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Greetings: *Dear Luke and Martha,*
You made it, so will be able to write again in Feb. It is a good letter. But I can't imagine a fat Luke—how do you do it, Martha?
 Many of your letters were late, but my trunks were later, having arrived just two days ago--so here is the latest on the most of us.

JEAN ALEXANDER--"I stayed home mostly from April until July 1st when I started work for the United Christian Youth Movement in Chicago. The UCYM is the cooperative Protestant Youth Movement and represents 90% of all Protestantism or about 10 million young churchmen. In other words, we are the accepted interdenominational youth agency. I work as assistant in the department of social action. Bob Tisdell is my boss and is Social Action secretary of the UCYM. My work is secretarial, administrative and executive. I keep Bob in the field working and also do some field work. We do most of our social action education through seminars in such fields as labor relations, world order, reconstruction, political education and intergroup relations. This last one, the field of intergroup relations is the area in which I put most of my time and effort. I work directly with the interreligious co-operation of the Anti-Defamation League of B'nai B'rith. Our two organizations set up around the country week-long or week-end intergroup seminars that are interfaith in their participation. It's really a swell job and I work with wonderful people in our organization as well as in the Jewish group. I'm learning a great deal in the field of intercultural or intergroup relations and love it. This city is terribly big and dirty after the beautiful isle of Puerto Rico, but I'm making friends and beginning to feel at home. Occasionally I speak Spanish with one of our office building elevator boys, but lately I have been going out with a Puerto Rican I met at the University of Chicago, and he gives me plenty of practice. I saw Betty Kimmel one night on the elevated train. I'm planning to get out to Bethany to see what Castaner kids are out there. I have already spent a week-end with Knight and Dorothy Webster in Madison. The main thing is that I'm working for the UCYM in the field of intergroup relations which includes race relations as well as interfaith and intercultural activities."

JOPHY ANDERSON--"Everything is in glowing colors. I love my job and what's so good about it is that it becomes more fascinating every day. Because I have an excellent supervisor I am learning MUCH, and it's really almost as beneficial in that sense as attending school. I know that this year of experience will make my second year of school at Western Reserve much more real to me. What I figure I'll be doing is learning the theory I've been practicing. Sounds backwards, but I think that's about it.

My roommate and I are planning to move into our own place about November 1st. By that I mean that we'll have our own furniture and it will be much more private than what we have now. I think we'll like it lots and will have to think of ways to arrange pillows and orange crates into furnishings. Any ideas?

On the side I've gotten myself into the music world. There is a settlement house sponsored by Community Chest which offers private instruction in instruments, voice, theory, etc. from good musicians. Most of them are symphony members. All this is at amazingly low cost and even I (a poor social worker) can afford it. I'm taking flute and harmony and like it muchly. I'm also singing in a choir that is directed by the Curator of Music from the Museum of Art, and we're singing thrilling stuff--Mozart's G Minor Mass and Bach's Ode to Mourning. This keeps me busy quite some and no little. I'll be taking some seminars that are offered by the agency to the staff. They will start in November and should be interesting and beneficial. Really, I'm quite pleased with being in Cleveland. I've joined the NAACP here and am going to track down the FCR soon. It has no central office here. I've also joined a youth group at Oscar Olson's Methodist Church here that

seems to be pretty active. I've seen Tom a number of times since I've been here. Oberlin is only 35 miles or so from Cleveland. He's active like mad in the Socialist group on the campus and is doing a good job of it. I just came back from a big weekend in Delaware, Ohio at my Alma Mater. It was fun to get back.

LUKE and MARTHA BACHMAN--"Our summer has been a very busy one. We moved into our home the early part of June and immediately began our garden. We have a rather large garden and even tho' we had a rather late start in planting we have already filled our shelves with canned goods, not to mention all the produce we ate. Martha has had her share of canning and jolly making this summer. And from the looks of things Luke is benefitting from all this food as he has now gained back all he lost in P. R. plus a good bit more!

You are welcome to drop in for a sample of our food when you get in this area, and besides we can now invite you to stay overnight as we have acquired an extra bed. Before this time we had only the floor space to offer. And we do have plenty of floor space since this is an eight room house, not counting a few small extra rooms and the attic and cellar! Una casa grande, verdad?

Luke is kept busy as accountant in the Ford garage across the street from our house. Living so close to his place of work doesn't help to shorten his working hours. In fact, the photography equipment hasn't seen much use since our return.

Early in the summer we had a pleasant surprise when Bob Stanley and his folks dropped in for a short visit. We have also visited with Dr. and Mrs. Cassel since our return--they were former unit members. And of course we saw Caleb Frantz when he was in the States this summer."

VIRGENMINA BOBE--She did not write this time, and her card was returned as she had left the District Hospital in Arocibo. Perhaps she is in Cabo Rojo, or can be contacted at that address.

WANDA BROWN--"In June I went to Stone Lake, Wisconsin to assume the duties of cook of a summer resort. The work was extremely interesting, and the summer's work was highly successful. September 1st I returned to Indiana for a few days. Immediately I went to Ohio to visit friends and relatives. I chose Lima, Ohio as my next location. Now I am working part time grill worker and bake pies for a small restaurant. I am not returning to college now, perhaps later. However, all summer I continued voice study under the direction of my Polytechnic prof, Robert Carlson. Mr. Carlson was the manager of this summer resort. I hope to continue music. I miss Puerto Rico mucho and find the cold weather a trifle different from the Puerto Rican sunshine."

HOMER L. BURKE--"Castaner is pushing forward into the second stage of her existence as she becomes a permanent project. The land deal is finished although the papers are still not signed and the money handed over. This will happen however, I think, in a few days. The moving of the buildings to Llinas is going on. The school building for the new Brethren Academy is almost ready for use. The Academy has an enrollment of 30 students and is a going concern. We seem to have the very hearty support of the community. "The best thing that has been started in this community for a long time", says one lady. We hope to begin moving the hospital very shortly. Juan Pagan is head carpenter, mover and constructionist, and is doing a very good job of it. We hope someone will be along before long to put in the plumbing and electricity. Hospital work is heavy. OPD is booming--we have all the general cases there now, too. We plan for a real OPD at Llinas. The public health clinics are carried on and are well patronized. We are getting into 10 schools with our public health program. So you see that there is still considerable activity. The infant church is getting along, too. It has apparently done much to stimulate the other groups to activity, at least. The Catholic Father and two nuns are here on a program of indoctrination for the past week or so. We are direly in need of a Principal for the Academy. Another doctor would be very welcome. A good social worker on a permanent basis would also be welcome."

MARGUERITE BURKE--"In order that the Alumni Group can be sure of getting the Castaner Newsletter they should please notify me when they move so that I can have the address changed."

CARLOS CLAUDIO--"I am taking three subjects this semester. Elementary Speech, Psychology for Christian Leadership, and Life of Christ. I think this is enough to keep me busy. I am working in Sears Roebuck six hours every day, and they pay me 87 $\frac{1}{2}$ ¢ an hour. I work from 1 p.m. to 7 p.m. daily, and my classes are from 8:00 a.m. until 12:15 noon. And I hardly have time to answer the letters that my friends write to me. I don't have enough books to study now. Last week in church we had a blind minister with a Seeing-Eye Dog, and he told us many things about his life and the studies of his dog. He can read Braille by touch, and he showed us how this is done. He also showed us how the dog takes him around alone."

MAURICE CLICK--"I am going to copy a piece that appeared in the local paper on August 25th. Little Miss Ana Luisa Click, born at Castaner, P.R. on May 14, 1948 arrived at the home of her grandparents the Rev. and Mrs. C. A. Click, of Bridgewater six weeks after starting from Puerto Rico. During this time Ana Luisa has traveled more than 10,000 miles through four foreign countries and 21 states of the United States.

She, accompanied by her parents, Maurice and Lois (Graybill) Click, flew from San Juan to Miami by Pan American World Airways with stops in Dominican Republic, Haiti and Cuba. From Miami, the Clicks traveled by train to Los Angeles where they visited Mrs. Click's sister, and then to San Francisco to stay overnight with an uncle. Then they continued to Wenatchee, Washington where they spent one month with relatives including Ana Luisa's maternal grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. Jesse Graybill and great grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. R. C. Provo. While in the Northwest, they were able to make a trip to British Columbia, Canada.

On their trip east, the Clicks spent one day in Chicago visiting friends, and another in Elgin, Ill., reporting to the Brethren Service Committee about their work with the Castaner Brethren Service Project in Puerto Rico. The Church of the Brethren maintains a charity hospital and community center in an underprivileged rural community in Puerto Rico.

Little Ana Luisa made the entire journey in a Puerto Rican market basket where she was quite comfortable although she had outgrown it by the time she reached her destination. For the present the Clicks plan to make their home in Bridgewater, where they will be in college during the coming year.--Unquote.

We have two rooms in the King house. I am carrying nine hours of work--Principles of Sociology, Applied Psychology and Advanced Spanish. In addition I am working about thirty hours per week in the Business Office, besides tending my chickens and other odd jobs about the house. I don't have any trouble staying busy. Ana Luisa still demands most of Lois' time along with housekeeping and cooking. Lois sings in the College church choir. We still don't know whether she will be taking any college work the second semester or not. I belong to the college FOR. I don't have much time for extra-curricular.

Of Castaner Alumni we have seen Carmon and Paul Kindy, Manuel Quiles, Bill Johnson, Jim Mason, Cesar Claudio, and of course the Kings."

MIGUEL COLON--"I do like it very much here and I already have learned the ways of living in New York--rush all the time, and everybody's motto is the ambition for money, and selfishness. But I do like it here because it is not like in Puerto Rico where you have to go begging for a job, and then you only make a miserable dollar which is not enough to live on. Over here you can find a job wherever you want and make a good and decent living. Now I can tell the difference between freedom and slavery. I say this because you know that 90% of the people in Puerto Rico are very poor and they have to work for the rich people or for PRRA for a very small amount that is not enough even for their food. If anyone comes near New York please call me on the phone. It is REgent-7-3749.

WALTER HAAG--"I am Acting Principal of the Brethren Academy as well as the farm manager. The tenth grade of the Academy is progressing quite nicely. We began classes in the downstairs of the Llinas Casa Grande the 23rd of August with 21 students and limited the enrollment to 33 at the end of the first week. Now in the seventh week we have 23 students which is a goodly number for our present accommodations. Sixty feet of the old PRRA warehouse has been moved onto a concrete floor at our grass plot on Grillasca road and will be ready for occupancy within a week or so. Each student pays a monthly tuition of \$5.00 and the school is lending the more expensive textbooks to those who do not wish to purchase them. About half of these students are working for the unit in the hospital, kitchen, center, shop, school or farm to earn their tuition and a few dollars for clothes. They work in the morning and we have classes in the afternoon from 1:15 to 5:40. The subjects given this semester are History of the U.S. taught by Dean Rohrer, English 10 taught by Robert Eboy (now Religious Life Director), Spanish 10 taught by Mrs. Felch at the Second Unit School after her regular school hours, Bible, $\frac{1}{2}$ hour for 2 days a week, and I teach Algebra I. We hope to have the school recognized by the Department of Education by the end of the first semester.

The farm operations have expanded with the purchase of land. As a rule now, I have time only for supervisory work. I have one person in charge of the livestock, one in charge of the garden, and another--our old-time employee, Angel Perez Rodriguez--in charge of the finca as a whole. The finca is beginning to yield bananas, avocados, oranges, lemons and coffee to care for a part of the food needs of the unit.

Alys has turned the Women's Embroidery Industry over to Mary Kay Rohrer and now has a club program. A Women's sewing club meets Thursday mornings and children's clubs all day Saturday. Some of the tenth grade girls are working in this program to earn their tuition. Sharon Rachel seems to be a normal 5-month-old girl, and of course we think she is a good baby."

KATHRYN HERTZLER--"I am doing housework now and living in, which makes it less expensive. The people have a six year old girl who is quite spoiled and quite a problem. They allow me to have one of their cars to use occasionally. One time I was going to drive the station wagon to the Pecones to the FOR convention, but scraped the side of it in getting it out of the garage, and it was too late in getting fixed, so a friend and I drove to Hershey to swim.

Will soon be performing my last duties for the young people as now advisors were elected. They are giving a birthday social, and part of the entertainment is the presentation of a play of which I am the assistant coach.

I have started a course in "Romans" at Elizabethtown College on Friday evenings for ten weeks. My days off here are Sunday and Monday. The other Monday two nurse friends and I went in the car to the Allentown Fair.

E. Stanley Jones is going to be in Lancaster for a week in October. Instead of having a fall revival meeting at our church they are encouraging the people to attend his meetings. I hope to attend as many of his meetings as possible."

RUTH IDLEMAN--"The summer has flown and I have spent the greater part of the time traveling around the country visiting relatives and friends. The last of June found me in Chicago for Homecoming at Bethany Hospital. It was truly a splendid get-together, for besides seeing several of the nurses I hadn't seen since I was a student I saw several of the ex-Castanoritos who are a part of the Bethany staff. My trip to Chicago included several small trips to towns nearby. One to Corro Gordo, Ill. to visit my room-mate of nurse's training days; another to Goodland, Ind. It seemed good to see some of these wide open spaces and level country again, but I'll still take the fertile hills of Pennsylvania.

After several weeks of working at Bethany I was called back to Pennsylvania to take over my sister's home and family while she was in the hospital. As I write this I'm still Aunt Reop to a 3-year-old boy and Aunt Ruth to his 7-year-old sister. They think she is all right "only stricter than mother". I'm putting

to practical use all I know about canning, jolly making, cooking and housekeeping, but it's fun. In a couple more weeks I shall be back in a white uniform and cap."

BETTY KIMMEL--"In May I came to Chicago to cook and ultimately become dietitian of Bethany Hospital. For about 3 months I stayed with the cooking, and then upon the advice of Dr. Curtis Bowman I stopped work. My health seems to be more or less at a standstill. However, we have hopes of an experiment helping me some. Since the end of my work at Bethany Hospital I have changed from cook to seamstress. I do private sewing in my own room on my own time. Being in Chicago gives a good many chances for meeting old friends, especially former college mates and Castanoritos. I also met Joan Alexander formerly of El Guacío on the "El" one night. She is working for a church group here in Chicago. My living at the Brethren Fellowship House is bringing me quite a number of new close friends who, along with those friends from college and Castanor, are never to be forgotten."

HOWARD LONG--"My freshman year was a busy one indeed, although nothing too exciting happened. I'm majoring in anything that will prepare me for bio-chemistry and a good wholesome philosophy of life.

There is a group of friends on the campus who meet once a week in what we call the Ponco Fellowship--unorganized, of course. Because of the informality the discussions and contributions and inspirations are usually outstandingly good. (This is to let you know I'm still pacifist--only more so--IV-E again, I guess).

I am an accelerated student, planning to graduate in June 1950 with about 130 or 140 hours. At present I am taking German II, General Physics, General Biology, Qualitative Inorganic Analysis, and History of Ancient Philosophy. This last, taught by Dr. Morley Mays, is one of the few courses in History of Philosophy in which the only text is the philosopher's own work. None of this "readers' digest" business.

I would like to know how the Websters' radio is working--I feel kind of close to it. Well, back to the salt mines."

CARYL and ANDY MATHE--"To travel 6 knots per hour can be the most leisurely, restful voyage anyone could ever want, that is, if one wanted a leisurely trip. But for two who were as excited as the gulls which followed our ship we seemed to be forever on that glassy smooth Gulf water. The only other passengers were a couple from the Army base at Borinquen Field. The States looked OK to us, but we didn't waste any time taking inventory since already we were 12 hours behind time. By train from Galveston, Texas where Lykes Line so graciously docked us, we managed to get home at noon Sunday. Seven hours later Andy left by train for Chicago where he finished a 5-weeks concentrated course in 4 weeks (being already one week late to start). Caryl spent the summer at home, packing and unpacking and learning a little about housekeeping. By September 5 we were ready to venture into the tough ol' grind of the world and how realistically true it seemed when we tried to scrub the tough ol' grime from our apartment here in Chicago, the dirtiest city, in all its many meanings, in the world. Four weeks have now passed, the curtains are up, the first pay checks have come in, the food bill is within reach, milk has come down a penny on two quarts, and we are away behind in our correspondence. So, I guess everything is normal.

We have two rooms, each about the size of the nurse-aid room in Casa Grande. The both we share--not at the same time, however--with another couple from Pennsylvania. They have a radio and a 2 year old boy--a combination which should only be used in wide open places. Andy goes to school all morning and works in a Polish settlement house 2 1/2 hours during the afternoon. The first day of work he began refereeing a baseball game in Spanish, but it didn't bother the kids. They probably thought he just hadn't learned Chicago English yet. Caryl has a stuffy secretary's job--long hose and heels every day--in the Latin American Dept. of Sears, Roebuck & Co. The best part of it is the 10% discount for any purchases made at Sears. We see Edna and Paul often and get together occasionally to discuss you-know-what. We welcome any of you at any time."

TOM MATHEWS--"My plans for the summer as stated in the last SCAN were carried out with surprising accuracy considering the shaky status they were in at the time. Before I left Ohio for Columbia University I attended the General Conference of the Congregational-Christian Churches. Although the expected merger of the Evangelical and Reformed Churches with the Congregationals did not come off the five days spent in meetings and general sessions were very interesting. One striking feature that stuck with me was that the most brilliant leaders were by far the most liberal and outspoken for social justice.

While in New York I stayed and worked at the new settlement house on 110th St. near Fifth Ave. It is sandwiched in between the Harlem and Puerto Rican section of mid-Manhattan. Different from many other settlement houses this one is modernly equipped and very ably staffed. During the summer I "worked" with kids from 10 to 16 in dance programs, swimming sessions, and a movie night. Since I was freed from writing reports I found that most of my time was passed in play. In my humble opinion the settlement house, although it started only in March, is going about its work in a rather hesitant fashion. More interested in integrating whole families into the program of the center they are forced to proceed slowly and cannot open their doors to every child playing in the street.

During my six weeks at Columbia I took three courses--Portuguese, and Latin American History 1 and 2. Because of my Spanish I was able to take an advanced course of Portuguese instead of the beginning one, even though it meant much more work. For the history courses I wrote two term papers, both on the growth of the Popular Party in Puerto Rico. Mr. Tannenbaum, the professor, was a tired radical, completely cynical in his philosophy. He used to be a member of the IWW (the old Wobblies). Actually his lectures were more enlightening as to his own philosophy than to the history of Latin America. However, I greatly appreciated his emphasis on man and his family as the cornerstone of a thing called culture.

In New York I got to see a lot of Vicky Riera, who lived about two blocks away. Cecil arrived in New York with Carlos Claudio shortly before the term papers were due and helped me meet the deadline by typing them for me. Cecil and I also visited John and Ana Jahn. Shortly after that I again played host to another friend of mine who was enroute to Puerto Rico. He was my college roommate before the war and now is a teacher of economics. This year he is a professor at the University of Puerto Rico. I would appreciate it if those of who you receive SCAN and live in San Juan would look him up. His name is Kenji Okuda. There is a big write-up in the El Mundo of October 8, 1948 with picture of him. Frankly, letters from him indicate that he is a bit lonely. How about it, Bobe, know any girls at Presbyterian who would be interested in a date with a University prof?

I fully enjoyed this summer in New York. Plays and museums are always available and I could have spent hours at the Metropolitan Museum of Art. I never realized that we had such a large number of original paintings in this country. Sometime within the next two weeks I hope to get to Cleveland to see the paintings that have been brought over from Berlin by the US Army.

This year at Oberlin I have buried myself with studies--French, Psychology, Social Psychology, and Intellectual History. However, since this is an election year there is a little bit of work that a person can't neglect. As chairman of the Socialist group on the campus it falls on me to stimulate interest in Norman Thomas in this stodgy Republican atmosphere of northern Ohio. We expect a visit to the campus from Darlington Hoopes who was Thomas' running mate in 1944. This year will prove to be a big year for the Socialists. How about your vote?

Received my draft questionnaire last week and expect to get the CO form sometime next week. Our pacifist group on the campus has grown by leaps and bounds. One of my CPS friends from Coleville, Calif. joined the Theology School as a student, and another from Big Flats, N. Y. joined the history teaching staff here.

Jophy happened in town and called up just as I finished the salutation, so this letter will have to be much shorter than I first planned."

VICKY RIERA--"This time I am going to write in Spanish just to give a little headache to those suffering from Spanish phobia. Como están amigos? Aqui en Nuevo York ya se esta enfriando todo. El verano fue bueno y goze muchisimo. Tuve la oportunidad de conocer a John Jahn y esposa gracias a Tom Mathews. Me gusta oír de todos Uds. y espero SCAN con mucha ansiedad. Ya se que en Castaner todos los viejos amigos se han ido, sin embargo estoy seguro que sus sucesores haran tan buen trabajo como los que se fueron. Hasta la vista, amigos y que gozen mucho."

IRIS RODRIGUEZ--She did not write this autumn, but wrote about the end of June as follows from Chicago.--"This week I started my last quarter. I am now in clerical practice and studying hard for the National Board Exams. next month. It is very interesting to be working with patients again after nine months of class work. I really enjoy it."

I am very lonesome for my Puerto Rico and all my friends back home, but it will not be long before I will be back. My best regards to all the members of the Unit. I hope I will see you all next October."

DEAN and MARY KAY ROHRER--"We, along with the Haags, have moved into the upstairs of the Llinas Casa Grande. School is being held downstairs, where Dean is teaching U. S. History this semester and Puerto Rican History next semester. Dean is also still plugging along in the office, although he hopes to be replaced soon. Mary Kay has the Women's Industry downstairs in Llinas also, and is kept quite busy. Business is picking up again after the summer slump."

BETH ROOP--"I started working in the lab at Sherman Hospital in Elgin on Sept. 1st, and find the work interesting and enjoyable. However, we are busy all the time now with three people working here who have never done lab work before this month. When they learn the ins and outs of everything, work will be a little less rushed. I find that Elgin is a very nice town. From where I live I can get to the center of town in ten minutes or out in the country in five minutes. If any of the alumni come to Elgin, they are welcome to stop at my place. I had a little chat with Harold Row the other day and he told me about some of the plans for the hospital and other physical plant in Puerto Rico."

MARIA RUIZ--She did not write in this issue because no card was sent to her, as I only had her address in my trunk which just arrived the other day. However, she flew from San Juan to Miami on September 9-10 (night flight) on the same plane that Carlos Claudio and I (Cecil) returned to the States by. She then traveled to San Francisco by bus (five day trip) to the home of a relative at whose home she will live. She was accompanied on the trip by her cousin, Luis Raul Alberti of Ponce.

PAUL SNAVELY--"Tonight we listened to Henry Wallace, and I must say I think of all the candidates running he has more on the ball than people realize. He got a rather cold reception here in Chicago and Illinois earlier; however, I think he will get on the Illinois ballot. Today we came back from a weekend spent on the farm in Iowa. Crops looked bountiful the whole way. The autumn colors were beautiful, which was a temptation to over-use our camera. People living in the city don't realize the wonders and beauties they miss in the outside. We had our coldest weather of 22° Sunday morning, and it felt right snappy after 2 years in Puerto Rico. A week ago we drove out to Elgin where we spent the evening with Beth Roop. Her father and mother are in Europe travelling in various parts after going over on a cattle boat."

Edna has been working at Bethany Hospital since our coming to Chicago. She has been working many different hours. While the Hospital Supervisor was on vacation she filled that capacity, but was happy to give the job back. My school is moving along rapidly and will close the middle of December. It is a shop training course on refrigeration service and is very interesting. It takes in air conditioning.

deep freeze, household and commercial. Five days a week I work at Sears in the afternoon--in the Credit Dept.

Carlos seems to be getting along better now. He feels the need of work sometimes more than studying. However, he seems to be finding himself now. Eddy (Eduvino Galarza) and Manuel Quiles are keeping the laundry at the hospital running. Eddy had been singing at a restaurant several evenings a week. He has a very good voice and needs more opportunities to use it.

We have moved into a nice little basement apartment just across from the Seminary which makes it handier for Edna and her work."

BOB STANLEY--"I am here at William Penn College, and slowly getting into the groove of studying again. It has been fine so far, but who can tell? I was granted a \$250 work grant by the college, and I saved enough last summer to pay the rest of my expenses. I am taking History of European Civilization, English 2nd year Spanish, Biology and Speech. It amounts to 15½ hours. Also I am out for football. We practice every night of the school week for about 2½ hours. I will be glad to hear from all of you."

KNIGHT WEBSTER--"We are now at Alexandria, Minnesota. I am working as Educational Director for three co-op associations--two of them are oil co-ops and the other a purchasing and grain marketing co-op. They are fine fellows to work with, and the educational program functions in cooperation with Midland Co-op Wholesale. At one association my first work will be to help organize a stores drive. At another it will be to organize a group of employees to take some correspondence courses under the same group plan that we took the courses. The other association wants me to contact members so as to increase patronage. There will of course be a lot more to do besides.

KENNETH KNIGHT arrived on the 10th of August. He weighed 9 lb. 10½ oz. at birth and weighs over 13 pounds now. He is sure doing fine. He sure is nice to have around.

We have a nice place to live for the winter. It is a lovely lake cottage which we can have until May 15th. This is beautiful country up here.

We had a chance to go back to Puerto Rico to work for the Land Authority but we decided to wait for a few years. I thought the experience here would be good, and also to wait until our first child has a start in life.

The Bachmans sent us some Lebanon bologna--tasted good!"

JO WOLF--"We live in a two room apartment in Lansing. Howard began working as a Traffic Engineer for the State Highway Department on August 2nd. So far we like the town and work. Lansing has about 80,000 population, is a college town--Michigan State, and rather progressive, which probably comes from it being the state capital.

Howard's work is mostly desk work so far--drafting, designing, research, studying. It will end up as a job of okaying or rejecting alterations of state highways as planned by individual country-dwellers on their driveways or as planned by towns on their intersections. He is spending all his spare time studying for his open-book exam towards becoming a qualified engineer of the State of Michigan. This will be around the first part of the year. He also has his Civil Service exam--probably next year.

My work is and will be housekeeper in our apartment--also reader, secretary and traveler for the two of us. I spent much of the summer in Erie with my parents and Tony. At present I am with Howard's mother and grandparents at Gloversville, N. Y. Have been here for 2½ weeks and will stay another week. Howard's grandfather has been seriously ill. Next I'll spend a week in Erie before a happy reunion with Howard in Lansing.

Antonio Ismael (Coston, Jr.) is doing beautifully in his total adjustment, although he is beginning to get into hard school work now. He got 100% in spelling recently, and is really enjoying all his relationships in school, home and outside. Mother's schoolteacher background is coming to the fore again and she does a grand job of tutoring. Dad adores having a son for a change. This summer Tony enjoyed

Y camp for a week and Canadian fishing for 5 days. He has learned English very rapidly.

Our Caribbean cruise was very pleasant since we were luckily prepared for an indefinite length of trip. We spent ten days in Cuba. There the people are much better off economically and with better labor conditions. I think the cane workers get \$10 a day."

JUNE WOLFE--"On October 1, MICHAEL LEON arrived here at the Clinica Ayora. He arrived by normal birth which both pleased and surprised us since Claudia had to arrive by Caesarian section. As for life here in Ecuador, we feel very much at home now. We arrived at Calderon on June 15th. Our house is being built, but slowly, so we are living in a 3-room apartment and find it very comfortable. At any rate, I don't have so much housework as I will have after we move.

The mission program is slowly getting under way. We can't start the school as we had hoped to this fall, but Claude plans to have a club program under way soon. We have Spanish services each Sunday although very few have attended them thus far. Also Claude and Benton Rhoades have been having Bible study classes twice a week. A few people of the community have bought Bibles, New Testaments, and pamphlets from us and immediately the priest ordered the people to burn all such literature. That, we know, is only the beginning of what we will encounter in our work. The mission is badly in need of a doctor, a nurse and an agriculturist. We're hoping that personnel can soon be found.

We talk home over HCJB, Quito (on the 19, 24, and 30 meter bands) the first Monday of every month at 6:30-7:30 EST. Let us know if any of you hear us. We send sincere wishes for happiness to all of you in your work."

HOWARD and CHARLOTTE WRIGHT--"We left Puerto Rico on August 27th flying from San Juan to Miami on Eastern Airlines. Stevie, once we were off the ground, enjoyed the trip immensely sleeping much of the time on his own seat since the plane was not quite full. We had a very smooth ride giving the hurricane at that time a wide sweep, never getting closer than 400 miles. We were met in Miami by Howard's parents and so made a leisurely trip by motor up the west coast of Florida, through Georgia, Tennessee and Kentucky to Ohio. We enjoyed it all, although we did have a couple of hot days. We saw many new and interesting things as well as visiting some historical places en route. We have visited at Howard's parents' in Ohio, Charlotte's mother's in Kentucky, Howard's aunts' in Indiana since arriving in the States. However, we still have lots of relatives and friends whom we would like to see, so we do not know where we may be yet. We are trying to become accustomed to the climate and the cool weather. Stevie does not seem to mind the cold any--he just gets cold--but does not complain when he is not warm enough. Before the winter is over we may succumb to a warm house and go out only when necessary. Then we will long for the warm sunny days in P. R.

BLANCA MARTINEZ came to the States with us. She was at Howard's father's for about ten days before going to West Milton to see Carmen Flores. There she obtained a job in the Troy Hospital and is now living in West Milton."

CECIL WICKLINE--"During June and July I remained at Castaner teaching one hour of ninth grade math and two hours of tenth grade English to veterans in the summer school. I had not expected to enjoy the English teaching but found that it, too, was interesting. It was quite an experience, especially since the Dept. of Education did not send us any textbooks for the first six weeks of the eight-week course, which meant that I was quite free and could make up my own course. And we certainly had a concentrated 2-week lit course when the books came.

On August 9th Dr. Burke took Carlos Claudio and I to San Juan. Since our plane was an evening one we had time to visit Carlos' brother at Fort Buchanan who took the afternoon off, so we were able to visit other of Carlos' relatives in San Juan. Doug and Rosa saw us off that evening which was especially good since our charter plane was 3 or 4 hours late in leaving. Maria Ruiz with her cousins, who were to have gone on an earlier plane which did not meet its schedule, also made the trip with us as far as Miami. She then went by bus to San Francisco, while Carlos and I continued by the same plane (a C-47) on to New York City. The trip was very

pleasant. We left San Juan about 8:30 p.m. flew to Miami in six hours, stayed there for two hours going through customs while the plane refueled and checked in, then on to New York, flying over the sea to the North Carolina coast, getting to land in broad daylight after having seen a beautiful sunrise at sea from the plane. We flew over parts of Virginia, Maryland, Delaware and New Jersey, and could see Philadelphia. We landed at Totterboro, N. J. which is a small airport now operated by the New York Port Authority, and went to the home of Carlos' aunt in the Bronx where we also saw Cesar Claudio. After another day Carlos left by bus for Chicago and Bethany, while I remained awhile, getting to see Vicky Riera, Tom Mathews, John and Ana Jahn. Tom and I also visited Mrs. Sophia L. Fahs for awhile one afternoon. She is the sister-in-law of Dr. Henry Burton Sharman of the RECORDS OF THE LIFE OF JESUS which some of you remember. I must not be the usual type of tourist as I did not see the sights of NYC, only the people. I did not see Radio City, the Statue of Liberty, Rockefeller Center or Coney Island, although I did see the Empiro State Bldg. and Times Square. After leaving NYC I visited friends and relatives in New Jersey, Washington, D. C., West Virginia, Pennsylvania and Chicago, then home on Sept. 12th. While in the coal country I was able to visit several mining towns. This I enjoyed greatly as I had read McAlister Coleman's book, "Men and Coal" in preparation for it this summer. Other Castanorites whom I saw on route were Paul and Carmen Kindy, Paul and Edna Snavely, Eduvino Galarza, Manuel Quiles, Caryl Mathis (Andy was out of town that day) and Ruth Idleman. I had also hoped to run up to New Haven, and also to see Miguel Colon, Betty Kimmel (also out of town that day) and Jean Alexander. While in Chicago I visited at length with Herman Will over the phone.

I arrived home at Warrenton, Oregon on September 12th, but my trunks did not come until October 16th (part of the reason for the lateness of SCAN). I have not succeeded in getting a teaching job this semester but hope to for next semester. However, the Oregon teacher shortage is mostly confined to grade schools not high schools. But it is good to be at home and in Oregon again. We have been having good fall weather, and the autumn leaves are beautiful. We have even had a frost already, and the Canada geese are flying south. The other evening I saw a very worthwhile movie, in sound and color. It was "The Secret Land" and is the Navy's own record of Byrd's latest Antarctic expedition. It has pictures of the nation's capital, then sea pictures, ice scenes, blizzards, an ice breaker ship at work, whales, seal, penguins, huskies, and excellent scenery and aviation pictures. It is presented by MGM, but is strictly the Navy's own pictures and without any propaganda. I recommend it. I should add to this letter that while in Washington D. C. I purchased an Argus A camera with case, and have taken 5 successful rolls of Kodachrome with it, and am very pleased with it. Price, \$17.50. And in Chicago the other camera store refunded my money. Also since being home I have shown some of my slides at two churches.

Now for the literary and news departments, although it is not Thursday evening. There is an article in the October 14th issue of The Christian Advocate titled "Come Over to Culebra" telling of the work of Rev. and Mrs. John Kenneth Vincent, Methodist missionaries on the islands of Vieques and Culebra. In the same issue is a true story from Santo Domingo.

And from Worldover Press of October 1st I copy without permission a few lines about Puerto Rico's first gubernatorial election, to be held on November 2nd.

"One of the first duties of the newly-elected governor will be to appoint a Commissioner of Education, because at present none has been selected as no one has settled the question of whether Truman or Pinero should do it. Of the three candidates the most likely to be elected is Luis Munoz Marin of the Popular Party whose father was Prime Minister just before the Spanish-American War when Spain had granted autonomy to both Cuba and Puerto Rico. Munoz Marin's role as a tropical New Dealer is well known, but friends and enemies are quick to agree that he has endowed the soapbox with a dignified simplicity that is rare in Latin American rhetoric."

"The fact that Martin Travieso, his more important opponent, is not as picturesque should mislead no one. Travieso has resigned the chief justiceship of Puerto Rico's Supreme Court to accept a 3-ticket nomination--a rarity anywhere. (These are probably the Socialist, Liberal and Republican parties--CW). Such a coalition might be formidable against anyone else. On top of it, Travieso is a practicing Catholic, though in Catholic Puerto Rico religion has never been a burning issue at the polls. Wilson appointed Travieso as Acting Governor during World War I--the only Puerto Rican to be so honored. In 1920 he was elected Mayor of San Juan."

"The Independence Party, a new organization whose precise strength is unknown, has nominated Dr. Francisco Susoni, until recently Speaker of the House. He was second only to Munoz in the latter's Popular Party, but is said to have disagreed with the Popular position that the island's future status would not be an issue in November. He thus became a dark horse in an enemy camp."

"As in the past the Nationalist Party (that of Dr. Pedro Albizu Campos) is boycotting the election, largely on the claim that it is nothing short of collaborationism. This party has a chance to elect a senator or representative at large under provisions for minorities. Recently a local movement in support of Wallace got nowhere after the party's plank, favoring independence, was adopted. Communists are giving support to the Independence Party."

And thirdly, from the September issue of The American Home, pages 80, 82, likewise copied without permission is part of an excellent article on the passion flower. The most of the article tells how to grow the flower in your homes in temperate climates. I copy only the paragraphs about the legend associated with the passion flower by the Spanish explorers when they first came upon it in South America, and saw in its parts a miraculous symbol of the Passion of Christ. It was, they asserted, "designed by the Great Creator to assist in the conversion of the heathen among whom it grows."

"The Mexican Jesuits named it the "Flower of the Five Wounds", because of the five spotted stamens which, they felt, represented the five wounds inflicted upon the Savior. In the three curving parts of the pistil, they visioned the three nails which held him to the cross; in the column which supports both pistil and stamens, they saw the pillar to which He was tied when being scourged. To some, the corona, or circle of stamens, suggested the 'parted vesture' or the halo around his head, while others saw in it the crown of thorns, because the number of filaments, being 72, was the same as that which tradition ascribes to the thorny crown. The ten petals and sepals stand for the apostles present at the crucifixion (Peter and Judas being absent); the three-pointed leaves symbolize the Trinity, or the spear which pierced his side; the tendrils are the whips used in the scourging, and in the young seed pod was seen the sponge that was dipped in vinegar."

"The common name by which the flower, and indeed the whole genus Passiflora, is known was given by Giacomo Bosio, author of an exhaustive treatise on the Cross of Calvary. When, in 1610, a drawing of the blossom of Passiflora was brought to him in Rome by a Mexican friar, he found the flower so "stupendously marvelous" that he hesitated to mention it in his book. But after the first reports had been verified by other inhabitants of New Spain, he presented the Flos Passionis to the world as the "most wondrous example of the Croce Trionfante discovered in forest or field". Soon specimens of the flower itself were brought to Rome where miraculous cures were attributed to them. Today, regardless of any symbolism, it seems miracle enough to see this tropical flower blooming happily in a window with ice and snow outside."

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- means the Address is Uncertain because I did not hear from the person, or, as in two cases my card or letter was returned, address unknown. These two are Virgenmina Bobe, and Don and Thelma Sollenberger. I give their names so that any of you may help me in keeping the address list complete for the benefit of all. I expect most of you received announcements of the wedding of Don Sollenberger and Thelma Strite on August 25th at Hagerstown, Md.

Stan and Jean Harbison of both Castaner and El Guacio Projects have extended their welcome to any alumni to visit them whenever they are in the vicinity of East Haddam, Conn. where Stan has a church. He commutes to Yale Divinity School for his studies.

It has been good to hear from you folks again. Let us continue this with the February 1, 1949 issue. In fellowship, Cecil