

Dear Dad—

Jan 19. 1958

Got your letter yesterday & finally caught Joe Johnson at home today. Not much use to call yourly phone as I had heard before he's bought the old ~~mother~~ ^{countryside} farm - just west & north of your old place about 195 acres, I think.

However I told him to think it over & make an offer for the west 80 if he could see his way clear. He's to let me know in a few days & I'll tell you what he says.

You said \$18,500. He thought maybe ^{\$}17,000 - & him put up the fence. I guess it will depend a lot on how much he's in debt on what he's already bought and how he can finance it. I told him \$17,000 and the fence would be absolute minimum. I don't know for sure whether you'd take it or not. Will let you know if he says anything further. Peace

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By the way. maybe the guy who
made Uncle Ed the offer might give
16 ~~000~~ to 18 ~~000~~ for the north 50
still leaving the building on the south
half - but not much good ground
but it would still sell higher -
I don't know who it is but don't
think it was Joe as he's already
bought.

Let's just wait and see what
Joe does - or let me know
what you think regards

— Pearce

P.S. I'm really interested in saving you as much
trouble as possible. Maybe Uncle Ed will cooperate.
He's changed some and seems to want to
act O.K.

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~~1212 NORTH 32 AVE YAKIMA WASH=~~GERALDINE DIED YESTERDAY AM SENDING FLOWERS FOR US ALL=
PEARCE=

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Pearce Relander
3661 Stanton Ave
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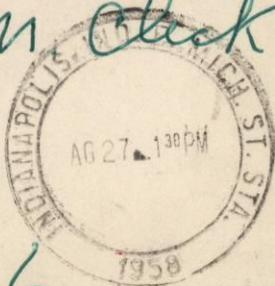
AIR MAIL

Mr. Clark Relander

Yakima

Wash

Box # 736



Adpts. Aug 27 [1958]

Dear Click -

Have not written you sooner because I had nothing definite to write. I suppose you know by this time that Mother Pearl reneged on the promise to clear Dad's debts. She paid the spring taxes only and left the $\frac{1}{2}$ of building + Misc to Uncle Ed, insurance etc go - I think on advice of her lawyer. I guess we should have impounded the bank acct. then but I guess we both thought it was O.K. To bring suit out there is no good due to Calif Community property law and besides I, for one, would refuse to see her anyway I suppose you feel the same. In order to get a quit-claim deed from her, which I have just received, (and it is absolutely necessary) we had to relinquish all claims on debts.

This leaves you and me with about \$1400 or \$1500 to pay before we can get very far along on a clear title to our share. This is half of building previously contracted, bills to Uncle Ed etc for sewing, ins and a lot of misc. Fall taxes are soon due, then there's the inheritance tax and legal fees. I know I don't have \$700 or \$800 now for my share

and I doubt if you do. If we put it off
too long the man who has ~~the~~ our
half of the building acct. ~~owning~~ him
may file for adminstr. and he can
charge a hell of a lot more then
beside what he has coming. We've
got to do something.

I'm relying on ^{our} ~~the~~ lawyer, John
Kendall, who is a good one, and he
suggests that we get together with Uncle
Ed on something. That might not be so
easy to do and it might be necessary to
give him complete ~~entire~~ control. I'm
afraid that's just what he wants. We
might be able to borrow from a bank
but would doubtless have to give a
mortgage. Let me know if you have
any ideas. I'm not going to rush in
blindly and we're sure not going to
lose our part - or any unnecessary money
if I can help it - but something must
be done. I suggest if John Kendall, the
lawyer, sends you some papers to sign, better
get them back here signed at once - Please

Sunday Oct. 19-1958

Dear Chick -

I finally have something to write you - at last have things straightened out after a fashion to put us in the clear. Tangent on a little effort on our part.

To begin with I gave Uncle Ed my personal note for \$950.00 to clear up - with penalties - the mechanic's lien on the place to Ray Harbor. I do not think he'll want a first mortgage. He seems satisfied & I do hope we can avoid all the red tape of this. This amt. can be repaid in the next two rentals of the place - \$500.00 now due us plus \$500.00 next spring for 1st half 1959 if we do not sell. The sale of the place is not very probable as everyone thinks we are forced to do so & want it for nothing. It is now for sale at \$35,000 with a minimum of \$32,000 or \$200.00 per acre - buyer to pay

enough over $\$32,000$ ⁽²⁾ to at least pay
commission & costs. In other words
our minimum is $\$200.00$ per acre net.
I hope this meets with your approval as
it would be absurd to take less -
maybe a slight amount but we're setting
this figure. We've had few offers. So
much for that part.

Now - so far I've spent
or will spend immediately the following.
I have made more than a dozen trips
to Demville to the lawyer as this was
hard to get ironed out & become
appointed Administrator with no
money whatsoever to go on. Remember
this is the amount you & I must
raise to keep the place. The income,
however slight, for a while must go
to repay Uncle Ed as soon as possible.
Had I not done this - The mechanic
leir man or Uncle Ed could have stepped
in - been appointed administrator and

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have forced us to pay an exorbitant sum for their "services" & "legal fees". They could also have forced a sale to a "dummy" or a friend at any ridiculous price they wanted to set. We would have been left the "dregs".

Briefly here is what I have spent already and what must be spent very soon. These are round figures. You'll get your itemized receipts when we are nearer settlement.

Bonding Fee for adm.	10.00	* pd.
Filing of document	2.00	* pd.
Chs. on farm (our half)	31.00	* pd.
Tulare Co clerk for copy of brief	4.00	* pd.
Taxes (last half) approx	103.00	
Legal fees (I hope for only	100.00	
but he's done a lot of work		
Other Court costs est.	25.00	
ϵ	<u>275.00</u>	

Half of these obligations are yours. With some help from you I'll be able to either take care of them all on schedule or

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stall them off to keep us safe. Of course the cases must be paid in about 10 days. On top of this there's between \$200⁰⁰ to 300⁰⁰ that Uncle Ed paid out on the place before Dad's death. He has not mentioned this & seems willing to let it ride a while. Probably if we make a sincere effort on our part, He'll go along with us just to get things cleared up.

Most important besides money for real estate taxes is the amt of \$24.42 which we each owe the Hendricks county Treasurer for inheritance taxes. This tax is a lien against the farm. I thought the lawyer & I did well to hold it down to this amt.

In other words what is now due is

$$\begin{array}{r} 10.00 \\ 2.00 \\ 31.00 \\ 4.00 \\ \hline 103.00 \\ 150.00 \div 2 = 75.00 + 24.42 = 99.42 \end{array}$$

for your half, I can score up this amt myself or help you a little but cannot carry it all. The balance of things I can stall off but, well owe more later on of course. If place is sold - not at a sacrifice - this would ease us all but don't count on it right away. Let me hear from you at once
Pearce

Thursday -
[30 Oct 58]

Dear Chick -

Am answering you at once to explain that Mother Pearl has no claim on the farm whatsoever. She was included in the inheritance appraisal by my intelligent lawyer to save ^{you & I} ~~the~~ a big chunk of inheritance tax. It did just that. I have a quit claim deed from her which is now a part of ~~the~~ our estate & n it she relinquishes all rights to the farm for all time. By the same token we can never come back on ~~her~~ for any of Dad's unpaid bills on the farm. That what I told you when I said we'd have to take care of those ourselves and I believe it will work out O. K.

As to a copy of the will you can get a photostatic copy from Claude Grant, Tulare County clerk by sending him \$4.00. That is what I did. To send you one from here would only add to the legal costs which are sure to be high, probably more than the \$1.00 ~~as~~ I estimated. It's not terribly important anyway as

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we are not playing it up too much in court as it deals principally with arrangements for an immediate sale of the farm. This for obvious reasons forcing us to take a financial loss we do not want to do.

When Uncle Ed let me have to money to pay for the building the rest wasn't too hard. We can go along paying what we can and get in the clear O.K. There'll be no income of course unless a sale is made and that must be at a fair price. Hope this clears up your worry. I'll report along as things come up. By the way - fall taxes on the farm were slightly under \$100⁰⁰ instead of slightly over.

Glad you are coming along so well with the book. You certainly have my best wishes. Be sure to keep me posted. I got over to see the U.C.S.A. - Illinois football game and saw Walburn Johns, the Athletic director & "Ducky" Drake the trainer again. They were in school when I was. We always get together when U.C.S.A. comes east. Best Regards again -
Pearce

Click

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Please sign the endorsed contract
a send registered to Stevenson,
Kendall & Stevenson, Danville and

also the best offer will probably
ever get. With real estate commission
& other costs its around \$200⁰⁰
per acre. Of course taxes etc will
take a part of your share if you
receive it in cash which you
surely will - but you'll get
several thousand dollars clear.

Also if this guy doesn't come
through with the balance we at
least have \$3000⁰⁰ which is much
more than a years rental.

Am feeling some better now but
still weak - Regards. Pearce

Pearce Relander
3661 ~~Stanton~~
Stanton ave
dudges (1) chd.

AIR MAIL



Mr. Clark Relander

1212 N. 32nd Ave
Yakima
Wash.

Dear Chick -

[26 May 59]

Tuesday Eve -

Have not written you mainly because I had nothing definite to tell you. To be brief & blunt this is - & still is a good deal - \$200 per acre clear - no commission to pay. This is \$25 to \$35 per acre more than we have ever been actually offered. It is in cash - no mortgage etc. The delay is caused by him insisting on an absolutely clear title - The Title Guarantee Co - a Natl organization - is going all through it. The abstract has never been brought down completely. - Then there must be releases, quitclaims, etc from everyone. Hope you have definite releases from your past wives. You may need them but so far I think I will be able to get you out of most of that. I've certainly taken care of everything here. I have my own releases & have legally vouched for the deaths of all heirs not now living. It has been quite a job - still not finished but should be soon. I don't know hardly what else they can think of - but they may think of something - so just keep your drawers up. If you do not think this is the best deal available just let me know. I don't really care but you might check with Uncle Ed & see what we've been through. Also you don't hurry a man willing to pay \$25 - \$35 per acre more than we have ever been offered - & in cash. Does that answer your questions? - Now don't get the idea that you \$4-8000 will come clear. We've had to pay some of Dad's past bills, taxes, court costs, and with a long drawn out affair the lawyer will want

plenty - but his a good one & worth it - what
ever he charges. Then there'll be state & federal
taxes of which I have no idea but will
have to pay them whatever they are. You'll
receive an itemized list of all costs. There
will be no charge from me though I've
already lost a lot of work time over it. The
one concession I made was that we (you & I)
would pay the lawyer (We'd have to pay him
anyway - so why worry) - in consideration for
Uncle Ed loaning us the money to pay Dad's
debt on the farm. It was mighty fine of him &
pulled us out of a bad hole - So that's that, if
all this isn't clear write me you particular
questions. Otherwise I should say that within
15-25 days you should finally get around
\$6,000 ^{or less} on more clear - barring too many
further papers to sign. So much for business.

Now for the stinger. There is a \$75.00
check attached to get you off the hook again
& I hope you can stay off until the deal is
closed. There is also a picture enclosed. I want
an Indian head-dress comparable of better than
this one - Two streamers reaching to the
ground. You know an Indian or two, you
can get this for me or they can for you

P.S. —

- probably it will cost more than this but I've helped you out before and have spent ~~a~~ a lot of time on the estate - am also willing to do both again - everything being equal.

You do not need to read me this until you get the estate money but please have them working on it & have it ready.

Pack it well & send it prepaid - Write me about the whole deal and don't forget - which I have not - We are the only brothers each other has - Pearce

P.P.S.

I've sent Mother Pearl a check
for Memorial Day. These checks do
not mean I am flush. I'm
not going to the "500". I went to the
Ky. Derby - but I always go there - but
conserve & pay my way. I'm wearing
a suit to a dance Friday nite which
~~I've~~ I've had 5 years -

P.

June 11, 1959

Mr. Click Relander
Yakima Daily Republic
Yakima, Washington

Dear Click:

Please endorse three checks enclosed and return to me by registered mail. Do not detach folded check, but sign both places marked "X". Sign all checks Clifford C. Relander, leaving room at top for our signatures.

Sincerely,

Pearce

Pearce

Am enclosing copy of buyers agreement.
Please return it also.

checks. 3,500.00
100.00
28,144.13

Pro Rata Tax 255.87

Total — 32,000.00 clear to me as agreed
later amts. to be deducted as to court
& adm. costs etc.

P.

Union title co. Closing statement and borrower's receipt

254857 conventional \$30,000 June 11, 1959, date of closing

morgagor Michael J. Grannan, Edna E. Grannan 802 S West St.

Indianapolis , Indiana. Indianapolis Life Insurance Co., 2960 North Meridian St

Payment Due, August 1, 1959, principal and interest \$258.04;; Hazard insurance 26.69; taxes \$56.27

Taxes for May 1958 Payable May 1959 pfe pro-ration of taxes as of

March 1, 1959, Michael J. Grannan and Edna R , \$255.27

Brokerage Commission, Tomlinson Agency 1,600.

~~Balance due~~

Total charges to seller and or contractor \$1,855.87.

2 policies, Indiana life \$233. 50.

Union Title Co \$145

Union Title \$19.20

5 months deposit Indianapolis Life \$31.25

3 months deposit Indianapolis Life \$169.67

FHA Mortgage Insurance, 00 Interest to July 1, 1959, Indianapolis Life \$91.60. Search Fee, Taylor and Taylor \$3.50

Closing fees and deposits charged to purchaser \$700.79 \$30,700.79

Total \$30,700.79

UNION TITLE COMPANY

CLOSING STATEMENT AND BORROWER'S RECEIPT

GF or UT **294857** Loan Amount: **30,000.00**
 Type and Loan No. **Conventional 19-795 City**
 Term **10 years** Interest Rate **5 1/2**
 Payment Due: **August 1, 1959**
 Principal and Interest \$ **238.34**
 Hazard Insurance \$ **26.69**
 Taxes \$ **36.27**
 FHA Insurance
 TOTALS \$ **341.00**

Date Closing **June 11, 1959**
 Mortgagor(s) **Michael J. Grannan**
Edna E. Grannan
 Address **802 South West Street**
Indianapolis, Indiana
 Mortgage Payments to be made at:
Indianapolis Life Insurance Company
2960 North Meridian Street
Indianapolis, Indiana

Amount of Loan from	Indianapolis Life Insurance Company Indianapolis, Indiana	*****	\$ 30,000.00
Paid by Borrower for Expenses and Deposits		*****	700.79
Charges to Seller and/or Contractor:		*****	
Existing Mortgage	Furnished	*****	
Revenue Stamps		*****	
Mortgage Release		*****	
Owner's Title Policy		*****	
Abstract Bill		*****	
% Discount	none	*****	
Escrow Fee	May 1958 payable May 1959	PAID	
Taxes for	Pre-Payment of Taxes as of March 1, 1959 -		
	Michael J. Grannan & Edna E. Grannan	235.87	
Brokerage Commission	Tomlinson Agency	1,600.00	
Total Charges to Seller and/or Contractor	(\$ 1,835.87)	*****	
Balance Paid Seller and/or Contractor	Edward C. Rolander, Percy Rolander and Clifford C. Rolander	28,144.13	
Charges to Purchaser:		*****	
Hazard Insurance Premium (2 policies)	Indianapolis Life	232.99	
FHA Mortgage Insurance Premium, 1 year	none		
Brokerage or Commission	Union Title Company	245.00	
Title Services	Furnished	PAID	
Survey	Union Title Company	19.20	
Recording Fees	Indianapolis Life	7.00	
Credit Report and/or Photos	FURNISHED	PAID	
Appraisal Fee			
VA Inspections			
Deposits to Lender for Borrower's Escrow Account:		*****	
Hazard Insurance	5 months deposit - Indianapolis Life	32.25	
Realty Tax	3 months deposit - Indianapolis Life	169.74	
FHA Mortgage Insurance			
Interest to:	July 1, 1959	91.60	
Search Fee	Taylor & Taylor	3.99	
Closing Fees and Deposits Charged to Purchaser	(\$ 700.79)	*****	
TOTAL		\$ 20,700.79	\$ 20,700.79

We hereby certify that the above funds were disbursed by us in closing the loan described above.

UNION TITLE COMPANY

By: **D. H. Sacret**

This acknowledges receipt of \$ **30,000.00** which sum has been disbursed as above with our approval and for our benefit and our account, and also we approve the disbursement of \$ **700.79** deposited by us.

Michael J. Grannan

Edna E. Grannan

Snodpls June 18.59

Dear Click -

Finally and at last the task is done. Enclosed find check for 6900.10. which is about what I told you it would be. I had it certified so you'll have no difficulty in cashing such a large amount. You should receive an actual run down of expenses from the lawyer soon but if in doubt about any let me know & I'll explain. The legal fee was rather high but don't forget that Dad was in the habit of dropping in when ever he was back here for years for more or less "free" advise. so it all added up and with the Calif mixup we were fortunate to have a very good man on it.

Your part of the inheritance tax is all paid as well as your Indiana State gross. You will owe nothing else. not even Federal. There was absolutely no charge made by me at all only what I had already advanced for actual costs was deducted. I do not know what you'll do with yours but most of mine is going into Govt. Bonds. My part was even only 6900.09 incl 48 .10. when John K. figured it all out.

About the head-dress. Have always used 2 wide streamers as I had not much else of a costume excepting a very loud shirt. The Hockey club colors are Red & White as are also the Snodpls Indians Baseball club - Both use the

Indian head for an insignia. My hat size is
7 $\frac{1}{4}$. Dolly's shoe size is enclosed.

Let me know what a deer or elk skin
jacket costs out there. My size is about yours
but slightly larger. My shoe size is eight
and any other accouterments you think
might go well. Deduct cost of head-dress etc.
& all else from approx. what I've
advanced you & let me know how
much more would be needed to really fix
me up. I'll send it at once.

Would appreciate the head-dress here
before July 3 as am suppose to appear at
the ball game for special celebration.

We'll hope this is all clear or fairly
so and I, for one, am glad things are
fairly well settled.

Peace

aug 5 - 1959

Dear click -

Should have written sooner but wanted to get a picture to enclose. The head-dress was perfect and is quite outstanding in this area. Thanks very much. The picture shows me leading the parade at the Shrine ball game. Probably the only time a Relander will lead more than ^{members of} 2,000 uniformed units in parade. This is now the fourth Temple in the U.S. in size and we have some wonderful uniformed units including the international championship horse patrol, Highland bag-pipe & drums band as well as all the conventional units. My picture was taken for the Shrine magazine. So much for that.

Things are about as usual here. Another gas war again. Uncle Ed gets better, then worse, then better again. Dolly's mother probably gradually worse but not apparently in immediate danger but with her complications anything, any time, can be expected. Dolly, I & the cat much the same. Taking no vacation this year but spending a few short Sat & Sunday trips to near by cities to see horse races etc.

Went to Arlington, Chicago last week. Had a fine time + didn't lose hardly any money. only \$4 all day. I never bet heavily anyhow. Met the owner of the winner of the 200,000 Futurity (2 yr. olds) - he Derby runner next year. At 3 yrs old. His horse is ~~T. V. Sisk~~ T. V. Sisk. The owner - McCoy. (J. R. Mack Stables) lives in Long Beach. A very nice fellow + his first really good horse.

Am writing Uncle Ray Harlan to get prices on a double marker for Dad's + Mother Pearl's graves if they intend to be buried next to each other or single if otherwise. I'm afraid Mother Pearl might never do it due to trying to save for her later years. I presume you'll go 50-50 with me on this when we get the figures. Don't you think it's a good idea. Let me know what you think. Well, thanks again for all.

Regards

Pearce.



April 9-1963

Dear Chick Et Al —

Rec'd the copy of your new book and of course congratulations are in order. I don't believe I even felicitated you on your marriage. Consider it done.

— But I've got a good excuse. I've been ill for months and kept thinking I have something definite to tell you. I'm back at work now — though still on digitalis — it was mostly my heart and the medic seems to think I'm doing as well possible as long as I take things fairly easy. He's even going to let me go to the Ky. Derby — which I had decided to do anyway. I'm not mascotting the ball team much though and have lost thirty pounds — which should make me strikingly handsome — but somehow does not.

Will get the typewriter out & write more soon. Best of wishes to you both —

Pearce

[Box 70] Sept 9, 1963

Dear Click:

I've finally got something definite to write. I went back to work last week for the first time in almost four months. I did nothing during that time but a little supervisory work for the company. Lost sixty pounds. Will be on digitalis from now on but should get along OK as long as I take it easy. I'll cut out a lot of my general cussedness & depravity which should be all for the best.

Hope you & the wife are well and you have been able to keep the weight down.

Dolly and her mother are not too much worse than usual. Some of Mom's cats have been sick but they never seem to die - damn it.

I thought I might get around to writing a short story or two or an article while I was loafing but the muse never struck. Did cut a few "feller" tapes for a local radio station regarding the costuming and mascot work I did for local athletic teams and organizations but that was for free as a civic gesture. Let me know how you both are -
Regards - Pearce

Pearce Relander
98. S. Sixth Ave
Beech Grove Ind.
46107



Mr. Chick Relander
3701 Commonwealth
Yakima
Wash.
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Wed.

Dear Click -

Rec'd your letter the other day. Congratulations on your sculpting. I still maintain that you cannot exhibit in The Hoosier Saloon as you have called it twice. ~~The Try~~ the Hoosier Salon - one "o". Its much more cultural.

I was in the hospital when your letter came. My girl, Ruby Sherman, wrote Mother Pearl air mail way over a week ago all the details and asked her to forward the facts on to you but I guess she didnt do so for she hasnt even answered Ruby yet. I hope she isnt ill. I wrote her myself this morning.

I was beaten over the head by a hold-up man with a 30 inch wrecking bar causing seven holes in my dome and a severe fracture. I was in surgery $2\frac{1}{2}$ hrs.

and it took 35 stitches. I was very critical for a while and was in the hospital 13 days. I got out last Monday night. Ruby Sherman is taking care of me at her house, 98 S. Sixth Ave. Beech Grove Indiana. The doctors say it will be several months before I can do much of anything. I'll keep you posted from time to time.

Aunt Flossie was buried last Friday. I knew you could not come so I paid for a \$12.50 floral tribute in the name of you and your wife. Uncle Ed is very poorly but I'm not able to do much for him but I'll try to see him once in a while when I get stronger.

Well, am getting pretty tired now so more later. Love to you and the wife.
Pearce

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Visalia Monday AM

Dear Chick -

This is going to be hard to write ~~but it~~
~~short~~ but I shall try not to digress too much
and be as short as possible. Please excuse errors
I finally got here a little after noon Sunday
and there was no one at the house. It was
closed up, much furniture removed. The rest
stacked up. None of the neighbors were at home.
Uncle Ray was gone, Sam's King was gone. Thelma
(Mildred) Hager did not answer the phone. I
finally found Mother Pearl at Ethel Sullivan's.
Over the other side of Tulare. Some of the nurses
etc have been caring for her ever since her eye
operations almost a month ago. She is in a
pretty bad shape. She has almost certainly lost
the sight of one eye and one of the girls promised
to let me go with them this afternoon when the
eye specialist takes out stitches + looks at the other one.
I asked Mother Pearl for the keys to the house
as I did not want to impose on anyone but still
be where I could be reached. One of the girls asked
Mother Pearl if she wanted me to have them and
she snapped out "Of course, it's his house isn't it?"
This is probably the worst thing she could

have said as it probably made them think she had made a will in our favor. Ten seconds after she had said this she was talking about something else and crying softly because I had hugged and kissed her when I came in.

She refuses to tell or talk to anyone about her finances and I do not suppose she will until forced to do so. If that is finally necessary I'm sure you agree with me that we should stay out of it. One of us would have to assume full legal and financial responsibility and stay here on the spot. You, of course, could not do that ~~and~~ on account of your work and I would certainly not want to with the relatives probably hating my guts. I can always say I have to be back east by a certain time.

Briefly I'm sure Mother Pearl is not hurting financially at the present time. She has sold the house and gets social security & maybe teachers pension. She should be off for a while, at least though she just won't tell or talk to anyone about plans.

If it is necessary to do something very

definite I'm sure you agree with me that the Bakers should handle it. They are here, we are not, and intensive care would take most of anything she has and a lawyer would get the rest.

So it will stay here a few days only and see what transpires. Then I shall continue north and eventually to Yakima. I shall probably stop and see Dolly Durants foster son near Oakland a day or two. Outside of probably trying to borrow some money, I think they will treat me OK and be glad to see me. Will see you then the end of this week or the first of next.

I'll write you again when I know more and if its absolutely necessary to ask some more questions I'll be here at the house on West St. (Area code 209-735-4503) exactly at 7:00 PM either

Tuesday or Wed. evening to answer the phone. I don't see how I could tell you anymore than I can now. However if you do not wish to sit tight for now as I ~~am~~ going to do, let me know. Sorry I ramble so much but my nerves are in a hell of a shape.

Peace.

P.S. A Geo. Manger phoned the house here just a moment ago and wanted your address and will write you. I may have given him

AIR
MAIL



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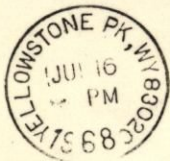
Dear Folks -

Am here in Yellowstone
where you can "bearly"
drive around.

Got almost to the bridge
Thursday when I burnt out
a generator - some one had not
oiled it in servicing of a
bearing fize. Got back in
Yakima OK & Home put a
rebuilt one on reasonable.
Did not bother you as both
were working. Got started
around noon. Canada was wonderful
Regards to Frosty, Gypsy, Sumner
and, I guess, John. More later

Love Pearce

(Collis)



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Dear Click~

Wed.

Your second letter came this morning after I had mailed you a letter. Also one from Ruby

Hope the X-rays find out for sure what is really wrong.

It doesn't seem necessary to phone you unless something very important comes up but I'll sure keep you posted.

Peace



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Thursday

[Indian - misc]

Dear Chick -

Hadn't heard from you in
some time but guess you are
pretty busy. got a letter from
Thelma she is staying up
the house so I guess Mother
Pearl has "given up". I write
Mother Pearl about every week
now but haven't heard from
her directly.

My legs are giving me
fits but I ~~can~~ still can get
around some. I guess its
arthritis like Grandma
Plander & Geraldine, so there's
nothing much to do about it.
Will write you more in a
few days and fill you in
Love to you & Jimmy & Pearce



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Beech Grove, Ind.
Dec. 20-68.

Dear Folks:

just a few lines with Pearce's letter I finally went to the doctor, I knew it wasn't much only some cold in kidneys. I don't have much faith in these doctors. so I just went to please the rest of them.
Happy days at Xmas. time.

Love Ruby.

P.S. Ruby is going to ruin my Xmas merriment by baking pies & cake. This should ensure some rejection and aid in some hope for survival. Seriously she bakes the best pies & cakes ever - which I cannot or should not eat.

Read the museum data & have some on our one here to send Click at a later date. Also books by Somb & Schultz, Indiana historical Indian writers. They are personally autographed to Click for his personal library but I am not going to send them until much later when I have read hell out of them.

BR

Friday.

Dear Folks -

Christmas almost slipped upon me before I knew it, but I guess serenity is fairly common in old people.

Finally got Ruby to go to the doctor. He said she had "infection" in her kidneys, & have urine in mine could that be a sexual difference? It was not too serious and she is now much better - medically that is.

I had a bad spell, but am better now. I'm going to pop Xmas dinner for a few of us. I'm going to barbecue a small turkey (on the oven). baked macaroni & beans, cauliflower casserole in cheese sauce, Sweet & sour green & wax bean salad, yeast rolls and Waldorf salad.

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There will be few survivors.

Teeny the miniature dachshund which I insist is really "Shorty" is now 6 mo. old. She has been catching + bringing in field mice from the back yard. I did not tell Ruby but I have been feeding her cheese on the sly and she breathes down their holes. Try this on John. And by the way if you accidentally step on him give him a good kick also so he'll really scream instead of just yawning + saying MEOW

Ruby sends you her best wishes + was awfully glad to hear from you via Telephone
Again Love to all
Pearce

Suggestive Instructions

Two meals - not fancy

but sustaining @ 2.50 - 5.00

Three beers - That does not

Come out even so give Jerry Two 1.20

One pound liver for John, Summie
and Gypsy. Try to prepare it when
the wind is right so that burn
next door won't smother. .59

One kick in the slats for Frosty
if he nips Jerry again in an
embarrassing place. N.C.

Total 6.79

Pay your own taxes.

Merry X-mas

(PR)

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MAIL



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My Folks -

Please understand this as
stated. I would like \$25.00
- no more - no less - at general
delivery, Sheridan, Wyoming
^{Cash or Delivery}
next Tues or Wed. I may need
a little extra cash to get
home. Failure to send less than
\$25.00 - cash - or one cent more
will result in an abrupt lack
of correspondence from me.

Thank you for a wonderful
visit and believe me the next
time will not be so long.
Kiss John, Summie & Gypsy for me.

Really love you both
Pearse

Tuesday

Dear Folks -

Finally got around to answering your welcome Christmas letter. Spent some of the money on notions living and got a bed tray and pajamas for Uncle Ed. Took them out to him the other day but the pajamas were too large. I guess he wants to sleep by himself. I buy my night clothes large enough to accommodate all comers. He must not be a Pelander. Also found out he was about out of evening clothes (not even a tux) so ~~we~~ have changed the size and am going to add an extra pair and get them out there soon. He shouldn't have to sleep naked. You can't trust these ^{nurses} ~~nurses~~ nowadays. So much for that.

But there you certainly have my congratulations on your new job and hope Jimmy enjoys the horse. Don't let it get away from you folks and waste it waiting. Too much philosophy is just for old folks. By the way

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You recently had a birthday but you'll never catch me. I don't know Gernys' organ date (birthday) but you might tell me some time. I wish her the best.

Here the insurance company finally came up with a life-time weekly payment to me (no revocations). It goes on forever. Not too good but added to full social security, house rent, bond interest (minimal) and what I get in begging off the streets makes me fairly secure.

Also have been feeling fairly well of late but had a bad two days recently so must see my doctor often. Guess I'll have to still be easy for a while. Ruby is also not too well either but maybe rest and relaxation will help us both.

We haven't even gone to Florida to see her folks as yet but it may be possible if we're very careful.

Also would very much like to take a leisurely trip west this summer and see Mother Pearl and you once again. Ruby has a sister in Omaha and a brother in Los Angeles. It would help us both but we cant tell as yet so dont illuminate the letters on the door mat as yet.

By the way Mother Pearl writes that Uncle Ray was a good friend of Ruby father in Fresno.

We'll write as soon as you can. I have a lot more to say but you know I never talk much. The best regards of Ruby & Pearce to Chick & Ginny (PR)

Sunday

Dear Folks finally got here in Concord
Calif to Dolly's son and his family
yesterday and I was so agreeably surprised
that they received me so enthusiastically.
They have the cutest little four year old
boy, Joey, who calls me "Grampse". He came
in & got in bed with me this morning
& talked up a storm. The girl, Sheila, is a
very attractive young girl, no longer fat
and has a good job and a very nice boy
friend. They seem a good solid family, a
relationship I've missed for some time.

Tried to call you last night but
guess you were out. I shall probably stay
here for a while anyway as Tuesday is
Dick Duranto's birthday and I guess they
plan something. Also the old car has been
heating up some in the mountains and
desert so guess I have the radiator back
flushed and inspect the sub-radiator on

the air conditioning unit in front. This is the only trouble I've had but I'll look into it while here I guess.

Stopped at the Chan Baker place after leaving Visalia. Ethel wasn't home but talked to one of the boys a while, "Toughie," he said, never did know his real name. He was very nice though.

Also saw Skinny Stranghan. He wanted me to stay longer but I finally got away & this far anyway.

It looks like I may never get up there but my nerves are so much better. I guess slowly but surely is better. Will either write or call you later in the week. If anything very, very important comes up I am at Richard Durants 1024 Marilyn Way Concord Calif 94520 - Phone 415-685-8870

Always Pearce

Dear Folks -

Sunday.

got in late last night about an hour after the folks from Florida pulled in. Rudy & I can't talk much due to the full house.

Were going out to one of the girls for a barbeque Cook-out today & I'm going to wear a loud cludean shirt etc for I know they won't approve. None of the Redanders were ever cowardly. Rudy says to be sure to send regards from her. She has good poents but mostly where her head comes to a point. I've seen these in side-shows. So much for that. The new dog is cute but pretty stupid because she likes me. Love & Regards to all Redander family members. Peace

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[Power]
Monday ~

Dear Click -

I should have written you sooner but I'm pretty well shaken up. Two weeks ago today we buried Dolly's mother. One week ago today I buried Dolly. So now I'm all alone. We had expected Dolly's mother to go before long although she had a bad last illness but no one realized Dolly's heart was as bad as it was.

We had never married due to the necessity of her needing her widows service connected pension. However, she left everything to me subject to the house going to her foster son after my death so I still have a place to stay.

It seems we both got homes about the same time but I wish I hadn't gotten mine the way I did.

Well, more details later when I feel up to it.

Pearce