





Wishing you a Merry Christmas  
and much happiness in the New Year.

Mother Pearl & Dad. (inside)



Dear Chick & Lorraine: — We are very proud of you, Chick, and your book. It is very interesting and so well written. I marvel at the many, many references.

Lorraine, you must have had a very enjoyable six months. We received your card from Greece and was glad to hear. I haven't decided which nephew will get

to fight over the stamps.

I think Dad is better this fall than usual. I don't think that trip to Indiana hurt him a bit, even if I was sure he would come back half dead. I don't think he accomplished anything, though.

Best wishes to you both,  
Love,  
Mother — Earl

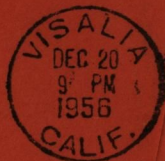




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C. F. Relander



Mr & Mrs Chick Relander  
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Yakima, Wash



MRS. PEARL A. RELANDER  
218 SO. WEST STREET  
VISALIA, CALIFORNIA



visalia, California, April 25, 1958

Dear Click:

I am enclosing a letter <sup>(copy)</sup> which I received from Geraldine yesterday. I am sending one to Pearce, - not a copy, but the original. I am going to Long Beach tomorrow and will not answer her letter until I get back, on Tuesday.

I have answered all the flower cards and will do the sympathy cards when I get home, next week. I am sending Pearce a ~~the~~ check for the taxes, with Geraldine's letter.

I haven't done anything about the auto payment but will before the 10th of May. I'll ask about the cancellation of payments in case of a death when I go in for the payment. I don't have any hopes as the agreement is made out in my name. Anyway it is something to know. Best wishes.

Love,

*Mother Pearl*



No trespass signs. The insurance adjuster advised these as they would protect against a suit for damages if anyone entered the place.

Clearing debris of the burned building. Fred wanted this left until he came, It is a hazard as it is now.

Cleaning well. It got filled up with pond water the fire engines pumped on the house. And a new top on the well. The old one is pretty rotten.

Connecting electric line to inside wiring on the new building and running a new line to the barns. We had not written yet that winds of near tornado strength had blown the big chimney to the fireplace down. It broke off just above the mantel, fell across to the north, completely shattering that cedar tree that stood at the corner of the house (about 18 feet of tree), blocked the driveway, tore the light wires down (no current in them yet, fortunately) knocked down the light poles and tore a board off the barn where the wires entered the barns. The REMC replaced the poles but Dad had to get an electrician to run the current to the new building and the barns. Dad had been wondering how to get that chimney down.

There may be a few more incidentals as you never know what may develop.

In ~~am~~ going over Fred's papers it would be well to save all receipts and statements for items pertaining to the farm as they may be necessary for tax adjustment purpose in case of sale and a capital gain tax has to be paid.

Pearce said he would call us when he got back and give us all the news. Since we haven't heard from him we suppose he isn't back yet, and we would like to know some of the details.

Fred's passing must have been very sudden.

You can't imagine what a strange sensation I had when I received a letter from him on Monday April 14, written on April 9, and mailed on the 10th, In this letter he spoke about how well he was and he planned to come here in Sept. and stay two months. He also spoke in this letter about receiving the Easter card I had made; the signed agreement for the new building on the farm; and as soon as Dad was satisfied everything in the Agreement was carried out he would send his half in payment and send the balance then the ~~building~~ balance then the building was done. Also he said he would send a money order for his part of the May installment of taxes "this week". Evidently he didn't get this attended to.

You may have thought of all these things and have already sent instructions. If so, you can just disregard this letter. I thought it might help you to organize this part of Fred's affairs. Since I have been with it all the time I could do it easier than for some one to have to go through all Fred's papers and get this information.

If I have anything here that will help you, I will be glad to send copies. I have carbon copies of all Dad's correspondence with Fred and all of Fred's letters he has sent here, as well as copies of all Contracts and Agreements that have been necessary since Fred and Dad have had the management of the farm. Also I have the reports made by the guardian when he was managing Lottie's affairs. I have a bookkeeping record of all monies spent for taxes, insurance, and repairs on the farm buildings that were reported to me.

Regards to you,  
Geraldine



Visalia, California, May 21, 1958

Dear Click:

I guess you think I took you at your word about not answering each letter you wrote but I really did intend to write sooner. Some things get in the way and I got a little upset over things in the east, and so that's ~~thw~~ the way it is.

Weren't you shocked at Geraldine's death? I surely was. I guess I didn't know that arthritis could cause death but I have since heard that one variety can. Ed and Flossie will be so upset. I feel very sorry for them. I was really very fond of Geraldine. She was always nice to me.

About the payments on the 1955 car. Ray went with me to the bank and found out that the car must be insured at the bank in order for payments to be cancelled. And of course, your Dad had insured it with another company so that finished that. There was a peculiar thing about the payments. He had made a payment on April 1st and another on April 3rd. That is hard to understand. I have been to the Social Security Board and got things started there. They are very slow so I don't know when they will get on the ball.

I am going south this coming week-end. Howard wrote that he had been to see his mother and she seemed contented. She knew him, too, which she didn't always before she went. I hope I get to go see her when I go down. I will only stay a few days, -will go on Saturday and return on Tuesday.

I sold one office desk and chair. I've had a nibble on the other desk and 3 chairs but I doubt if that means anything. I've also heard that a fellow wanted the station wagon but I have since found out that he thought he could get it for a song and when I said the Blue book listed it at \$600.00, he wasn't interested. I am hoping I can sell it and that would almost pay out the sedan. I had Frank Killingbeck and his nephew bring the filing cabinet into the house and am storing papers that I have to keep in that. I forgot to say that Leroy advised me getting the office furniture out of the office and into the garage. I surely had a job moving things in order to make a place for the furniture, but did. It wasn't very disturbing to go to court on May 5th.

You wrote that you hadn't heard what Pearey was doing about the business so I'll send you a copy of what he wrote me.

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Rec'd your letter and am returning the paid tax statements. ~~As~~ Thanks for the promptness as it saved a penalty.

Half the building bill is \$932.50 (~~contract~~ ~~price~~ ~~pl~~ ~~pl~~ ~~pl~~ 1850 contract plus \$15.00 for an extra window - total of \$1865.00) The check should be made out to Ray Harbor - "itemized" payment in full ~~etc~~ etc". I should appreciate it myself first as I want to give it to the lawyer to give it to Mr. Harbor thus releasing the contract and to try to get Harbor to pay for the legal fees of drawing up the contract if possible as he was the one who wanted it. Every little bit saved ought to be done. I also want to be sure Harbor hasn't ~~stapp~~ ed a mechanic's lien on the place before he gets paid. Some ~~contractors~~ contractors get in an awful ~~hurry~~ rush.

Uncle Ed's bill is enclosed (half the amount only). I think you might wait until after the hearing for it as it's only a few days. ~~Is~~ I'd like to give it to him personally and get a definite figure on his further "estimates" and keep them to a minimum.

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Kendall has agreed to act for me and not Uncle Ed. He's ~~pl~~ past Indiana State Appellate Judge & very good as well as a close ~~friend~~ personal friend. However he can't act until after the hearing out there.



Next letter.

.....Am enclosing pictures of building on farm contracted by Dad and Uncle Ed. You have my earlier letter on the amount. A very good friend of mine says the price is right for what the man did. We measured it and figured it out.

Uncle Ed's bills seem fair also but the estimate of his should be held to a minimum on the last part.

On advice of lawyer I'm not to take over administration until bills contracted previously to Dad's death are settled. Then Click and I can start with a clear slate. Hope everything went well at the hearing. ~~Uncle~~ Uncle Ed (or rather Geraldine) is giving me a rough time - but that's nothing unusual. I think it can all be ironed out when they see they can't run everything.

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Will also write Click all details when loose ends have been tied in.

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I didn't answer the first letter as McCormick had written a letter to Pearey (about the time Pearey wrote me) that I didn't need to pay those bills, so I waited for Pearey to digest that letter. Anyway I had understood that if I paid the taxes, you two would take care of the rest. Then I received the second letter. So I wrote this: in the middle of my letter to him :

Now about the business. Mr. McCormick says I am not obligated to pay the bills incurred on the farm in Indiana. Your Dad assumed those debts with the expectancy of getting his money back when the ranch (farm) would be sold. I haven't that expectancy. That belongs to you boys and I think that is as it should be; but as I see it the debts go along with the inheritance. I have to pay the utility bills here that he left in order to get continued service. I am very sorry to have to write this and if I had been left a good living, I would feel differently, but as you know I shall have to cut the corners very carefully in order to make the money reach around. I may live 20 years longer, - my mother did.

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Thank you for the Mother's Day card. It is so cute and different from any I had seen. I hope your asparagus bed is still producing. It is still holding out in our markets but the price is going up all the time. Our weather is a little bit on the warmish side but not too bad yet. Schools will close in 2 weeks.

I better get this in the mail, or another week will roll around. Best wishes. Oh, by the way, Gareth Houk said he was very sorry to have missed you boys and hoped he could see you next time you came. I have the extra bills for the house back in Indiana. If Pearey hasn't sent them to you, I will send you a copy. They are for extras above the contract price.

Love,

*Mother Pearl*



Visalia, California, September 28, 1958

Dear Click:

I have been already to write you long before now but something always got in the way. There is always something to do and sometimes I am not in the notion to do it. I have sold the Station wagon, - it brought \$450.00. I was glad to get that much for it as the brake was bad, the upholstering on the front seat had worn through, and one tire just ready to blow & another not too good. Earl Venables and wife came over the other night and looked things over. They took the organ, some framed pictures & Chinese scrolls, and a few other gym cracks. They ~~gave~~ ~~me \$50.00~~ gave me \$50.00. I hope I didn't cheat them. I sure wouldn't want to, - not them. He is going to refinish the organ and put it in the window to help advertise the line of electric organs he has stocked. I think his line is the Thomas. I have the old Packard out on the vacant lot across the alley with 'For Sale' signs on it, but so far no nibbles. The next big job is the clocks. I think there are about 20 but of course some are worthless, - some aren't. Did Pearce take the 410. I know he took the shot gun but I can't remember whether he took the little one or not. If he didn't I should begin running it down. I hope he did take it but my memory is not too good about some things that happened along at that time.

I got a copy of the appointment of Pearce appointed administrator on September 17th. I am sending you the envelope so you can write the lawyer (Kendall) for your copy of the will. If you can't get it, let me know and I can get one (I think) from our county clerk's office. Incidentally you might ask him what has been done as you had received no information on the subject. I wondered why it took so long for Pearce to be appointed.

All my lodges and the various activities of the church are all getting off for the fall run. Everything seems to pile up at once. We have a bean feed and a country fair and regular meetings for this month. Also 2 rummage sales. I don't have to work much on the latter except get things ready for them. I intend to put in some crack ed dishes, etc.

My Plymouth was stolen on Aug. 23rd. The police found it on the 25th. Most everything easily removed was taken from under the hood. The insurance put it back in good shape. My keys ~~was~~ were in the house but the car was not locked so they started it with a wire and drove it off. The hub caps were taken but they did not get into the back for the spare tire and did not take any of the tires. It was stripped somewhere and then towed to an out of the way road north of Houston Ave., we think.

I have no more conventions coming up this year, but if you should be hitting California for any reason, let me know and I can probably meet you for a little visit. That would be nice for both of us.

I just stopped to feed a little cat that I found beside the house last Sunday. He didn't have his eyes open then but has now. I have been feeding him with a teaspoon. He sure likes attention but yells very loud when I put him back in the box. He sleeps on the hot pad nights.

All of us are about as usual. Elsie is no better and still in the home. I was down there the last of August over Labor Day. I got a ride down with Kay Sullivan and came home on the bus. Mattie will be 85 next week. She lives by herself but gets pretty lonesome. She can't do much hand work any more, to spend her time.

I have written all I can think of right now so better quit before I begin to just fill in space. Best of luck to you and may God bless you richly.

Love,

Mother Reed



STEVENSON, KENDALL & STEVENSON

ATTORNEYS AT LAW  
DANVILLE, INDIANA

[Enclosure. 28 Sep 58]



Mrs. Pearl A. Relander  
218 South West Street  
Visalia, California



Visalia, California, June 24, 1959.

Dear Click:

The weather is quite warm for a few days and hard to take because it was real pleasant before the hot spell. However to day has a nice breeze and the temperature is lower. 109 last Sunday. I haven't bothered to get out the electric fan yet.

Thanks for the Mother's Day card. We all thought it was very cute. I was real interested in all your book talk. There are certainly lots of angles to writing as well as any other profession, aren't there. My poor brain would be flattened out to a pancake if I were to try it.

Blanche and Ray are pretty sure the state will buy their property as there will either be an overpass or underpass there at Mooney Blvd. In either case the ground where the motel is will be needed. Of course, the state will not pay what they think it is worth. However they do not get much business as it now is. Blanche spends most of her time worrying about it. Ray worriestoo but will talk about something else.

We are getting our street in front of us paved. They have broken the water mains three times since they began. One day the water was shut off twice. Then I sure did want a drink. I thought there would be a fog of dust all the time but they have kept a sprinkler wagon going most of the time so the dust hasn't been a bit bad.

I went on a picnic out to Cutler Park last night. It is real nice out there now. We cooked hamburgers and had other eats, too, - even icecream (home made). I am rather glad some of the things are easing up. I bought a yard couch today and I want to spend some of my evenings on it.

The place next door sold recently. Dr Goldstein (eye specialist) bought it and intends to put a business house on it next year. In the meantime he is renting to his glasses man. They have two big white Boxer dogs. The dogs are remarkably quiet. He ~~built~~ enclosed the back yard for the dogs. I don't think my cats prowl throug their back yard now. My cats look terrible since the hot weather came on, - look like I never feed them.

The Times-Delta is celebrating its 100 the birthday tomorrow. It is sure showing its age. There are so many mistakes and society articles are in days before they are printed. After being printed sometimes they aren't recognizable. We sure need some competition.

Clinton Hagler hasn't been very well, - is some better n now. He had flu and it grabbed him pretty hard. Flu has been pretty bad around here this year. I went out there and picked blackberries one morning. I made some jelly and froze some berries; also made ~~pi~~ pies. I have to take pies and cakes out to Killingbecks to get help to eat them. They took me up to Dunlap on Decoration Day. Blanche gave me a lot of flowers and I had some so there were plenty to put on all our graves. The cemetery was nice and clean but of course, was dry and brown.

Have you decided on your vacation yet? It is getting that time of year. I'll make some week end trips I think. ~~I~~ I'll likely go to Long Beach in August for a few days, and I may get to Cayucos for two days.

Well, I better get off to lodge I guess. Best wishes to you.

Love,

Mother Pearl



Visalia, California, July 28, 1964

Dear Click and Ginny:

I'm ashamed to have waited so long to write when I look at the date of your last letter and find that a month has slipped by so easily. Your letter was so interesting that I could follow you around as you went about getting the place in order. Vegetation surely must get busy when the growing season opens. And your picture in the paper looks just like you. A nicely finished photo couldn't have looked more like you.

We are getting real summer weather now. The weather was so mild for spring and early summer that this heat is not very enjoyable, - but we have to have it to keep up our reputation in products. Lately we are getting cloudy weather and I do not like it.

In another month I can begin to think of you folks coming and anxiously waiting for you to get here. I know you can't stay long but it will be so nice just to see you and get acquainted with Ginny.

Did you get a letter from Pearce telling of the deaths of Dolly and her mother? I had been expecting to hear of the mother's death for 6 years and I knew that Dolly had not been very well but did not think of her being that bad. Pearce will surely be lonely.

Mrs. Venables has remarried since his death and now lives in Tulare, I believe. Anyway he is a Tulare man. I haven't heard anything about the Strongs. Right now I can't remember her new name. The Sullivans know him and say he is a real nice man.

I went to Balch Park on July 12th with the Bill Jordans for the dedication of a lovely big redwood tree. It was a good program and the weather so fine up there. The Historical Society had charge of the program and there were about 200 there. Most of the Jordans from far and near got there. The picnic lunch was very enjoyable. This Jordan who was honored came from Texas as captain of a wagon train and settled here. He was drowned in '62. This couple that I rode with were too young to go to school when I taught on the Yokohl, but 6 brothers and sisters came to school. They belong to the Jim Jordan family.

I am having vacation from lodges now. But I did go to a Red Cross board meeting last night. It was the annual board meeting and election of officers. I am production chairman. I have turned in 50 arm bands to be on hand for a disaster. This year I am to make layettes for service men's wives who can't afford ~~them~~ to buy them, but I don't know yet how many. There will not be a full layette, - just the bare necessities. This kind of weather that would just be diapers.

I wish I could write that Blanche is better. Some days she seems in a good humor and other times she is mad at Ray and won't talk. She never is able to carry on a conversation and usually can't make one understand what she is trying to talk about. Ray takes very good care of her and, of course has plenty of time to do so. She does some of the cooking and cares for her person. It is so pitiful.

I seem to be out of news so will close before I get trashy. I am anxiously waiting for Sept. 5th. Hope nothing gets in the way to stop the trip. Best wishes to you both.

Love, Mother Pearl



AFTER FIVE DAYS RETURN TO



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Beech Grove, Ind.  
May 16 - 66.

Dear Mother Pearl:

you do not know me

but, I have been going with Pearce for some time now, and we get along well together; I have some bad news for you.

Early last wednesday Pearce was attacked by two men at the filling station, and one of them beat him, about the head severally with a 30 inch iron wrecking bar.

They put (7) seven bad cuts in his head, severally bruised back of his neck and he suffered a fractured skull.

There were (7) seven holes in his head which required surgery. He ~~was~~ was in surgery quiet some time, and he was conscious a large part of the time.

There's some pressure on his brain but he is doing fairly well, and has better than an even chance of being fatal.

He has three doctors, they all agree he will be hospitalized for quiet some time. So far he is reacting fairly well.

From the beginning I have been doing all I can for him and when he is released from hospital I intend to take him to my home and care for him until he has recovered.

He has (2) two doctors specialists & his family doctor and his Insurance & the Company will take care of every



thing.

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The owner of the company where he works is going to pay him good wages at least all summer. So he can recover from his injuries and rest his heart. They are wonderful people and have always treated him well.

Pearce wishes you to relay all these details to Chick and I will keep you fully informed of his condition or changes if any until he is able to write you. You can correspond with me or to him at my address.

To Mrs Ruby E. Sherman.

98 So. 6<sup>th</sup> ave. Beech grove, Ind.

I just talked to uncle Ed. he told me aunt Flossie was taken to the hospital unconscious this Monday a.m. He fears for the worst, but we hope not; also Pearce says tell Chick about this, uncle Ed. is so poorly to hardly able to take care of his self.

Pearce & I have been taking them to grocery and needed place for quiet some time.

They have colored neighbors to help them a lot, and aunt Flossie has two nieces in town, and they help them a small part of the time, of course Pearce isn't able to help now. If as expected aunt Flossie passes away, Pearce & I will send a floral tribute from us, and Pearce says he will pay for individual, he will pay in advance for you & Chick.  
(flowers)

with my love

Ruby Sherman.



Beech Grove, Ind.  
May 17 - 66.

Dear Mother Pearl:

am writing to tell you aunt

Flossie Passed away this Tuesday a.m. at five (5).  
The funeral is Fri. a.m.

The doctors will not allow Pearce to go as he's not able.

I and my son are going to ~~take me~~ go.

Pearce had me order 3 seperate floral tributes at \$12.50 each. (1.) Pearl a. Relander.

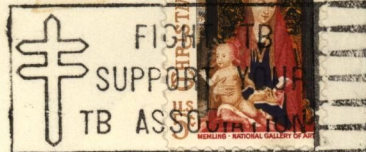
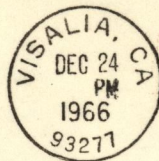
(2) Mr & Mrs Click Relander. (3) Pearce & Ruby.

Pearce isn't showing much improvement and will probably be in the hospital for quite a while ~~for~~ yet. They will give him a brain test ~~to me~~ ~~if he~~ I have come every day and night visiting hours and do all I can do for him. I feel so bad about him being hurt.

with love Ruby.



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# Glad Tidings





"We have seen his star in the east..."

Matthew 2:2

May your Christmas joys be as bright

As the Star that led the Wise Men

With its radiant light



Dear Click & Ginny:

218 So. West Street  
Visalia, Calif, 12/23, 1966

I got behind with my cards, got ~~behind~~ fussed and had to stop for awhile. Then I was behind, -not caught up yet.

Thank you for the Christmas money. It is very nice of you to send it, and it will come in handy.

I suppose you read or heard about how near we came to a flood. Another or so of heavy rain and the water would have gone over the top and we would have been flooded. Visalia would not have been spared.

Fog comes in rather late at night and does not hang around too long of a morning. Sun shines some most every day. The rain did a lot of damage on the road to Dunlap. Ray was up last Sunday.

We shall eat Christmas dinner at John Sullivan's. Rosama's girl was married Tuesday evening. It was a very small wedding. He came from the East. They are both in school. They both work when they have time, -too bad.

Season's greeting to both of you.

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My best love,  
Mother Pearl



Visalia, California, February 1, 1967

Dear Nick and Ginny:

I am now the last leaf of the Baker family and I do not feel very proud of it. Chan did not suffer too long but much longer than he should. The whole family had had colds but all the rest of them got over theirs. He didn't and finished his with a stroke and couldn't talk. He had his own doctor who knew all about him and had brought him out of several sick spells but could not seem to get this cornered. He lasted about a week. He was in the Dinuba Hospital and some of the family was with him all the time. Ray and I went over every other day. Ray said from the first time we saw him there that Chan would not make it this time which proved true. There were so many flowers and the service was beautiful. Dinuba has a small parlor and no one could get inside to a chair the last half hour before the service started. By the time the procession reached the hills it was over a mile long. There were two Dunlap Indians in the Masonic ceremony. Chan would have been 90 on July 3rd. There were loads of flowers, - a saddle made of red carnations. Two beautiful cowboy songs were sung, - one at the cemetery. The Dunlap women brought food to the house (the Baker house) and there must have been 200 people fed there, - some could sit down but most had to stand.

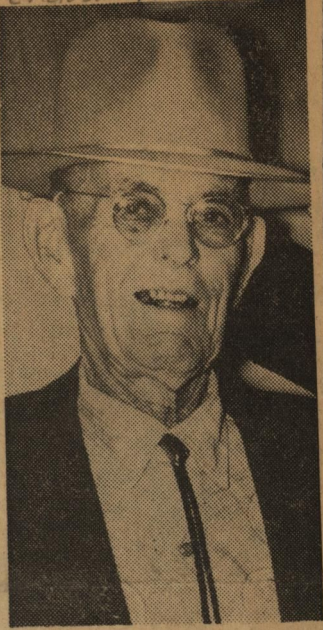
Do you know how long Pearce and Ruby intend to stay in Florida? She wrote that she was going to take him down there. I've had a card from him and he seemed in good spirits. Maybe it will be good for him. Did they ever get married? He wrote about it, that they might.

We have been having a lot of rain and some of the worst fog one day till noon that I could not see across the street. The lake had to be drained for fear of too much water down here. Other people near a lake got flooded. We should have good crops.

I hope you are both well. I am interested in what Ginny decided to take up. I fear you are working too long hours. Better slow down. Best wishes to you both, and my love.

Mother Pearl





Chauncey (Chan) Baker—

A life in the saddle

## Chan Baker, 89, Lifetime Dunlap Rancher, Dies

DUNLAP — Funeral services will be held Monday at 11 a.m. in the Dopkins Chapel in Dinuba for Chauncey (Chan) Baker, 89, who was born and spent his life in this mountain ranch country where his father, the late Sands Baker, filed a homestead in 1871.

Baker died yesterday in a Dinuba hospital. His funeral, to be conducted by the Reedley Masonic Lodge, of which

he was a member, will be followed by burial in the Dunlap Cemetery.

His home was on the Sands Baker Road, built by the father in the 19th Century.

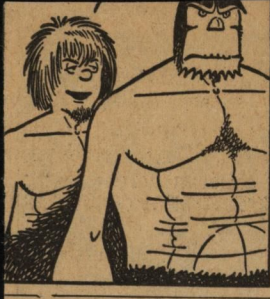
Chan Baker, the seventh child in his family, rode wild colts in his childhood and was at ease in the saddle to his later years. He acquired the government patent to his own 160-acre homestead in 1908 and added to it yearly until the spread in recent years took in about 10,000 acres. It was operated as a corporation with his stepsons, Delbert and Norman Hall.

He promoted and helped to found the Farm Bureau Marketing Association in Visalia in 1936. The Fresno County Cattlemen's Association named him its cattleman of the year in 1964, at which time Rep. B. F. Sisk presented him the trophy hat in recognition of the honor.

He was a past master of the Reedley Masonic Lodge, a 32nd degree Mason, a member of the Scottish Rite Bodies and the Tehran Shrine Temple in Fresno.

Surviving are his widow, Ethel; two other stepsons, Donald Hall of Dunlap and Verner Hall of Oroville; a stepdaughter, Mrs. Doris Sanderson of Vista; a sister, Mrs. Pearl Relander of Visalia; 13 grandchildren and four great-grandchildren.





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## THE CHILDREN'



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# Mrs. Kerm Receives T

Mrs. Kerman Crow has been  
chosen Volunteer of the Year  
for her contributions to the



218 So. West Street  
Visalia, California  
May 15, 1967

Dear Click and Ginny:

I was very glad to hear from you two and that you were doing all right. Sorry that you expected a real letter and were disappointed. It was about all I could do to get those few lines off. But I am doing all right now. My memory is not too good but I'll have to endure that from here on out. It is quite difficult to come up with a name when I need to.

Thank you you for the money, I can always use it, do better since the payments on the house come in. My Teacher ~~Establishment~~ and Soc. Security handle living needs. I don't Retirement) pay but \$50.00 a month here as long as he doesn't start building his office building. I don't think he will start ~~to~~ to build until they start to build the new hospital and that won't be right away. So you might get to help me move after all. John Sullivan says he can help., too.

John's Mother (Ethel) just got out of the hospital ~~for~~ for 3 weeks, - water on the lungs. I think she will take care of herself as the doctor gave her a good scare. She works too hard and her kids with their kids come home too often. When Ray and I go, we eat before we go. and we do not stay all night.

Ray gets along real well, keeping house and helping the neighbors. He is a much better house keeper than I am. That doesn't take too much effort, on his part.

I still have my old yellow cat, but he is not ~~too~~ too spry. He has a lady friend across the street. A boy got mixed up in the affair and scratched. I foolishly said the cat was mine. So I got ~~to~~ to cough up \$15 for a rabies shot. The cat had to stay shut up in the house for 3 days. It wasn't much fun to live with him (the cat). The officer is a neighbor so I think he fudged some on the time.

One by one the stores up town move out to the shopping center, so there will soon be a lot of vacant buildings for town. I don't like the idea but can't do much about it.

We have had a lot of rain but when it cleared up with some hot days the ground is getting very dry. The cotton is coming up very well but it is rather late. I have had beautiful roses to bloom this year, also sweet peas. They got planted too late so are just now blooming.

Judy, I am pulling for you to have lots of luck. I don't think that teaching would be any easier than your present job. Best wishes to each of you. I'll try to get a new ribbon on before my next letter. I finally got a letter from Pearce so I guess he hasn't been as sick as I suspected he might be.

Love,

Mother Pearl



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Tuesday, Ventura  
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Dear Chick & Gary;

A letter from you folks  
has been very slow getting  
here. Maybe soon, my guess is  
trouble with the bad foot.  
I try a few words to let  
me know what is wrong.  
Time for a physical for

me rolled around yesterday.  
Nothing out of whack - didn't  
even remove my shoes.  
170 pounds, appetite OK. The  
worst of the trip was a very  
hot ride. The boss drove. not  
much talk from the driver, a long



hot ride there and back. I think  
the check up will last a year.  
I think, if nothing goes wrong,  
Weather is hot in the  
daytime and cool nights  
This place is not bad  
but I would rather be  
my own boss and get  
to my church on Sunday.

I am hoping for you  
and I'm sorry to come in Sept.  
Don't let me down if you can't  
make it. I must close and get  
this in the letter box. My  
very best love and wishes  
to both of you. Mother Pearl