

June 19 1947

Dear Elizabeth:-

I simply have not time to write but I should have done it long ago. I got your letter and check and have the money all ready for you. and I fixed 3 dresses for your Mother and am working on the one you sent and making her a slip want to finish them this week. We have been torn up since the middle of April we are remodeling the bathroom plumblers are through and Ora has been doing the rest of work and painting in the evenings and

it takes so long that way. Had the electricians yesterday so Oran & I put down linoleum last night and last week I painted the kitchen floor so maybe after awhile we will get fixed up again. Everyone you talk with are rushed with work this Spring. We have had so much rain that it has kept everyone back. And it is so cold. It was 42° this A.M. and frost in spots.

We were to Cecilia's Sunday first we have been down since last fall. They're all well.

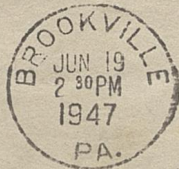
Mary Louise is vacationing in Timblin this winter week with her Aunt Ann Oran's sister. so the house is quiet for once. I went

to town this A.M. & came home with Oran at 11 and still had not found what I had gone for so went back and still did not find it so am sending away for a set for bathroom.

Well Minnie is coming so will have to quit and will be seeing you soon. Hope it will be a nice day and all goes well. Sorry you can't be here a week ahead but don't worry. I'll help what I can & will let me.

Love
Minnie

Mrs. J. Oran Snyder.
1 White St. R. D. 3,
Brookville, Pa.



Miss Betty Burgoyne.
312 E. Las Olas Boulevard
Fort Lauderdale,
Fla.

JAMES F. MURPHY
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WASHINGTON 10, D. C.

June 14, 1947.

Greetings;

Received your welcome letter today, also another one a couple of days ago, and am glad to hear that your trip North is just about complete, hope the weather is good and you won't have any trouble in flying, so you are having schedule troubles? thought that only the CAP Air Lines did that, know when they did it to me, they were very indifferent about it, and didn't even bother in making another reservations and had to go to the air port and wait my chances in getting on a plane.

The gang in Mc Keesport wants me to go there the fourth, but declined it, as am not in the mood to visit anyone, and one of the fellows here has a summer home on the beach and asked me if I would care to spend the week end there, and think I'll be taking them up on it, as they are the kind that doesn't have any company and I can just lay around and enjoy life, and will take a bus back to D.C. Sunday Morning the 6th, to meet you to let me know when You will arrive, the idea of going to the races doesn't appeal to me just now, maybe later on will want to see them but not just now, know when I was in the Big City, the Murphys wanted me to go to the races with them, but declined, so will be waiting patiently for your letter telling me about the time the plane will arrive here from Pittsburg.

The Eagles are having a convention here the 26th. and 27th. and am Vice President now, and on the committee, and had asked the boss to have off the two days, but he thinks we will be too busy to leave me off, but will wait until later on to see how the work is progressing, right now we are snowed under, would like to meet you, but if I can get off will have to be at the hall as Friday is the important day with all the voting going on, and there are several questions are coming up that will be a heated argument, and want to lend my support on it too. but if I can make it will be at the air port to meet you, but don't think I'll be able to make it, that will have to wait until that day to know what I will be able to do, if I can get away, and if most of the meeting that I am interested in is in the morning, will be at the air port, but if you don't see me, then you will know that I wasn't able to make it, but will be seeing you the 6th, you may be sure, so let me know the time.

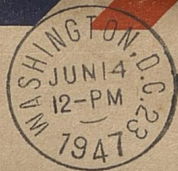
Been very busy with the stamps the last couple of weeks, and think I have been working too hard on them, as the old stomach is acting up again, but want to get them ready for next Mondays meeting, which will be the last until fall, the bridge club will have their last game the 17th. but am uncertain if I'll go, most likely will be there to help wind up the session, then will have only Thursday nights taken for the rest of the year.

Can't think of anything else to write just now, and want to answer the gang's letter from Mc Keesport, to will close with the best of wishes and will be seeing you the 6th. so until then,

Always,

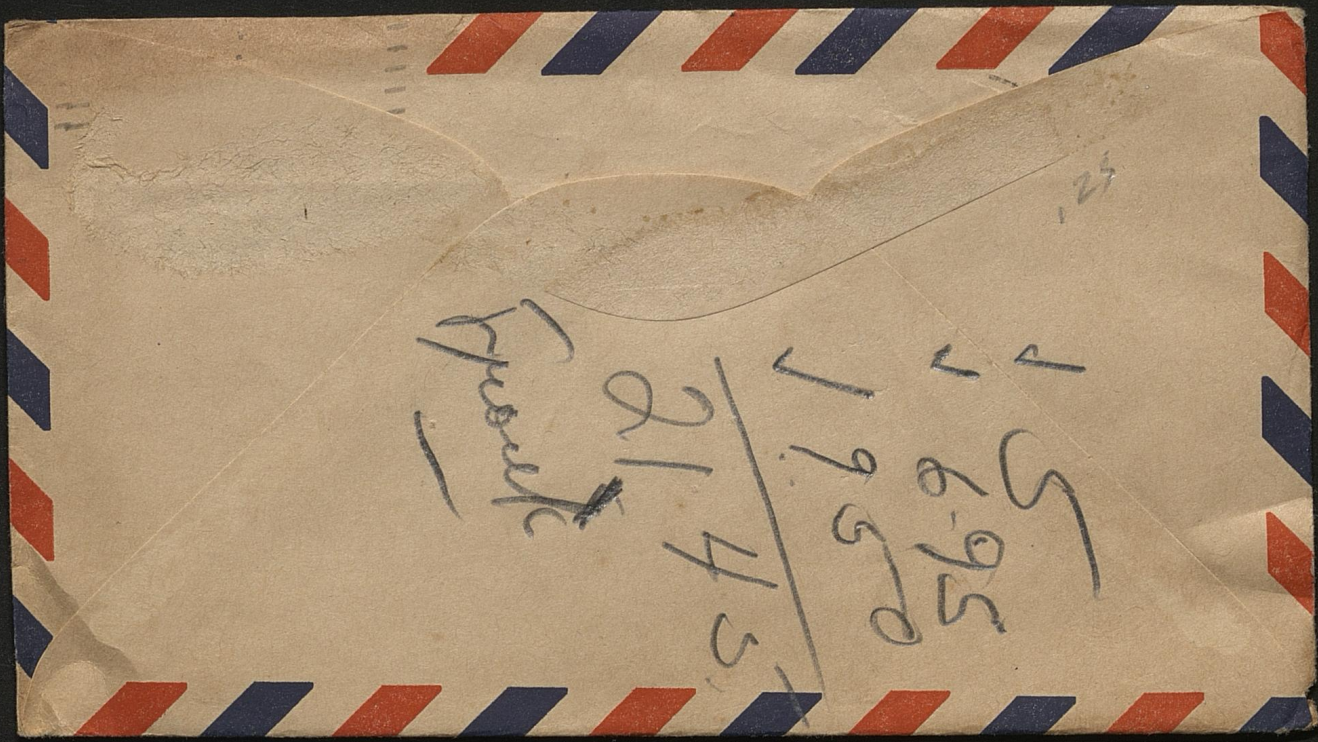
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409 South Dallas Avenue
Pittsburgh 8, Pennsylvania

June 12, 1947

Dear Betty:

Your letter came yesterday and you were right about a surprise. The airfield has a bus service to the city, (William Penn Hotel) at least Ed always arrived in Pgh that way when he flew home from Washington. When you arrive at the city, call us and we'll pick you up - at the moment we expect to be in Pgh then: our summer plans are a little hazy at the moment - we would dearly love to go to Texas for a reunion of the men who went overseas with Ed & then we're going on a few week-ends but at the moment we'll be here. Mother wants to come up again this summer too & I'm trying to sandwich in all plans. Derek graduated Sunday night from Central & hopes to get in pre-med at Pitt this fall. Gloria will be a senior next year. She had a good social year - modeled at The Schenley, at my tea, etc. Just getting over a round of graduation teas and Open Houses &

winding up my dirt activities for the
summer. Haven't heard from any
one - relatives I mean but you'll pro-
bably get every thing first hand soon.

Have you had any luck in the
market? We haven't - this damn
bear market! We're seriously thinking
of picking up a little piece of land
preferably in Virginia or Kentucky
for a little hide away or summer
home - nothing elaborate but to go
to in case the atom bomb gets too serious.
Anyway we need a place away
from the city, as we are very com-
fortable here & love it so much.

I've boiled your letter down to the
fact you'll probably get into Pgh.
around 4 - takes some time for the bus to
get to the Millcreek Penn - you'll call
here Hi 5649 - and we'll make plans
then -

Write any change

Catherine



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Miss Betty (Suzanne)
Garden Court Flower Shop
312 E. Las Olas Blvd.
Fort Lauderdale, Fla.

[Postmarked June 11, 1947]

Wednesday

Dear Sister:-

Rec'd your letter & just now wrote to Ted for him to see about cake; he knows the bakeries better than I do, I told him to let you know about it.

I counted our children in & also, Julia girl & Mary Louise & also Philip's wife. Also Aunt Mary, Ben & Grace.

Uncle John wants to come.

Mum said friends could come in afternoon.

As to priest, why not let it go, they know this priest & he is to be assisted & everyone likes him.

As to Piley boys, I haven't seen them for so long they are strangers too, & for Shannon, Ben pretty sure is in navy.

Mum is planning on her lillies being out,
& she has lots of them, I don't think you
will need to get any for house, as
there should be lots of garden flowers.
I am going up to clean the last week
also trying to get curtains for downstairs.
F. Louise didn't get your letter until
she got home, they were away on
trip for couple days.

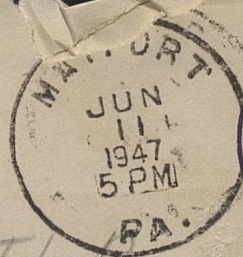
She will cook dinner & bring it with
her that morning, will have dinner
at home.

I forgot to tell you in other letter we
are to receive Communion with Dad
& Mum.

Luella

P.S. We are going to have Angel food
cake. Mommie & I will bake them.

B / Box 46
May pat
Pa



Miss Elizabeth Burgoyne
422 Las Olas Blvd
Fort Lauderdale
Florida

May 2-47

Dear Betty -

Your long awaited letter received yesterday. Gee, you must have been busy to take that long to write. Now, consider yourself bowled out.

Well, this is getting into the busy season here for us. Spring is so late though the year it must be a good 3 weeks behind. It has rained now off on one for the past 2 weeks so it is next to impossible to get much done in the ground. Have been seeded + a 5 acre of lawn + it should do good but that is about the extent of our work so far.

Heard from home a week or so ago. Sent mother some black butter + went to take her some Mann's when we go down in June. Had a letter from Joe a few days ago. He is still working with NYL. Haven't seen him though since before Easter. Will probably see him soon + talk over mother + Dad's anniversary. The last I saw him he was planning on going down with us. If you are still planning on having Louise handle it should we ^(Grand) send you the money or what? What do you figure we ^{should} (Odet)

send? As you say, it is unlikely that Louisa
would be able to do much in the way.

Oh well, Julia is that way too now so
what or whom do I have to talk about
that. But you didn't think the old folks
(us) were worth that much did you?

Say, why don't you plan on staying
here with me while you are in
Chicago this fall. We have room &
I believe it is as good as you will
find anywhere in the city. It is only 40 mi
N.W. & the fresh air would do you good
during in the morning. I think it over.

Now we did hear from Philip's two in
moments but later she stated that they may
be home this summer possibly they plan
on being home the 30th or 20th.

With kind, best of luck to you &
regards to all the folks in St. Judeville

If you fly to Pgh we could pick you up
say on Sat Eve. W Sun June 28 or 29

We will probably have been early Sat 28th
Let us know what to plan on you know it is
less than 2 mo already. All our love Ben Julia & Martha

Mr. P. A. Fiscus
R 1 Box 46
Mayport Pa



Miss Elizabeth Burgoyne
Garden Court Flower Shop
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Fort Lauderdale
Florida



all the mice in this section.
 we are pleased up.
 do you still want help in
 the shop? One taken over about
 six new jobs. Just now in
 taking home money to girl post
 I like it but haven't too much
 time. Anna Walker (Dr. & note)
 thought I was you - so I
 explained and she asked to
 be remembered to you. Do you
 remember her? She was in the office
 at PA. 0.11. Boys now and don't
 mark so hard letters.



Had a note from
 Louise last week,
 she says that Mum is
 not too good. I have to
 make plans to go down
 to Farrell soon.



With my gang my
 time is definitely not my
 own. Just now we are
 house-cleaning and with

Eric Pa
 April 26.


Dear Betty:

Surprise!

I talked with Mrs Conrad
 last Sunday for a few
 minutes and then
 started wondering how
 you are. How are all the
 muscles and joints?

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Erie Pa.



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Miss Betty Burgoyne
Flower Garden Court.
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Newburgh. N. Y.
Mar. 29th.

Dear Betty.

It sure was good to hear from you. Guess Sam and I didn't miss much (except seeing you) this winter as we hear you had some real cold weather down there. It must have been cold to freeze the fruit and flowers to say nothing of vegetables. Green beans from Florida are selling for 50¢ a lb. up here now. We have had some lovely grapes and grape fruit this winter from Coosa. Sam and his three brothers have two crates sent up every two weeks and divide them up between them so we have had plenty of nice Florida fruit. Can't buy any thing like them in the stores up here. Sam started working on Mar. 1st and expects a good season. The only trouble is materials, ^{labor} are so high that people are not going to have work done unless it is absolutely necessary.

The Jamaica track opens this

Coming Saturday. which means
the Florida racing is about over.
I am and I hope to get down
to the track a few times this
summer providing we get a break
My father is in such a condition
he cannot be left alone and it
is so hard to get anyone in to stay
with him. Elmer is home for
the day so I am & I are going
out for dinner. We have to jansup
so many good times. Had an
invitation to go to N. Y. yesterday
to see the ^{eastern} pageant at Radio City
but couldn't go. One of our friends
called this a.m. and said the
pageant was beautiful.

If I'm going out for dinner
I had better be getting ready. or
else my husband will go and
leave me as he says he is getting
hungry. So until I hear from
you again - bye now.
Answer soon.

Love
Grace.

Mrs. Samuel J. Parrott
36 Fullerton Avenue
Newburgh New York



Miss Betty Burgoyne
Garden Court Flower Shop
Ft. Lauderdale, Fla.
Las Vegas Blvd.

99 Light Street

Feb 14th

Dear Betty -

Thanks for your
nice letter. Just want
to let you know I am
feeling much better. &
Harry is fine. He even
goes to business now.
The first two weeks he

just stayed home & took
care of me.

He wrote Dr Pierce yester-
day & gave him a report
on my condition.

They tell me you have
had some cold weather
down there. So have we
but one would never know
it our house is so warm.

all for now. with best
love.

Sincerely.

Louise M^c.

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Miss Betty Burgoyne
Garden Court flower shop.
Fort Lauderdale.
Florida.

Los Olas Blvd.



Sunday Jan 26/47

Dear Betty

It was of nice of you to answer my letter so promptly.

Mrs. Flaxman, phoned me about she had started all tests and treatments at the Southmore Hotel - but not Dr Ryan. Have not heard of late, how she is getting on.

The Sat evenings and Sunday are very lonely and I find myself missing "my dear One" more each day.

I have an eight room house so it keeps me pretty

busy most of the time. Guess I told you I have 3 ex. dogs, including with me I don't feel so alone with them coming & going. Also have a dandy Spritzer spaniel, black & white, and a dandy watch dog.

Saw Miss Willenbar before Thanksgiving - she was at a luncheon I attended. She is fine. She is at a hospital in Peoria, teaching anesthesia well my dear, hope your flower business is booming. Coming on Val day ought to be good.

Must say good night & pull in now 11:30 p.m. Love Agnes Diesel

A. M. Diesel
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EX-PATIENTS
TUBERCULAR HOME
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Newburgh, N. Y.
Jan. 23, 1947.

Dear Betty,

Your Christmas card was the first word we had from you since you were in N. Y. We couldn't understand why you hadn't dropped us a line, to let us know if you got back to Ft. Lauderdale. If you sent us a letter, it evidently went astray as we didn't receive it.

Well, looks like Sam and I are stuck here for the winter, all on account of my father. We are unable to do anything about him. He says he could not stand the trip over to my sister's in Waterbury, Conn. and when we talk about getting ready to take him over, he has a bad spell and gets acting queer. Have tried to get him in a nursing home here and in Po'keepsie but they are all filled up. My father is quite a case what with being blind and everything Sam has been on vacation since before the holidays and it seems a shame we can't take a

trip down. We had planned on leaving here around Feb 1st but unless a miracle happens, that we find a place for my dad, I'm afraid we will be unable to make it this winter.

How are things going with you? Suppose the shop keeps you stepping these days. Is there as big a rush of people down here this winter? I sure wish I was down here right now. as we are having a cold spell and we ho like. Can't complain tho' as we have had a pretty fair winter so far.

I see by the papers the wages are running at Hialeah. I suppose you get down occasionally. Having any luck? I put five bucks on one called Kantar Run at Tropical last week. His name should have been Kant Run

Well, Betty, sorry it doesn't look favorable for us coming down to see you in sunny Florida this winter. Hope some day Sam & I will get a break but guess we are going to have my father until his end comes. We both send our best to you. Write us the news.
Love
Grace.

Mrs. Samuel J. Parrott
36 Fullerton Avenue
Newburgh New York



Bett
Miss Betty Burgoyne
Garden Cent Flower Shop
Las Olas Blvd.
St. Landersdale, Fla.

could, there is no
chance for her
at all - Thanks
for getting the Rosen
to I send for me
and hope you will
have a good trip
successful journey
and if you come
East look me, you
are always in luck a
happy, I can't get
to see much of
you. So long -
and good luck
for the new year

Everest Brykman

112 McDougal St
New York City N.Y.
Jan 6 - 1947

Dear Betty -

Enclosed find

Check for Rosen sent
to I send for desk mail -
I was glad to have your
letter both also - wish
I could be down there
for the rest of the winter,
I don't feel any too good,
have to be so careful -
Can't go out there any
more so have to hire
a maid to do my
of their work, which

Curt cuts my salary
a week from last - but
Dr won't let me go on
but says any more
so I see how to do all
my getting around on the
Bureau - he had over
just from salary
and from my being in
hurry and "thereby"
I had a Birthday card
from I see, and from
Chickman and say to
for my gun, Rec'd
a nice box of Goody's
from her - which he
then did say -
David and Allen had

a small / not too small,
Chickman (see) but
"Rept" David said -
I made no salary at
all for Chickman
this year - see some
nice things like
handkerchief - and writing
paper and Ballpoint
of mine, and some
of the men in the
home gave me money -
which was nice to
get. Special like
my Dr bills - to meet -
David has not been
very well in fact
is busy in bed
today and today
has read a load

JAMES F. MURPHY
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WASHINGTON 10, D. C.

Sep't. 25, 1947.

Greetings;

Received your most welcome letter this evening, and you know it was more than welcome, as was worried about your shop, though you wouldn't be home, but the shop was in the way of the hurricane, but what you said, it wasn't damaged much, only water and dirt, and that can be cleaned up, but nothing broken, and you can be thankful for that, and you are right, in thanking yourself for not being home, as the buick would be in the storm, and it would be a shame to have it damaged, by the way, how did the truck make out?

So you don't like Good Old Chi?? don't know what is the matter, maybe it was the heat, but I like the town very much, as it is like N.Y.C. always something to look at, and places to go if you want to, and when company comes in, you have something to show, and that is more than a lot of other towns I lived in, now am not talking about D.C. as I like this town very well, even though it gets kind of lonesome at times, but every place gets that was once in a while.

Still havn't heard from Buffalo, wasn't thinking of the Murphys, as know they are slow in writing, but would like to know about my cousin's boy, I told you in the last letter, they were to know in about 10 days, and here it is 19 days since then, and still no news, will wait another week, then write a blistering letter, and it will be a hot one too.

This week has been sort of an off week, didn't do anything particular, that is no bridge or stamps, but spent a lot of time trying to straighten up what stamps I bought this last couple of months, also Yom Kipper was Tuesday and had to go to Church, and that took that day, tonight will have to go to the Eagles Meeting, am thinking seriously in resigning the vice president job, as it takes too much of my time, that is have to go to a meeting every Thursday and don't like to tie myself down that much.

Well Betty, havn't anything new to talk about, and am glad to think you thought enough of me to write about yourself and shop, as was very worried, and don't try to do all the cleaning all in one day, as know it is very hard work, and you have to take care of yourself, so you will be ready for the rush next month, and hope you are still in the pink of condition from the trip, and will be writing again soon, so until then,

Always,

James

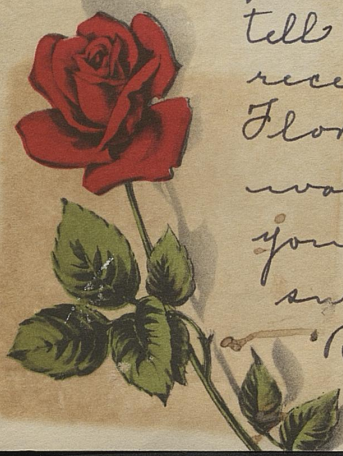
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Fla.

for the Altars many people
have Garden flowers but
don't think to send them
Elizabeth I want to thank
you again for all your
kindness and only say again
I do hope you had no
great loss from the Storm
With much love and wishes
for success in your work
and God Bless you I am
Very Sincerely Elizabeth



Brookville Pa
September 24-1947

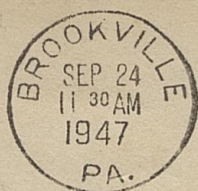
Dear Elizabeth

Just a line to
tell you we
received the
Flora-life and
want to thank
you for it Am
sure God will

Bless you for
it is being

used mostly for flowers on the altar I did switch a bit for the house I do hope you did not suffer a great loss from the storm I read you were in the path of it we had some wind and rain and a cold spell we really had a frost I had many beautiful Bahlias and Zinnias the frost ripped them yet I picked several buckets full for sister ^{yesterday} today is the Feast of "Our Lady of Mercy" and she ^{sr.} did want flowers for the altar this is their Feast the children have a free day from school sr. is pleased to have the Floralife

I also want to thank you for the Favos you send us from the Golden Sheddin The services were nice I met your dear mother and father they sure both are still looking fine your brother has been bringing some beautiful flowers on Saturday



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Sept. 15, 1947.

Greetings;

Received your welcome telegram and cards, know you are having a wonderful time and wish I was with you, as get sort of lonesome for good old Chi., as havn't been there since 1940, that is for any time, I was there when ⁺ came through from Frisco, but didn't have time to even see State Street.

Back from Buffalo a week now, and should of written to you earlier, but was busy every night since I came back, and am exhausted too. Getting back to Buffalo, Charles, Marg, and the children are all well, in fact all the folks there are enjoying the best of health, the Murphys are busy in the store, and only had one chance to be with the both of them, that was Labor day, we went out to a friends of theirs, they have a tavern about 40 miles from Bflo. and had a nice time, then the Saturday before I left, Marg. and I went to the Knights of Equity Club House for the evening, had a wonderful time, it is the first time Marg. has been there as you know Chas. he doesn't go for drinking and is busy most of the time, even though he belonged for years, never went to the club house, anyway we picked up my cousin at midnight and went there and didn't get home until after 4, and was dogged tired, know it is the first time Marg. has been out that long in years, but had a great time,

Saw all the folks, and Friday afternoon Aunt Eliza and I went to Batavia to see Belle, had a nice time, she has a nice home there, and is enjoying herself, and is looking very well for herself too.

Spent a lot of time with my cousin (the Hannonas) their last child is mentally retarded, and is a pathetic case, as the father d dn't realize that anything was wrong with him, and about thrww years ago his mother died, and then the father learned the hard way, and has been trying to take care of him since then, but found it is impossibe, as the rest of the boys are not cooperative, I have been trying to have him send the boy away, for his own sake, that is the boys sake, but it is hard, and the last year they have been trying to place him, but no one would take the initiative, so it has been boggen down, so whily I was there, we got an appointment to have him examined, and they dd last Monday, and heard from one of the boys wife, she said they went through with it, and should hear in about 10 days is he would be accepted, and the agency didn t think he would be rejected, so now am waiting to hear the final results, hope they go through with it, as the father is getting very nervous, and think if something isn't done soon, the father will land up with a nervous breakdown.

When I decided to go to Buffalo it was too late to get a plane, so had to take the train, and had a very dirty train, with low back seats, and the trip was tortuous, had to wash up and change cloths before I left the depp't, but the

trip back was wonderful, as had a reclining seat and not many traveling either, and arrived back on time, didn't pick up my suit case until the next night, as wanted to get something to eat before I went home.

Monday, went after the suit case, then had to get cleaned up as the PBA was having their first bridge club, and wanted to attend, had a nice time, and came out second, it is the first time I came out in the money, the girl I have been playing bridge with, Ester Finkelstein, heard that she was loosing her job with the bovernment, as she was only a war service employee, so last Thursday night they had a dinner party for her at the Casino Royal, we had a wonderful dinner, also saw a nice floor show, and did a lot of dancing, it is the first time I danced so mush in years, only thing I wished, was I could jitterbug, like the kida, as always liked fast dancing, and think the latter dance is very expressive too.

Had to work yesterday for a couple of hours, in fact we were finished in an hour and a half, but hung around for three hours, as it was Sunday, and didn't want to leave too soon, so have off today, seeing it is New Years, liked to have it off, but didn't do anything as since last Friday have had a bad headache, and yesterday took a strong laxative and it sure worked, but still have the headache, hope it wears off, but know it won't tonight, and have to go to a stamp club meeting, then go to a hotel to look over an ivory collection that a fri nd of mine has, then later on to a bridge game, and you know it isn't any fun to have a headache when you have to be pleasant, when you don't feel like it.

Am just about out of gab, so think I'll be calling it quits, as know you are busy getting the shop ready for business, so take care of yourself, and hope you are still enjoying the best of health, and not too tired from the trip, and will be writing again soon, so until then.

Always,

James

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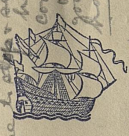
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Florida.

Plaque McCreary yesterday Wrd in the first races & he paid 17.80 on Bonnie Fly.

We are staying at the Henry Hudson right across the Street from the Parc Vendome Apts, where our friends live, who come south every winter - Had dinner with them last nite - They are going to Atlantic City tomorrow for wk end & attend the races last 2 days - Atlantic C track closes Sat - Want us to go with them but have had enough of traveling for awhile - Want to rest up here a few more days before going south & do some shopping - Will stop at Kessimnee Fl & see Va. B/4 going home expect we will be home around Sept 30/4.

Its nice to go away but this hot weather takes a bit out of you traveling so far - Will be glad to get home again - My in come today & I feel full of pep again - lots of fun & a very happy trip - Mary

Van Jones Hotel in "Kessimnee" in the "Parc Vendome" in case you want to go to Atlantic City - Henry Hudson Hotel sent her some cards



Henry Hudson HOTEL 353 WEST FIFTY-SEVENTH STREET NEW YORK 19, N. Y.

Postmarked Aug 21, 1947

Thurs am.

Dear Betty:-
Was so happy to receive your letter in Lake Geo. & hear all the news - and such news, especially about next store - We had a letter from the Owner the same day we receive your letter, written from Cleveland, O. where he & his wife & daughter had been for a trip. He said he left Sandusky 10 days or so & everything was OK around our house & he had a full home & left a woman in charge of the Apt - I bet he's wild

Want you to get that B/4 you leave for. Don't rush it. Hope you can read it.

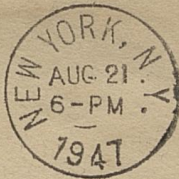
2'
if he bears it & he no doubt will -
Thanks Betty for going over to our
house & looking around - Take all
the times you can get off the trees
you're welcome to them -

We heard Mr. Sheeler in getting
along fine in Sa - gaining weight
& discarded his cane -

We have had a grand trip, but
it was so hot in Canada & I was
sick for 2 days, dysentery & something
spells that it spoiled it - ate mushrooms
room onelet the first nite there
for supper - must have been toxic
instead of mushrooms - However it was
a beautiful hotel all kinds of services
etc - very elaborately furnished - full

3-'' We had motor
boat rides along the lake etc - but
I felt 100% better when we arrived
in the States - I never did like
foreign countries anyway -

Had one big time in Lake Geo -
went to Newman, Arrowhead (Piping
Rock - where Charley Farrell was an
entertainer) also Stucky Parker
was working there too & many
other dealers elsewhere who worked
at the St Club ^{+ Colonial} in the winter - The
gamerooms really slowed up -
no big - a lot of the fellows were
laid off last Sat nite - Even the
Smatys races were running away
behind last year - I made some
money at the races however not
at roulette tho -



Air Mail

Miss Betty Bourgoyne,
Garden Court Flower Shop
Los Olas Blvd.,
Ft. Lauderdale Fla.

Henry Hudson
HOTEL

353 WEST FIFTY-SEVENTH STREET
NEW YORK 19, N. Y.

JAMES F. MURPHY
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WASHINGTON 10, D. C.

August 18, 1947.

Greetings;

Received your most welcome letter some time ago, and wanted to write sooner, but just couldn't get around to writing.

Since I wrote last, went to Harrisburg, and really had a good time, we arrived Friday evening, and after checking in at the Penn Harris Hotel, we went to Ruby's home for dinner and the evening we went to Ester's friends home and played bridge, we had a great time, Ruby and I was partners all night and we had wonderful cards, got a kick out of the game, as the last couple times Ester and I played here, she was very cross in my bidding and playing, which I know isn't so good, but don't like having it rubbed in, anyway, Ruby and I came out at the end of the game with 7500 points ahead, and the last game I bid a grand slam in no trumps and played it doubled and made it, so we went home happy, Saturday we went shopping then had my eyes examined again and will get new glasses, or should say, have them now, had to wait a week for them, they were hard to get use to, but now don't mind them at all, Saturday evening we went to see Dear Ruth, which was very good, then went to the Elks Lodge for drinks and eats, Sunday went to the beach while the rest of the gang went to the ball game, and we left at 8 for D.C. arriving tired but a wonderful memory.

The P.B.A. is having a hobby exhibit next Monday and the stamp club is figuring on being in it, and last Monday at our meeting we made plans, and was busy most of the week in getting my stamps together, so I could see just what I would want to show, then tonight we had a meeting of the committee and set up the plans as to how to display the stamps, we were there from 4:30 to 9, then we went out for dinner, and you may be sure I was very hungry, will have another meeting next Friday to get everything set, then Monday morning we will set up the display, didn't know it took so much work, but it is interesting.

Last Saturday, went out to see Dr. Kermit Smith, it has been a year since I was there, we didn't have much time to talk as he was very busy, but didn't get time to give him an adjustment, wanted on myself, but we talked so much that we didn't have time, so will be going out again soon, and hope to have one then.

Called Buffalo today, and talked to Charles and Marg, they are all well, on their vacation, but didn't have anyplace to go, wanted them to come here, but they said it was too hot to travel, also their care wouldn't stand the trip, told them that I would be seeing them the morning of the 30th. I finally decided to go there, was undecided where I should go, would liked to go to Tarentum Pa. but decided against it, then last Friday when I decided to go to Buffalo, went to the Statler

to see about plain service, they laughed, and said that they were full for the last couple of weeks, so will content myself and take the train, was figuring on going to N.Y.C. first then on, but found out that it would cost near the amount of the plane, decided to just go straight there from here, will wear an old suit and carry my good one, that way will be able to keep it clean, as that train is filthy dirty.

Suppose you are counting the days until you will be on your way to good old Chicago, if you get a chance, will you stop off at the college and see Mrs. Lee Smith, and get all the news from her, especially, Dr. Smith thought he heard that young Hastie, they were the ones that had the rooms when we were there, well getting back, he said he heard that young Hastie went insane, and was wondering if it was true, wo if you get a chance to go there, will you find out from Mrs. Smith, as she keeps in touch with most of the old gang, also any other news you will be able to pick up will be welcome, hope the hot weather will be through by the time you get there so you will enjoy yourself.

Have a stack of mail to write, but just can't get around to answering them, the ones from Buffalo, will put off and see them when I get there, that will help a lot.

What a re you trying to do, make me hungry? when you speak of the wonderful spagetti dinner you had with the Summers, you know that is one of my weakness, and here I just can't find a good place to get it, sure wish I was with you, as I like the Summers very well, and when you see them again, give them my regards, also sorry to hear that Violet's husband can't get adjusted, is he getting any compensation? maybe she should get around him to take an examination, maybe there is something wrong with him and a little help will straighten him up.

Am just about out of gab, so will close with the best regards and hope you will have a wonderful time in Chi. and will be looking forward to hear about it, so take care of yourself and w ll be writing again soon, so until then,

Always,

James

James F. Murphy
3511 11th Street, N.W.
Washington 10, D. C.

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VIA AIR MAIL

Miss Betty Burgoyne
422 E. Las Olas Blvd.
Fort Lauderdale
Florida.

Aug 14, 1947

Dear Betty

Was not at home when
your letter arrived, and
I am heartily ashamed
not answering when I first
returned.

I know you will think
me very unappreciative
of anything done for me.
But really Betty I am
at sea to know anything
definite to tell you. My
three boys are ^{gone} still with
me, so that's no news, and
my sister and daughter
are coming first of the
week and when they go
back first of Sept I expect

to direct them home - so I don't
know just what to pay. However,
give me a ping around the 2nd or 3rd in
case any of our plans should be
changed. Because, if I don't know you are
most welcome to bunk with me.
I have called several people I know
who have rooms, but all are taken.
Don't know how the hotels are.

How glad you could attend your
parents Golden wedding anniversary.
What a nice long time they have been
together.

So - the boy friend lives in D.C., more
power to you.

I am very lonely, and miss my "dear
one" more each day - but am kept pretty
busy with my (adopted) boys as I feel them

Well Betty dear, I am truly sorry I can
not pay anything definite, and again
ask forgiveness for my ~~terrible~~ negligence
but hope everything will work out
in your favor. Much love,
Agnes Diesel

A. Diesel
1223 Wisconsin St
Chicago 40, Ill



Miss Betty Burgoyne
422 E. Las Olas Blvd
Fort Lauderdale
Florida

Garden Pt Flower Shop.

Have been fortunate enough
to get very good help by
the day.

Wallace has his dinner
with me every day & spends
a great deal of time with
me. He is so good to me.

my best to all the friends
and tell Lee I hope to write
her soon.

Do let me hear from you
and plan to spend a few
days with us.

Sincerely,

Louise

99 Light Street
Aug 10th [1947]

Dear Betty -

Thanks for your letter
giving me all the news
of Lauderdale. Do hope you
will be able to come this
way after the convention. I
shall be looking forward to
it.

Marion stayed with me for
three weeks after Harry
passed away & she was a
great comfort. It was a great
(damn this pen)

all about it when I see you.

Do you think Mrs Tweling will let me have the apt again this year.?

I haven't written her yet, but will shortly. Do you know if the rents have gone up any in Lauderdale.?

I am feeling very well have been gaining all the time. weighed 115 lbs when I got home & am now up to 127.

shock to us. He went to bed in his usual health & good spirits. when I went to call him for breakfast he was cold.

It was a wonderful way for him to go. & he had said a hundred times. that he never wanted any illness or to know about it.

Wallace & Katie have been carrying on the business for the estate. which has now been sold. will tell you



Miss Betty Burgoyne.
Garden Court Flower Shop
Fort Lauderdale.
Florida.

JAMES F. MURPHY
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WASHINGTON 10, D. C.

July 26, 1947.

Greetings;

Received your welcome letter a couple of days ago, and you may be sure it was welcome, but was sorry to hear that you had a cold, hope it is all over by now.

Had a rather full week, seems as though the time is just flying, and really not getting anything done, have a couple of days work on the stamps, and just have been putting it off until now I really have to just stay home and do it,

Last Tuesday I put my application in a Philatelic club, they meet every Tuesday, and last Tuesday enjoyed it a lot, listening to the talks about stamps, and looking and wishing at stamps, did buy some though, and last Monday went to a friends home and bought several hundred stamps, and they are the ones I want to put in, so I know just where I am, in case I want to get more.

Last Sunday, Ester, another couple and I went to a beach party, we were figuring on going swimming but where we went to the beach wasn't so good, so we just had our lunch and played bingo also the slot machines, and then back to Ester's apt. and the evening we played bridge, we generally stop about 11 but the last rubber was so long, we didn't finish until 2 A.M. and it was near four before I got home, and you may be sure I hated to go to work that morning, but had to, then left at noon, and came home and slept until time to go to this fellows home to look at stamps.

It looks as though the Eagles will be getting their new home, last Thursday at the meeting, met the representative of the grand Aeire and he assured us that he would put in a favorable report, and we can go ahead and make the lease, and all the work that is needed in regards to securing the building. it will mean a lot of work, not cleaning, as the building is in wonderful condition, but besides to that, there will be a lot of work, checking on memberships, as it will be a private club and have to make sure that no outsiders gets in, also it looks as if I will be a part time bar tender, will be something new and think I will like it a lot, that is if it doesn't become too steady.

Well congress is on their last day here, and that is all you can get on the radio, will be a rest when they are out of here and we will be able to get some local news on the radio, sometimes, I wonder if the people on the house is really interested in the people of this country, of just for their own political gain, will be glad when the next presidential election is over, then we may get some worth while legislature.

We had a wonderful cool week, but today it is hot, and is promised another tomorrow, but don't intend to go anyplace, so it won't bother me, as have to stay home and get some work done.

Trying to figure where or what I will be doing for Labor Day, would like to run up to Clinton Pa, but know if the gang in Mc Keeposrt hear that I was there they would be sore or not spending my time with them, so maybe I decide to just stay home, and be a good boy, but it is hard when you have three days, especially for me, as I like to run away every chance I get.

Received a letter from Aunt Elixé, she was in Jersey City for the week end of the fourth, Unkle Andrew was sick, and she was there to help out, but didn't stay long, as he was on the mend when she got there, she did too much work on their new home, and it got him down, but she said that the house looks wonderful and now he will be able to take it easy, that is if he will, but don't think he will, as he is always changing things, even though it takes it out of him, also Aunt Belle is working hard, even with her bum leg, think they are taking too much for people of their age, but they were tired of apartment living and wanted their own home, don't blaim them for that, as am looking for an apartment for myself, as am tired of a room, want some place where I can entertain and also make a cup of coffee when I want it, and not have to get dressed and walk 6 blocks for it.

Well Betty, am just about out of gab, there really isn't anything around here to write about, so will close for now with the best regards, and hope you are enjoying the best of health now, and know you are counting the days until you will be taking that trip to good old Chicago, sure wish I could go with you, as would like to see the town again, but know that is out for a while anyway.

So take care of yourself and will be writing again soon, so until then,

Always,

James



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July 12, 1947.

Greetings;

Received your welcome letter a couple of days ago, and am glad you had an enjoyable trip back, after you left, I hung around about an hour, watching the planes, then went to a friends house for a while, and when I left about 8:30 it started to storm, and was worried that you would get in the same storm, but thank goodness you didn't, got downtown and ran into a store and waited two hours before it stopped enough to make a dash for the street car, then had dinner and home,

Monday night went to the stamp club until 7, then had to rush to the bridge tournament, didn't do good at all, came in near the bottom, but had a good time anyway, then Tuesday night was in bed at 6, and didn't get out until time to go to work the next day.

Wednesday went to a meeting, and didn't get home until after midnight and Thursday went to a show, was so tired that it wasn't funny, and thought that seeing a show would relax me a little, and it did just that,

Today went downtown in the afternoon and just sat in the park and read a book, until it looked threthning and made a dash to the restaurant for supper, then home and now it is a very hard storm, never saw so much rain and wind, plus thunder and lightning, would like to put on some old cloths and take a walk, but know if I did that, would be put in a hospital but enjoyed beeing in the rain and storm.

Heard from Marg, she Charles and Vincent took the boat to Detroit and spend their vacation there, they had a great trip, it is the first time Charles was on a boat since he quit the lakes, and also the first trip Vincent, so you can see that the trip was a success, Aunt Eliza is in Jersey City, Kelley is sick and Aunt Belle sent for her, don't know how long she will be there, will be hearing from her soon (I HOPE). Edgar, their second oldest graduated from high school last June, he had a bad infection in his leg, and was worried he couldn't finish his exams, but was driven to school to take them, and now he is finished, and will be able to work steady in the store., this will ease the work for Marg. as now she will have the two of them with her.

Havn't any news here, the work here is just routine and nothing to write about, so will just close this note for now with the hopes you are rested from your trip and thanks for stopping off here to see me while you were on your way back, hope the work won't be too hard, and you won't be too tired when you start your trip to Chi. so take care of yourself, and will be writting again soon, so until then,

Always,

James



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Credit Information Bureau

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PHONE CRAWFORD 4369

Wednesday the 6th

Dear Betty:-

Well, will surprises never cease--I survived the shock much to my surprise. Surely was glad to hear from you and to learn that you will soon stop by to see me. What do you mean stop by, can't you stay over at nite at least? We have plenty of room and hope you will at least stay over nite if not until time 'til you have to get to Chicago.

My address has changed, thot. you knew it, but guess not. It is now 1623 S. Center, right across the street from where we did live. You will come in town on the S. 7th Street Road. When you hit the first red lite, start counting and when you come to the second red lite turn left one block, then turn north. We live the second house north of Hulman Street on the West side of the street, just a block off the highway, you can't miss it. At the corner of 7th & Hulman St., there are two service stations across the street from each other; one a Gulf Station, the other a Standard; Donnelly's Drug Store is on the NE corner and there is a big brick building on the S.W. corner. That is where you turn left.

Hope it isn't as hot then as it has been since last Saturday--we simply have sweltered in this terrible heat; temperature has been up around 100-101 and 102 for the past 4 days, and has about gotten us all. Gets a little cooler at nite, but nothing to brag about. This is the first hot weather we have had all summer, and it certainly has outdone itself. I'll order cooler weather for the 28th.

Now you old so and so, you stay longer than yoost to say hello--it has been a long time between hellos, hasn't it? Be seeing you soon.

Lots of love.

Ruth

Washington D.C.
Dec. 23, 1947.

Greetings;

Had a very pleasant surprise today, went out for something to eat, and when I returned found a package from Lauderdale, and you may be sure I didn't waste any time in opening it, even though I knew it was not to be opened until Christmas, but couldn't resist the temptation and when I saw such a wonderful bill fold, I was stunned, as it is just what I needed, with initials and everything, many thanks for it, you shouldn't send me anything, thought it was an agreement that we wouldn't send presents, and here you are two up on me, don't know what I'll do to repay you, but thanks again for the present.

Well Christmas is very near, suppose you are busy with all the work that it brings, sure wish I was with you and give you a hand, but know that wouldn't do as every flower gift has to have that certain touch that only you can give.

Started to get a cold the 14th, and tried to fight it off, but finally gave up last Thursday and have been home since with it, and really in bed, tried everything to break it up but it is very persistent, also have a wonderful case of laryngitis with it, had several Chiro treatments, and today went down to a health place and had a cabnit bath with all the trimmings and now am home and after I finish this letter will be hitting the sack, as am very tired and kind of weak, think I took too much sweating, but darn it, didn't lose any weight, as I weighed in at 176 and after I was through was the same, have to go to work tomorrow, as we are only allowed three days off without a Dr's certificate, and I didn't go to any, could get the Chiro to write one but don't want to bother him.

Received a card also a note from Mrs Lee Smith, and will write what she had to say, as know some of it would be of interest to you.

Dear James.

Thank you for the card, received it today, I love to get them and like to send them out.

We are both fine, but my hip is still pretty sore, up in thick part of it, but guess it takes broken hips quite a while to get well, I wouldn't mind losing 5 or 6 lbs. but am quite thankful I'm able to get around as good as I do to what I been through.

Your picture looks like you (had some identification pictures taken and sent her one so she would remember what I look like) but havn't you gained a lot of weight, looks like you have.

They are having a Xmas tree and dinner in the Hall like they have for several years as some of the students live too far away to go home. there are 750 students, thick as bees. Don't suppose you know any of them. You ask about Ward, she and Dr. Carrington was fired and aren't here anymore, heard she was working for Dr. Myer. never see her. Dr Soiland is still here, Miss Cohn and De Voto in front office and the rest of them are new ones. Dr. Schaffers are still here also Dr. Butler. Guess you didn't know Dr. Erbin, he died about a year ago, was the X-Ray Dr. Do you ever hear from Herbert Schmidt or Coots? Bob Hastie is very much alive, living here in Chicago, married has two children a boy and girl, bought a home and has it paid for so I heard, Don't know what he does for a living, and Mrs Hastie works at Weibolts store has for years, and never see them. Never see the Cains, their boy is 15 years old hear from them through the Present Captain across the street they are good friends to the Cains.

You know I just can't remember who Betty Burgoyne is, don't believe I know her. Yes Wards son is a Osteopath, I don't know if he is practicing in Michigan or Ohio, have forgotte You remember Raymond Briggs, well he's working here again I could talk to you much better I can't think of any more news,

I must close and look at some cards I received, you better come out and eat dinner here Christmas. Ha Ha. Hope you have a very nice Christmas,

As ever,

Mr and Mrs. Lee Smith,

You remember her, don't you? she was on crutchers all the time and she had a couple of thyroid tumors removed while Dr. Johnston was studying to be a M.D. Dr Smith was asking about Bob Hastie he heard that he died in a mental hospital, and has asked her.

Charles is still suffering with his arm, the old family Physician doubts that he has arthritis, and wants him to see him and see, have been trying to get him to go to a warmer climate for it, and have the sun bake it, but Marg said he wouldn't think of Florida, as while he was there with her years, he suffered all the time, and if he should go anyplace it would be a dry climate, most likely Arizona, it doesn't make any difference to me where he goes, just so he will get some relief, Had planned to go home for Christmas, but when I heard that the plane fare was 49 bucks, decided to stay here and save the money, as couldn't stay long, and would be a waste of money for a few days, you know I am not in the florist business and can't afford all the luxuries.

Wasn't going to say anything to you until it was all over, but think I should offer some explanation why I hadn't written oftener, but have made arrangement to take the Maryland State Board, and will be taking the exam the 3rd, 4th. and 5th. of Jan. so keep your fingers crossed and say a prayer that I make it, don't mention it to anyone, as haven't told anyone, and that including the folks in Buffalo, have been trying to study, but find it impossible to retain anything, told Dr. Smith that, but he said I should take it anyway, and would be surprised what I know when I see the questions, to will leave here for Baltimore the 2nd. and have made reservations at the Lord Baltimore Hotel for the three days, and while you are resting after the holiday rush, you will picture me sweating blood trying to remember what I learned way back at the National, then I won't hear any results for about three months after, that is if Dr. Smith doesn't tell me unofficially.

As far as I know, all the folks in Buffalo are well, outside of Charles, and the last letter Marg. wrote she said he wasn't suffering as much as he had.

Well Betty, am just about out of gab, so will close with the best of wishes, and hope the work for the holidays won't be too hard, and take care of yourself, and thanks again for the billfold, and will be writing again NEXT YEAR. that is after the 5th.

know it is a waste of energy to turn over the
page just to say So long for now, and that is
all I am going to say too,

Always,

James

James F. Murphy
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VIA AIR MAIL

Miss Betty Burgoyne
422 E. Las Olas Blvd.
Fort Lauderdale
Florida.

422 E Las Olas Blvd

Washington D.C.
Dec. 7, 1947.

Greetings Aunt Betty;

Received your welcome letter, and you may be sure that it was welcome, and you needn't apologise in not writing sooner, as know you are busy, and when you get your business mail over, you are about ready to start again, don't know how you keep up will all the writing you have to do.

Glad to hear that your Brother survived the baby, know it must of been an ordeal for him, but he is young and strong, and can take it, and know you would give anything to hop a plane and fly to Chi. and see him, maybe after the season rush you could do it.

Heard from Marg. also received letters from nearly all the relations and am spending this evening trying to answer all of them, and believe me it is a job for me to do it, as I just hate to write, but like to hear from everybody.

Charles has been very sick for some time now, he has been having a lot of pain in his arm, and has been to nearly everybody with it, and they can't find out the trouble, I suggested that he should see a good bone Dr. as he may be getting an osteoma, or chondroma, but Marg. wrote that they decided that he has an inner infection and causing arthritis of the upper dorsals and lower cervicals, and the infection is causing calcification and impingement on the nerves of the shoulder and arm. I told him he should take some time off and go to Florida for the winter and have the sun heal it, he has been off a month now and is on his second month off at work.

Outside of Charles, everybody else is well and happy, that is up to Uncle Andrew, think I told you about his sickness, well now he is Lt. Comdr. Retired, a medical retirement, and is very disappointed for not being able to do the work like he did when he was well, Aunt Belle said it is pitiful to see him trying to work when he hasn't the strength or energy to do it, and the workmen that is doing the work doesn't do it good enough for him.

Your paper about playing the hand at 7 Hearts without any hearts in her hand has went around the bridge club, and they thought it was a funny hand, and wouldn't want to be in her position, know I wouldn't want it, as when I bid 7, I want all the cards with me.

Had a quiet Thanksgiving, got up at noon and had breakfast then window shopped for a couple of hours, then home and addressed cards, and wrapped Christmas packages, so by the evening had one thing to be thankful for, as Christmas was taken care of, and waited until today, so I could get the new stamp to put on them, and one of them is on your envelope, what do you think of it? by the way, why don't you use the commemorative stamps instead of the presidential series, I think they are very attractive on the envelopes, especially the Fla. Stamp, you should get a stock of them and advertise your state, like the stamp on the back of your last envelope, will enclose it, so you can see it.

Talking about Stamps, last night, I went over to Dr. Moy's house he is a stamp collector, and specializes in China stamps, and I get a lot from him, anyway, he had a friend came to town for the day, he is in this country on a three month visit and trying to see everybody, so Dr. Moy had all he could contact over to his house, and we talked about stamps

and everything, this fellow isn't a dealer, he is a collector, and an authority on China stamps, he has the only complete collection known, and had brought a number of rarities over with him to show us, he did most of the talking and we did the questioning and gosh the time just flew, before we knew it, it was after 2, and had to break it up, now I know a lot more about their stamps than before, and it was first hand information.

Things are about the same here, working every day, and out nearly every night, don't know how it is, but it seems as though there is something to do every night.

Was figuring on going home for Christmas, but decided to stay here where I belong for a change, and get caught up with some of my reading, also sleeping, also we are very busy at work and wouldn't want to ask for that Friday, even though they would give it to me, know they would rather that everybody would work, and try to catch up with the work.

Well Betty, am just about out of gab, and hope you are feeling in the pink of condition by now, and your ankle isn't bothering you anymore, and take it easy for a while, and don't let the business get you down, and write when you get time, and you will be hearing from me soon, so until then,

Always,

James

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Miss Betty Burgoyne
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Fort Lauderdale
Florida.

36 Fullerton Ave.
Newburgh, N.Y.
Nov. 1947.

Dear Betty.

Except for the card you sent from Chicago, I haven't heard from you in ages. How did you enjoy your Chicago trip? Thanks for your card.

Sam and I expect to leave for the Smith soon after the holidays. So hope to be seeing you!

Weather is getting chilly up here but so far, no snow. Sam is still working but expects to be on vacation shortly. We have to get my head over to my sisters in Conn. which is going

to be quite an undertaking
as he is so infirm from age
and blind - to make matters
worse. I have had all the
care of him for the past $3\frac{1}{2}$
years so have got to have
a rest.

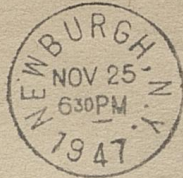
I was laid up with my
back during the summer
and spent ten days of August
in bed. A friend and mine
going on a two weeks vacation
to Asbury Park. Had hotel
reservations made and every
thing and fine days before
we were to leave some thing
happened to my ^{bad} back. I couldn't
move for several days or until
the Dr. brought a diathermy
machine and gave me some
treatments. So I lost out on
that vacation. Am keeping my
fingers and toes crossed about
going away after the holidays

Did the hurricane do you
any damage. George Parrot
got some Dandridge papers
that showed pictures of some
of the streets. Looked pretty
bad. Suppose everything is
all cleaned up by now.

You owe me a letter, my
dear, so get in the ball
and write.

Love,
Grace.

Mrs. Samuel J. Parrott
36 Fullerton Avenue
Newburgh New York



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Miss Betty Burgoyne
Garden Crest Florist Shop
422 Las Olas Blvd
Ft. Lauderdale, Fla.



Oct. 21, 1947

Dear Betty:-

Inclosed please
find check for the
Mr. Parker flowers.
They all looked lovely
and he had beautiful
flowers. Am taking
this means as traveling
in town is not easy.
Thanks and with all

-good wishes for a
successful season.

Sincerely
Gora Larkin -

Washington D.C.
Oc't. 16, 1947.

Greetings;

Received your welcome letter last night, and you may be sure that it was welcome, as read up on all the papers had in regards to the last storm you had, and was worried as they said that Lauderdale was hit very hard, also saw a picture of the Veterans section of Lauderdale which was under water, so was glad to hear that you didn't get damaged, gosh isn't it about time you should be getting good weather, as it is about time that the gang from the North to be arriving.

Decided to go to N.Y.C. about the middle of the week, as heard from Aunt Eliza, she said that Uncle Andrew was very sick and was in the hospital, so thought I would go down and see Aunt Belle, so left Friday afternoon and arrived at 5:30 and went straight to their house, found Aunt Belle in a pitiful case, she has trouble with her hand and arm, about two weeks ago, she noticed that her arm and hand hurted, and saw that it was swelling and her wedding ring was hid under the swollen skin, and had to have it cut off, and now she has very contorted veins, and very painful, think it is a nervous condition, as A.J. has been ailing for the last year, and about four months ago, he had a collapse and fell flat on his face, and he lost all control of his coordination, he couldn't even find his mouth with his hand, and couldn't think or write, and she took care of him to about two weeks ago, when the Coast Guard heard of his sickness, it seems as though his office didn't notify them, until then, so he was ordered to the hospital, but he was on the mend, and didn't want to go, but had to, and when I talked to him Friday night, he said he expected to come home the next Thursday, that is today, but I wish he would have to stay there a couple of weeks, so Aunt Belle can get well, but she is so lonesome, that it isn't even funny, then after I had a visit with her, went to see the Murphys, and did plan to leave about 11, but when I was ready to go, Mr. Murphy came in, and I had to have a drink with him, and the talk started all over again, and before we knew it, it was 2, so decided to stay the night, which I did.

Sat. got up at noon, and went downtown and looked around the stores, but didn't buy anything, then about 6 had dinner, and walked around Times Square and saw the lights, you know I never get tired of the Square,

then about 8, went back to Jersey City, and spent the night.

Sunday had planned to see A.J. and first made reservations to come back on the 5 P.M. train, then went to the ferry for Ellis Island, where he is, then found out that I would have to have a pass also the visiting hour was from 3 to 4, and wouldn't get back to the mainland until 4:45, and that would be too late to get the train, so decided not to go, also they told me that they thought I couldn't get a pass. and didn't want to hang around an hour and a half to have them tell me, I couldn't get it, so went back to Times Square, and watched the crowds for a while then had dinner, and to Columbus Circle for the bus to the train, arriving home at 9, took the B and O this time and liked it a lot better than the Pennsylv.

Monday night after work, wanted to write some letters, but was so tired, that all I wrote was one to Aunt Belle, then went to bed. Tuesday was invited out for dinner, and was going to leave early to write letters, but after they did the dishes, and talked a little, it was 9:30, so didn't get anything done that night, Last night, had dinner with a fellow, downtown then went out to another fellows home and looked at stamps, and we didn't get home until after 1, and tonight was to go to the Eagles Meeting, but called them and said I couldn't make it, so will try to write to you, then hit the sack, as it isn't funny to be so tired, know I am getting old and can't take it anymore.

Havn't heard from Buffalo since I told you in one of my previous letters, as you know they are very slow in writing, so no news from that section, that is from Marg. or Aunt Eliza, but did hear from my cousin Dan Hannon, he said that they finally placed his brother in a home for mentally defective the 4th. of this month, and the family is gradually getting back to normal, his dad is working for himself, and gave up drinking, and that is one thing I am thankful, as he was hitting it hard this last six months.

Well Betty, can't think of anything else to write just now, so will close with the best regards, and hope you will start to have some real Florida weather, and take care of yourself, and will be writing again soon, so until then,

Always,

James

James F. Murphy
3511-11th. St. N.W.
Washington D.C.



VIA AIR MAIL

Miss Betty Burgoyne,
422 E. Las Olas Blvd.
Fort Lauderdale
Florida.

[Postmarked Oct. 14, 1947]

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28½ S. SEVENTH STREET
TERRE HAUTE, INDIANA
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Monday nite

Dear Betty:-

Haven't heard from you since your card from Oak Ridge, and have been wondering whether you had damages from the hurricanes. Let me hear from you telling me all about it. Do hope your place was and still is OK.

Tonite's paper reported that Lauderdale, Hollywood, Davie, Pompano and Miami were hit pretty hard yesterday by rain; also said Davie (parts of it) was under 5 ft. of water. Made me wonder about Ruth and Brack and their nice home. Have you heard from or about them? Also said Pompano was flooded. Tell me about it.

Did you do any good at the track in Chicago? Know you had a grand time, so won't ask you whether you did or not. Wish you could have stayed in T.H. for a longer period of time, but perhaps you can the next time you come this way. Certainly did enjoy your short visit. When did you return to Lauderdale, and are you busy? Isn't that a question and a half to ask anyone these days? Who isn't busy?

We have been having the grandest weather the past few weeks, and for the past 3 days have not had to have a fire in the furnace. A friend of mine drove me to Paris, Ill., yesterday afternoon and I thot. I would burn up it was that hot. Temperatures since Saturday have been from 80 to 87; now, isn't that sumpin for Indiana in October? Wish it wouldn't get any colder this winter. Ha.

I have been playing a little poker the past two weeks, but have not been too lucky, guess I'm not cut out for a poker player, however, I love to play; have so much fun.

This is my nite to work and you can see how much work I am doing; however, we have been so busy all day that I decided I needed a little rest, so here 'tis; now, I must get back to the grind until 8:30. Our blooming stores ~~do not~~ do not open on Mondays until Noon and stay open until 8:30 PM, just a big hick town, have to open at nite. I should gripe when it means business, shouldn't I? But, you know me, have to complain about sumpin.

Mother is still about the same - she enjoyed her little visit with you; wished you could have visited longer. Said to tell you hello. Must close for now, but please let me hear from you soon.

Love,

Ruthie

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28½ SOUTH 7TH STREET
TERRE HAUTE, INDIANA



Miss Betty Burgoyne
Garden Court Flower Shop
Fort Lauderdale, Florida

October 3 1947

Dear Betty -

Received your card from Chicago & can't help wondering if you made it home in time for the big blow. Hope you missed it but no doubt you saw it all. Write & tell me about it.

Sorry you did not get to go thru Buffalo again. Had something special to tell you that won't fit in a letter. Have saved it for a year now so hope you'll get here next summer.

We have been very busy in the store since this cold spell. Ready to drop into bed each night. Just wrote to James first since he was up here for Labor Day & he is so good in answering, which means

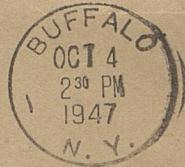
I always owe him a letter.

The boys have graduated from High School. Both work in the business also, my brother. I like it a lot myself, but it sure gets to be a grind.

My father had his 82nd birthday last Sat. We had a party. Had a good time but I really was dragged out. Tired I mean — no not drunk — but sometimes I think that would be OK too. What do you think of James dropping his religion. I get so mad at him I could bat him — but we never say a word, just ignore it in case he's trying to be a sensation.

Well Betty, the end of the page
Drop us a line when you can
Hope no damage in the blow
Love
Marg

After Five Days Return To
MURPHY FUEL & HOME SUPPLY CO.
1866-68 South Park Avenue
Buffalo 20, New York



Miss Betty Burgoyne
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Clara J. Caspar
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[1947]

Sunday
October 5th

Miss Betty Burgoyne,
422 E. Las Olas,
Fort Lauderdale, Fla.
Garden Bourt Flower Shop

My dear Betty:

I was so glad to get your letter and don't ever worry about ink - I'm always glad to hear from you.

Am sick about you having trouble a second time and can't understand your landlord - how does he get away with it? - Can't you force him to pay for redecorating and your expense of the second time - surely he had no right to tell you it was all right when it wasn't.

Hope Erma is getting along all right and that the operation will end her foot trouble - she must have bruised it at some time.

Think Maybe I'll come down on the 13th and plan to sepdn Sunday with the girls in Palm Beach - they want me for a week-end but I feel I should go on to Miami for Saturday. Haven't written Julia yet and may not.

Also think I'll move next Saturday

because I'm still paying the same for the apartment even since Mrs. M. is back and I think that is a little steep especially when I don't feel free to get my meals - she has a maid and I just feel as tho I'm in the way - guess I shouldn't but anyhow I've had a good break for the summer and won't mind living in a room again for a while. Surely things will open up pretty soon with all the building going on.

Has Jimmy taken up with a Jewish girl or what in the world has gotten into him? I think you are smart to ignore it entirely. Something must have happened to change his thoughts so completely and of course that is something he won't talk about which makes it that much harder - does he write about it boastingly or just as a matter of fact?

Know you were glad to get the Convention news from Chicago - that will be a hard blow to Julie. I think Montreal would be an ideal spot - if they go there I'll wish I were a florist

I stopped in here after mass thinking it would be a good change to use the machine and now it is just pouring outside and I'm hungry.

We certainly had some high wnds and tides here - guess you noticed in the paper that the beach was badly damaged. The river was even high and the water came splashing over the rail and walk. It has really been cool - have been wearing wool dressed and some days a coat - good we didn't have a hot of hot weather after coming back - I always hate to come back to a long seige of it after a vacation.

Looks as if it is letting up a bit so must dash on.

Will let you know if I get there on the 18th - maybe you can come to Miami or Palm Beach.

Write when you can and I do hope you will have good business to make up for the extra work you have had to do since returning.

Betty, I certainly did enjoy my week with you and have so many pleasant memories of it. Hope you are feeling much, much, better. Please don't try to do everything in one day - when you are tired just take time off even if you lose a sale.

Much love and all good wishes,

