

BETHLEHEM PA.  
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DEAR MARGE:

IT HAS BEEN SUCH A LONG TIME SINCE I HAVE WRITTEN A LETTER THAT I SCARCELY KNOW HOW TO BEGIN. SO IF I RAMBLE AROUND A BIT DON'T MIND IT.

LOTS HAVE HAPPENED SINCE YOU LEFT US IN 1945 AND THE BIGGEST THING IS THE BUILDING OF THE NEW OFFICE ON 8<sup>TH</sup> AVENUE. I WAS FORTUNATE ENOUGH TO GET PICTURES OF IT FROM THE PUBLICATIONS DEPARTMENT SO I HAVE ENCLOSED THEM. YOU WILL NOTICE THAT OUR NEW ADDRESS IS NORTH BLDG. 8TH. AVE. ROOM A 168. SEE BOOKLET FOR OUR OFFICES.

Plenty of CHANGES HAVE TAKEN PLACE AROUND HERE ALSO. FOR "BOB" SMITH ONE OF OUR BOYS WHO BECAME HEFTY ALTOEFFER'S ASSISTANT AS SUPERVISOR OF PAYROLLS TOOK HIS PLACE WHEN HEFTY DIED LAST SUMMER. BOBBY CONOVER WAS MADE ASSISTANT TO DICK FISHER WHEN WHITEY GRAF RETIRED AND DIED TWO YEARS AGO. I WAS BY-PASSED AS I ONLY HAVE 7 MORE YEARS BEFORE RE-TIRING.

MORE OF YOUR FRIENDS WHO HAVE PASSED AWAY ARE HORACE GRIM, JUST LAST WEEK AFTER GOING INTO RETIREMENT TWO YEARS AGO. ALSO "RIP" VAN BILLIARD'S MABEL.

CHARLEY GILBERT, CHAS SNYDER, JOHN OTROSINO "JUNNIE" HAAS, WARREN FRITZMAN AND FRANK ALBERT RETIRED IN THE PAST 3 YEARS. "REDS" BAMFORD WILL RETIRE IN JUNE.

JOHN SCHULTHEIS BECAME CASHIER LAST FALL WHEN HERB WEISEL RETIRED. HARRY DRY ALSO RETIRED BUT PASSED AWAY 1 YEAR LATER.

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REGGIE WEIERBACH AND BOB HANDIS ARE ON OUR SICK LIST AT PRESENT AND NEITHER ARE IN GOOD SHAPE.

WE HAVE 46 EMPLOYEES IN OUR DEPARTMENT AT PRESENT WITH PAUL HANDIS AND MYSELF HAVING CHARGE OF PIECEWORK AND PAYROLLS. EARL ROTH ALSO PASSED AWAY FROM A HEART ATTACK TWO YEARS AGO. HARRY HEAR STILL HAS CHARGE OF THE SETTLEMENT SECTION INCLUDING SOCIAL INSURANCE AND SUB PAYROLLS. HARRY WERST AND HARRY NELSON HANDLE THE SALARY PAYROLL. THE TOTAL FORCE OF THE WORKS ACCOUNTING DEPT. IS ABOUT 275 WHICH INCLUDES COST, TABULATION, TIMEKEEPERS, WEIGHMASTERS AND OUTSIDE COST UNITS.

THIS WILL GIVE YOU SOME IDEA OF TODAY AND 18 YEARS AGO WHEN YOU LEFT FOR THE MOUNTAINS.

AND NOW A FEW THINGS ABOUT THE KAUMANS. OLIVE AND I, OUR 13 CHILDREN AND 36 GRAND CHILDREN ARE FINE AND OUR FIRST GRAND CHILD IS 5 1/2 MONTHS OLD. OUR SON REIFF III PASSED AWAY 4 YEARS AGO BY HIS OWN HAND I AM SORRY TO SAY.

OLIVE STILL LIKES TO BOWL BUT HER BINGO IS LOUSY. SHE BOWLS FRIDAY NIGHT IN THE STEEL LEAGUE AND HAS 3 DAUGHTERS IN THE LEAGUE WITH HER. SHE ALSO BOWLS TUESDAY NITE AT HUNGARIAN HALL WITH THE SOUTH SIDE WOMEN.

I AM ALSO KEPT BUSY AS SECRETARY OF THE JEFFERSON DEMOCRATIC CLUB AND FINANCIAL SECRETARY OF THE UNITED NORTHAMPTON FEDERATION OF CLUBS. MORE ABOUT US LATER.

MUST QUIT NOW AS I AM AT THE BOTTOM OF THE SHEET.

YOURS

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