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Brandon, Man;
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Jan. 20, 1980.

Dear Norman and Grace:-

It's now a month since you wrote me, and I figure it's time I dropped you a line or two.

Thanks for your good letter to me and your continued thoughtfulness and interest in me. I am again starting slowly to get a little involved with a few old projects. I just feel I must attend and see some of them further developed or completed.

As for the political situation well sized up and I do not think I can add much to your thinking. I did intend to go and hear Joe Clark when in Brandon last week, but I had two interruptions which took my time at the last hour as to speak. However Dave Brown (Dr.) told me that Joe handled the meeting well and Dave was quite impressed with his talk and ability and wit, so I would say after talking with Dave that those who care and think will favor him with their vote. They feel as you and I do that he did not have a chance to prove himself and those two political groups the Liberals and NDP will not get the votes they may have ^{expected} due to this fact and I am one of those. We are in a world crisis today with the serious threat of another World War, and if so we

need the best possible brains from all parties to govern. "Statesman" if you like. We have no time or patience to be idly halting over minor matters now as the very existence of our way of life is at stake.

Yes, "Leadership" we fall so far short of the calibre of men such as John George Diefenbaker, and today anyone comfortable is too reluctant to get involved.

I was sorry of course I did not see you but so glad to know you had a good lengthy trip of 5000 miles south. The weather was good and I think you did remarkably well to travel those miles by car at your age, I think it is great you can do this and enjoy it as well.

I had Xmas with Ken, Beth and families in wpg. and it was sure a treat to get away from here. I just got a phone from Ken and he is calling tomorrow and taking me with him to Rivers and Hartney, so I am looking forward to the trip and visit. Ken is expanding his business and I hope the future is bright for him.

If over in Brandon be sure to call and I'll take you both out for dinner and a chat, for now my best for you both and your families in 1980.

Sincerely,
Tutty.

Tully McKenzie

73 Elsie Drive,
Brandon, Man.;
Dec. 5 / 79.

Dear Norman and Grace:-

Just a few lines as another Xmas is fast approaching and I am not sending out Cards this year, just a few lines on writing paper.

I called at your home around Oct. 13 and did not find anyone at home there or at Bob's. I was on a small tour I mapped out from a book called "Bed and Breakfast across Canada". I just felt I had to get away from here. My intentions were to travel quite a distance in Man. & Sask. but I just got chilled on the first day and as it was cold and ice on sloughs & roads in spots I decided to just make a few stops and if I liked the idea I would start out next year.

I did stay over the first night at Ivan & Betty Crerar's at Selkirk and then at Swanson at Churchbridge, Sask. and at Easton's at Waukegan before returning home. It was an entirely new experience in a way for me, and made me think of the families and homes I was at when I travelled for Man. Dairy & Poultry Corp. in early 60's.

I am doing my best to carry on here alone, as I found after an add in paper the replies were unsuitable to me and I am not for more unsatisfactory developments.

I will go to Ken & Beth's home in Winnipeg for Xmas & Yuletide Season. I thank you both for the visit I had last summer in your home, and wish you both a "Happy Xmas". Sincerely,
Tully.

Dear Norman and Grace:-

73 Elank Drive,
Brandon, April 27/79.

I wish to thank you very much for the kind invitation and for your sincere thoughtfulness of me in a situation I've been stewing in for some time now, but there was not time enough the other day for me to go into the details and bring you up to date on the present situation ^{which} as of now is well advanced to its final stage.

We were at the lawyers yesterday and have every thing finalized as to our separation, which will likely be completed and signed this next week.

I appreciate your calling on me and taking me out to dinner with you, it was so thoughtful of you. I will later on accept your kind invitation and go up and have a short visit with you. I will phone you a few days ahead so do not stay home or put yourselves out, I'll look forward to having a visit and talk with you in the not too distant future.

I trust you will have a good safe trip to Winnipeg and also out west, roads and weather are the big factor this time of the year.

Thanking you both for your concern and added thoughtfulness of me in this time I am experiencing.

Very Sincerely,

Fully

from
Jully
Mekenge

73 Clark Drive,
Brandon, Man;

Dec. 11. 1977.

Dear Norman & Grace:-

It was so nice to hear from you both and I hurry to get a few lines back to you before Xmas or I forget; As I find of late my memory fast failing.

I was told at Ronson's 60th Anniversary of Bob's wife having taken ill, and I'm just not sure who told me but I think Harold Tremaine, and on account of the large gathering and not hearing too well I just did not get the opportunity to get full information, and I am sincerely sorry I did not further inquire, I'm not hunting excuses but actually I forgot.

I was so delighted at this late date however to know that she is and has been making very rapid improvement. Had I realized that she was in Brandon Hospital I am sure I would have made some effort to have learned of her condition and progress. Actually I apologize for not writing you, so please forgive.

I was further surprised to learn that you too have had a tough time of it Norman; What can happen in a family all at once is hard to realize let alone bear the many inconveniences you have all had to adjust to this past summer. I am happy though to hear you say you are on the mend and a few more treatments will be sufficient. You will all be in my thoughts and prayers, and I sincerely hope you can all be together for Xmas and New Years.

If in Brandon either call or phone, I will most likely

be home, but will be expect in wpg. for Xmas & New Years,
going in around 23rd, for a week or 10 days.

Now as to the Research on the "Millers". you just
forget it Norman, until you feel equal to spend the
time and energy. I know I ask people who are capable
and dedicated to such a task, but first of all your health.

I have felt like resigning my post this last 8 mos.
but the pressure was on me to continue until March/78
when our Annual meeting is to be held and then I
automatically retire. We have had much success and
also much disappointment. The disappointment is in not having
our Hall of Fame Gallery completed in the New Heritage Bldg.
and then we would have been able to have had an
opening dedication ceremony to honor those chosen thus
far to the Hall of Fame. The two branches of govt. and the
Museum Board are all not operating in unison and
I do not know whether things will change with the Govt.
but Politics being what they are and your knowledge of
them, well, I think you can guess our predicament.

In the meantime we are receiving citations and photos
of Outstanding individuals and they are dealt with and
filed and the ones accepted by the board have their
Portraits & Citation all completed in a Plaque 24"X16" and
ready to hang on walls.

I thank you both at this late date for all your sympathy
and donations at the time of Ethel's passing. I just could
not and still cannot answer the messages over 250 of them
and just have to go unanswered except for what the family
did at the time. This is an shocking experience of a life time &
one that they say time will heal, well, after 47 years and knowing
Ethel 52 years, its just unbelievable. Merry Xmas to you and yours and
a happy New Year. Sincerely, Tubby

73 Clark Drive,
Jan. 13. 1977.
Brandon, Mari;

Dear Norman & Grace:-

Thanks for your Xmas Card and letter; I am writing a very hard pressed disturbing letter tonight, to apologize for all our promises not kept this last year to you both.

Your 50 Anniversary, well how can one apologize for not attending such an honor occasion, well I must try and write you the facts. Marg & Bill & Family home here from Lima, Peru, S.A. and at that time also home from San Jose, California arrived, and as if that was not enough we had to go to Vancouver to see my sister in a rest home lodge there, so unfortunately we just could not get to your 50th Anniversary nor yet as we had planned to go later and have a visit with you, as we have contemplated on doing for years. I do hope you can forgive us as it was certainly anything but ~~an~~ intentional.

I do not know of anyone's 50th Anniversary we would have sooner attended, as we always have had and will, the highest of respect and friendship for Norman & Grace Turnbull! I do hope we can remember another Anniversary of yours, I think it is customary to remember each one after the 50, if not it should be.

However a belated Happy Happy Anniversary on fifty years of married life which few attain, and with

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With ^{the} accomplishment of having raised a very wonderful family, and having them with you to enjoy especially on this great occasion.

You have both made such a great and wonderful contribution to your family, your community, your province and to your Redeemer and fellow man. I know no one to equal you both in this honor; Sincere Congratulations!

I enclose a circular letter I had to send out this year due to the number, which I did not and do not like doing, but when it came to over 200 well and expense, this was the decision I made for this year only.

I have just got home from a short Executive Meeting at Austin Museum with Bill Moncur (the administrator) and Jim McTeard who I took over with me. As we are arranging Committees to put our directors to work, Flour & Fruit Mills came up & who to contact for help as to operators, millers that we should consider. Jim immediately mentioned your name Norman, I said your right, I got orders from Ethel last night to write you, so I'll do it tonight and mention what we want and solicit your help telling them you made a tape recording Centennial Year on Fruit & Flour Mills in Westman Area, or write it longer. Tapes still in captivity in City Hall fire proof vault.

Well Norman if you can suggest or list names

3/ or the photographs, & Citation, I'm sure our
Selection Committee of the Manitoba Agricultural
Hall of Fame would be pleased to appraise them.

There is no immediate hurry as we are just
getting the new Provincial Board organized and put
to work. This is a time consuming project and with other
interests there is never a dull moment around here.

I know I have missed sending copies of the circular
to some and to some I think I've sent two, not very
good continuity. Kindly accept the information for what worth.

I do hope you will however ~~not~~ come to see
us when ever in Brandon, as we would certainly
like you to call any time as we always enjoy
your visits to the full. if winter I can plug your
car in Norman, lots of extension cord so come.

I do hope ere long I will get rid of some
of the projects I started and have had to lead.
Then I will visit as I figure my friends are
my greatest assets.

Wishing you both and your families the Best
of Life and Happiness in 1977.

Sincerely:

Tully & Ethel

Greetings

73 Clark Drive,
Brandon, Man.
December 10th, 1976.
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Dear: *Norman & Grace:*

In appreciation for your past co-operation and patronage Ethel and I wish to sincerely Thank You and trust that 1977 will be a happy and healthy one long to be remembered.

We have been extremely busy this past few years due to research and editing of the Book "It's Time To Remember". A memorandum of our home district "Tremaine, Hunterville" which takes in the Area of Saskatchewan Municipality and Odanah Municipality.

In this project we can report that the interest and sales have been highly successful and to this end we extend to all of you who helped in any way or purchased a copy our thanks for your very much appreciated personal words of congratulations and the many thoughtful complimentary letters.

Since payments to Publisher, Photographer and Secretary have all been met in full, I have been busy organizing a "Provisional Board" of the "Manitoba Agricultural Hall of Fame". To this end we have received a Clearance of Title, A Charter, By-laws drafted and permission that this Hall of Fame will be in a gallery in the New Heritage Building south of Austin, Manitoba.

We now have organized a Provincial Board of Directors and plans are now in the making for the success of this project.

The Assiniboine Historical Society plus the Natural History Society give very little time for personal thoughts or friends.

Ethel is completing her studies at the Brandon University this term for her degree with much interest and work.

We plan to hold Christmas with members of the family in Manitoba and we wish you and yours sincere "Yuletide Greetings" from us. Please accept this type of communication for now as time and energy do not permit individual acknowledgements.

Sincerely,

Ethel and Tully McKenzie.

73 Clark Drive.
Brandon, Man.
Jan. 29. 1970.

Dear Norman:-

I have got very much, all of a sudden involved in the Centennial Year Activities etc, and am now active on the Pioneer Committee and ^{we} have advanced a few projects or programmes to date, namely one of them a scroll recognizing our early Pioneers, many or most who have passed on, and secondly we have an arrangement with CXX TV (Vince Dodd's Programme) Talk of the Town. that they give us 15 minutes in which to have someone interviewed regarding some profession or walk of life of the early days of Manitoba.

Possibly Norman you have been watching these programmes that started in January, and will run throughout 1970 each week at 5.30 PM. These programmes are taped/recorded and will be kept for future reference in the Archives of our new Assiniboine Historical Museum we are presently working on.

I have a relatively small but active committee and there is much thought and planning ahead going into this year 1970 if it is going to be successful or have the success it deserves for our Pioneers.

Our committee ~~is~~ going out into the field of CXX TV and West-^{Central} Man. as over the years

We here in Brandon realize the great contribution the Area has ~~made~~ contributed to our expansion, our culture our survival etc. Now you will be wondering what Tully is writing all this for. Here it is.

We would like you Norman to appear on our CKX TV programme, giving or discussing the early history of the "First Mill" with Vince Dodds. We are endeavoring to take in all that went on in the early Pioneer Days and I know you operated the ~~Manitota~~ Manitoba Mill at one time and could do an excellent job of the history of the old mills, mentioning where some of them were, names etc. of operators. (Names are important) also power used. I know Rapid City was by the old water wheel driven by the waters of the little Saskatchewan River (not the Minnesota River)

I sincerely trust you and Grace and your family are all well and enjoying this grand Manitoba winter; days ^{are} now longer and we are off to a good start for 1970. I will not mention the farmers plight this time, but well I realize it and mean the problem to cope with it.

We will do our best to work with you as to the time you would prefer to make this contribution. We are advertising at the beginning of ^{the} month for month ahead.

Yours very sincerely & kind regard to all
Tully McFarlane