

*Dale and Virginia Leipper*  
**Book of Memories**

*Message from  
Bob and Betty Baecht*

April 22, 1992

Dear Bryan,

I am sorry that we will be unable to attend the 50th wedding anniversary of Virginia and Dale. I am also sorry that I have been so slow in responding to your request for information for the "memory book."

Actually I did not have much contact with Virginia in the early years. My folks would often visit with the parents of Virginia & Dorothy but my sister, Frances, Dorothy and Virginia were not very interested in the bothersome small male child.

In later years (1942) I graduated from high school and went almost immediately into the Merchant Marines and spent the war years at sea. After the war I married a gal from Kansas City and lived there for a year or so. I think that shortly after the war Virginia and Dale went to Texas and most of the time after I returned to San Diego Virginia and Dale no longer lived there.

However, there are a couple of memories that might be of slight interest. I recall that in the "tough" thirties, the Harrisons had moved to a small "ranch" between San Diego and Alpine and I remember Uncle Bryan milking the cow and squirting the milk into our mouths.

I can also remember the Harrisons visiting us when we lived in the Mojave desert at Hinckley. This was in 1929 or '30. On one occasion Uncle Albert (Virginia's and my uncle, Aunt Jo's brother) who had become involved with the Jehovah's Witnesses, came to the desert in a big, black car that had loudspeakers on the roof. He was witnessing for his religious organization. He plugged the loudspeaker system into an outlet at the school so that he could preach "the word." Immediately it blew a fuse in the school's electrical system so they inserted a penny under the fuse so that he could continue with his preaching.

A couple of other "adventures" come to mind that perhaps Virginia would remember better than I since I was very young at the time. One is in regard to a trip the Baecht Family and the Harrison family took in Northern Arizona around Cameron near the Grand Canyon. Traveling in convoy over what was then a dirt road and very desolate, Uncle Bryan hit a rock that bounced up and put a hole in the oil pan of his car. While he patched with chewing gum or something, my parents drove many miles to the nearest gas station to replace the oil in the Harrison car.

The other incident concerns a lightning storm when both families were camped on the 40 acres that my folks had homesteaded near Flagstaff, Arizona. As I remember, lightning struck a tree which fell and damaged the Harrison's car.

Through the years we had little contact with the Leipplers. However, a few years ago (about 10 or 12!) my wife, Betty, and I visited Uncle Bryan in Chloride, AZ where he had retired after Aunt Jo died. Virginia and Dorothy both came to Chloride while we were there and we had a nice visit. I believe Dorothy then lived in Kingman.

A couple of years ago Dale and Virginia visited us here in Montana with their Airstream trailer and we had a chance to reminisce a little about the past and our early lives - a very enjoyable visit!

While thinking about this 50th Anniversary, I recalled having a newspaper clipping which appeared in the San Diego Union July 12, 1966. It tells of Virginia's great grandfather, Herman Baecht, and his efforts to settle in Olivenhain near Encinitas, CA, in the mid 1880's. If Virginia and Dale do not have this newspaper article, I thought it might be interesting for their "Memory Book."

At any rate we wish Dale and Virginia Leipper a very happy 50th Anniversary and hope they will have many more.

With best wishes,

*Bob & Betty*

Bob and Betty Baecht

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for you

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to express:

May your future just  
"sparkle"

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Aunt Jane

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Dear Bryan:

It will take a little time to dig up a photo for your Dad & Mom's memory book. However, I will send the following textual material:

Dear Dale & Virginia:

Congratulations on being able to celebrate a happy and well-earned 50th Wedding Anniversary!

Bartie and I owe a lot to you two and we look back with fondness on those years we collaborated together--at UCLA in 1942-1943, the happy news that you and I (plus Crowell, Olson, et al) would be brand-new second lieutenants studying under Sverdrup at Scripps in mid-1943, and the evolutionary year spent in your fledgling Department of Oceanography at Texas A&M in 1952-53. During those years, your babies appeared, as did ours, so it was always fun comparing notes in that regard too.

Anecdotally, the worst three hours ever spent in your company was in April, 1953 after my doctoral committee rejected my dissertation on "Delta Theory" as too long. Fortunately, you and Dr. Armie Price were able to come up with a compromise over the dinner hour which let the "book" be accepted after all. Its vindication, of course, came later that year when the concept won the President's Award of the American Association of Petroleum Geologists, as well as led to my being facetiously called "Delta Bates"! Certainly that recognition confirmed that YOUR Department of Oceanography was going to become famed through the Southwest--and it did! Not at all bad for a first try and definitely vindicated in part Dr. Jakkula's faith in you despite Dean Trotter's high coefficient for worrying!

HAPPY ANNIVERSARY--with many more fine years to come!

*Bartie*  
*Charlie*

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Army Air Force officers assigned to Scripps Institution of Oceanography in mid-1943. Left to right: Lieutenants *H. G. Venn*, *John C. Crowell*, *Timpson*, *Redfield*, *Charles C. Bates*, *R. S. Klopper*, Professor *Harald U. Sverdrup*, *Cletus J. Burke*, *J. Armstrong*, *G. S. Holliday*, *E. Yale Dawson*, Dale F. *Leipper*, and *Boyd E. Olson*. (Courtesy of SIO.) (Names in italics are wave forecasters.)

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*Harriet Cross*



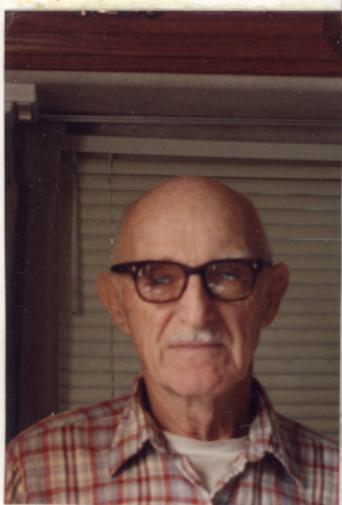
*With happy thoughts  
and a  
shower of good wishes!*



*Mrs LANG*



With this remembrance  
Come wishes, sincere,  
For a shower  
of happiness  
Year after year!  
Best wishes  
- Mary



May 15, 1992

Dear Dale and Virginia,

**CONGRATULATIONS ON YOUR FIFTIETH WEDDING ANNIVERSARY!!!**

Unfortunately there is a conflict between your celebration and the MBCU rally at Pinnacles. You understand that I must be there. Hopefully you can join us with the caravan at Zion in a few days. We will all celebrate there with you.

I'm reminded of the special time in 1980 when I joined the Monterey Bay Unit after having been in the Santa Clara Unit for many years. What a change! Dale, I think you were President. Anyway, you welcomed me into a really friendly group! For example, Dale, you would begin each meeting with a joke of sorts. That set the tone for the entire rally.

Then, you both invited me to have lunch with you in Bambi L. That was a most enjoyable experience!

That friendly and informal pattern has continued to be the way that the Monterey Bay Unit continues to function although you used up all the jokes. It is fun to come to meetings, go on caravans, be a part of a truly exceptional group, and I attach your names, Dale and Virginia, to these experiences.

Again, CONGRATULATIONS!

Most sincerely,

Jack Benjamin

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