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Doug Schuler 4.9.1968



Dear Pekka,

I got your letter that you sent right after Joyce's. Thank you. As you know, I went canoeing in northern Minnesota two weeks ago. I really had a good time. We canoed something like 30 miles altogether. It was hard work especially when you have two little kids who don't paddle very well, but I still enjoyed myself. Most of the time we fished. We caught quite a few and always had enough to eat. Dad caught a great big turtle so we ate that one night. I still have the shell.

Almost every morning and every evening we could hear some Moose back in the woods. We never did see them however. Two guys, while out fishing saw a bear. We were afraid that it might come into our camp if it smelled the food. It didn't bother us at all.

over.

By the time we got back from Minn. my beard was pretty long. I had let it grow for two weeks. Mom took pictures of Dad and I, but they aren't ready yet.

The next week I started working out with the high school football team three times a day. We would work at 7:30 in the morning, 3:30 in the afternoon, and ~~6:00~~ 7:00 at night. I was really starting to get in shape by the end of the week and then Joyce and I drove her sister's car down to Texas. We drove straight through except to get gas and something to eat. It was about ~~thousand~~ and 1100 miles and I drove all but about 240 miles. I really had a lot of fun down there. We went ~~to~~ ^{to} the Hemmifair which was really cool, and we also went shopping a couple of times.

I stayed in Texas a week and during that time I really got out of shape. Yesterday, Tuesday, Sept. 3, I ~~practiced~~ practiced with the high school after school and I am really sore today. I hope I can get back in shape by the 9th because that's when I start Freshman ball at the college. Tomorrow I have to go to orientation again. This one last for three days; the 5th, 6th, & 7th, and then school starts the 9th. I am getting excited, but I am also a ~~little~~ little scared.

I guess that's about all I can say for now.

Love Doug.

P.S. When do you start school?

Margaret and Frank Penn 14.10.1968



Oct 14, 1968

Dear Pekka,

Bel you thought I'd never write. Things got a little hectic around here about the time we took Eric to school. He and his roommate had quite a time moving into their new apartment. The manager had promised it would be ready but when we got there with a trailer full of furniture it wasn't done. After a lot of running around and talking (by Eric) they got it liveable by night. The carpet wasn't down, no lock on the door, no drapes, no gas for cooking or hot water or heat. Eric talked the contractor out of a lock from one of the storerooms and convinced the carpet layer he needed his room done next. So we had them moved in by 10 o'clock that night. Both boys had an electric corn popper so they heated soup and hot water in those and managed to get by with soup and sandwiches until they got the gas turned ^{on} in the middle of the week.

Eric was home the other night to pick up a few things he forgot and said they hadn't made each other sick with their cooking yet.

Just doesn't seem right when we go up to

Schullis not to see you. We really miss you.
I suppose Lou has written to tell you Sharon
had a baby girl, Lelene, last Saturday Oct 6. Lou
and Warren are really proud grandparents. Even
Doug had to stop and tell me he was an uncle
now. With Joyce in Minneapolis working and
Linda going to Des Moines there won't be many
young people in the neighborhood. We were
sorry to hear Joyce had quit College after the
first week. Linda is going to work at the
telephone company as an information girl.
Guess us old folks will just rattle around and
play cards to fill in the time.

Here's a few pictures we thought you might
like. The others we took at Niagara Cove where
so dark you couldn't see much.

How's the school work going now that you're
home? Suppose you're still leading the Math
class with all A's. We'd enjoy hearing from
you if you have time with all your studying

Love

Margaret and Frank Penn

Warren Schuler 19.10.1968

Warren Schuler
1305 West 19 Street
Cedar Falls, Iowa 50613



Mr Pekka Terasonen
Hastola AK
Finland

AIR MAIL

October, 19, 1968

Dear Pekka;

Doug just recieved his new Electric Typewriter this evening. It's Royal Jetstar. I hope you will forgive my mistakes as I have never done much of this typing. I had one class of typing way back inn high school so you can guess how long ago that has been. He took his graduation money and put some more with it so he could get a good one. He is up at the college playing intermurl basketball know.

I think I had better double space or I never will get this page filled. We had a wonderful trip out to Wyoming deer hunting last month. Mr Hurlbut, (Dallas) and I both got our deer. The one I got was a young doe and the one Dallas got was a bout a second year doe. The country was real pretty. We were pretty close to the mountains and I really loved it. Iplan to go back out again next fall and try my luck again. Paul and Marlys Lindaman and the two boys went out the same time we did and they both got there deer. Two of the men that went with us are planing to go back out and see if they can do better this time. If I had the money I would go along but I can't afford it.

The time really fly's by. Next week is ~~the~~* Thanksgiving already and another month and it will be Christmas, It doesn't seem possible. Wish your family a very merry Holiday season and our best wishes. The place seems sort of empty with out you around. We enjoyed haveing you with us for a year and you know you are welcome any time, your family also.

I suppose you have heard by now that mom and I became (GRANDPARENTS) October 5, 1968. Sharon and Bill had a 7 pound 15 ounce baby girl. they named her Lianne, We would sure like to see them but guess we will have to wait till they come back home. We checked on plane fare to Madrid, then to Finland and decided we couldn't afford it at this * time, maybe some other time. We are inclosing a picture so you can see your niece. The last letter we recieved from Bill & Sharon there was some question as to weather they would be there very long as Spain and the U.S. couldn't come to an agreement on renewing there lease for the Air Base. We are hoping they can stay together till he has completed his time in the service. They mentioned they might be moved to another base in Spain but they don't know wheather Sharon can go with him. If she can't her and the baby will come back to the states.

We sent your High school Annual last Saturday so you should recieve that about the same time you recieve this letter. I have to go up to the college for a little so had better close for now. We wish you a happy birthday which is a little late, but is still better than none.

Love;

Warren Schuler



Sunday Oct. 20

Dear Pekka,

I'm sorry it has taken me so long to write to you.

I suppose you know by now that Sharon & Bill have a baby girl born October 5. They named her Lianne. How I wish I could see her and hold her. I just cannot describe the special feeling inside when you become a grandmother for the first time! It is very special!

I suppose you are watching the Olympics. Doug watches almost every evening right after supper. Tomorrow afternoon about 4:00 PM he plays his 3rd freshman football game at Decora. (That's where we went for the festival with Penns this summer). I hope they win. They certainly had a bad time of it at Fort Dodge 2 weeks ago. They lost - 54 to 0! They really

shouldn't feel too badly about it because Fort Dodge ranks 3rd in small colleges in the nation.

This weekend was homecoming at U.N.D. It was a beautiful sunny day. You should have been here to take pictures this year. Remember how nasty & bad the weather was last year?

The only bad thing was that they lost the football game 13-14!

Joyce was home this weekend & I guess plans to come again next weekend for Cedar Falls High's homecoming. I asked her today at church how she liked her job in Minneapolis. She did not sound very excited about it, but it is a job & she is earning money & is a little more independent.

I personally wish she were going on to school, but - I guess that must be her decision.

You said you were having

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trouble with math. Hope things
are better by now. I don't think
you need to worry about your tests
in the spring. I'm sure with
your interest & hard work you
will catch up & be able to
pass the tests.

I'm so glad you got all
your packages! It's almost
a miracle. I certainly did
not feel very sure you would
get them when they were not on
the ship! Your high school
year book came so I'll try to
get that sent off to you.

Next weekend Warren is going
to Wyoming to hunt deer. It
is the first time he has hunted
for big game. Hope he gets one
or I'm afraid he'll be quite
disappointed. He & Doug have
practiced shooting with
Marly & Paul (the family who
lives at Jesup.) Grandpa gave

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Doug his 12 gauge shot gun in
exchange for Doug's 20 gauge
shot gun. Doug's was a lighter
gun & it is easier for Grandpa
to carry now that he is older.
Doug really got the best of the
bargain, but that's what Grandpa
wanted! Doug isn't going
deer hunting because he has
to sing at a wedding and also
practice football. He would
certainly like to, however.

You asked about the class
ring? No - you don't have to
pay anything. That was a gift
from the company, I guess, or
from the school.

We have had beautiful weather.
One big frost did take the tomatoes
in the garden, but the grass is still
green & needs cutting. The leaves are
falling & the colors are almost gone.

Much love to you, Pekka &
God bless you! And please greet your family.
mom & dad

Elna Hazlewood 23.10.1968



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Photography by Arlene Ragsdale

Oct 23, 1968

Dear Bekka,

It was so nice to get your card the other day. We have missed you coming out and your laughter (amongst the others) in your games, Pitya etc.

Jayne, you have probably heard, has gone to Minneapolis, along with Barb, and has a job. How long this will be we don't know.

Judy is still home so we do have one still around. She is going with Bob so he's around part of the time.

We had a lovely vacation this summer. We were gone 3 weeks. We enjoyed being with our 3 grandchildren in San Antonio, Texas. 1200 miles from here. We spent some of the time in Corpus Christi (which is still farther) and went swimming in the Ocean. I got a tan, which you wouldn't believe it, that I still have.

Jimmie's brother has a cabin down there which made

it very nice.

I went to Old Mexico twice,
Spent most of the time on the
Base. (Randolph AFB.)

It's a beautiful base.
This is the place where the
President and other prominent
people land when they go
to San Antonio. It is very
large place and is kept so
neat and clean.

I almost forgot to mention
going to the Hemisfair.
It was interesting but much
too big to enjoy or be able to
see the things they had to show.
It would take days but it
was nice the time we did
spend.

I must go get a little
breakfast and of course my
coffee.

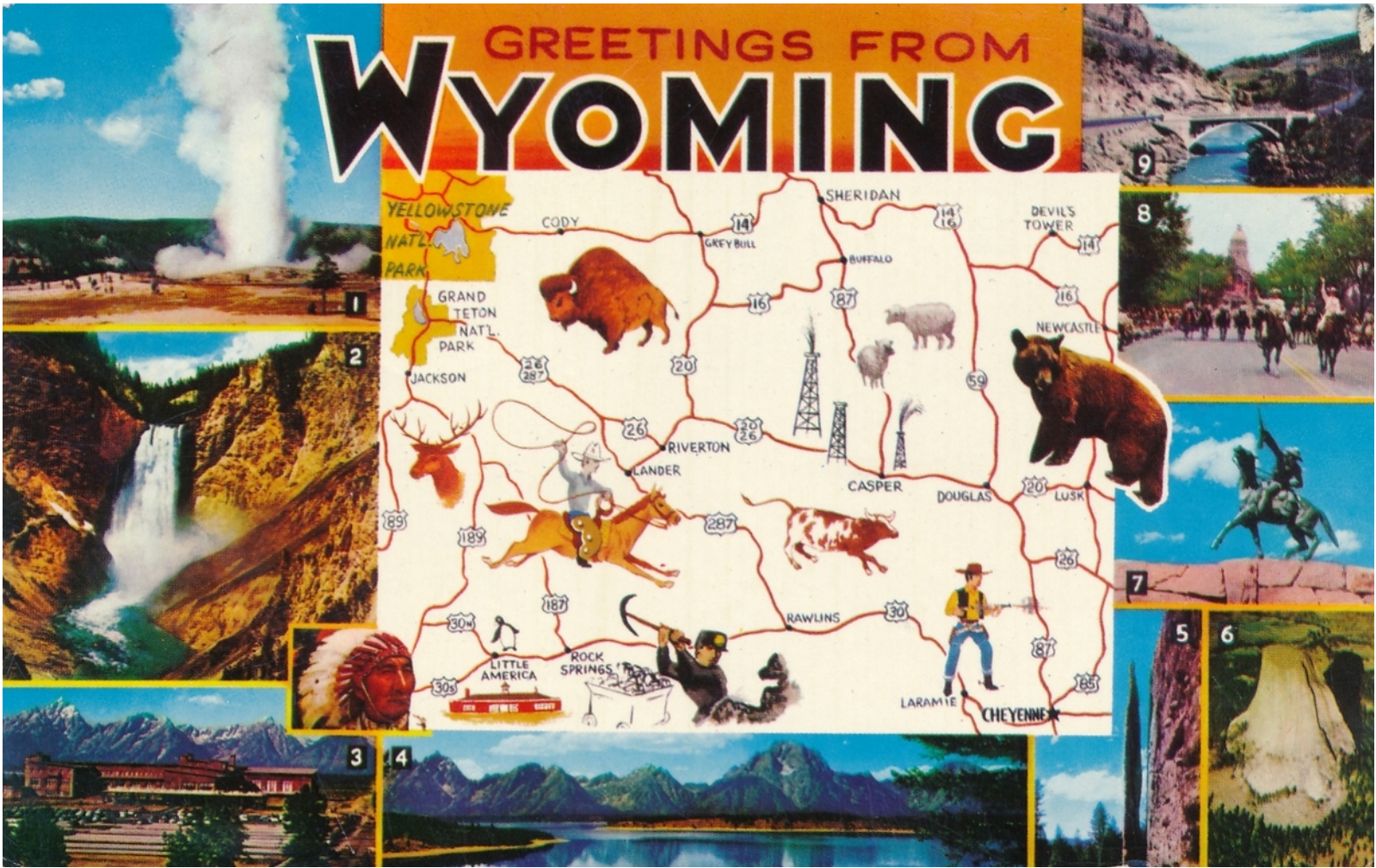
Tell your folks hello and
that they can be very proud of
their boy.

Wishing you the best

Jim and Edna and Judy
This is Homecoming weekend - Joyce will
be home to give up her crown.

Did you ever try the Citza receipt?

Warren Schuler 28.10.1968



- 1. Old Faithful Geyser, Yellowstone Nat'l Park
- 2. Yellowstone Falls, Yellowstone Nat'l Park
- 3. Jackson Lake Lodge, Grand Teton Nat'l Park
- 4. Teton Range and Jackson Lake, Grand Teton Nat'l Park
- 5. Chimney Rock near Cody
- 6. Devil's Tower near Sundance
- 7. Buffalo Bill Statue, Cody
- 8. Cheyenne Frontier Days Parade
- 9. Shoshone Canyon

Dear Pekko.

I finally got to go deer hunting & dragged my first bag. We are just getting ready to go but some wish you were here. Tell your folks hello.
Love
Warren



Pekko Lemmisen
Naastola KK
Finland.

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Nov. 3, 1968

Dear "Uncle Pekka"!

Well, she finally got here, and she's everything anyone could ever want. We named her Gianne - no middle name. She is 4 weeks old, and already spoiled rotten! As soon as we get some, I'll send your picture of your new niece. She looks like her daddy, ears that stick out at the top and all! She's a real bundle of love & all three of us are ~~of~~ very happy. I sure wish there is some way you could see her. Maybe if you go back to the states for college you can see her. I hope we can meet again someday, cause you're just like my real brother!

Gianne weighed 7 lbs. 15 oz., & was 20 1/2 inches long. Now she weighs near 10 pounds. She's really

growing fast. Today she smiled for the first time, & she's held her head up since she was 10 days old. She's awfully strong.

What are you doing now? Are you working or going to school or just taking it easy? What are your plans for the future?

I asked the post office what address you should use, and they said to use the same one my folks use. It will go to New York first, but that's alright. The address is:

Sgt. William C. McCracken 16861831
401st M.M.S. U.S.A.F.E.

Box 3322

A.P.O. New York, 09283, U.S.A.

When you mail the letters, check at your post office about how much postage is.

Bill is fine and very busy
with his correspondence course
and his new job of daddy. He
says hi, & hopes all is fine
with you & your family.

How are your parents and
brother & sister. Tell them
hello from us.

Next year at this time we
will be back home in Iowa.
Time surely goes fast.

Well, not much more
news. Write soon, & take care!

As always,

Bill, Sharon & Dianne



Joyce C. Hazlewood
3439 Hennepin
Minneapolis, Minnesota
U.S.A. 55408

November 5, 1968

Dear Pekka,

First, I will apologize waiting so long to write again. I did write you a letter around the first of September while I was attending the University but lost it in the envelope unsealed and without a stamp. So, now I'm writing this on my lunch break.

I don't know if anyone has written you about what I did, what I am doing and where I am at. In putting it short, I quit college after the first week of school. After looking for a job at home for around a week, Barb Ripka and I decided to come up to Minneapolis, Minnesota to find a job and live. So by bus, Barb and I came up here. The reason why I came up here was because I had to get away from everyone and everything at home. I was unhappy in college and I knew if this was the thing I wanted to do, I wasn't ready. Being away from ^{home}, so far that is, I know going to the University wasn't the thing for me. I started college because I felt pushed and that I had to go. I've been so mixed up not knowing what I want to do. Now since I'm away from home I am hoping I will find out what I really want to do. This maybe hard to understand but I do think my parents and everyone is

beginning to understand. Do you?

Barb and I have been up here since the end of September. We both got a job at Penney's Regional Accounting Office. Barb quit last week and hopes to get into a hospital before she will go home (?). (She will be going to Nurses Training next Fall) I'm still working at Penney's but have hopes in getting this better paying office job I applied for last weekend.

We both have an apartment with Barb's cousin who is our age. The apartment is an upstairs to an older but nice house. We have plenty of room and it's in a good location, even if we have a hippie family (families ??) for neighbors. They really are funny looking. Our down stairs neighbors are a young married couple with a Big German Shepherd Police Dog and 3 cats! We do feel safe, though!

It's been a lot of fun up here, yet very very depressing and lonely at times. I get to missing Doug something fearful, home, C.F., and last school year and You. I keep saying to myself we can't relive the past so keep your chin up, Joyce.

Last week-end, I mean a week ago last week-end, in other words 2 weeks ago was C.F.'s

Homecoming. I had to take a day off work so I could be at the half-time practice and parade. It was a beautiful day but a cold football game. It wasn't as bad as last year, though. It really seemed sad giving the crown back. It sure made me feel older being around all the kids. Yikes! He's getting old, Pekka!

Say, I hear your the champion TWIXT player back home in Finland. Great! Now I've just got to find away to get over there ^{we can} and show them a game of TWIXT. One thing, with you and your game gone I'm really loosing my touch (smarts) in playing that game. In fact, I haven't played it since you've been gone.

Here I gab and gab and I haven't asked you how things are for you back home. How are you and your family, Pekka? I hope fine. How is school coming along? Are you still thinking of going to college here, back in CF that is? I hope, maybe, to go to business school next semester. Maybe, I'll be ready for books by then. I hope so because I want to get my education done with. But we all would like you to come over again to school.

Wednesday - November 6th

I was going to finish this last night but ended up watching the Presidential Election on T.V. Humphrey, Nixon and Wallace were running. Unfortunately, Nixon won! Boo! I wanted Humphrey to get it. It was close all night long. I woke up around 4 A.M. today and turned the T.V. on to watch it. It was broadcasted all night, of course.

I got a letter from Hong, today. I feel so happy when I get a letter from him. He has been having mid-term tests this last week. This week he has 2 papers to write and one test. - I'll just give you a brief summary of what he said. His freshman football game lost Friday night, 10-7. It was close. I think this ~~was~~ was his last game. - Saturday, Warren and himself is going pheasant hunting ^{S. (SORRY?)} ~~Saturday~~. Pheasant season opens then. Also, he said that he will be coming up a week from Friday for the week-end. I'll be so glad to see him.

Say, isn't it great news to hear that Sharon had her baby? You know that makes you an "uncle". How does it feel to be an uncle Pekka? (Uncle Pekka Armonen)

I would like it very much if you would write me real soon. I like to get letters while I'm living up here. Since, I'm settled now I'll promise I'll write more. Hope to here from you real soon - Please. "Be good!"

Always,
P.S. Winter is here! Brrr... It's cold up here! Joyce

Axel Rössing 19.11.1968



PEKKA TERMONEN

NASTOLA KK

FINNLAND

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W. DEUTSCHLAND

SAKSASTA

Celle, Nov. 18, 1968

Dear Pekka,

First of all I want to excuse myself for not having written earlier, and I thank you very much for your letter and the photograph. Right now I'm sitting in school having "Religion", and it is always so boring that I usually write letters or read books in this period.

School here really is pretty tough again, especially because I'll have to take my final maths examination already in February, and I told you how much I hate that kind of stuff. But well, I gotta get it done, and so I'm getting extra lessons four times a week. But maths is almost the only subject right now for which I really have to study. Our graduation is going to be sometime in May next year, and as you can imagine I'm really looking forward to it. Then after I'll have had a nice vacation, I'll probably go into economics and study at the University of Freiburg. Maybe in about three years I'll go back to the United States and study there for another year. But well, until then a lot of things may have changed.

I think I've told you when we were in Cedar Falls that I was saving ^{money} to buy myself

an electric organ after I would have got back to Germany. Well, and really, I had saved enough money, and already three weeks after I had got back I had my organ. You can't imagine how much fun an instrument like that is, and I'm playing in a group now, too.

Another thing, have you leased anything from N.H.S., yet, I mean have you got your class ring and the year book yet? I haven't, and I start getting sort of impatient.

Well, the bell is ringing, which means the period is over, and I have to close. I hope you'll find the time to write again some time.

Bye for now,

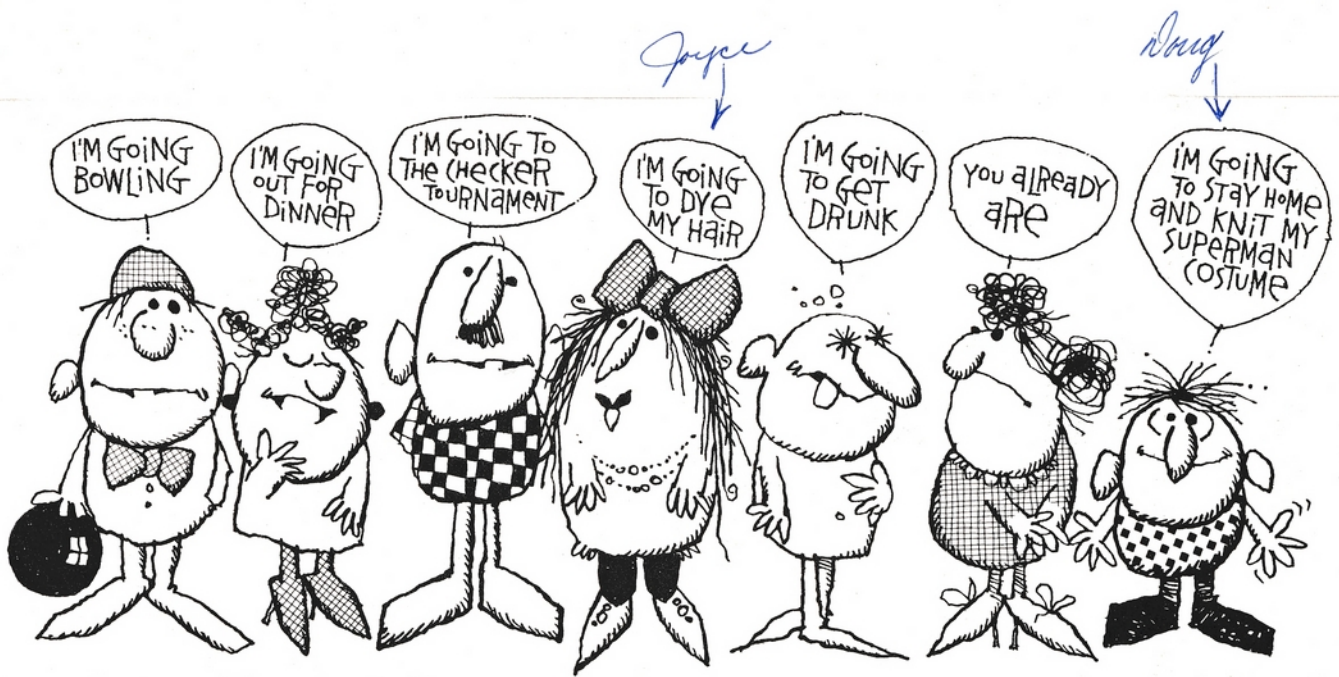
Axel

Joyce and Doug 21.11.1968

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WE SHOULD DO
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YOUR
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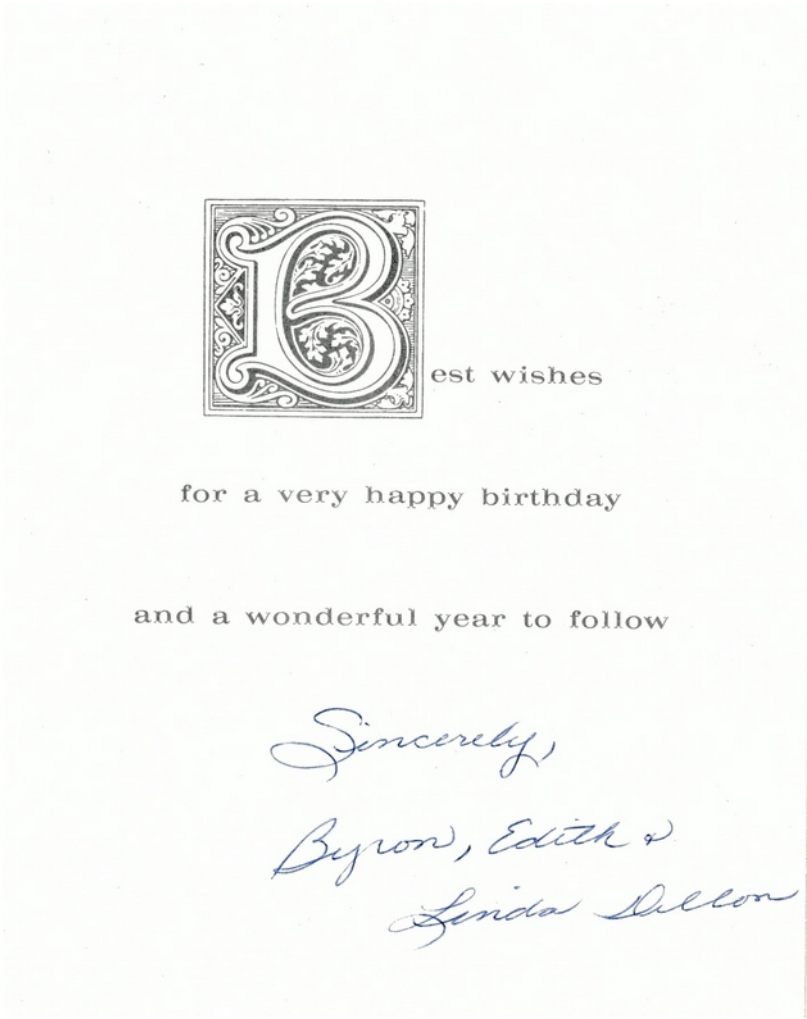
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enough!

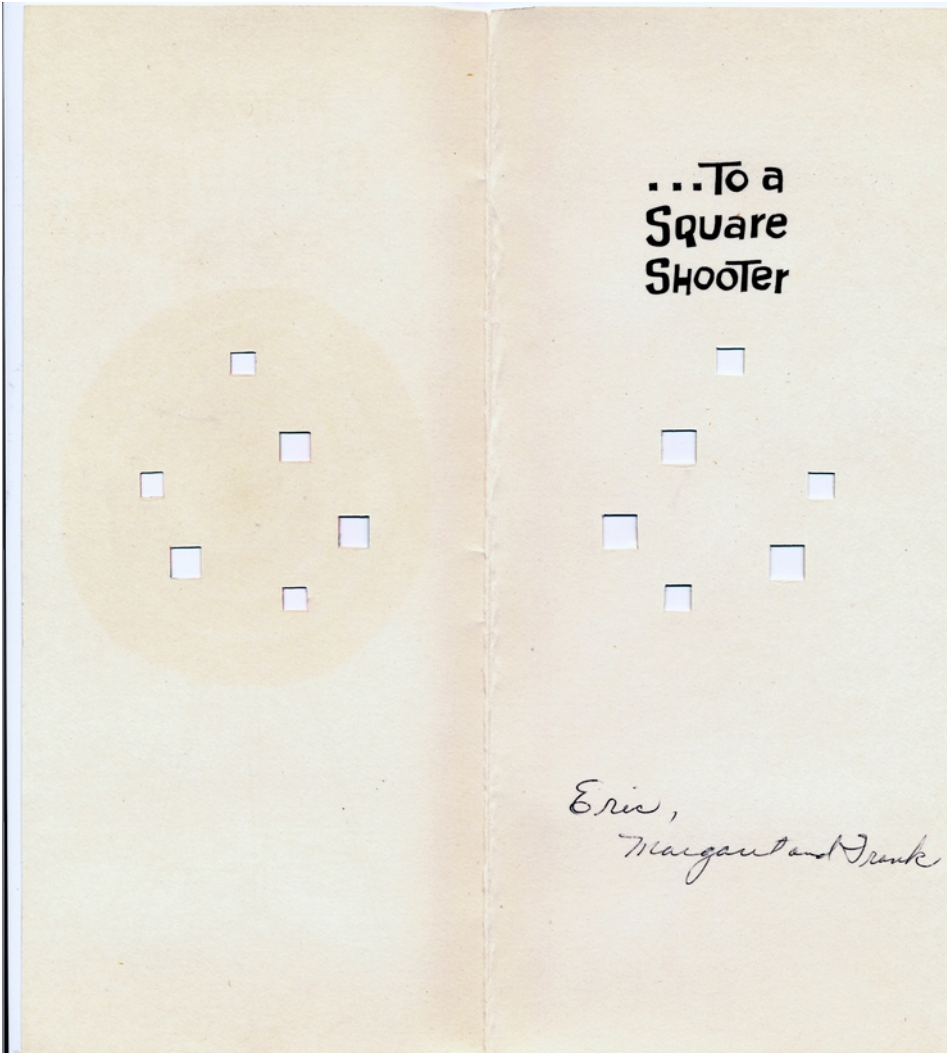
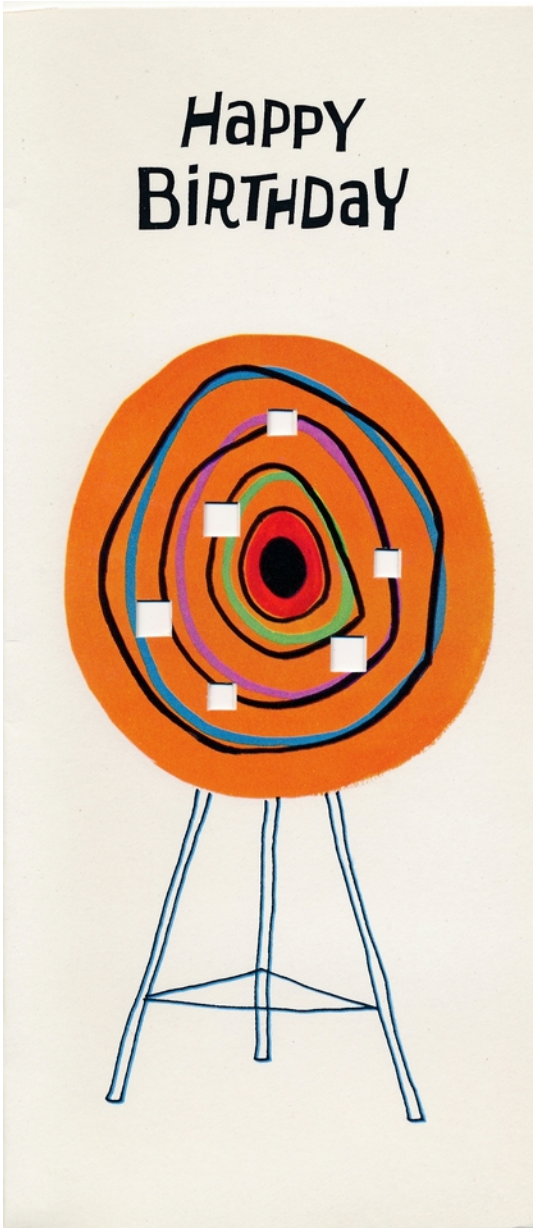
HAPPY BIRTHDAY!

Barb.

*Hope you have a
nice Birthday*

Byron, Edith & Linda Dillon 21.11.1968





Doug Schuler 26.11.1968



Dear Pekka,

Well, I guess it's about time I wrote to you. I don't understand why I never get around to writing letters. I'm very sorry.

Well, how is school going for now. You said that it wasn't going too good in one of your letters a little while ago. I hope it is going a little better now. I haven't done too bad yet, at least not as bad as I thought I would. At mid-semester I was one point from an A in math.

I got a B on one of my Humanities tests and a C on the other one. I am managing a C in the rest of my classes. I did, however get a couple of F's on a couple of themes in Composition. Well I guess I can't be good in everything. Ha! Ha!

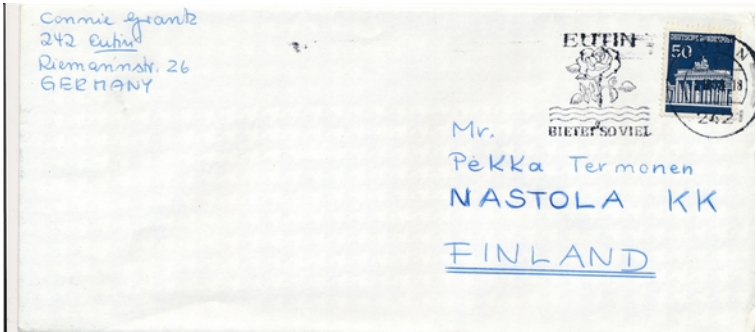
As you probably know Joyce has been working in Minneapolis for quite awhile now. Last weekend I went up to see her. I went up on a Friday after my last class and came home Sunday evening. I really had a good time. I went shopping with Joyce Saturday afternoon and had fun. That's probably hard to believe because you have been shopping with her before also, but I really did have fun. She will come home for Thanksgiving this Wednesday of Thursday.

I am getting rather anxious for the holidays to come. Then I will have vacation from school for awhile. Wee! This also means that I will be able to go hunting for a change. I went hunting out at that place where we went opening day of Pheasant season last year. It seemed kind of funny without you along.

A couple of weeks ago there was a professional acting group from Minnesota here. They put on two shows and they were both free. I took advantage of this opportunity and saw both shows. They were really good. I have to go up to school tonight to see my reader for Composition and after that go to see an opera up at the music building so I will close for now. I will send you a Christmas present sometime pretty soon. It probably won't get to you until after the holidays so just be patient.

Love, Doug

Connie Grantz 1.12.1968



before then. I would like you like Nixon?

Eutin, Dec. 1, 1968

Dear Pekka,

It's been a long, long time since I got your letter (to be exact, 2 months and 12 days!), and I hope you won't be too mad at me for not answering it any sooner; you'll probably be as busy as I, so maybe you can understand why it took me so long! Thank you very much for your letter; I was very glad to hear from you. I feel exactly the way you do; each time I get a letter (Arlinda's the busiest letter-writer you could imagine!), I want to go back and live with them again so badly, but it just can't be right now, so I guess we'll have to face reality, right?

Too bad that Ron didn't go to Germany during his stay in Denmark, but he was just too far up north. It would have been fun to have him here and show him around, especially since he's such a nice guy. You know he's having a Swedish exchange student live with him this year (you probably got the clipping from the Record); wonder how he and Haras are getting along at NUHS. They won't be able to vote in the Student Council, ha! And we even voted for that! Have you sent anything for Christmas to America yet? I sent my stuff Nov. 19, and I just hope it'll be there by Christmas. Remember when we were waiting for such a long time for our packages from home to

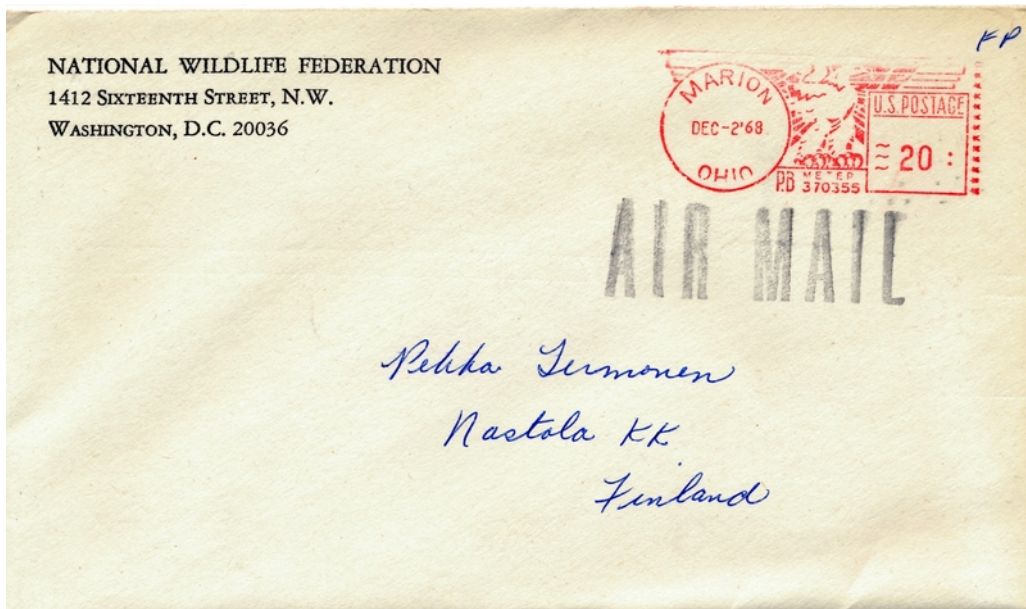
come, and then they finally came some time in January?

I hope you've got all the packages by now! Do you have the annual already or the class ring? They haven't arrived here yet, and I wonder what's happened because Mom sent 'em more than 5 weeks ago! May be tomorrow...

I hope I'll manage to get the two tapes sent to you as soon as I'll send this letter. They've been sitting there, and I've been forgetting them a thousand times. I listened to "Carnival", and it was really neat. My brother's tape recorder isn't big enough, so I had to borrow one from my friend. I think it would be best if I sent you the original tapes, you copied them on yours, and copy the commencement stuff on my tape, and just send them back. You ask where I got it from. Well, Mr. Paulson (you know, director of audio-visual center, Peg's and Robin's dad) taped the musical for me after I had asked him to do it, and he gave them to me for nothing. Wasn't that nice?

Have you written the old school yet? I finally got it done a short time ago.

How cold is it these days in Finland? I bet I won't be able to stand much more of a cold weather. Poor Peggy coming from California, she rarely knows 0° Celsius, I keep telling her, it's going to be colder, brook...! Well, I guess I'd better get back to school work, tho'



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THINKING OF YOU WITH
WARMEST WISHES FOR
Christmas
AND THE NEW YEAR

Deed, Mom &
Doug

Christmas 1968

Dear Friends,

Christmas, 1968, finds us all well and happy. The one sad part is that Bill and Sharon and Lianne are way over in Spain, but we hope that by next Christmas they will all be home.

Sharon has made the biggest change in our family by bringing in two more members. Bill McCracken is our new son and Baby Lianne is our new granddaughter. We are very happy with both! Lianne was born October 5th. We wish we could squeeze her, and rock her and spoil her. I suppose we are a little prejudiced but we think she is awfully pretty from the pictures we have seen. Her mother has many names for her, but in her last letter she signed it "Bill, Sharon and "The Little Boss." We wonder what she means! Bill is in the Airforce and is at the moment stationed near Madrid, Spain. There are rumors that this base is to be closed and Sharon and Lianne sent home in the spring. Anxious as we are to see them, we hope they will be able to stay with Bill until he can come home, too. He's a mighty fine addition to our family.

Doug and Pekka, our Finnish son, graduated from Northern University High last spring. Pekka had to leave us to go home in August. We certainly hated to see him go, but I imagine his parents were very happy to have him home again. Pekka's year of school here did not count toward his own diploma at home, so he is finishing high school in Finland now. He will take college entrance tests this spring and I know he will be successful.

Doug is now a "big college man" at U.M.I. Some of the signs are that he carries books, spends time studying in his room, and carries a big black umbrella when it rains! It is fun to have him home. He worked for Warren's brother, Earl, in Cedar Rapids this summer so was gone quite a bit. After Pekka left in August, we had a big empty house! The trouble with having only 2 children fairly

close together is that very suddenly they are grown up and gone! College is quite different from 20 odd years ago. Doug has 3 huge TV classes. I don't think I'd like that. Doug also played football this fall and made the Freshman team. In August Doug and Joyce went down to the hemisfair in Texas. Joyce's sister and family live there so they had a good time visiting.

Warren is busy working overtime, acting as president of the College Credit Union, being a member of the board of trustees for church, bowling in a league, and being a boy scout leader. He & Doug are taking the scouts camping during Christmas vacation. They are going to Wisconsin to sleep in a cave! I'm glad I'm a scout mother instead of a scout father! They took the scouts & their dads on a canoe trip in Northern Minnesota in August. Both the fathers & boys had a good time. In October Warren went deer hunting in Wyoming. It was his first experience, but he got a deer!

I'm still busy teaching special ed. in Waterloo. This is my 5th year and each 7th grade class has its own special problems. Guess that's what makes it interesting. We are going to decorate our tree this week. That should be interesting and hazardous!

During Thanksgiving vacation I made quite a lot of candy & cookies for Christmas. Guess what! That's all gone! I made some more yesterday and I am hiding some of that. The only trouble is --- I know where it is hidden! I didn't go to summer school so I really goofed off. I didn't even get all the house-cleaning done that I should have. We took a camping trip to the Black Hills in June while Pepa was still here. While the scouts were in Minnesota, Dad & I spent a day with Aunt Clara & Uncle Henry in West Branch & had a wonderful time.

Merry Christmas + Happy New Year to you all!

Warren, Luella & Doug

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Dear Pekka,

We are sending a package to you. You probably won't get it till after Christmas, better late than never!

I took our traps out with us when we went to Wyoming so we brought the deer home in one piece. All we did was field dress them. The deer I got was a young one. Next year I will try & take more time & get a bigger one, "I hope".

Well it is going on 12 mid night so will close for the time being & wish you & your family a very Merry Christmas & a Happy New Year.

Love,

Mom Dad & Bong.

Dea Pekka -

Just a note to say Merry Christmas to you & your family. We are almost finished with our Christmas cards! Hooray! I love to get cards, but it is such work to get them ready to send!

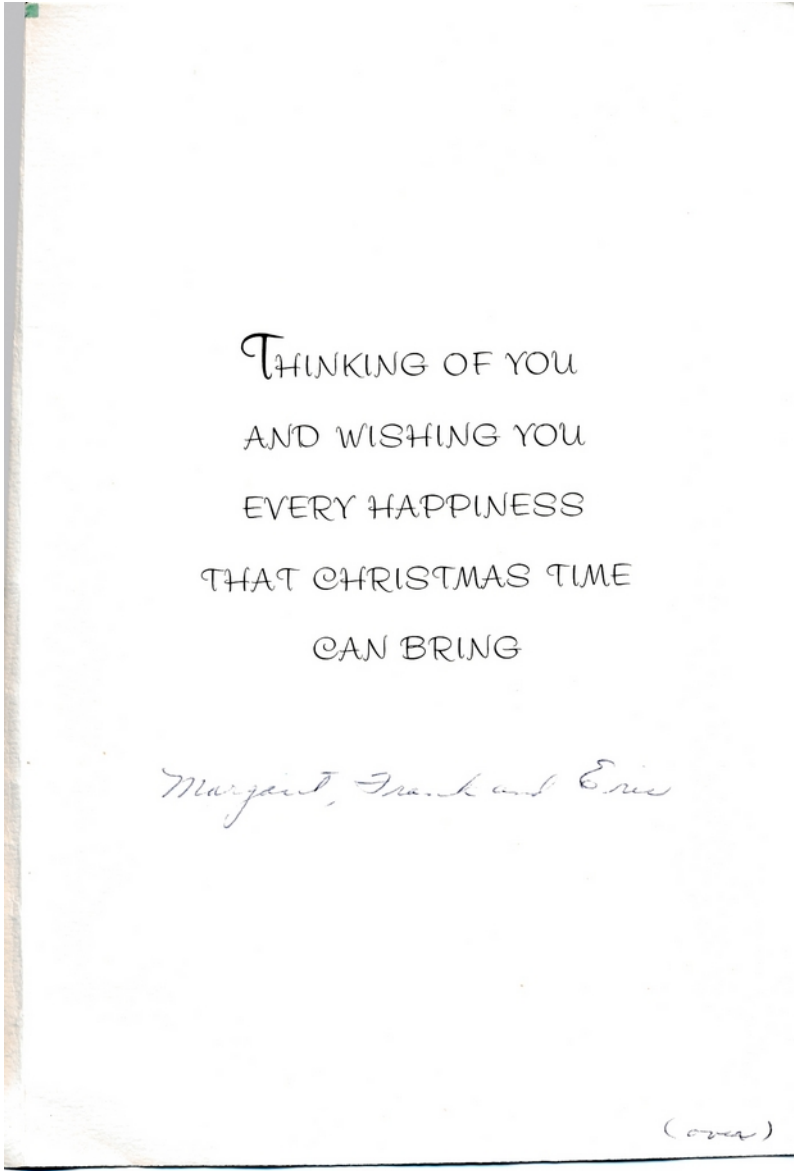
We set the Christmas tree up in my room at school today. The 7th graders are making decorations for it. Such excitement!

We miss you - and think of you often. We saw some more pictures of Lianne - Sharon's baby girl. She is so sweet. I'd love to hold her!

Love,

Mom

The Penns 12.12.1968



Hi Pekka,

It looks like this will be another winter without snow. Frank, Eric, Doug and Warren went pheasant hunting during Thanksgiving vacation and they all got at least one.

As you can see by the announcement LeRoy finally got his okay to get married. We hope he will get home sometime in Jan but it may take longer than that. We can hardly wait to meet Janine.

Eric says school is pretty hard this year. He really likes living in his apartment. He and his roommate even cooked a steak dinner with all the trimmings for their girls before the Homecoming dance.

We hope you have a very nice Christmas. Don't study too hard for those tests, I know you will do just fine anyway.


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Mr. and Mrs. Frank LeRoy Penn

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to their son

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Staff Sergeant, United States Air Force

Monday, the twenty-fifth day of November

Nineteen hundred and sixty-eight

United States Consulate

Fukuoka, Japan

James, Elna and Joyce Hazlewood 15.12.1968



May the Good Will and Peace

of this Christmas Season

be yours Throughout the coming year

James Elna and Joyce

Dear Bekka,

Again I am leaving my cards go tell the last minute how are you? I heard that you are in the Army.

Did you notice our family has gotten smaller. Judy got married last summer and now these other two want to get married next summer. Sure would be nice if you could be here.

Joyce is going to school this year and has another year after this and of course Doug will have two left.

Have you gotten yourself a girl picked out that you're going to marry? You have plenty time.

Jimmy's doing fine and I am working at Woolco's for a while.

Love
Elma & Jimmy

Earl Schuler 18.12.1968



Among our Christmas blessings, those we hold most dear
Are memories of happy times we've had throughout the year.
And so, it's not surprising that as the old year ends....
Our hearts are filled with gratitude, and loving thoughts for friends!

MERRY CHRISTMAS!.....HAPPY NEW YEAR!

Earl, Li
Rick, Diane & Brenda

Seasons Greetings,

We have decided instead of Gi wearing out a hand writing letters this year, we would send a Christmas letter to all.

The Lord has greatly blessed us and watched over us this year, of which we are very thankful.

In June, the week after school was out, we left for a weeks camping in the Black Hills. Earl's brother, Warren, and family went too. We had a wonder - ful time except for the first night of camping on the way out. A storm nearly blew the tent away with the kids and Gi on the inside and Earl outside trying to tie it down!

In July we got a 18 foot swimming pool for our back yard. This ended our desire to go camping. We really enjoyed it. Brenda wore a life jacket and swam too.

Earl has been kept busy the past several months laying floors in a 186 unit apartment project.

Gi has kept busy taking knitting class and slim and trim class at the Y. So far the knitting has produced 2 slippers (one 11 rows longer then the other!) and a pair of mittens. The other class hasn't done anything yet, but I'm hopeful.

Rick is in the sixth grade this year and goes to Taft Jr. High. He finally got his long promised new horn, a trumptr. So father and son play duets. Earl on his old horn and Rick on his new. To add to the music we bought a Kimball swinger organ and Diane takes lessons on it. In fact we all enjoy trying to play it. It has a band box which plays accompanying music by itself.

Diane is in third grade and Brenda starts school next year. Rick and Diane are kept busy with after school sports, Brownies, music practice and choir at church. At the pace they're going now I can't imagine what it's going to be like when they get older.

Health wise we have all been fine except for a few minor things.

Hope you all have a joyous Christmas and a properous New Year. Come see us when you can, we always enjoy seeing dear friends.

Best Wishes,

Earl, Gi, Rick, Diane & Brenda

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Dear Pekka,

I bet you are glad to be with your family this Christmas. How was your trip home and what have you been since you got home?

We were at Warrens Thanksgiving. Stayed all night. We went bowling and played cards. I finally went to bed at 12:30. Couldn't stay awake any longer. We are hoping they can come stay with us sometime during Christmas vacation.

Earl is busy doing a 186 unit apartment project besides houses. He has no help except when Doug helps on Saturdays. I have kept busy also.

Hope you are fine. Write.

Li

Joyce Hazlewood 21.12.1968



Thinking of you
at Christmastime
with every good wish
for now---
and always!


Merry Christmas
and Happy New Year,
Joyce

Dear Bekka,

Thank-you so much for your letter. I have been going to answer it but I have been working overtime and been making plans to go home, along with a mishap with the car.

A week-ago Friday, I had a little accident with the '65 plymouth. Mom + Dad let me bring it up after Thanksgiving. The left front fender and bumper was the only place hurt, but is costing us (the insurance company) \$113 - \$130 damage. As far as I am concerned and everyone I've talked to, it isn't my fault.

I do have some good news, too. I'm going home this Friday for good and have hopes to take the Interior Decorating course at Hawkeye Tech, probably next fall. The reason why I'm going home is because I'm not saving enough money for Hong and I. We have hopes to get married a year from spring. Also, I miss him something terrible up here.

I will write and tell you more. Give my best wishes to  your parents and have a happy New Years. Take care of yourself!
Joyce

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Hazlewood 24.12.1968

James Hazlewood
2131 Oak St
Cedar Falls, Iowa
50613



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Mr. Pekka
Nastola K.K.
Finland



THE JOY OF CHRISTMAS

Let us have a Christmas tree,
Let its glowing candles be
Warm and cheery, gay and bright,
Let its gleam dispel the night,
Let our voices fill the air
With carols, greetings everywhere--
In that good old-fashioned way
Let us keep this Christmas Day.

From the writings of
Edgar A. Guest

Dear Pekka

The ad wants To wish you a

Happy Holiday Season and a
good year ahead.

I miss you walking in with
laugh but the time when I
was making "muscles" I could
certainly could have used your
help. If you have forgotten what
I'm talking about they are these

little squares that
we cut and bake.

We have a white
Christmas. It was
snowing big flakes
yesterday. very pretty
out.

Jimmy and I are
planning on going to
San Antonio, Texas and
spend Christmas with
Joan & Ben and children.

There is a possibility
they may be in Germany
next yr. This is not for
certain.

Have a nice Christmas.
We all send you and
Love

The Hazlewoods



Dear Pekka.

A Greeting
Well Seasoned with
Best Wishes for Christmas
and
Every Happiness in the
New Year

Love
Grandma Schuler.

all are well just came from from
warren's last nite. Been gone
six week. he was good to get home
again.

Dillon 19.12.1968



Dec. 19-'68
Dear Pekka - Hope you
are having a good year
at school. We miss
you but know you as
well as your family
are glad to have you
home at Christmas time
this year. It was
snowing this morning
& everything looked so
clean & beautiful. It
has melted some &
getting colder.

Linda is working
in Des Moines as a
nurses aid in a hospital.

Doug is pretty busy this
year so don't see
much of him.

Hope you & your

Season's Greetings
and best wishes
for happiness
in the coming year

family have a happy
Christmas and a
wonderful New Year.

Sincerely

All the Dillons
1218 West 19th
Cedar Falls.

Middleton 16.12.1968



*The Season's Greetings and Best Wishes
for the New Year*

*Caryl and Connie
Middleton*

4010 Clear View Drive
Cedar Falls, Iowa 50613
December 14, 1968

Dear friends,

This is another "easy way out" Christmas report letter from your dependable Cedar Falls company, operating from the same old base under the same old arrangements and reporting sound maintenance of the traditionally high standards of partner relationship which is characteristic of our firm.

Annual executive vacations this year gave way to many short trips in favor of remodelling the basement facilities of the home office. The president, acting as both designer and major builder, found little time for recreation. The vice-president, who grew a shovel on one hand and a trash barrel on the other, was indispensable as critic and morale builder in decision-making. Visitors to the home office are more than welcome to avail themselves of the comforts now possible as a result of this improvement at the seat of the corporation.

Carolyn and Bradley, co-managers of the Jarvey-St. Paul branch, have experienced unusual success in the performance of their initial product, the Trent, which came out in November of 1967. They have recently reported development of a new model, as yet unnamed, which they hope to present in April or May as a worthy running mate for the Trent. The home office is justifiably proud of the diversification shown by the senior member of the St. Paul center, who gives the greater part of his corporate time and effort to the successful study of dentistry.

The Middleton-Littleton division (Midlitcolco), until this year in leased quarters, are now enjoying company-owned offices for the first time. The present head of the division, Howard, derives more and more of the firm's revenue from business connections with I.B.M., a small local jobber. Lorraine, the executive secretary and vice-president, devotes almost all her time to promotion of the Clayton and the Kevin, production triumph compacts described respectively in our 1961 and 1965 brochures. The Clayton is in its second year of computer operation trials, the Kevin still popular primarily as a rough-and-ready sports type. Though inspection trips are infrequent, the home office maintains close contact with the western division constantly through government and commercial channels.

Retired directors and members of the board continue in very good health and condition for their years. Grandmother Ottman, 87, lives in a retirement home in Kaukauna, Wisconsin, near a son and daughter in Appleton. Grandfather Middleton, 91, lives alone in Grundy Center, Iowa, where, given good weather, he continues his regular trips uptown.

Merry Christmas to all friends of our corporation, readers and clientele!

Caryl and Connie Middleton

Hi Pekka -

How are you these days? Caryl and I really miss your shining face over at Schuler's. Haven't talked to them lately either.

As per usual we are keeping busy. We hope to fly to Denver at Easter to see our kids there. We will drive up to St. Paul, Minnesota next weekend and see our kids there.

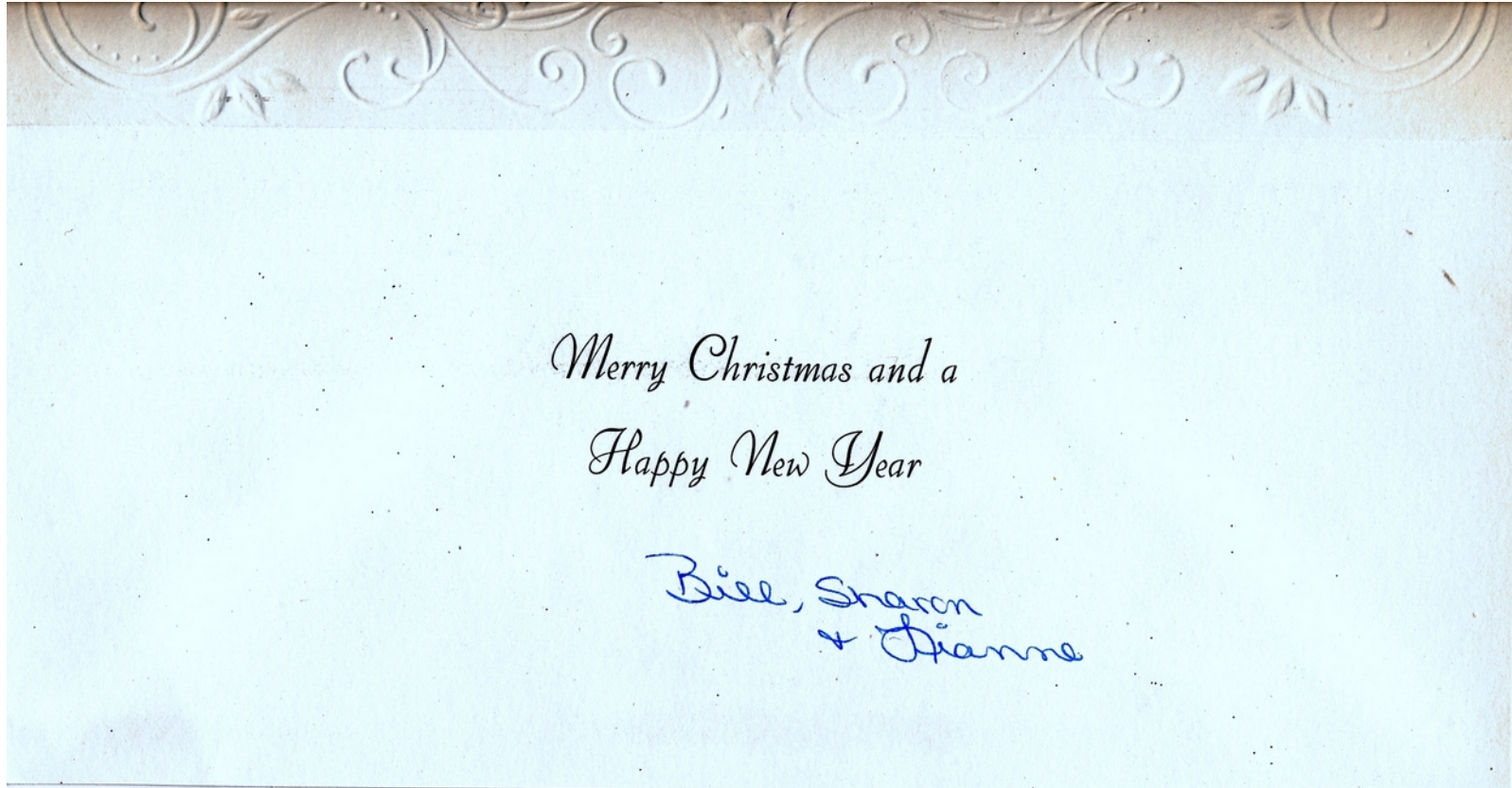
C. F. hasn't changed much since you left - maybe a little wilder and more confusion - but other than that we are the same.

Hope you have a real nice Christmas and a prosperous New Year -

As Ever
Caryl + Connie.

Don't forget to come see us when you get back into the state. Your parents are always welcome too.

Bill, Sharon and Lianne McCracken 1968



Pekka,

We received your letter last week, and were happy to hear from you. Please write again soon.

Imagine you're all getting busy with the Holidays coming and all.

Wish your family a Merry Christmas & a Happy New Year from us!

Did never forget the Christmas last year when we had you with us! It was a good Christmas!

God Bless,

Plendl 23.12.1968

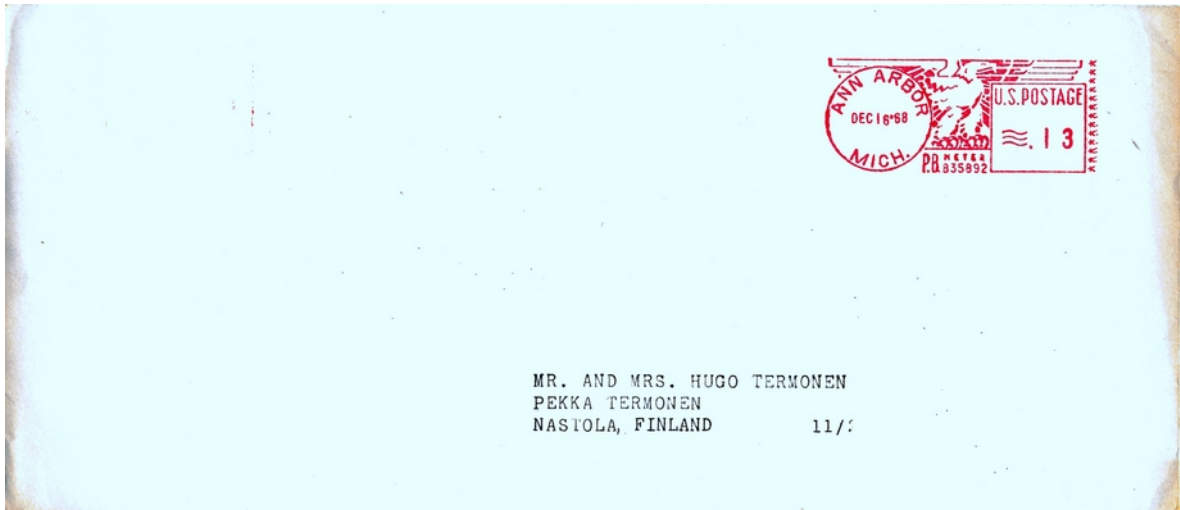


Dear Pekka,

Greetings of the Season
and best wishes for a

Happy New Year!

Steve, Ardeth, Cynthia, Victoria, Timothy,
Catherine, Brian, Hal, Scott, Vanessa, Aaron
Michael & Maria Plendl



A MERRY, MERRY CHRISTMAS AND A HAPPY NEW YEAR

Christmas is for giving, the time when we share the loveliest, most beautiful, the most cherished gifts. In giving, there is also receiving, and without the giver, there can be no gift. With your gift you have made our new YFU home possible. It will be filled with music, joy, happiness, love, understanding and people from all round the world. Many thanks and a Happy Holiday.

December, 1968
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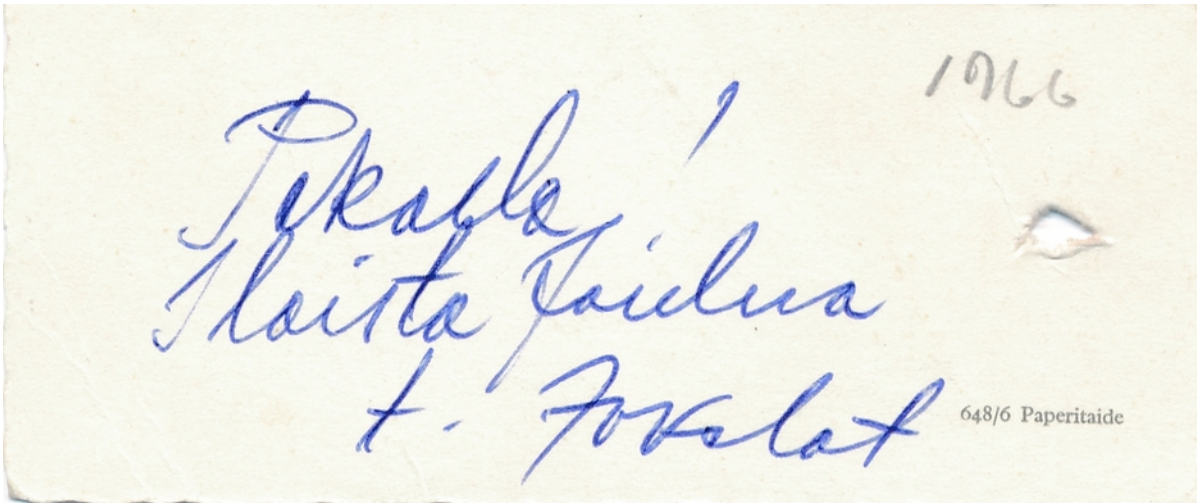
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