wups of coffee, and they served a wonderful breakfast, so the night was worth while after all.

Know Belle told you about Aunt Eliza falling from a ladder while trimming the Christmas tree when she left that is Belle, Aunt Eliza was waiting for the swe ling to go down so they could take x-rays, but she wrote a note to me tell ng me that nothing is broken but a very bally wrenched knee, and it looks as though she will be in bed for some time, as you know a torn legiments are

harder to heal then a break.

Made a purse for Belle about three years ago, and now she wants it made smaller and the ttyles are for smaller purses, then Anna's daughter asked me to make her a purse, a saddle purse like the one Marg wore when she went South, but this one will be black, and now am trying to make it, have Belles done, but found out that I will have to put on another clasp as the one on it now won't keep it closed, so tonight will try to finish it, as want to take it with me tomorrow and show it to the Presses, as they expressed the wish to see it, they are the people I am teaching square dancing, or should say tought them, as they are preaty good at it now, and we have a good time doing it, then Friday night will go to the Cafritz home and teach a crowd there, don't know who she ill have, but know it is hard to teach the fundimental steps, but hope it on't be too hard, talking about square dancing, we went to one last Sat. and had a good time there, didn't have a partner, as expected about three couples and they said they would have a coulle of women with them without partners, so a friend of mine and I went stag, but some reason they didn't show up, and so far havn't heard from them, but will get an excuse shen I see them, but we had a good time anyway, as all the fellows of the orchestra and the callers had their wives there and all of them are good dancers, so had a good time dancing with them, then two wo mn came over and asked us to dance with them and show them how, they did it preaty good so we didn't have too much trouble with them.

Well Betty, things around here are about the dame, now with Congress back, that is all you hear on the radio and it is sickning to hear all about the hot air they are throwing off and not doing anything for the country, begore I start raving about Congress, think I shall stop, and close this letter as know you are busy and don't want to waste any time reading raving, so take care of yourself and let me know if you care to give the the car, so we can start making some arraingements as to how to get it up here, so take care of yourself and don't work too hard, and will be writing gain very soon, so until then,

Always.

Silver Spring, Md. Jan. 2, 1949

Greetings;

Received your most welcome telegram this morning, and just called the telegraph office and squacked about the slow delivery service, as they received it atl2;43 A.M. the lst, and it took them until 10;30 this morning to deliver it, but got it and that is all that counts, thanks a lot for sending it, as was sort of worried about how Belle and Anna made out.

See it didn't take them long to get into some good times hope your folks had a wonderful time for yourself, and wish I was with you to enjoy the occasion too, some people has all the luck, buy you dewerve it, so am not complaining.

Hope they are not in the way, and why don't you put them busy and help you with your work? then you could have more time to enjoy life.

Received a note from Miss Holland, she is the person that went to your town to take care of an appartment house, she told me that she has been very sick and was in the hospital for some time, don't know if she is out or not, also told me that you didn't treat her right she expected nice warm weather and told me that you sent in cold wind and realy moserable weather, now is that right for you to do, you should see that your visiters have the weather they want.

Hope Christmas was good to you and that Santa was exceptionally good, and in all you had the best time you ever had, and that New Years was something to think about, and this year will be your best in regards to health, happiness, and wealth, know Santa was ve y good to me, in fact was a lot better then I expected, and wasn't planning on doing anything for the New Year, until one of the girls called me and asked me if I would help them out, as one of the night clubs in Md. went all out in entertaining the customers, and they had several people from the Grand Old Opery also they put on several sets of square dances, but was short a couple of people and this girl called me if I would help, which I did and had a good time with them, we only put on two shows, one at 11;30 and the other at 2 A.M. then had the rest of the evening to ourselves didn't do any drinking but some of the crowd did and it was a lot of fun just to see the goings on, was kind of worried about some of the fellows that drove, but the next day I didn't hear of any mishaps, so they must of gotten home all right, talking about driwing, will sure miss the car when Phyllis comes back, expect her some time the last part of Feb. then will have to resort to the street cars and that will be bad, sure wish I could pick up a car reasonable, but with my money still going our faster then what is coming in, can't afford to spend too much on a car, and it would be my luck to get a lemon and ould cost a lot to get it repaired.

Had a couple of months when the ledger showed black ink, not much fut enough to encourage me, and expected this month or should say last month to be slow, but am living in hopes that things will pick up this month, going to take my books to an auditor this evening so he can make out my income tax, then will know definitely just how much it cost me this year.

This two weeks around Christmas is kind of slow in regards to square dancing, as mos of the ectivities are closed for the hollidays so had a lot of time on my hands, but was just too lazy to do anything I should do, like writing letters, but did get to cleaning the office and varnishing the floors, and that was something after all, which I have been trying to do for some time now.

By the way, will you ask Belle to look around for me and see if she can get a phonograph record of Lili Marlene it is on a Broadcast record, this Broadcast record is like any other domestic record, like the Voctor, Decca and etc, have it on the Imperial record but it isn't played for dancing, have her ask for Lili Marlene on the Broadcast record don't take any other record but the broadcast, also tell her not to be disapointed if she can't find it, as it is hard to find, as most of the records are sold, but maybe there would be some chance that one of your stores in the South would have one, also tell her to let me know when they will arive in town and will be at the depot to meet them,

Am the only one in the building today, everybody took advantage of the holliday, so think I will do the same, and close early and get out and enjoy some of the sun shine that we are enjoying, you know we don't have to go south to enjoy good weather like the Northerneers have to. also am just about out of things to write, so think I will close as know you are busy and don't want to waste any time in reading rambling, so take care of yourself and hope you and the girls will have a wonderful time for yourself, and will be writing again soon so until then,

Iways,

P.S. would appreciate it if Belle and Anna would stop in and see Miss Holland, her address is 421 N. E. River Drive, and see how she is making out in recovering from the cold spell.

