

TOP FLIGHT

Aug 2006

House in
Kannaroch

Cyril
Letter esp



Spring letters 2008 Spring 2008
2008

Transfer these letter copies to
letter folder? No. not now.

To Alice from Kannaroch May 28, 29 2008
" abak garden. plants (not sent)
" abt flashlights, little garden
Notes on conversation with Alice
Sept 2008 to Alice abt books mailed. ←
about Steve's The Real Thing
Return to Larry & Peter mid June 2008

Keep!
10-14-
2011

because tel calls are
rejected from Kannaroch because of
a screening device on tel line

Reread notes in this pad.

Keep!!

Copies of letters

steno
book

80

gregg ruled sheets • white paper
• 6 x 9 in. / 15.2 x 22.8 cm

Wednesday May 28 2008

Dear Alice,

It has been much too long since I last wrote to you - and since I have heard from you! I am concerned, a little anxious, about you and Fred.

We are back in the Virginia mountains of Southwest Virginia (not West Virginia) in the region where we lived and where Jochen had a country practice ~~for~~ from 1956, (the year of our son's birth) until January 1963, when we moved to Belmont, Massachusetts. At that time Jochen got himself retooled as an eye specialist by a residency at Mass. Eye & Ear Infirmary and I spent 3 years as a 2nd grade teacher. Klemens, our son, our only child, first attended the Quaker School where I taught then went on to the Belmont, MA public school system. Perhaps that's enough of the historical background - except to say that we still own this house, built for Jochen's parents in recognition of their medical services to the community.

Taxes here, in this sparsely populated area, are relatively low. Jochen makes repairs, especially plumbing and electrical repairs, so he can afford to keep the property for us, for Klemens and for my sister-in-law, Margrit Meyer. There are often problems about the mail on account of name similarities. Write to me at the → Belmont address, and I will hear from you. And I do hope to hear soon.

We are very happy to be here on this hilltop, surrounded by trees and screened from near neighbors by a high Hemlock Hedge. It is in fact a monster hedge, something out of a dream or fairy story, having grown since 1952 from less than knee-high to a height of about 15 feet and corresponding width. Why so big? It rains in these mountains twice as much as in Belmont. It would take a crew of many men to keep the hedge trimmed. And here we have only Jochen, who at age 77 is ~~is~~ not that strong.

See final page 3 ↓

(To Alice on May 28 and 29th ^{P3} 2008)

We hope to remain here in Kamaoek until early July, returning probably about July 5th to see Jochen's patients, who have July 8 appts and later for about a week or 10 days, then to go over to Nantucket Island, where Jochen is doing the electrical and plumbing work on the house that was "framed" last year in ^{Aug-Sept} Sept/October. I will go with him although the house comforts are sparse. I ^{cannot} could not be with him during the winter months because it was too cold, going down at night to the 20's.

I do want to see you some time soon, and of course, Fred, but we will have to plan this carefully. If you should wish to telephone me the best times are early morning or after dark (8 pm here). You would call 1-276-388-3111. If there

(May 2008) is no answer, assume that we have gone to buy groceries etc. several miles away, or gone to walk on mountain trails, which I can still do with canes or Leki poles slowly. The wild flowers are lovely now. Love Aunt Margaret

May 29, 2008

Dear Janet,

It did rain a good deal today while you were. I hope, in good weather traveling down to the Eastham, MA area with your darling daughter and excellent driver.

There is a sad poem with the refrain,

"It rains in the country I remember." I can't recall the author's name. He died young.

I told you about the splendid edition of Thackeray with the name "L A Grace" on the end papers. I will make a note to bring back some ^{volumes} to show you. I have not really read any, am afraid to get started. road. very slowly and must keep on my feet exercise so as to promote a more erect posture. The doctor I ^{At Juliette house.} saw last month says the problem is in the hips, not he thinks, in my back. I will work on hips, abdominal muscles, etc.

Receiving mail here is really complicated because the letter carrier is too mixed up

5/28/08 to Janet (2)

trying to distinguish between
me and Margrit Meyer. If you
want to write to me directly, you
could do so c/o Eva Blevins, RFD # 2 //
Damascus, VA 24236. She is our
neighbor down the dirt road about a distance
of 15 minutes walk. This morning when I
mailed a letter to Margrit in Detroit
I put the envelope in Eva's ^{mail} Box. I'll
get her mailbox # soon. See above.

Today she greeted me with real
~~warm~~ warmth. She has troubles: can't walk

Or garden because of ~~hip~~ ^{hip} problems.
Her husband is terribly senile but insists
on continuing his business in a sort of
a way. He, Ralph, telephones Eva
regularly through the morning for reminders.
She says Look at the Note, but that
does not help. We sat together in the
dimly lit very neat living room while
the rain dripped from the eaves. I'll go
back on a sunny day to walk around the
garden with her. Right now there are
several gorgeous rhododendrons & azaleas.

To Janet 5/29/08

The "flame azalea" brilliant orange that William Bartram, our Quaker botanist, called "the most beautiful flower in America," is in bloom. Eva also has tiny pansies, brilliant purple; something she calls "Love in a mist"; huge poppies, etc. And a white clematis vine on a porch trellis is just starting to open. When I asked Eva for permission to use her mailbox, she was most welcoming. She says that I am almost the only person she knows who writes letters, real letters, not E-Mail.

And like me, she is afraid that she is too old and infirm to learn computer.

Telephone me when you can. Direct dialing is: 1-276-388-3111. No answering machine on that line. No answer means we are shopping or perhaps taking a walk. Love Margaret

To ^{Wendy and Marge} Eva Blevins

20348 Coolgreen Rd.

RFDA 2 Damascus VA 24236

5/30/08

Dear Margrit

From time to time your telephone call at the beginning of the week reminds me that I should perhaps apologize for any misunderstanding about flashlights or other trivia to which I seem to have asserted too strong a claim.

About the white flashlight with a taped-on note claiming it as my own: I did not miss it; probably I labeled it at some time when my grandchildren were carrying off a good many flashlights, and I felt that I better make sure that we had one around for emergencies; night-time automobile trips; blizzards etc.

But then I began to remember how important the flashlight was to me in childhood and adolescence. You had to have one, it was an essential item during Summers Spent in the Pocono mountains, that Quaker Colony (in original Quaker), that oasis of "Simple" living in the rolling Pennsylvania hills. The cabins, cottages were - many of them - not electrified. One went to be held

Tonight (2) on 5/31/08

Sometimes through dark rooms, or through the damp, dripping woods into a damp tent or other out building (tent mounted on a wooden floor) It was chilly, no electric blanket, occasionally a hot water bottle to warm the damp blanket sheets. There are some features of my childhood which I can't miss.

On those nights and as I got older I enjoyed walking in the dark with a flashlight in my hand - unlike or in my pocket. I felt the superiority of being able to do without a light, the security of knowing it was available. I later enjoyed giving my grandchildren flashlights as presents, though I doubt that the gift had the value to the child that it represented in my imagination. Fit by past adventures. So much for the romance of the flashlight!

Other more immediate topics of importance:

- ① Irene: got me some plants. ^(bought) ^{under} ^{She is exhausted} all ~~some~~ are colors you will like. ^{for} ^{space} garden
- ② Linn: my career to keep things simple for Buck
- ③ That old nightgown (worn at all schoolers) lower part might make appropriate basement window curtain. OK? The one that you left with note that I should use it as dustie or throw away

6/10/08 (3)

Continuation of letter to Margaret
after telephone call of Saturday afternoon.

I'm glad we talked about the lawn mowing and my concern to make Buck's work easier and more satisfying to him by shortening the period when daffodil clump must be skirted, mowed around, leaving little untidy islands in the otherwise smooth and tidy lawn. Thank you!

I hope you will like, am pretty sure you will like the improved garden that Joane is helping me to plant under the spruce tree; another kind of island in the lawn. The Lamium plant that Anna brought you is now its chief glory. The green and white leaves are surmounted by violet flowers and contrasts with a patch of another ground cover, a vine with gold flecks mixed with the green leaves. The wine red leaves of Heuchera are unfolding. Should probably get extra watering. There is also a feathery plant that appears about to flower, name forgotten right now.

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④ Copy of letter to Margaret June 2nd 2008
Standing around, some of them in that green tub, are the plants Jeanne brought home yesterday for me: little orange French marigolds, two tall yellow marigolds, Scarlet sage and purple petunias. There are also deep blue petunias, a frilly pink flower that may not continue its bloom, I must try to root some of the little "everfew" chrysanthemums which have taken over and probably would not all bloom well under the tree. They will make a good background. There will be plenty of space for other plants, but the whole garden will need occasional watering because the soil is dry for the most parts. Today, as I was carefully removing some of the unwanted plants, I found something Jochen helped me bring home from the woods 2 springs ago: a little Galax, just emerging in Spring's light with beautiful shiny leaves I hope you will like it.
Tomorrow Jochen will help me tending around the planting area, perhaps put in protective edging.

6/10/08

To my friend

See above ↑

(5)

You were obviously busy today, preoccupied by recycling, apartment cleanup and dinner with ~~friend~~ friends. I did not ask you about your recent trip, but hope to hear some details and impressions another time. You may remember that I saw something of France especially the Southern French countryside north of Toulouse in 1947 when I participated with friends in a sort of fresh-air camp for children. At the end of the camp session I traveled to Toulouse and Carcassonne. I did not accompany the camp members who went to Spain since I knew no Spanish, though I could manage pretty well with my awkward, imperfect knowledge of French.

Now it is both very late, very early. I hope that I am written out and can sleep.

Love

Margaret

P.S. Monday 6/2/08 The ants manage to get into my scrupulously lined garbage pail. The scent of orange peels is evidently too powerful a challenge.

"Go to the ant this sluggard consider her ways" as the

Send E-mail to Letty and Peter
today if convenient 6/15/08

Dear Letty & Peter I am anxious
because I cannot reach you by
~~Telephone~~ ^{operator demands a caller ID}
Telephone, have not heard from you at all
recently except for Peter's E-Mail from
China on . . .

Happy I did have telephone call from
Alice on the evening of ~~disputed~~
in answer to my letter of 5/29/08

^{when} She telephoned me at the suggested hour,
about 7:00 pm. She sounded well, cheerful,
had recently completed a wallpaper job
for a church member, one of these
(Silent?) auction: benefit assignments that
organizations sponsor. She liked the person
to whom her services were assigned, she enjoyed
the work. She told me that she and Fred
had recently read a book I think I sent
some months ago, William Steig's

The Real Thief. I was so glad that

Fred wanted to hear it again, right away.

I was pleased because it seems to me a
good story with a several moral lessons:

ranging from the temptation to
steal what you think will not be
missed; furtiveness to one's friends,
the pain of unsuspected, unconfessed
guilt.

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The Borrowers which I sent them last week,
a small light book but one of the
best. ~~It is~~ Perhaps when I return
to Belmont the discard shelves will have
other interesting offerings. We return to see
pat leave Kinnear at 7/5 to
see father on July 7, 8, 9, and
and to return to Nantucket after my next
book meeting on July 11th. Perhaps you are
home away now: Peter at AMC camp,
Lietty painting.

Monday June 23, 2008
Kennerloch, VA

Dear Janet,

I finally got out my Bluestone Nursery catalogue, and right away was able to find the name of the drought-tolerant, semi-shade tolerant plant that is coming into bloom in my pine-tree garden. It is a pink Achillea, and promises to continue in bloom for several weeks along with the "Feverfew" Chrysanthemum, and the reliable Lamium maculatum. Violet-pink blooms above mostly ^{and white} green leaves.

I would like to add some of the almost evergreen ferns to that shady plantation, but have to find the right place and time in which to "liberate" a few from the National Forest. I am acquainted with several places where such plants are almost falling into the road and would not be missed.

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Letty printing.

9.22.08 (Monday)

Dear Alice,

Today I hope to mail a package of books for you and your son. They may not seem so immediately attractive and meaningful as some books that you might find right away at the library, but I think that you may appreciate them after you have read them, turned their pages. As I would when introducing my friends & acquaintances at a social gathering, let me tell you a little about them. You may become fond of them after you get over their initial strangeness - which sometimes makes new objects, new people ugly.

The Poems by William Carlos Williams was left on my shelf by a relative, who does not even remember it. I don't think that any of my much ^{too} busy grandchildren will take the time to read it. It does take time, and even I, the 84 year-old grandmother, might not be willing to spend the time because I get annoyed by the absence of conventional poetic forms. But it is beautifully presented. I will be interested to find out what your feelings are. You can always pass it along to your library exchange.

(2)

Is Fred old enough, independent enough, to be able to make his own appraisal of new books?

The issue of the Mass. Audubon Society's Sanctuary magazine is about trees and green places found and fostered in the urban environment, where most of us spend our lives. I found places and ideas in it that I liked.

Grass is so obvious a topic, so much there, right under our feet, that we have to make an effort to understand it. Keep the book around, look at it from time to time.

The Immigrant Kids, a little book that I have owned for several years may take some effort to understand, to get to know. The little people in the cover photograph are dressed as adults, and are in the midst of the painful dilemma of being uprooted, moved from home to alien surroundings. They are grotesque because of the strangeness, the frightening situation in which they are found.

I did not make copy of page of about ~~10~~ ~~Short~~ ~~Actual~~

3/4

her note, "the turkey feather", her routines

(To Alia)

✓ Filming of the photographs in Germany and Russia were made by very famous photographers at the end of the 19th century, early 20th c. I forget one name, but remember Louis Hine.

These photographers were truly concerned about the children and their family situations. The photographs are compelling because they are not simply sensational, "Voyeuristic", but show the real concern of the person who took the picture. I doubt that Ford will

I hope that you can. They take time and effort to understand that some adults can make. Since your daily work demands mature understanding, you have some chance to overcome the natural feeling of distaste so naturally evoked by these grim scenes.

~~The sense of
the conclusion~~ If you don't like the little book,
put it away for a while, revisit it later,
as I have done. Many meaningful aspects of
life are not "fun". Love Aunt Margaret

Tuesday October 14, 2008 Put this in journal

Piano was moved at 8:00 am

Jaden going to Chico's about car: tires

Drank abt 8:03 with breakfast at 8:35

Call Mrs. ^{Pauline} Brien 617-623-1251

Find out about swimming. Thursday am ~~None~~

Wed Jan 14 8:30 Ch. Inatus Return crypt.

Monday Oct 20, Planning + rolling, more than

any other coming I can remember. Smiling.

Woman seated behind us trying ~~spg~~ giggling a.s. if dark

Alice Does she get any mail at her apartment?

Smaller packages? Any response to books sent?

Grass. poem by W. H. Auden.

Peter + Betty Ask them to ~~see~~

Ann. We are both pleased to know you may be coming
again to see to house, to walk over the books, most of which
are ~~to~~ belong to my physical therapist

Dear Ann I want to say how pleased we are to
have your letter of —, answer delayed by our
travels back + forth for Market. Now I am moving
on a new house, for it look on it. He has put in work

of the electrical & plumbing considerations, but the
base, has to pass multiple inspection

~~He~~ joining plumbing, electrical, before we

The powers of old age ~~are~~ limit what he has do
and

10/20/ Monday notes for journal
and - blot reviews!

→ lunch with 803T - filed

4:30 to let

4:45 803m.lh

about 6:30 toilet write

abt 7:00 supper with wife 803

First draft of letter to Alice.

Written on Nantucket

Thank you for your note and the explanation about
how busy you can get; ^{the need} trying to respond to new jobs as they
are offered in case you should not be asked again.

About the postcard: picture

two groups

10/22 Wed. Atk Up & to toilet abt 9:00 changed napping/pants

9:45 finished bkfst & 8 oz milk

Abt 9:15 unplugged refig to start defrost (defrost button does not work)

10:50 fully dressed, hair combed. Rain + ^{Bulldozer door rattles} Strong Wind

12:20 ^{marmalade} fixed bread and tel call from Muriel

12:45 8 oz weak coffee milk 1/2 orange (3 hrs since bkfst)

1:05 Room temp 54

2:30 - 3:00 Lunch: for Jochen: chick soup / salad, baked beans + tea
for me baked beans 1 tablespoon fat / 6 oz milk 1/2 h. to egg

3:10 toilet: urine (not much) 3 oz more of tea

5 More milk about 8 oz w choc syrup / slice raisin bread

6 toilet urine + b.m.

6:20 2nd persantin

abt 8 - cheese & tomato sandwich grilled with milk

8:15 b.p. pills, Vitamin, aspirin

thermometer reads abt ——— It is windy.

Jochen put up plastic curtain in toilet room

abt 11:00 cottage cheese + slice of herb roll.

10/23/08 12²⁰ am bed prepared with
multiple blankets

12⁵⁵ am light out & in bed

abt 3

abt 5³⁰

① Peromyscus 7³⁰
breakfast & bp pills 8¹⁰ 8⁰³ milk Jochen is asleep
washed stomach I am quiet

Getting back into bed at 8⁴⁵. Hope to find WGBH quiet.
Could I also write a letter. Make out shopping list.

Took radio to bed w/ me, but too much static. could not
get WGBH. Almanac at 8⁵⁵-8⁵⁹. Then telephone rang
→ + was Janet, before sitting down at computer to
type up memoir note on Bobby

Her schedule is on Wed. 10/29 Peter Bingham who has
medical course in Boston, picks her up to go to his home. She returns
on Mon Nov 3rd in time to vote Nov 4th ~~the~~ Tuesday.

at 9⁵⁵ drank 4⁰³ choc milk
→ toilet before dressing (urine only) about ? 11⁴⁵

12³⁰-12⁴⁵ ate baked banana salad & bread & peanut butter
drank abt 16⁰³ or less of milk

1- make out shopping list, wash dishes. Note to Alice!
Set in chair, read notes done

2- ~~2¹⁵~~ urine & b m

2⁴⁰ starting on way to Town first urinate
4 Beth from shopping, discovered left canes on cart in shopping cart parking lot

→ drank 8⁰³ water then back to shop & shop

4⁴⁵? Beth & canes. Prepared 2 cups milk for Jochen

5¹⁵ and ate one macaron apple ~~baked~~ ^{heard}

forecast down to 34 tonight in ~~midnight~~

5³⁵ stairs climbing to about 6¹⁵ abt 12 circuits

10/23 notes (2)
Sun has set and there is a red glow in sky which is almost clear
535 went to toilet for urination but first met Sam nephew
had to put on fresh one

Plants

540 Go upstairs when Jochen is working on ceiling light fixtures,
making them secure & neat.

(About 715 I should prepare some supper) See below after
Lety's call

650 I have reread Margrit's itinerary for week of Nov 5-14.
Our Belmont house will be her base of operations and
travel; But Mitzvah on Nov 8th

Peter will be at medical meetings weekend of But Mitzvah
He hopes he won't miss too much. Lety does not know abt his overnight plans
They will be away for a month from Nov 12-Dec 10th
Lety called. She cannot come to But Mitzvah. Has too many things
to do before flying to Seattle on acct of James baby's birth

Cornelia Funke She told me what Fred is reading

learned to him
by teacher The Thief Lord 500 pp no pictures
when he got bday cert -20- at book store He said 'Now
I can buy the
next one!
Inkheart. He has read it
p. 75

Lety & Peter 12
in Seattle Nov 10 - Dec 10

Peter's beeper

203-370-9440

When you hear
beep
put in yr #

still 10/23
Supper about 745 or 8:00 Then call from Lety
about Fred & Alice - end voting etc.

At 11:50 Jochen is taking shower. He
Wanted clean shirt. I gave him
also undershirt

All notes made on Van Vocht Oct 08

October 23 - October 24 Friday
Thursday. Friday

Into bed at 12:20 am Taking last persantin

Slept until 3¹⁵ = 3 hrs normal before toilet
but had to change protector underpant
→ then could not get back to sleep.
→ again toilet at 5¹⁵ and again problems in mind
awoke at abt 8 am. When Joehen came to
get radio and urine backup became too uncomfortable

Joehen got up early to find for me: Writers Almanac.

→ 9/1.1 WCAI

but does not have writers almanac

at 8 - oatmeal. Indoor temp about 46°. Later ate 1/2 apple

Libraries at Ottumwa

Wed + Sat 9:30-5-

↓ Breakfast T Th 9:30-8:00 (SM closed)

8:30 1/2 cup bp. pills / 10:00 1/2 cup milk + 2 sl orange

11:45 403 ~~milk~~ salt chick bouillon + 3 triscuits

12:30 abt 603 chick soup.

245 Took persantin after my food. + bread, lettuce, tomato, mayo
Probably better to take than to wait

• Before lunch did hand wash and hung outdoors on
garden chairs: Joehen's shirt blue long sleeve
Joehen underpant and my pink underpant + misc. wash clothes

Temp is now in our living space 68° (At 8 am was 46°)
Sun is shining steadily with only a veil of high cirrus clouds

4:30 more drink. In meantime eat more orange
4:10 drank abt 603 tea ate 1 slice of raisin bread + made
ate most of an orange + 1/2 cookie + 1 aspirin 4:15
4:15 bowel movement + urine

8 slices of deli ham + toasted bread & cheese
Supper plan: brussels sprouts with butter & cheese

10.24.08 continued Friday 4³¹ pm Indoor temp 68°

Done by 5¹⁰ Bring in —
Now go out check on laundry drying on chairs.
Then brush teeth Done by 5³⁰. Also dishes washed 5³⁵
5³⁷ sun is setting. I have put away some things

Tonight: Reseo (faster on) Jochen's collar button.

Write one or two notes to mail: Mr Trunello
→ Ash-Leah, who will preside at Halloween?
extra goodies for me?? That is to say as a gift
from the old "witch" at 174 School St

Supper plan: cook 2 apples for Jochen. Cottage cheese
cheese toast? (not too much cheese) brussels spr butter
deli ham & bread or toast. banana w milk

Sun is down. 6 pm temp in our room 64°

6²⁵ for about 20-25 min more or less: went up & down outside

stairs. Sky was slightly pink at first, fading to grey.

At 7:00 I am thinking about letters to write. Jochen
says that it will not be so cold tonight.

Consider possibility of trying to use other sleeping bag.

Could I get out fast enough? Could I avoid ~~leak~~ ^{urine}

Spilling beyond my protective underclothing?

→ Ate banana, drank 1/2 cup of milk, took b.p. pills

Finished supper (Tale trip, urine at about 7 pm (?)

Supper at about 8:15-8:30.

Dishes at 9:00.

Notes for letters made during stay in Nantucket

Angelo Triacillo whom I see most often from a window while he walks Riley or finds his kind deed in bringing in our bunch. If I want for Thanksgiving or Christmas to say "Thank you" I'll never get it done.
Thank you for being an observant, helpful neighbor.

12⁵⁰ on Sat 10/25 light out

- 5¹⁵ toilet trip (4hrst) toilet urine + napkin + underpant
- 8⁴⁵ 8¹⁵ awake as Jochen moves around, Temp in room 54° wind eating macaron apple while oatmeal finishes. Standing. Peanut
- 10:20 finished dressing & hair combing. tooth brushing Toilet urine before stockings
- finished breakfast & pills by 9:00
- Conference abt packing & trip. started to handwash J socks & M underpant put them on handrail
- 11¹⁵ tea w milk abt 6⁷ 03
- 1- banana. Toilet urine only
- 1:30 #2 persantin followed by lunch: slice of bread + 8⁰³ milk w. lettuce/tom. Mayo
- 2:30 Toilet urine & b.m
- 2:40 make out grocery list. (milk supply a low) to Stop & Shop. Finished groc. purchase
- 4:30 at home. Toilet (urine) herbal tea & milk 8:02
- Prepare hot milk for J. - and for me + 2 sl raisin bread final abt 8:15
- Plan for supper: fresh beans with ham slices hb eggs Chicken Saus cooked apple with cottage cheese *
- about 6:05 - 6:30 up and down upstairs stairs 10 circuits
- Sat down for about 20 min, puzzled by absence of notes on tel call from Betty. I think that Ray fly in Nov 10 to Seattle. Return Dec 14 Sunday (Tuesday)
- Check on this. hot milk for Jochen - 2 cups finished abt 8:30
- Supper: cheese toast, beans, with 1 tomato, cooked apple for Jochen
- toilet urine before supper. Probably the herbal tea at 4:30 made this more urgent
- Klemens telephoned abt 9:00 on way to Home Depot to buy plywood to make shelves for his garage. Jochen is tired, anxious about Klemens who had day off from his Service Duty.

Birthdays

Peter ? Oct 25 today Janet Nov 24th

Sat 10-25-08 (2) at 9:30 pm Room Temp 62°

* Fleming called again on way back from Home Depot to tell Jackson not to worry. At Home Depot they cut material for shelves for him

Weather Kennamock

tonight 100% low 37° Sunday mostly sunny high 63

Monday high 46° night low 28° Tuesday high chance of rain or snow high 40 night cloudy low 27°

Wed sunny high 43° Wed night clear low 28

Thursday sunny high 55. low 35 Friday sunny high 59

Sat sunny high 58°

Madaket Sat 100% showers low 60

Sunday high 53 night 48 low Today was warm ^{up to 70} indoors

Monday high 62

Tue chance of showers high 53 low 39

Wed Sunny high 48 showers low 40

Thurs Sunny " 47 night low 42

Fri " " 56 " low 42

Sat " " 55

Sat night -> Sunday morning 10/26/08

To bed 12:30 Room Temp 63° ^{same as at last night} Wind blowing ^{paperhead door squeaks rattles} Rain during the night was this rain drumming on roof and a sort of roaring but not much wind.

5? Awake a good deal in the night. anxious abt Halloween visitors to my empty house. Trash barrel etc.

8 - Penam - ate orange ^{ATE} ~~Coated material~~ at 8:30 8 oz cold m. Ok

No more liquid before 10:30 or 11-

Buy timer or alarm watch!

See above: ^{night before} Sunday morning ~~at~~ 10/26/08
I think that this is day after Peter's bday
Write to him at length (?) and to Alice briefly
Temp at 8⁵⁰ still hovers around 62°

I got back under sleeping bag. 10:45 toilet & bath
10:30 getting up. Dressed in heavy wool pants (no long underwear)
and down vest before combing hair
called Margrit. talked about Rose. Age of Innocence,
about Visit with Helen & Russell (Rose's children)
about Rose's grandmother the herb doctor, making home
visit with her. About book: Mt Doctor. Gave to Jeanne?

abt 11: 3/4 cup tea w milk + 3 Bordeaux crockers

Lunch shd be about 1:30 ^{It was later.} Broccoli Spaghetti w cheese Toast & turnips
Lunch abt ? 2:00? 8:03 milk Toilet urine 245

2:45 ^{3:10} washed & hung up Jochen's shirt & underwear
To ocean. 4:00 urine they ^{lay down.} toilet 5:05 Drink? ^{salad}

Supper: cooked apple and baked potato; lettuce. Jochen did not eat
while Jochen was in bathroom
Tel calls Alex, Janet They will come about 11 or 11:30
Sat November 8th

6 pm 1/4 cup milk urine 6:15 3rd persanti 1/2 bagam

Baking potato cut large one in half 5 min at power 8
After supper toilet urine (abt 8:30 pm dishes washed
8:40 Jochen is drinking 3rd cup of milk. We will have to buy groc.
early in day make at list.

Tonight I have been making inventory of
Jochen's duffle bag. At 10:35 starting on my orange bag.
12:30 Room Temp 69° Getting ready for bed Jochen took 5th

12:55 am 230? 5 810 up

10-27-08 8:15 am temp meters down 58°
sun shining, no wind.

Dear Evan, Margaret has told me ^{she says what I already knew} about her recent visits to you this summer that you are always a kind welcoming friend. Now today this morning I learn that you are in the hospital in Abingdon having knee surgery. ^{regular}

I have no note cards that I like as much as these ~~makes up~~ cuttings from old calendars.

The wild iris ^{is} growing wild in nature's garden comes up every year. ~~even though we~~ We don't have to bend over to encourage it with our garden trawlers.

And the little ruby-throated hummingbird buzzes around your porch. Here in this calendar ~~cut~~ cut at he is poised above a cardinal flower.

much love from
Margaret

105 on way to sleeping bag
250 Toilet // 400 548 730 10/28 ^{Raining}
Room 530 ^{Stories}

750 Persantin + 5 willow

of milk. Back to bed to read & write? Reading Karma & Other Stories

910 Finished oatmeal + 1/2 cup milk

Telephone talk

W. Janet, bad cold

Janet won't go with Peter Bingham bec she is too sick and

Jochen working on electricity. Telephone depends on power!

1035 finished reading / Dreamed another 1/2 cup milk

Telephoned Margaret abt 11:00. She is leaving tomorrow. Beth will drain system. Margaret will visit Jochen this afternoon.

Dressed Toilet before stockings abt 1130?

at 12:00 prepared: bread sliced turkey, lettuce, tomato, mayonnaise, ate a little

1230. Power is still off (and on) but esp off clearing. Wind is gusting to 2 mph. Hot milk for Jochen ^{chick} ^{sup}

Abt 130 finished lunch 8 oz tea w milk

Plan for lunch about 1:00 Hot peas, ham, bread & lettuce

Thursday 10/30/08 see above light wind
In night clothes + corduroy pants. Room Temp is 46°. Sunshine
At 9:30 have just finished 8oz milk and hot oatmeal
Jochen is dressing. Should I ask Leah to "monitor" our house?

9:45 Jochen is eating breakfast. I will dress soon, perhaps after
walking up and down in my sandals and warm
nightclothes. Predicted outdoor temp about 50°. Wind?
probability of partial drying of clothes placed outdoors
Nov 14

→ I telephoned Belmont Library. Senior Rdy Group back for discussion:
John LeCarre The Perfect Spy is being held on Miriam's desk
from which I will get it on Nov 6th - order other books
I talked to Janet. She saw nurse practitioner yesterday pm. Had X-ray
today. Peter D. B. had stayed overnight

11:15 I will dress on Jochen's bed in sunshine, then drink more 4-6oz
lunch. To dump and 8oz milk. Beach that way! Ecolover's house
abt 2:30? orange have being jacked up to move.

lunch 8oz milk + cookie. lay down to read story.

4:00 up → to toilet. changed napkin + urine
Tea on Jochen 4:30 upstairs to journal and probably stair exercise 12
Scales with Benjamin at about 6pm?

Prepared supper. At supper about 6:45 or 7:00. (Balud Beans Circuits
No drinks. just a swig of Jochen's tea will make me thirsty)
with B.P. pills

P.S. must have had a drink at least in early afternoon

Call Jeanne! Write notes esp. Leah

I did. She laughed and said that Margrit keeps on
saying Jim day to day "I'm leaving tomorrow" She
sent her best wishes to Jochen and said that
she would call us from home tomorrow.

Margrit called me. 2 times because she
used up one calling card, got another

I said I would not ask the 1864 question

"What is that?" Oh, when I'm leaving. Sunday an
Plans to arrive DeFroft Tuesday evening. Takes plane
Thursday at 2pm

Keep. Do Not Send. Jacken say that I am crazy!
Dear Margret. Now, this morning, Friday October 31st
(as I awoke at about 4:50 am to go to the toilet)

The insight, perception, came to me:

The root reasons that you remain in Kannarack
from day to day telling Jeanne (telling me + Jacken,
that you are probably leaving tomorrow) is that why
you are drinking?

You have for years kept an expensive and
attractive cabinet of strong liquors in the dining room
cabinet of the house on Cool Green Road.

When you, too rarely, have company, you offer
them an excellent wine or perhaps a tiny, tiny glass
of Hennessy. Or you and your friend relax with
an excellent beer. ^{The wine dealer in Abingdon?} ~~perched from your friend~~

Right now in the final day of this dramatic
presidential election you feel that you have reasons
to celebrate. The weather has been splendid, the
^{colors of the} autumn ~~leaves~~ dramatic. There is no one of your
political persuasion, but at night you find on the
television the news programs, the re-broadcast
speeches before enthusiastic crowds which feed
~~encourage to the~~ your happy conviction that
Barack Obama, The handsome intelligent
"black" man will ~~soon~~ become President of the U.S.,

You have cast your vote, you have worked hard (many, many telephone calls) to be sure that all your friends get to the ballot box on Tuesday, Nov 4.

*The autumn colors have faded, the have is cold, but the news programs are "hot". So you stay on from day to day, looking forward to the evening TV broadcasts.

You will set out for ~~deto~~ Detroit on Sunday (or even perhaps Monday) It is only 700 miles between Kananach and Detroit.

And you picture yourself already there because "you" know the road so ^{well} ~~well~~.

In Detroit you can easily find the special clothes you need while the TV shows you happy faces, excited crowds. Then on Thursday afternoon, a cheerful black taxi driver will take you to the airport and soon you'll be with happy smiling friends, relatives.

First draft

10/31/08

Dear Leah. Happy 14th year. Too late to say
Happy Birthday! because you have already
walked at Surfside. Went to see where the
houses had been.

10.31.08

Later same day, called Margot, actually around Susan

- told her about having had another anxious period of
sleeplessness after my first ~~baton~~ ^{baton} trip - from about

5 am on to tried to write more at 11:30 am. Put

~~The off~~ ^{the off} ~~ing~~ ^{ing} ~~not~~ ^{not}

11:50 washing dishes having read some of NYT on computer
terminal. 11:50 Room Temp. Still; No Wind.

11/01/08 Saturday

12:10 am Room temp is 58°. I am cooking cut up apple
esp for Jacken. He is at computer. Took nap this afternoon
bec so tired while I was reading NYT. Light at about
1:45. I could not get to sleep because of abdominal discomfort
perhaps because of too much supper.

To toilet at ?

at 7:00 am Took Board
at 9:00

Breakfast about 10:00 BP pills 8:03 milk also cooked apple prepared last night

Jacken went to dump. I called Janet - Peter O. Leah at Bat Mizvah

I spoke to Laura, asked abt Flu shots she was coming

Leah milk call on cell phone ^{after 12:00} when she is at home

sun is shining. ~~Now~~ get dressed. at 11:00 am. Temp about 60°

Jacken returned from dump at 11:00. Now he is eating 2nd breakfast

12:00 I finished hand wash: bra, two silk or nylon tulle neck shirts
and toilet seat, now ready to dress. Waiting for call from Leah

1:30 finished lunch: salad + abt 12:03 tea with piece of T's cake

Waiting for Leah's call. Laura said this morning when
I called that Leah had gone to a friend's Bat Mizvah -
that she would probably be back about 12 or a little later.
Could she call me on cell phone? So I am waiting
trying to remember when (and if) it rings to pick it up. I
left ear because I hear better with that one ↓

11.01/08 continued.

Outdoors: Sunshine filtered through high clouds.

Indoors temp in air "living" room has climbed from 54 (°)

to 64°.

I am wearing the Australian wool undershirt

+ Dama dark blue turtle-neck and apron.

When and If Leah returns my call, remember to put telephone to my Left ear, which hears better.

Remember Outdoor Stairs exercise ~~at~~ during daylight

Hung at the silk shirts. Brought them in at 3:20

Abt 3:15 Toilet: urine

called and spoke with Winnie at about 3:00 pm

3:30-3:45 ate 3/4 orange + cooked apple with cheddar ch

3:50 (8:03)

leg & Archway oatmeal cakey (43° temp 65°)

Going outdoors at 4:35 to climb Stairs for 25 minutes

Supper at 7:30 but had abt 4:03 milk at 11:00

no liquids peas and tomato

Weather forecast see below next page.

I offered Tocken a warm soft pair of pull-on pants and a similar shirt to wear inside the sleeping bag. He says he will wear them.

This evening - after supper - b.m. exact time not noted

Tonight writing notes for letter to Leah

1240 into bed

up at 2:30 then several more times because of toilet needs exacerbated by too much to drink after supper and leg pain

aching in hips

↓ Cheerio's

Tomatoes

Groceries: Clorox / Depend / Toilet Tissue

Mail letters that are ready.

Weather forecasts for Madaket

to night 11/01

11/2 clear low 38°

Sunday: Sunny high 48 breezy 13-20 mph
night: clear low 35°

11/3 Monday: partly sunny: high 58 S-winds 9-11 mph
high cloudy low 48 7 mph 7 pm

11/4 Tuesday: Sunny high 59

11/5 Wednesday: partly cloudy low 48°

Wed night: Sunny: high 60

night: cloudy low 51°

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It was her father, Peter who was
the first baby that I held on my lap
to whom I read.

More below but now some notes about books

Mother read aloud to us esp in the summer at night
often in front of a fire in big stone fireplace

Kerosene lamp. ^{Robert Cooper} all before ~~say~~ I was 12 yrs old
part of Moby Dick, by H Melville, Dickens, Daniel C. Appleton,
Oliver Twist, Great Expect. Tale of Two Cities, Bleak House
Our Mutual Friend, J.F. Cooper, Last of the Mohicans ^{Carroll Tyngden}
^{Hans Brinker} ^{Wagner of} ^{long cap}
Tapa never read aloud except Bible passages b/c
he was somewhat short of breath and often not here reading

On my own when I was your age or perhaps
14, 15 I read some excellent biographies of frontiersmen
Davy Crockett, Daniel Boone (both with a great deal of front
as well as biographies of Abraham Lincoln, which are
not sure which used but from a library bookshelf called ^{perhaps} ~~perhaps~~ ^{perhaps}
kind of cover The Box of Delights by Mansfield

* The Three Musketeers

→ Nantucket →
11-02-08 Sunday. Finally up to write to Leah at 7:40 →
I had my Porosanthin and B. P. medicine, ordered 803 mlk by 7:30
Dressed by about 8:15 and starting write to Leah a grocery to be
mailed this morning. ~~see below~~

Writing in Nantucket
Dear Leah. It is 8:30 am, Standard Time, on
Sunday morning. By 9:00 this note and I should be
ready to go to ~~the~~ town and grocery shopping by
way of a stop at The Dump. an interesting ~~and~~
place. to discard some of the "household waste".

Last night when I reached ~~by~~ you by
telephone you told me about Hallawen, about your
fencing classes and about ^{your} reading. ~~For~~

* ~~The sun~~ I am standing at my high desk
on the 2nd floor. In one direction I see a ring
Very blue ocean. In the other direction the ^{toward Rock Bass Road} ~~changed~~ colors
of the low scrub oak growth makes a mosaic
of color and textures. ^{mixed}

Last night when I could not get back to sleep

I thought a lot about you, as especially as a
reader with ^{young adult} ~~an~~ Who can ~~evaluate~~ ^{begin to} ~~begin to~~ ^{make thoughtful} ~~evaluate~~ her ~~literary~~ ^{book} ~~tastes~~ ^{does not} ~~does not~~ ^{swallow them down} ~~and~~ ^{and} go on to the next batch. I am well aware, as
perhaps you are that reading can be a refuge and
a barrier against the world, but it should be much
more than that. I can only begin to suggest some of this
perhaps ~~can only begin to suggest some of this~~ ~~can only begin to suggest some of this~~

Much of my most important reading before
age 12 came to me through my ears as Mother read
aloud to us, especially on long summer evenings, in the
Moon-Mts. Here are some of the books ?

"Old time" new story
6:40 Standard

Nb 02
08

From Nantucket novel

Chiefly: Copies of my letters May
Letters Written in Kinnarock 2008
May 2008 To Alice, my niece

May 2008

To Margrit about the little garden

To Janet: about rain in the mountains
abt edition of Thacheray, bought by
Lee Ashley Grace
Evans garden

To Margrit: my memories of Southern France

Draft of E-Mail to Lotty, Peter about
my correspondence w. Alice esp abt
Steig The Road Thief

To Janet about Achillea & Feverfew
blooming in Kinnarock

Packing & Grocery lists also
clothes left in Kinnarock.

2008 copies of my letters to
family members cop'd Alice, Janet
Also shipping and packing lists
the Market