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March

Twenty Nine

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Dear Bill:

I am sorry you couldn't come to the Izaak Walton League meeting here; I had hoped to be able to see you there. We just live too far apart, and I'm a very poor traveler. I don't believe I can figure on coming west this year, but have in mind to definitely plan for such a trip early next year, perhaps in January; and certainly, to see you and Mrs. Finley again is one of my cherished objectives.

I hope you have been well and will continue so. I am quite all right again, keeping myself occupied with this and that and a few other things. However, I haven't built up the resources for enjoyable and profitable time spending that have you, my friend.

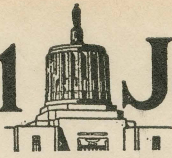
It is always nice to hear from you, and please remember that if there ever is anything in the world I can do for you, let me know; it will give me real pleasure.

Sincerely yours,



Mr. William L. Finley,  
Route 10, Box 910,  
Portland 2, Oregon.

# Capital Journal



Salem, Oregon

GEORGE PUTNAM  
Editor and Publisher

June 17/46

Dear Bill -

While I wish to congratulate you on attaining  
the years of discretion, I can see no reason for celebrating  
your decision to retire from your life-long and able  
leadership of wild life conservation throughout the  
Nation.

What will happen to the natural resources of  
Oregon without you to lead the long battle against  
wanton vandalism and destruction caused by greed and  
carelessness?

I can only hope that you will spend the next few  
years, which your absorbing interest in nature has devoted,  
to the long neglected conservation of our William L  
Finley, his health, welfare and happiness. It would  
amplify you to realize that you have left "a legacy  
so rare that even envy is compelled to pay the  
tribute of admiration"

Sincerely,  
George Putnam

J. M. Darling,

Dear Ding: Darling

Have just received a beautiful, big leather album full of letters from old friends saying a lot of nice things, ~~more than I deserved~~ more than I deserved and which embarrass me. I had to fight for conservation, and also I had to learn how. And now there is no time to learn any more. In your case, you had the tools, your clear speaking ability, your cartoons, newspapers by which you touched the whole country. Yes, we lost a few fights, but you will always go on, even after your seventieth birthday, which I didn't know was so close to mine. I hope it was a pleasant day for you.

The idea of the album and letters was Arthur and Phoebe's, and the letters that I received from friends were sent down to them at the Ghost Ranch. Most of them came to Irene, and when I received the album last Friday evening, I accused her of tampering with my mail, but she didn't seem worried.

I am sending you a birthday card, just a souvenir of the Arizona desert in the spring time - trips which we have missed so much during war time.

More happy fights for the cause:

Mon. Aug 9-1876

J. M. Darling - October 21-1876

Little over 2 months you were born

• Lot of

we have had lots of work in the early days and now it seems so different to me. We have a ten acre farm and I have lots of work and have been in good health but my mind

like to see you October 21 when you are 70 years old, but I can't get each Irene & I have so much work here on the farm and for 3 years we couldn't get anybody to live here or work.

August 13-1946

Hebe

Arthur H. Pack - Ghost Ranch

Abiquin

New Mexico

Dear Art & Phoebe

I had a big time here August 9 when I was 70 years old, a lot of my friends came here for my birthday. Irene gave me the big album you sent me. That is of great value of 46 letters that friends had wrote about me. Since I am old I keep thinking of the big time we had for many years but that has changed. My mind has changed and I wonder how long I am going to live. Instead of a naturalist I haven't been taking pictures or writing but I like to work as a farmer and have been in good health. I wish we could work at your big place, but I can't get anybody to live here.

I feel the greatest fight that we have is that <sup>that Congress</sup> the United State is not working for the benefit of the people of this nation. In regard to wild life Congress passed laws to protect birds and mammals but they never passed proper laws to protect fish. They had several laws <sup>in a year</sup> to stop the pollution of rivers <sup>by the people</sup> but none were passed.

Thanks to you & Phoebe for the fine album and letters from friends. Tell Charles & Vernon thanks for their letters. I hope you are all well and wish I could see them

Sincerely yours  
Bill T.

A  
Art

George Putnam, Editor, Capital Journal, Salem, Oregon

August 15, 1946

Dear George,

Received your letter of Aug 8 and thank you for the good picture you sent me. Glad you had a good fishing trip in Canada. ~~Had~~ Should like to go north with you but couldn't ~~go anywhere~~ the past three years. The can't get anybody to work or live here as we have a lot of work on this ten acre farm.

I had a big time here August 9<sup>th</sup> when I was 70 years old, a lot of friends came here for my birthday. As a naturalist and photographer I haven't been working as my mind has changed but as a farmer I have been in good health. I couldn't do anything like your big work in your journal. I keep thinking we have a big fight as I feel Congress is not working for the benefit of the people of this nation because they are in bad shape. In regard to wildlife Congress passed laws to protect birds and mammals but they were passed proper laws to protect fish. They had several laws for a year to stop the pollution of rivers for the people but none were passed. Hope you keep in good health.

Sincerely yours  
George Putnam

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August 18-1946

Dear Ding, J. N. Darling, 2320 Terrace Rd, Des Moines, Iowa.

I had a big time here August 9<sup>th</sup> when I was 70 years old, a lot of friends came here for my birthday. I was given some letters and got one of yours which showed you wrote me several months ago, April 10 when you ~~was~~ <sup>were</sup> in Florida. I wish I could have seen you. I used to go east every winter and I liked to <sup>see what you were working,</sup> work with you.

Irene and I have ~~ten~~ <sup>two</sup> acres here on the Willamette River and we have used this for 40 years. For (several) years we couldn't get anybody to ~~help~~ <sup>help</sup> us. Since my mind has changed I could ~~never~~ <sup>not</sup> work with you <sup>today</sup> but I like to work as a farmer and have been in good health. I wish you could see what I am doing.

It is queer now that we are getting <sup>old</sup> and I wish I could be at your birthday ~~August~~ <sup>party</sup> October 21 when you are 70 years old. I hope you keep in good health. I keep feeling that Congress is not working for the benefit of the people of this nation, and when it is changed I hope Irene and I can get east. Best wishes

Sincerely yours

Bill F.

Mr. Allan P. Matthew  
721 2th Alameda -  
Berkeley, California

Sept. 30 - 1946

Dear ~~Mr~~ Allan,

Although you wrote me a  
birthday letter several months ago,  
my wife hid it and she gave me this  
and a lot of other letters August 9th when  
I was 70. A lot of friends came here for  
my birthday. I worked as a naturalist  
photographer, lecturer and writer for 40 years  
but I can't do it now. My mind is so bad  
and I wish I could save it. We have a  
big house and 10 acres and I work  
as a farmer and have been in good  
health.

It seems queer that we are getting  
old and I wonder how long we can  
live. I keep thinking of when we were  
in the University of California and wish I  
could see you. Don't remember when you are 70  
years old.

We haven't been south for three years as  
we couldn't get anybody to live here. Hope  
I can get to Berkeley this winter to see you and  
Daisy, Bess, and Bob.

Sincerely yours  
Allan P. Matthew

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