

Feb. 9th 1946

Dear Paul:

Just a line, I wrote you and Frank a letter the other day, but this is to go personally. I do appreciate the fact that you took out your insurance in my favor, it was very thoughtful of you and both mother and I felt it was a very nice thing to do. thanks.

Today I mailed Mother an amethyst ring a dinner ring, it is her birth stone (February) I could not get gold one so got a sterling silver not an expensive ring, but she had wanted **one** for some time and expected it Xmas, but I was unable to get it, I don't know if she will like the silver but it was all I could get and it was Valentines Day and I thought I would remember her as I think she was disappointed Xmas.

I hope you are still going to church and try to get Frank to go do, don't antagonize him, but suggest it, eventually that is the place to meet the better class people.

I am still doing a bit of studying for my in dispensing, and hope you are keeping at yours.

Love Dad

Addressed To: Mr. Paul E. Pentz
20 B _____ Ave.
Toronto, Ontario

Return Address:
I. F. Pentz
Shubenacadie
Nova Scotia

Letter was mailed in St. John, New Brunswick and was written on Admiral Beatty Hotel stationary.

June 20th 1947

Dear Paul

It 'was nice of you to remember me for Father's Day, I was pleased and surprised to receive your present. And Yardley is the kind I would have bought. I just finished my shaving cream (soap) a couple of days earlier and my talcum was about gone also my lotion, but Frank and Mother gave me a bottle too, but lotion goes fast and I can use the both bottles, thanks.

I was pleased that you were thinking of taking up Commerce and Finance, even if you do take your other course this study will not do you any harm and will I am sure advance you at your work and you can study at your convenience and not have to reach for the dead line i.e. school at a certain hour or to get to a class at night so many evenings a week, nevertheless one should set a certain time to study **and so many** hours each day. I believe after you got under way and found how you could use what you learned in your company, you would better see why I advised you to take this course on.

We are doing fairly good with our Wholesale and Frank is doing better all alone. Of course it will take a couple of years to build the business to a good paying proposition, but we are on our way.

Regarding the new car, we would not be able to take it on now because we must have a panel truck and as soon as we can get it and can't take on the two cars will have to sell our Sedan when we buy the panel car. It was nice of Edsel to try to get us a car and a new one too, but we find after getting started that it is a panel truck we need and not a sedan. After awhile we hope to be able to get a Sedan and by that time we hope to be in a position to use both cars.

Business in the Drug Store is keeping up in fact we are a lot over last year and this is a job in itself I get up at about 6:30 each day and close the store at nine at night. By doing this I am able to attend to the two places.

Both Mother and I are in good health and of course is Frank but it is hard on them to get up early in the morning and I get all ready to go down stairs and then call them if they are not up. Week ends is the sleeping in time.

I must close now, thanks again for the present and I will be anxious to hear what you decide about your studies. Now is the time to study when one is young.

Love Dad

Addressed To: Mr. Paul E. Pentz
45 Beech Ave.
Toronto, Ontario

From: Box 68
Shubenacadie
Nova Scotia

Collingwood, Ont
April 17 1949

Mr. Paul E. Pentz
45 Beech Ave.
Toronto, Ontmio

Dear Paul: :

Well this is Easter Sunday and I expect you were to church, although I did not go, had a sore throat and a heavy cold ever since I came up here, but it is about all over now, still I cough a bit and did not think I should go to church, but stayed home and wrote letters. It is a little difficult to start writing again, for as you know Mother did all the letter writing while I was in Shubenacadie and I guess before that too.

Well I have completed my first two weeks work and find I can handle the job O.K. but believe me I get awful tired, but think after I get hardened up more I will stand the job better. I only had a part of an afternoon off and evening, because one of the girls were sick and Mr. Ellis don't spend much of the time, except evenings, in the store, and of course mealtime course leaves me quite a responsibility and he does a very good business. There are two girls and Mr. Powell, former drug Manager for Eatons (Toronto) retired, who comes in twice a week, but from now on will only come once, the day Mr. Ellis has off.

We worked Good Friday evening i.e. Mr. Ellis and I and this together with yesterday's business gave us \$543.35 so you can understand that there is no time lost and no time to sit down. As he expressed it, this was regular Xmas business. If the other Druggist do as much business as this man there is room for an extra drug store here. But ~ don't intend to start one for awhile yet here or any other place, I intend to look around and make sure, when and where I would like to live and a lot of other things At any rate I don't want a large city, with rents so high that one has to do a tremendous business to make any money. Still I can't go too long as I am getting a bit old and must get settled some time in the very near future earning money for others with my druggist diploma and getting a very small portion of same don't appeal to me. and it was a big mistake in the first place to sell my stores water under the bridge)

As I wrote Frank, it was grand to see you fellows again and was sorry about Frank's back it rather spoiled his time with us Sunday. It was also nice to hear you talk regarding business, and you must never stop until you have completed your course, you have no idea just how much more intelligent your conversation is and how much more your conversation appeals to others. So by all means sacrifice your pleasures and complete this course it is going to be hard, very hard. I know I went through it too, but the results will be so gratifying in after life and you are very young yet.

I also wrote Frank about some of these weeks you two coming up to Collingwood long weekend, holiday etc. I have no place yet for you but can look around and find a place, some tourist home etc. should be plenty here.

I must close for now. I want you to write me, your plans and purposes and to see you again soon.

Love Dad

Return Address: P. W. Pentz

Collingwood, Ont
June 21 1949

Dear Paul:

I was talking to the man who tests for Auto driving and he says one must receive his permit where he lives, but I arranged with him to have your residence with me here for the present, therefore don't take out your beginners license until you come up here as place of residence is also on same, but you can get your drivers license the next day if necessary, one don't have to wait for 6 weeks, but you must say you are living with me in Collingwood, and don't mention to him any difference as he don't want to hear it from you while he is making or testing you. I think it is better for you to take the test up here, don't you?

I was very much pleased to receive your nice letter yesterday and thank you for the renewal of the Life magazine.

I had the brakes fixed on the car and a patch on the back seat, the patch cost only \$2.00 and he did a grand job on it. Now I am waiting for seat covers. have them ordered. so I think the car will be quite presentable when you come up.

How are you standing this awful hot weather? It must be more in Toronto than here.

I hope Frank gets his position with Coca Cola.

Well I'll be seeing you again soon.

It is hard to write as my arm keeps sticking to the table and it is hot too.

Love Dad

Addressed To: Mr Paul E. Pentz
45 Beech Ave.
Toronto, Ontario

Return Address: F. W. Pentz
Collingwood
Ontario

Collingwood, Ont
July 31. 1949

Dear Mum:

Lost my good pen, left it in P. Office and walked out came back shortly afterwards but it was gone.

Paul arrived today Sunday at 5.20 pm was coming up in a car but missed connections Saturday. He is staying here with me and as we were driving around after supper we decided to go to Eappanee as Monday is civic holiday and I have Tuesday afternoon and evening off I say Mr. Allen and got Tuesday morning off too so phoned Edsel and tomorrow early we will be on our way will get back Tuesday night and ready for work Wednesday morning.

Well Mum it was just too hot to write even Thursday hot Sunday it turned cooler and today is just right temperature. It was so hot and humid that I was all chaffed around my neck from swet but as I said before I don't seem to mind the heat as much as the other people in the store and now that it is over for the time being I don't feel any the worst.

I think you had better hand _____ note to the bank for collection and I will also write him a stiff letter. Keep the letter from Ontario Tobacco Co as your authority for returning the tobacco. It was a good stroke of business. thanks.

I am glad you notified us about Paul's birthday I did not know when it was and never thought about it. I'll get him a sports shirt like I gave Frank but would have gotten it Saturday but did not know his size, Thanks again.

Tell Frederick Reid there is no Lions Club in Collingwood and I am sorry but he will have to cancel my membership until I return to Shubenacadie again. Do this and make the Club all happy.

I didn't know regarding Blue and it is \$16.00 and I can't find out about it up here. I think it is more or less a Provincial affair that is for each Province and I think if we pay it I would like to have a letter and receipt for the Monctor Office to show if it were necessary to use it up here a written receipt receipt is no good and must be on the Blue and forms.

Tell Mao \$13,000 is too much money and if he gets an archeteot to give him a bill of materials he oan price the goods and get it done bycontract labor. That is for labor only and I know it will cost so muchess that it will surprise him. Or enlarge the store he has on the property for the time being. But don't lay down and groan and say whats the use we cant afford it. I know it can be built for around 7500.00 I had a builder up here figure it out, in a rough way at so much a I ft.

Well Mum we will be getting up early tomorrow so must close now
night

Love
Bill

Addressed to: Mrs. F. W. Pentz
Shubenacadie
Hants Co.
N. S.

Return Address: Pentz
67 Fourth St.
Collingwood, Ont.

Sunday, July 31/49
Collingwood

Dear Mother:

Well here I am in Collingwood with a week's holiday ahead of me.

Friday night Al, Warren and I all went to the Brant Inn at Burlington to celebrate my birthday and a good time was had by all--we didn't get home until 4:00 a.m. Saturday morning I was supposed to get a drive up here Saturday but missed it for some reason so I played tennis from noon until eight o'clock at night so I didn't mind.

Dad met me at the bus this afternoon and after supper we just drove and drove much to my extreme delight. It was a real treat to be driving again and I don't think Dad could have given me a nicer birthday present than the use of his car up here for my holidays. The car is running great now it stalled on me several times during my last visit but when it happened when Dad was driving he had it fixed immediately.

I am sitting here now in Dad's room. I am going to stay here at the house during my holidays and will be sleeping out in the porch where it will be nice and cool. I plan to concentrate on a nice tan, get plenty of fresh air and a lot of swimming which I haven't been able to do in Toronto. This letter isn't constructed very well but I wish you could see some of the letters I write at the office I thought the office manager might want to change them but he lets me have a free hand.

I am pretty tired right now as I had to rush through my work at the office and do quite a lot of night work to get ready to go on my holidays. I am a little disappointed that you are not here as I was hoping you would be by the time my holidays rolled around but as long as you promise to spend some time with me in Toronto when you come up I will be happy.

I am hoping to meet some people up here who play tennis as I am really fond of the game but then again on your holidays they say you should do something entirely different. Dad just read me a line from Betty's letter saying Bunny ran off twice back to the apartment, pretty oute eh! Well Mother, before I close I want to thank you very ~~very~~ much for the swell birthday present you sent me. Dad is going to get me a sport shirt tomorrow so things will be looking up in the shirt department. Will drop you a oard in a few daye. Keep out of the sun and don't drink too much ice tea at those afternoon hen parties.

Your loving son,
Paul

Sunday
Collingwood

Dear Mother:

Dad sees to it that I write you a letter although I haven't even 60 much as sent a post card to any of my friends in Toronto

My holidays are rapidly coming to a close, the week seemed to go by awfully fast. I have enjoyed it up here and especially the car trip down to Napanee. We arrived there shortly after lunch and while Dad took a little nap Edsel, Frank, Bunny and I went swimming. Dad was pleased to see the baby and Bunny again. We didn't have any trouble with the car and we made better time coming back than going up.

It certainly is good news to hear you expect to be able to make the trek back to the promised land very shortly. Dad says he is going to speak to newspaper editor about apartments or houses for rent and perhaps in the future get first crack at them. Anyway I imagine you will want to spend a few days with Edsel and a few more with Frank and myself in Toronto so there is still quite a while yet to go before things get too pressed for time. You'll have to excuse my writing but a week's lay-off and a giggly table doesn't help things.

Dread the thought of going back to work. The Office Manager takes his holidays the end of this month and I assume I will be carrying all if not most of the load. It will be good experience for me but just the same in this hot weather I would prefer to take it easy. I've got a lot of studying to do from now on but they say nothing is worth while unless you work for it. I just hope my raise comes through pretty soon, nothing is quite so encouraging as a increase in salary.

Surprisingly I didn't get too much of a tan but the **week has** been a lazy one for me. Like any holiday though I will take a little rest when I get back to Toronto and readjust myself. Dad has all day Sunday off so I stayed here instead of going back today but I think perhaps I will take a morning or early afternoon ~~but~~ I want to have time to unpack and wash a couple pairs of socks.

Dad got me a swell sports shirt which was something I was short on. He has hardly let me pay for anything while I've been here so I will be going back with more money than expected. Frank forgot about my birthday but I didn't mind as he was at Edsel's place and he always enjoys himself so much up there he forgets about everything else. This is all for now Mother, will write you from Toronto soon.

Your loving son,
Paul

Sunday
Collingwood Ont
Aug. 7. 1949

Bear Mom:

Paul is still with me but will be going home tomorrow and I think he has enjoyed his week here. He like driving the car around and has enjoyed the beach and dances but I'll let him tell his story to your himself.

We had a grand time at Edsel's it was about 214 miles 8nd Paul drove all the way about 62 hours each way and the car ran fine all the way about 24 to 25 miles per gallon of gas and practically no oil. We found them all in great shape and Frank was there too. We were all together first _____ I came up here.

I am sending you snaps of _____ taken at picnic I told you about and the landing of the large boat 640 feet build here in Collingwood. They now are going to build a passenger boat and a tanker is to be build later, Two dry docks. We are also sending you a copy of our local paper. It has all the news re launching _____ etc.

Got back Tuesday about 9.30. and on Thursday we drove to Owen Sound for drive and to see the city, it isa nice place but we both like Collingwood better. So you see We have been kept busyand did not get time to write you sooner.

We were both glad to receive your short note and that all is well and that you are still carrying on and also that you think about Sept15§ _____ can be able to leave for Ontario

I am still feeling fineand the weather has moderated a bit but today it is again warm and humid,

I will let Paul finish the rest of the news, Hope you are feeling well 8nd I am glad Mrs. Smith a nd the rest of the folk are giving you car drives and entertaining you. We will all be glad when youcan be with us up here. Have not been able to get an apartment of _____ yet. Paul and I were out looking today, but what was offered would not appeal to you. but we will keep on trying.

Love Bill

Schumacher Ont
Sept. 25 1949

Dear Mum:

I got both your letters of Sunday and Wednesday to answer. I guess all mail comes by Air now as I got your Wednesday's letter Saturday and was glad to hear from you and also to know just how things were going and etc.

It was nice of you to have Mack up to dinner and I know he would appreciate it, we all have our faults by and large Mack is a good sort of a chap and I am very anxious that he gets along and with the sales as you say they are I know, if it does not get any lower, he can make the grade and make money too, with no rent to pay it to a darn good business. and if that fellow only charges \$45.00 a month to visit his store from time to time it would be a good investment and he can then be _____ and look after his business you said it would be only \$65.00 a month did you not? and Mack would have to advise the Society that he was employing the fellow so as to get his extra twice in. By the way, how much time does the Scot figure he must serve? but Mack must not tell anybody that he is not staying all the time, just say he is out or away for the day. Also, Cora can serve her extra twice under him and get her Certified Diploma too, I think it a grand idea. _____ to hope it worke out OK. Don't pay any attention to Mrs. Reid or anyone else remember Faulkner (Fred's boy) was selling insurance while he was serving his time and I guess Mack _____ it too.

So Fred Faulkner has purchased one of the McDonalds stores in Truro which one? his branch or the main store? and has moved to Truro too. I wonder if he left the Rational or is going to take the train each day.

It must be tough on Cora not having a girl and going back and fourth to the Bus Stop must keep them pretty busy

So Faulkner sent in \$19.99 was that for the goods he owed us for or was it on account of the merchandise sold and not remitted with a balance of (what did you say the balance was? if you get it that will be fine.

Now about Mahon what is his balance? keep after him. can't show any money now the way she acted.

About the Bettles book I can't recall getting a book from her. I think perhaps she is just throwing out a feeler for it wondering if it was me she gave it too. but I feel sure she never gave me any book at least I can't remember ever getting one from her. Sorry!

I guess the boxes at Brown's did need repacking. Give Mack any old springs etc one is a good one in back for Ches. the others fords springs he can use them or sell them. For I won't want them as I sold my car since I came up here. \$700.00 but it cost me \$50.00 for commission and I won't be having another for some time yet.

Don't worry about the sick man. I am not living in his apartment but the one next door. and the Store is to well aired to leave any bugs.

I was fighting a cold all last week but it is all well now. no cough this time. Used Penicillian's Horners and listerine three times a day and two aspirin each night with one _____ together with Benedryl capsules three times a day. Best cold cure I have found, taking all together.

I can't finish answering all your ~~Saturday~~ letter and the copies of letters you sent, but glanced over them and will write later as far as I can see you did fine and all are well worded, but I can't understand Mr. MacInnes letter. what about that? I dia enjoy reading Roy's letter though and it looks as if he has a good job.

This is noon hour Monday and I should be taking my nap as I generally do each

Schumaker Ont
Dec. 4. 1949

Dear Paul:

Just a note tonight. I have been on the rocks lately a bad cold for over a week and lots of trouble in the store with ~~Mrs~~ McNaughton resigned and _____ at least I hope to be with you all for Xmas.

Am hoping that next week will be my last week and I'll rest here a week in my Apt. before I panic and go to Toronto may have to ask you to find me a room too, one with cooking privileges if possible have had a great time doing my own cooking. lots of good pies and had a boiled chicken with dumplings today like we used to have home.

By the way don't forget watch look after it if you oan _____ I m y want to loose it. I'll pay you when I get to Toronto. I also think I will find a place nearer there I get lonesome for you boys and it is no fun up here alone even in a grand appt. that I have. I feel it better to be nearer ones folk.

Mother has written several times since she came to Toronto and is very pleased with the room you found for her.

I'll write you and Frank again as soon as I feel better. I have taken the whole day off as I did last Sunday since old cold

Remember me to all
Love
Dad

Addressed to: Mr. Paul E. Pentz
451 Beech Ave
Toronto Ont

Return address: F. W. Pentz
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Note: A picture of Ed and Bette was also in the envelope

280 Sydenham St.
Kingston, Ontario
Nov. 21st, 1950

Dear Paul:

Mother does the letter writing as a rule and this is business and I think I can express my thoughts better myself and I was so glad that you offered to loan me the \$500 I needed on the other deal that fell through and perhaps it was for the best as this deal I now have is 200% better than the one I was working on before.

I have not been able to find a job and it is getting on to two months I have had to lay off and with living costs as they are, you can guess what it is costing me

So I went ahead looking for a place to open up and have found the right place no Drug stores within 6 blocks a new sub-division with over four thousand population and 700 houses to draw from. a small store 13-30 feet in the centre of the subdivision where so many druggists wanted to open, but it was all restricted to residence this was the last place that a commercial store could be built and as I was always looking around I located it and have paid the first months rent \$60 for three months and \$70 from then on with a year lease with an option of five years more.

Edsel was here Sunday and is greatly taken with the location and the Ice Cream man was up to look it over today and said it was a grand opening and would put an ice cream freezer (cabinet) in free, if I bought the cream from their firm. Mother is also greatly taken with the location.

There are 350 war time housing houses built and occupied and another 350 better houses built selling at \$8,500 to \$13,000 and 25 to 30 more of such houses being built. It is a red location and no cheques being taken, it is there, That is the business and I am in on it and the only drug store.

I am depending on you to let me have the \$500 you were willing to let me have before so please don't let me down I can send you a note to discount or any way you feel it is the better way for you to raise the money. a part from sending me your cheque for it. Edsel is going to raise \$500 too and with this I c-n open up and have enough stock to do business with. After I am opened a while my credit standing will see me through and I pay pay you back in a much shorter time than I could have on the former deal I am depending on you to see me through and as the store rent starts December 1st I want to get in and started as soon as possible. It is a new store, near a new school house with sixteen rooms another 4 room school house 2 blocks away and the most of the children have to pass here or near the store. This will give Mother and me just what we have always wanted a good living and a sure business;

Frank I think is coming down Saturday and Edsel will be here too and will be making further plans as to when to open up.

Could you send the money soon. I must have it to plan right.

Mother sends her love too.

Dad

Addressed To: Mr. Paul E. Pentz
3015 Queen St. E.
Toronto Ontario

Return Address: F. W. Pentz
280 Sydenham St.
Kingston, Ont.

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280 Sydenham
June 14th (1950)

My Dear Paul --

Please don't think because I haven't written that I haven't been thinking of you. Besides saying a little prayer for you once and twice a day, I think of you as I am working, wondering what you are doing--wondering how your clothes are, etc. I feel so helpless in trying to help--that's the way Mothers are,--nothing gives them more pleasure than doing little things for those they love dearly, and especially for a son who we are so proud of and who is accomplishing so much and to have your clothes in order so that you can hop into them when you have every minute budgeted. Yes, Pet-- you have led an exceptional year and it's hard to believe possible your accomplishments have given me the pride and happiness that any Mother would be fortunate to enjoy and you are so young life is what we make it--if we haven't our Lords tried--It's made up with happiness and sorrow. We don't get anything for nothing either. Insults, disappointments or sorrow can't hurt us unless we let it, and a smile is one of the most priceless things on earth. It will make those who hate us, like us win friends and cheer those who are depressed. Don't be discouraged regarding your exams. As you say, it would be practically an impossibility to accomplish everything you set out to do in a year's time. Your promotion, your new work and holding such a responsible position meant definitely giving it prior attention out for time being perhaps after your holidays you can concentrate on your studies again but don't get discouraged cling to faith and do what you know you should do and you will come out on top. Am glad you are enjoying your tennis. It's good for you in so many ways.

Paulie, I want to write more but if I catch tonight's mail I must close.

Edsel was in at noon, says Blossom is at LaBelle Hotel here modelling. He was talking to her this morning. Says everybody likes her. She was enquiring about me.

Will write soon again. Good Night.

Dove Your Mom

Bleheim Jan. 9/67

To Bess' Boys and Girls whom she so truly loved.-

You all have lost a loving mother and we have lost a dear friend.

We had just entered our home and were still in our wraps when phone rang. We were arr Wed. from spending Xmas and New Yra. with Muriel. What a nice surprise to hear your mother's voice. We spoke briefly just making plane for her and Mae to come to supper the next day.

Thurs. a.m. the phone rang shortly after eight. Jack generally jumps and runs down the hallway to ~~the~~ kitchen. I've told him so often it is hard on his heart and if important it will ring again. Very soon it did and as he was still sleeping, after his long drive I answered and my friend Edith Linley said "Now this is going to be a shock" and she told me what had happened. We just hung up when phone rang again, the lady next to Mae who had called me before and then called Edith so we went up at once. We remained till Dr. Story called on his way from Chatham hospital as Mae had intended bringing your mother here and then going to the Dr. and some shopping. It had indeed been a shock to her but she had gained her composure and pressure was OK Then your cousin Bail and wife arr, and we left. We haven't been up since, but she tells me two of you boys were with her. It was no time for visiting but in near future when you do come again call and see us.

We enjoyed Edsel and Paul and felt so grateful to you for your kindnees to us in Toronto. As for Frank its been such a long time he no doubt has forgotten being at our ~~place~~ on the farm and going swimming with Muriel. Well I haven t forgotten you Frank but sorry never to see you. Let me add tho, that mother always wrote me of the lovely dinners prepared by her girls, of one eon who usually gave her Fri. night of the graduation and so many happy family affairs. Hence you are all blessed with fond memories and a blessed assurance of your mother's future-- she was a Christian lady and I'm pleased to have been counted as one of her friends. We've had many serious talks both at home and abroa and last summer at "Glen Home".

Cur kindest thoughts and prayers at this time.

Love Blanche

P.S. Have you an extra, rather recent, snapshot I'd appreciate it

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