

Dear Paul,

10/21/97

If you do not recognize this paper, it is an old negative sheet from the two-stage 35 copier I used to have. Just came on a folder of it. My was that long ago!

Five acres to take care of will be great for you and for your health! Hope it all goes through.

With your train leaving Tampa in six days you will probably leave before this reaches you but again, please remember me to Mary and to any others you may see there. And think of me when you take one bite of that famous pork sandwich.

About a relative of which I misbehaved Saturday.

Our local civic association stages an occasional country-style breakfast to raise a little money. It include pancakes, hominy, country sausage and what around here is referred to as puddin. The hard work on that was one of the unskilled chore with which I could be trusted ~~was~~ at the family butchering, the hogs ~~lil's~~ uncles but we shared. It consists of all the scraps of meat that are not used for anything else ground into tiny pieces and cooked in a large cast-iron kettle over an open fire and is stirred constantly. I was the stirrer and fire tender, as I was on the lard. ~~lil's~~ uncle did the seasoning. With all that could be used for something else used up, including all the bits of fat for the lard then prized, the puddin was relatively fat free. I loved it than and I did that heaping tablespoon of it I took Saturday.

I was also the fire tender and the stirrer on what is called scrapple elsewhere but her, I think the name coming down with the Penna. Dutch, is called ponhoss, phon. I do not recall seeing it spelled out. And I loved that, as I loved all I should not have today and never do.

Until it closed up when Wrono was here we went to obo particular place for breakfast because they had scrapple. He was raised with it on the farm in Southern Illinois but never saw it in Wisconsin. Maybe you people also were blighted that way. Cornstarch and other things are added to what is largely liquid and when it settles it solidifies and tastes great fried.

Hope you have a fine trip. Best to all,

November 18, 1997

Dear Harold;

Thanks for your letter of haste 10/15 - and correct I did not say when I would be leaving here. i am awaiting a call from my son near Tampa since I will drive there first and leave my car. He is the one who once was going to set up an office in Ireland for a computer co. He wised up and opened his own business in Tampa and is doing quite well now. I plan to sell my condo here and buy in the Tampa area. He has located 5 acres with a lake, he wants me to look at since I want a place with acreage for an orchard and garden. So as soon as he calls I will depart. My Amtrak leaves Tampa on Oct. 27.

While I am not keen about Mary's overall condition, I am pleased to hear that she is back trying to walk. The source, T. Jones, seems to be good one since he is in charge of the Lancer fishnet!!! I am planning to see her at Lanver97!! If she can make it, she will be there!

I recall my late brother trying to walk wih his fake hip. Since that was a government insurance case, it became quite a (sad) story!!

You are right, it is the people whom I attend the conferece for!!!

Yes, Clint's reaction to the Dealy affair is well documented and I can imagine Hickey was under fire as others try to commercialize this sordid event. The SS must have been under severe self-imposed pressure since the whole thing could have been easily avoided IF basic procedures had been adhered to!! Then add the pressure from the hawks and jackals!!!

The main problem the group (local) has with the Frazier and sister data, is that the Commission goes overboard to believe them on the one hand but, turns on them on the other ("mistaken"). It is a fascination to observe people working out of the accepter status on their own. As one put it in regarding the Commission handling the LHO input that it is like a boa constrictor attacking a porcupine!! People here have been "turned on" by my persistence since I treat my work like a full-time job and keep at it 8, 10 and often more hours per day, often interfering with their plans for me!!! Ah, well, as many others szx, "What difference can it make?????"

Thanks, too, for your "enjoy" comments which I plan to do. This Amtrak year I seemed to luck out - I have attended enough meetings to have developed some clout of my own (at least Mary seems to think so and she has contacted sources on my behalf, including ARRB which most probably will finish with an endorsemnt for the AR!!"). Our annual "bash" with Ruby's girls and others is always something to look ahead to, also. Mary can never make it in person, but is always presnet in spirit, thought, etc.

i have my fingers and all else crossed that Mary is there!!!!!!!

Best of Everything!

Sincerely,

Paul H.



OCT. 19

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Amtrak worked out well this year so far!! They reduced the "See The USA" fare from a 45-day trip to 30 which fits me to a T!! Also, they allow 3 stops instead of 2 for the same fare!! Again, great by me since I stop in St. Paul (Vadnais hts.), Dallas and San Antonio. I am pretty well wrapped up in Minnesota since I was up there from the end of May until the first week of July!!! Got much of the farm cleaned out with the help of thieves!! (thieves)!! I have my plate full in San Antonio where lives a genuine Indian princess (about 45) who I met on the train. Also, my prom date from some 50 years ago lives there as does the little Mexican girl who adopted me when she was 4!! She will be 7 next year, so I will contact the tourist service that has the buggies and horses and I will try to arrange next year for a carriage and horses to pick us (little girl and me) at the hotel and take us to the River Center. She is big into Cinderella!! I am working on turning the carriage into a pumpkin and the horses pose a real problem!!! It is probably something we will always remember! She is currently quite taken with that she "found" a prince who pays attention to her! Although I have many wee relatives in Minnesota, it still makes a lot of fun for me!!

Best,

Paul
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