

*Dale and Virginia Leipper
Book of Memories*

Jim and Pat Monahan



Fiftieth Wedding Anniversary

May 14, 1992



LETPPERS' ARRIVAL AT DAVENPORT

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Vance and Barbara Moyer



210 W. North Ave.
Bryan, TX 77801
April 17, 1992

Dear Virginia and Dale,

We are sorry that we cannot shake the dust (it's more like mud right now) of Bryan/College Station to share the celebration of your Golden Wedding Anniversary in Reno on May 16th. We were not sorry to have joined the Department of Oceanography and Meteorology in 1958. Remember those O&M Wives' Club parties? And the annual Christmas bashes, MC'd by Pieter Groot?

O&M was a good department—because Dale was a good Department Head, the best under whom we ever served. We hope that ten years from now we will be able to make a contribution to the memory book for your Diamond Jubilee.

Barbara and Vance Moyer

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B1 Neighbours



First memory? Best memory? Most wonderful time together? Deepest insight? Best thing I learned from Virginia and Dale? Favorite token of their esteem?

There are so many things I could write about my friends. But the best thing I can write or think or say, as the bottom line, is that Virginia and Dale are my friends.

Virginia and I have shared a peck, nay a bushel, of various kinds of adventures, in Girl Scouting, in living through the strains of life, in quilting, in pack-ratting, in exploring the desert and the mountain. Virginia has let me come into her life sufficiently that her husband has become my friend. More than the big sister and big brother I always wanted, they have been my friends.

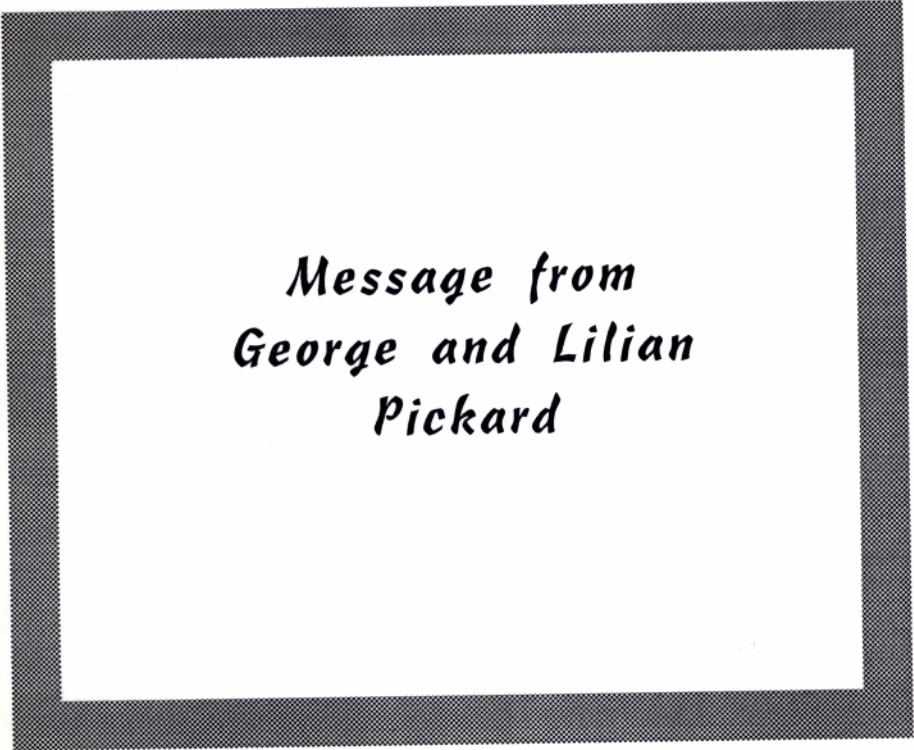
I remember such a long list of great events and happenings, but the one thing I treasure most is something I didn't see myself -- although I can picture it most exactly in my mind: during the Great Earthquake of October, 1989, Anita and Dale ran outside of the house, but Virginia, who has her priorities well in order, rushed to the hallway of the house on Hidden Hills Road and exerted all her strength to hold up the china cabinet with her family china, her collected china teacups and saucers, her Waterford crystal given her by her kids. (Hers = theirs.) A few things, alas, were broken, but the greater part of the treasures of the Leippers owe their existence today to her brave fortitude and strong muscles. She's my hero, she's my friend! And I love them both, completely. Long may they wave!

A handwritten signature in cursive script, reading "Betty Jane Neighbours". The signature is written in dark ink and is positioned above the printed name.

Betty Jane Neighbours

Monterey, California
April, 1992

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Message from
George and Lilian
Pickard

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Dr. & Mrs. Dale F. Leipper,
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27 April 1992

Dear Dale & Virginia,

First we send our felicitations on your attaining your Golden Wedding anniversary in May this year. On the occasion of ours in 1988, our daughter Ann collected an incredible number of letters and pictures from our friends right back to pre-wedding days when we were at Oxford, and we enjoyed being brought up to date on their lives, particularly those whom we had not seen for some time. Ann even managed to persuade Lilian's bridesmaid to make the trip from England for the occasion!

Dale - our contact must go back to my time at La Jolla just after Sverdrup's. I had been co-opted into the field by Jack Tully of the former P.O.G., had got my feet wet with a couple of cruises up here, and went to Scripps to learn more from faculty and students there. We (Lilian and children Ann and Andrew) enjoyed our stay there, when the Institution was small enough that I soon knew everyone on a first name basis - I will always remember the sandwich lunches on the small lawn beside Sverdrup Hall.

I have always been glad that I got into the field in its relatively early stages so that I got to know most of the North American oceanographers, and many others, personally in a few years. Not so easy to do this these days! Also I have appreciated the opportunities to travel widely. Fortunately Lilian has never complained about my going off on cruises and to meetings, leaving her to cope with the family.

I well remember my short visit to Texas A. & M. in 1958, as part of a tour to visit several of the few oceanographic institutions in North America in those days. You, Dale, picked me up on arrival and you and Virginia entertained me to supper after I had visited another Canadian expatriate (Hugh McLellan) in the afternoon.

Again, our very best wishes to you both - now you will be joining us in aiming for the next one, the Diamond Anniversary.

Yours very sincerely,

George & Lilian

George & Lilian Pickard.

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*John, Christy and
William Rachuy*



On the occasion of your Fiftieth Wedding Anniversary:



Spring Season, May of 1980,
Frank and Sherry Snyder of McCarthy Road,
Introduction to Dr. Dale and Virginia Leipper of
11532 Hidden Hills Road, Abberly the Dowg, miniature roses
in brush along front walkway, Tiger, houseplants, antique
piano, woodburning stove and pancake breakfast, more house-
plants, sliding glass door onto deck, rolling hills, oak trees, lichen,
spanish moss blowing in the breeze, poison oak, wild oats growing
tall, the corral, tack room with windows, birds of the air, young
pine trees, cool temperatures, squirrels, bobcats, corral gate, "Gem
Leaves in Valley Beside," setting the dinner table, the pattern design
of the plate goes up, antique baking hutch, flour bin, bird
feeder outside kitchen window, birdwatching, a titmouse, toaster-
oven, toast, kitchen table, washing dishes, carrot bread, carrot cookies,
carrot meatloaf, carrot salad, carrot juice, carrots, more carrots from

carrot studies by Agricultural Extension, Lettuce, twenty-four heads of lettuce in a box, lettuce loopers, lettuce-have-some-more-carrots!, potatoes, peeling 360 potatoes a week at work to count! "potato tubermoths," Farm Advisor's Technician Aide, Salinas, "chopping cotton," Salinas Valley wind, straw hat, more carrots, more loopers, "Oh, my gracious! Spuds, spuds, spuds at work -- they're multiplying on their own!", my Uncle Cliff once said to me, "I hope I never catch you peeling a sack of potatoes!" He had gone a year, or three, at San Quentin, and now you know his job in the prison kitchen -- and Elrush, too boot...., afternoons riding Evening, Abbey accompanying, many trails and lovely adventures of exploring the hills, the "Wild Man," earthworms homegrown up the street, the neighborhood riding stable, old swing in a tree, Dale moving alfalfa hay, the International, Good Sam Club, Girl Scouts, B.G., sewing room, Virginia's creative projects, her enjoyable wit and humor, beautiful and kind face, Naval Postgraduate Academy, birthday dinner, environmental pollution conference, a beautiful ballroom, fog studies, volkswagon oceanography department at Texas A and M, the Dick and Georgine Farble Family, "Summer's Evening," laundry room, Bounce Fabric Sheets, the pantry, poetry, homebaked bread, Monterey Fairgrounds Annual Rummage Sale, Laureles Grade, Laguna Seca, the wharf, Highway 68, Pebble Beach, the Seventeen Mile Ride, the ocean, sea otters, seals and sand, the Lone Pine, Carmel Valley, summertime, autumn, the white cadillac, the unique lady who lived downstairs,

Virginia's Father, Anita, Bryan, Janet, Diane, October 3rd,
Bakersfield, chopping more cotton...

Annual Christmas correspondence and photographs, special
days of the year September 8th and February 1st.

May your Fiftieth Wedding Anniversary be filled with
your children, grandchildren, family and friends, and,
most of all, each other. Congratulations to you on
this very special celebration day of Saturday, May 16th,
1992!



All my love and gratitude,



Christy (McCormick) Pachay
John,
William,
Evening,
Galilee, and,
Annah the Cat