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Wm. Sutherland

Mrs. Henscher

Harriet

Connections

Peggy Frazer.

Mrs. P. J. Freeman

John Elmer

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Marion Sheard
Joy Shepherd
Mrs. Sheard
Horned
Concord
Bobby Wagner

John Ebner
Canada West Grain Company Limited

HEAD OFFICE: WINNIPEG

Melfort, Sask., Jan. 15, 47.

Dear Normann And Family,

Resievat your willcomme letter And glad to hear that you and your Family all well. Weel I am sill in the mill as the Headmiller. The mill is a 4standAffair9x18 2stand, and 9x24 2stand, 2midling mills. The rest is deselm as in Haiota. Wie produce in 24 hours 135 barrel of flour by 78% extrsktion i honestly believe that George was not Calculating wrightashe dit not go in to this gr. busines Wemade last yaer 15000 \$clear mony grainding 136.000 bush of wht.

The power cost of his mill is about 500\$amonth Lightincludet When you are in Wpg see my comp. in (Lobard building) → *Loth Bard* And askfor mr. Mc. EwenAnd have a talk with him. Norman wie have to gett together and start this mill upp again Itdepends hou much George wants for it.all wie need is power. i am making good mony hier and gott a raise dezember fromm 160\$ To 240 \$And 3%from the clear profit.

I also have a chicken farm hier wich is worth 3000\$ Soyoun and i sould gett thogether and form a comp. and gett the mill as the fishing is good. Motor for the mill must be 60 . H. P.

Write soon again and letts hear your vies

Greetings to the family as ever your old friend

John Ebner
John Ebner

John Ebbes

Xmas eve 1948.

Dear Norman, and Familie!

Resiect your lovely Xmas
Card and thanking you very much.

We are still grinding here I do not know
how much longer, but I sure was lucky to
have such a good run for the last 5 years.

I still love milling but it is quite
evident that the small mills will be out
of Luck in the next couple of months or so.

As you perhaps know I was ready
to buy Georges mill 2 years ago but
thanky some fortunate Luck I did not
get it. Now I am glad the deal went
Hainwire, otherwise Norman I am
in good health and sure hope

some day we will be together again
for a nice reunion. In the meantime
wishing you and your Familie, everything
the Best, for a Happy New Year 1949
as ever your old Friend John Ebbes

Mrs. Spearman
+ daughter married (C)

Dauphin, Man.,
Feb. 24, 1938.

Dear Mr. & Mrs. Turnbull:

Mother has enjoyed your letters and speaks often of writing you. I'm sure it is my fault that you do not hear from us more often.

Mother is keeping much the same. Last week she had a few bad days, but she is looking better again. I doubt if she is gaining just now, but if she holds her own until the warmer weather we will be satisfied. She rests a great deal, and eats and sleeps well so those are things to be thankful for.

Hasn't the weather been wonderful? and all that anyone could wish for? We go each day for our walk and that has meant a great deal to Mother.

What quantities of snow! But it will be moisture

greatly needed later, and very welcome.

What of the dental situation Norman, I do pity anyone suffering that way, and of course we all have our share. I should be having some work done now, and how I dislike going to strange dentists. Some of them really should be at the anvil.

You'll be greatly interested in fixing your home. There are so many additions one can make and home comfort do mean so much.

Won't it be nice when we have the cars running and can get out and around? I'm quite looking forward to it, for as yet I seem to have no ideas on how to get out of this town, and where the roads lead too. I'm sure this will be a lovely place in the summer and it certainly is protected in the winter.

Our activities are quite limited as we do not leave Mother alone, but it is a very busy place. There'll be plenty of time to enjoy it later.

Now I shall close, hoping you are all well,

Sincerely,

Myrtle L. Moorhead.

Waukegan, Ill. Feb. 24th 1938

Dear Mr. & Mrs. Lumbell & Kiddies..

We were very pleased to get your good news letter a while ago. glad of the family were well. & sorry so many of the older folk are not so good. I hardly know how to report on myself. sometimes feel I am not so good. folks I meet say I look good. but I have decided looks don't count in all cases. and no doubt. I said this same thing before. My trouble is tedious & slow. & we are hoping the warm spring weather may do more for me. and how the time slips by. I expect you are in W. & Mr. L. & your time is passing too. like Mrs. L. & the children are having a good time at home. we were quite taken with your idea of picking up your little home. it will be so handy & nice & save lots of steps. By the sound of things we all have lots of snow. & its grand it will help in many ways. we heard from Brandon yesterday & the Kiddies there had colds & David had the tooth ache. too many measles & I guess. he is having to get some taken out. which won't be pleasant for a Kiddie..

Mr. Turnbull I wish you would keep ^{the} Country
Guide & Family Herald. They are being forwarded here
& the folks here take them. or you might tell Mrs.
Kewish to let someone have them that might make use
of them. This way they are just wasted. "till I come
home" some days I do wonder" but likely when we
can get out more I can feel diff. we try & go for
a little walk each P.M. when the day is fit.
& now as Mustafa has made a bit I will stop. I
find it hard to ~~for~~ pick up anything to say. you know
I'm a stranger in a strange land & can't even
talk about the neighbors. we heard from Gordie & he
seems short of talk too. again hoping you are all well
well & send us a few lines when you can. & when
the snow melts the water starts to run over the hill
you know it floods the garage floor & it would be
well to get the trunk & things that would take
harm by wet. up on the old bed. I expect you will
smile. but I have so much time to think of foolish
things. but I know how the water goes over that hill
to Mr. Hamas. & I wonder if the drip off the cottage roof
is going in the cistern. the pipes might be turned off
till the frost is past. now that all the orders for
this time. gone to all. as for Mrs. Spearman.

Sept 7/83. Peggy & Trayer

964 Wilmer St.
Victoria

Dear Norman & Grace,

In a letter from Margaret today she said you are going through a sad time again. We are sorry - just wish we were able to personally say that. I'm sure Guy's faith is being sorely tried as yours will also be. Some day the answer may be given us - we must believe that. Margaret said it has been a very hot dry summer but that the crop was very good. If you feel like writing we'd love to hear from you. Meantime our hearts go out in sympathy & our thoughts are with you.

Our love to you all
from both of us.
Peggy.

2 She said she sees you every year
often more than once. Weather wise
we've had a good summer - some hot
days & dry but we can always water.
Ralph has had a very good garden - its
lovely so have but makes for work.
I've frozen peas, beans, beet, brocolli etc.
Carrots are good - I spray them for the
carrot fly & so far have been successful.
Other than that we live very quietly.
We'll be pleased to hear from you
am interested in Jessie's health.
Hope the rest of you keep well & am
sure you are busy.

Love to you from both of us.
Peggy

Aug 10/83.

964 Wilmer St.
Victoria

Dear Norman & Grace,

I'm sorry I haven't
written to you all summer. I think of
you so often. For some time I wasn't
100%. The Dr. had given me some pills to
take & try if I could get rid of the shingles.
They did but knocked me off balance.
However I'm stable again, still waiting
for my eye op. This is no excuse for not
writing but an explanation. What of you
two - of Ivy & of Jessie. Ivy has one of the
boys at home with her, I think Bob
told us when we saw him in Victoria.
Margaret Boyd called Sat. p.m. & she said
it was very hot & dry - crops & gardens
suffering quite a bit. We had a nice
visit with Mrs. Hunsaker a while back.
She is a spry 90 yr. old & enjoying
life

June 2/83.

964 Welmer St.
Victoria

Dear Grace + Norman,

Thanks for your letter we
got today. I can only say I'm sorry
but how privileged you are as parents to
have a son as Bob. was who met his
kills with such faith. Thanks for
sending his poem that we have the privilege
of having it. I know God will comfort
you all + each day give you strength to
carry on. Give Ray our deepest sympathy.
We did so enjoy a short visit with them
the last time they were in Victoria.
Glad Jessie is making a good + brave
effort + hope she will be spared to you for
a long time yet. I'm still waiting for
my eye op. but at last I feel those
shingles I've had for 10 mos. are finally
on the way out. I got some pills

at long last but they make me so
drowsy I can lie down & sleep at any time.
But they are helping me relax.

Dear friends ^{our} ~~the~~ thoughts are with you
& our love & sympathy. We'll be glad to hear
from you at any time.

Love
Ralph & Peggy

6829 Stillmeadows Circle
North Richland Hills
Texas. U. S. A

Aug/2/84

To
Answer

Marian
Sheldon

Hi —

Well your B'Day card & letter
will be late but as you notice
I am in Texas.

Don & Rene & boys were up for a
couple of weeks stayed with
Gordon, & Cari. Jim & Kiddos were
with me. Jim stayed a week &
then flew back via Minot. Then
Cari stayed for another couple
of weeks & instead of Jim
flying back to get her, I came
home with her so she would
not have to drive alone with her
kiddos.

We had a good trip. left
Kenton. 5 AM. Aug 1st and

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drove into Carr's driveway here at
10-15 pm on Aug 2nd. The two kids
did pretty well. of course we
threatened to stop & throw them
out a time or two - but that goes
with travelling with youngsters!

It has really been hot here, but
yesterday somebody pulled the
"plunger out of the bucket" & it
really rained! Today it is
showering off & on. They really
needed it here. Gordon called
me yesterday - said there had
been no rain up there & the crops
{^{are} in} pretty disappointing.

Farming is such an expensive
gamble these days. Gordon's
other news was - he is moving
into the Sr. Citizens (Park Res.)
in Hamiota. They are painting
the empty suites & he will be

Moved in by the first of September.
I knew they were going to move
him as soon as they had a
suite available, but didn't think
it would be so quick. I had
gotten in touch with the Mental
Health man about me going with
Cori, & he said - go - your life
is your own now. So I came
& am flying to Toronto on Aug
25, & home to Kenton Sept 15.
Gordon called & wanted to
know who would move him,
& what he should take & what
about the house - so I think I
answered all his questions &
when I get home will see
about the house & what we
don't need ourselves. So I hope

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We can sell it. It will be rather strange not to have Gordon down at the end of the street, but also it will be better for him - he'll have company & is to get his dinner in the dining room at the Hospital. Really makes it easier when he really wants to go into the Res.

All the family are OK - Stirling is busy trucking during the good weather, & o'er hauling etc, when they have a bad day - weatherwise. Donald Rose & the boys are very busy with Boy Scout activities. Darryl & Lety making plans for their new baby in Nov. Rhonda & James are enjoying their new trailer on weekends. Cori & Jim are always busy at that Truck Centre. It's a busy place. How are you folks. I hope all is OK with you back. Will call Vi when Jim is home. LOVE Mitchell. MAR 61

Marion Sheppard

Jan 19/79

Brdn

Man.

Dear Grace & Norman -

Sorry I haven't gotten a note away to you before now. But when one spends from 3pm to 9pm at the Hospital every day - you can't seem to settle to write many letters. Maybe if the news of Gordon was better - it would give me more incentive to write.

I'm sure you knew about his heart attack in Nov. Once he got his permanent Pacemaker in they felt he would come right along, & did just that for a time. He got out of Brdn Gen after 2 wks & spent 2 wks in Sta Hosp & got home after Xmas. Was only home 48 hrs & he started blacking out & falling - it was back to Sta Hosp. until after N. Year & then they brought him back into the L. C. in Brdn again. He was doing quite well & then suddenly his heart just went crazy - instead of 82 per minute, it was going up to 180 plus, & they had to shock him back to slow down his heart. After 5 of these attacks he was completely exhausted & down to rock bottom. They started on I.V. to control the speed of his heart, but now his heart is completely done - his Pacemaker is running all the time now, & even so it's going below its "set" speed. This oxygen supply is not really good enough & he gets a bit "out on cloud nine" but not all the time. This I.V. they use

has a side effect on the kidneys & it's shown up in Gordon already.

Oac does feel useless, but you take one day at a time. I really think he has the Abs. a bit baffled!

I have been in Brad with Melvin this past week. It is a bit more handy than driving. I am really glad the weather has finally decided to give us a break. Sure has been a cold one.

How are you folks? and I hope your clan are all "fit." How is Dry doing these days?

I will try & drop you a note again.

a little later. Melvin is away to Upp to meet Rhonda. He's flying in today at 4 pm. So Gordon is looking forward to that. Rhonda may be along to, but his not sure.

Again hope all is ok with you -

Take Care

Lore

Marion

Marion Sheardown



Mrs Hunsaker Aug 24/83

Dear Grace Norman.

Grace dear no wonder you feel useless. Such a shock looking Ken that way. Norma was telling me what a grand looking boy he was. I hope he didn't lay there long suffering.

You & your family have all lived at the best of Cottages. so badly needed in our beautiful but wicked world. Maybe you should get away for a while. I know Norman you feel you are needed there, you are wonderful to be able to do that. I know what a heart ache it must be.

Norma, Elman have had some illness in to cope with in the past 2 years first with Cammie, while now he is doing very. Then Darren's shoulder, trouble & Malcolm's hand. Darren can't go back to Indiana in Sept, will take his first 3 months here in Regina, not violin. Has to rest his shoulder a while. Malcolm's hand is ^{requiring}

No symphony work yet,
I came home middle of aug. had a very
Busy time, yes I was pleased to get home.
It does get lonely in evenings alone
sorrow. Ray are Commission Oct 15.
will stay until Nov 1st, go south
to some different place, and at Margie's
for Christmas. - new year. then on
to ~~California~~ Corpus Christi for a month
be back in summer land by April.
in time to put in the garden
I think I will stay home next year
it is too hard to get settled back to
living alone.

Heather has been away for 2 months
in meadow mount school of music.
be home in June for school. Grad XII
I often bit and think all your girls
a Bob, never got to know their families
very well. I do hope Jessie keep on going
she will enjoy her Grand children
Poor Ivy. I just wrote her a note. she sent
me Bob's poem. wish I could look at the
picture. That is all I have and

had a wonderful rewarding life.
I hope you two will come soon, I have
to go to Saskatoon to see my brother Dutch
in Hospital. his operation is to morrow
Ruby his wife is just home from Hospital
They have had a bad time since leaving
their home, to a suit. I think I have been
better. I may get to Hamrota before the
Cold weather, please give all the girls
my love. Tell the to come up anytime
they are in Regina. Donna is waiting
on me for supper so I must go walk out

Post this on my way. Went to eye specialist
yesterday. for a back treatment to day
have to have one ever other day for 10
finished 5. They do help some.
I guess I am just wearing out
By for now, you can rest and are
given peace of mind. & hope for a
better. Happy future. Love

Madge

Ans.



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May 29/83.

Dear Grace, Norman & Family
you are all in my thoughts
so much. Just hope things
are not too much for you
and that you do find comfort
in believing God has plans
for us all. To know Bob was
such a comfort to you
I had a friend in Hamula
who send me a ~~poem~~ ^{poem} when
Fred left me so lost. I would like
to send it for you to read.

Mrs. Hunsaker

I was so sad when Elman. Norma left
I wanted to go so much. I am feeling some
better, but not too well. have eye aches tomorrow.
I will send the ~~poem~~ ^{poem} to you she will

your if I must to read I've made

Ivy Sullivan

Christmas 1984



*Dear Norman
& Grace:*

A very Happy Holiday season to all as 1984 is fast drawing to a close and, I am sure, with mixed feelings, sadness for some and happiness for others. In spite of what has happened during the year, I sincerely hope you look forward to the coming year with a positive approach and may good health be yours to pursue your various goals.

It has been a busy year for me and I am glad to report I have been blessed with good health. I had the pleasure of many out of town visitors the first part of the year and enjoyed each and every one of you and look forward to seeing any of you who many find yourselves in the Vancouver area.

Apart from my overseas trip, I had many weekend jaunts out of town- Spokane, Everett and Penticton with the Insurance Women's Association and several overnight visits with my friend at her trailer in Birch Bay. While in Spokane and Penticton I took a few extra days to visit with friends.

My big step in '84 was my decision to retire from my job in the Insurance field after eleven years. I must admit it will take time to adjust to a new life style but I'm sure I will enjoy the change. I will remain active in the Ins. Women's Assoc. so long as I can be of assistance in any way. I have made many good friends in the industry and do not want to lose the contact.

I had the pleasure of returning to Europe in August, visiting again some areas I had seen in 1981 and adding several more. We landed in Amsterdam, a spot one could visit time and time again. It is astonishing to see a city that suffered such destruction during World War II recover and again rank as the financial and industrial centre of the Netherlands. Cheese and butter are their main exports but we here in the Americas tend to think of wooden shoes and bulbs. A visit to the floating flower market was a sight not to be forgotten - we were told that 1,200 different species of tulips bloom during April and May. We had time this trip to visit the Anne Frank House which has been preserved much as it was when the family hid out those many months during the German occupation and where Anne wrote her diary. The book and movie would be more meaningful now after having seen the house and the horrendous conditions under which they lived.

After a pleasant bus trip thro Belgium, we arrived at the Grand Hotel right in the heart of Paris. Elegant coffee shops, the Opera House, Notre Dame Cathedral, Eiffel Tower, Arc de Triomphe, the Louvre together with a huge department store were all within easy access to our hotel. Living in Paris is said to be very expensive, few people own homes, most live in flats in the suburbs and commute to the downtown business section as we do in any large American city. The Louvre, the most famous museum in the world, has three miles of art galleries so you can appreciate that a couple of days in this fabulous city is only a teaser.

After an all day train trip from Paris to Munich we were met by a private, de-luxe motor coach and taken to the village of Oberammergau high in the German Alps. This was the setting for the Passion Play, which was the main purpose of my trip. This play depicts the suffering and death of Christ in such a monumental way that the devout spectator experiences deep religious feelings and the sceptical tourist cannot refuse respect during the eight hour performance. The play originated in 1634 and takes

place every ten years but his was a special performance to mark the 350th anniversary. Tho the village has a population of less than 6,000, more than 1,200 performers, backed by a mixed choir of 48 and a 65 piece orchestra, present the play 5 days a week from mid-May until the end of September to an audience of approximately 5,000 daily. All performers must be native to the area and are the local taxi drivers, shopkeepers, bankers, hotel owners, etc --there are no professional actors. The parts are mainly allocated by secret ballot altho some parts do remain with certain families who have deep roots in the village. The entire performance is in German but with an English text book it was quite easy to follow. Oberammergau is almost a fairy tale village with 'Hansel & Gretel' style buildings and flowers everywhere. The residents are all so very friendly and helpful to the influx of tourists during this event

The following day saw us again on board our private motorcoach heading over the Brenner Pass towards Venice, with a brief stop in Innsbruck--a delightful Austrian city steeped in history - we had only a couple of hours to roam around here. Our two days in Venice were full of interest. We were able to visit St. Marks Cathedral, tour the famous Murano glass works and stroll with thousands of other people in St. Marks Square --along with, I'm sure, a million pigeons. We had an evening tour of the canals by Gondola--complete with serenaders. No autos are allowed in the old part of the city so canals are the main arteries and abound with water taxis, gondolas, launches and private motor boats.

From Venice we drove over St. Gotthard Pas towards Lucerne, a trip full of interest. The Pass is 7,000 feet at the summit and we passed neat little villages, tidy farms, herds of cattle grazing by the roadside and children selling flowers. There appeared to be miles of tunnels along this route. An overnight stop at Lugano was unforgettable, a delightful spot where we would like to have lingered. Our host took us by launch across the lake to a unique restaurant for dinner and, of course, gave us time to browse thro an adjoining gift shop! The return trip late in the evening was spectacular with colored fountains shooting up in the lake and the city lights in the background - a dreamworld effect!! After one night in Lugano we carried on to Lucerne, one of my favorite cities to visit - a spot I could return to and enjoy anytime. Here we had city tours, a trip to the top of Mount Pilatus and a fantastic dinner at the Chateau Gutch with local entertainment. Here again we had ample free time to shop and just wander around at leisure to take in the sights.

I always feel sad on leaving Switzerland but there are always more treats in store. We drove on up to Basle where we embarked on the "M.S. NEDERLAND" for a three day cruise on the Rhine River, past old castles & lush vineyards. Enroute we had stops at Strausborg, Koln and Heidleberg where we were given tours of their respective places of interest. The cruise was a restful time, our cabins most comfortable and the dining room a floating gourmet restaurant. It was a sort of 'winding down' after our busy schedule. We debarked at Nijmegen where we had the opportunity to visit the Arnhem-Oosterbeek Cemetery and the War Museum at Arnhem. Both are immaculately kept by the Dutch people as memorials to the fallen soldiers of W.W.II. Even the school children have a big part in caring for the memorial grounds and it is evident they are made aware that the Dutch are ever grateful to their allies for their liberation. This was a rather solemn, reflective stop for many in our party who remembered 1939 -1945 so well.

Not far from Arnhem, the chaletstyle Hotel Klein on the outskirts of the picturesque village of Heelsum provided a delightful setting for our farewell cocktail party and dinner complet with local entertainment.

We parted company at the airport in Amsterdam, I was returning direct to Vancouver and the rest were flying to Toronto. One meets such interesting people on these tours and for a couple of weeks we are a big happy family so one feels a certain sadness to see it all end. I have been fortunate in keeping in touch with some of these newfound friends through the years and have had some of them visit me here in Vancouver.

This writeup is not as extensive as some others but much of this trip was a repeat of my 1981 so felt I should spare you the effort of having to read it all again. May I close with the following wish for you and those you hold dear:

May all that you do bring pleasure to you
Each minute while the holidays are here,
And day after day may joy come your way
Through a wonderful sort of a year!

I hope I don't bore my friends with these letters but I wouldn't get through all my Christmas letters if I didn't do them this way - over a hundred, even tho I do try to cut my list. It is so nice to hear from so many friends from afar off once a year to catch up on their news.

As you note, I joined the retiree ranks in Nov. It is sure a different way of life but I'm sure I'll get used to it in time! Nov & Dec. are busy months & come Jan. I'll check out our local community centre to see what interesting & useful activities they have to offer. I will need something to take me out among people. I have enough neglected and/or unfinished projects here at home to keep me busy for a gas but I need outside interests. I must admit I enjoy not having to dash out to the 8 o'clock bus this cold rainy morning!

Also, when I have out of town friends in the area my time will be flexible so that I can visit & not have to worry about office

hours.

Received Iny's Christmas letter a few days ago - she does so well. Hope to see her enroute to or from her New Zealand tour.

Hope 1984 has been kind to you, do have a really nice festive season & all the best in '85 to you and yours.

As ever

Iny

