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July 9, 1929

Dear Mr. Buck:-

*in salary,*  
*etc.*  
Gosh, I wish you were here. Miss Hanson of the personnel dept. just called up and wants the list of changes by tomorrow. You remember she told me the last time I talked to her that she didn't want it until the end of this month. However, I am going to fix it up and take it over tomorrow. Am also going to have Elizabeth Hedberg make out her personnel blank for I presume she will have to go into the retirement fund. I don't know whether to have Mr. Hodnefield sign it where you usually do or to sign it myself. I am enclosing herewith a blank check for you to sign, if you please. If I have to change her check I will have to change Mr. Schmahl's also.

Two newspapers have called up this morning to ask just when Mr. Blegen will be back, what boat he is sailing on, and whether they can reach him now by mail; also whether he is to come back to the Historical Society.

I am enclosing a letter from Mr. Willard. I have acknowledged it but thought possibly you would want it.

Hope you had a nice trip up there; it cleared off nicely here yesterday and today is wonderful.

The article for Mr. Ford is finished and I shall get it off today. The dues are coming in faster than I can take care of them. I sent down over five hundred this morning and that was just for last week. We have quite a lot now but don't know how much, as I have just begun to make out the receipts.

I told you I expected to sweat blood as soon as you left and I have begun today.

Sincerely

*Mary E. Palmer*

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July 10, 1929

Dear Mr. Buck:-

Here's another, but not such a wail as before. I have taken the list of changes in personnel and salaries over to the Dept. and an application for the retirement fund for Elizabeth Hedberg to the secretary in the auditor's office. The deduction is to be made from her check this month, so I will have to make that change in the salary list. Guess it is going to be all right now.

Am also enclosing a couple of letters to you. I have acknowledged the one from Mr. Perkins.

Am also enclosing a copy of a letter received this morning. After talking with Mr. Chatelain and Mr. Babcock, I called the lady over the phone and denied any responsibility or backing by the M.H.S. I have also sent copies of the letter to the Civic & Commerce Association and to the St. Paul Association. They may not be able to do anything, but Mr. Babcock says they have a "fraud list." Mr. Babcock also suggested that we send a notice to the newspapers stating that these men have no connection whatever with us. What do you think of that? This is about the fourth instance that we know of in Minneapolis but I only know of one in St. Paul.

Everything is going on smoothly here. Today is a perfect summer day.

Sincerely

*Mary E. Palmer*

Minnesota Historical Society

SAINT PAUL

SOLON J. BUCK  
Superintendent

July 15, 1929

Dear Mr. Buck:-

You will be interested to know that the salaries went through all right and I have deposited yours this morning.

Much to my surprise and chagrin (for I should have looked the checks over) you overlooked signing the check for Miss Virtue. I suppose it stuck to the back of Mr. Babcock's. I only got those signed by Mr. Ingersoll this morning for he has been away, too. He signed the one for Miss Virtue and I am sending it on to you for your signature.

He inquired about you and I told him about our plans for the committee meeting and they met with his approval. He asked me to send a notice to Mr. Upham although he thinks Mr. Upham is to be away. He agreed to have the meeting in the afternoon around three, so that is taken care of.

Hope you are having a good rest, and cool weather for the comfort of all of you. It was very nice yesterday and is pretty good today, but from Wednesday to Saturday of last week, the heat was almost unbearable. We are hoping it does not get so hot again.

Best regards to Mrs. Buck, the infants and yourself.

Sincerely

*Mary E. Palmer*

Minnesota Historical Society

SAINT PAUL

OLON J. BUCK  
Superintendent

July 17, 1929

Mr. Solon J. Buck  
Stony Point  
Battle Lake, Minnesota

Dear Mr. Buck:-

I hunted all around here yesterday for copies of the papers to send to Mr. Perkins; found the one sent to the National Geographic but not the other, so I went to your house last night and found it right off. Made a copy this morning and both copies are on their way now.

I had a nice visit with your mother, too; it was nice and cool at your house, a wonderful breeze at the time I was there. It was terrifically hot during the day and is today. It certainly takes all the pep out of one. Your fear is well-grounded regarding the heat.

Have sent off the manila cards and tried to get Mice Eayres but haven't been able to do this afternoon; will try in the morning. However, I think she is send-your mail over for several letters have come already. I am enclosing one with this. I wouldn't send it but he wants to hear before the next session of summer school. I will also get in touch with Miss Blegen, although I rather think she understood that she was to come.

The Dispatch called me up again this morning to ask what boat Mr. Blegen was sailing on and from what port; what hour and almost at what minute he was expected to arrive in the Twin Cities.

We haven't had any rain since you left although Sunday was very cloudy. Have been expecting a big thunderstorm but it hasn't developed yet. Hope you continue to have good weather. Best wishes from the "Capitol Lunch Club." That is rather broken up just now; too many vacations. Sometimes just Arthur and I eat together and sometimes I am the only one. WMB has to go at twelve for a short time.

Sincerely

Mary E. Palmer

# Minnesota Historical Society

SAINT PAUL

SOLON J. BUCK  
Superintendent

P. S. I forgot to mention one thing and think I will copy the letter below. It is from Stafford King, Dept. Commander of American Legion

"I understand that Mr. Chatelain is your assistant, and I therefore write you to say that the Department of Minn. The American Legion must provide for itself a new Department Historian. Mr. Clarence Winter of Minneapolis who for several years has acted in that capacity is leaving the Department.

Both Mr. Lindell and I have known Mr. Chatelain for some time, have come in contact with him and admire him greatly, and respect his ability to serve in such capacity. Frankly, we feel that he would be willing to accept the position if such acceptance met with your approval, and I respectfully request that he be permitted to accept the position.

We of the Legion and our Auxiliary are 45,000 strong in Minn. and our Posts altogether number more than 700, of which over 400 are Legion Posts and the balance Auxiliary Units. The history of such an organization is, we feel, worth preserving, and we feel that a man with Mr. Chatelain's ability is well qualified to keep it.

Respectfully yours

(Signed)

Stafford King"

This letter came in this morning and I couldn't quite decide whether to write to him and tell him that Mr. C. was leaving or to tell him that you were away and would not be back for a couple of weeks, so I haven't done anything yet. Guess I will hold it till I hear from you.

M-E.P.

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January 5, 1932<sup>2</sup>

Dr. Solon J. Buck  
Historical Society of  
Western Pennsylvania  
Bigelow Blvd. & Parkman Ave.,  
Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania

Dear Mr. Buck:-

Hope you reached home all right and that you have got rested, for you certainly had a strenuous time. Wish we could have seen more of you down here, but shall hope for better luck next time. I am arranging in my mind (and it will materialize) a dinner for you and Mrs. Buck when you come through next summer.

I am enclosing a letter which came in a day or two ago as it belongs to you rather than to MHS.

Sincerely yours

*Mary E. Palmer*

Chief clerk

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August 12, 1931

Dear Mr. Buck:-

As usual before you leave town I have something to say or rather to show you, so I am enclosing a couple of letters that I think you may want to see. I have written a little note to each of these men saying that I am forwarding the letters to you.

You also had an application from a Miss Glotz for a clerical or stenographic position. I wrote to her that you were away and that she would probably not hear from you before you reached Pittsburgh. The Boyd confirmation came this morning too.

You had a most marvelous day to start off on and I hope the weather stays as fine all the time you are gone.

You know that although I don't think I am of a very jealous temperament, still I am jealous of Miss Mason. I don't want anyone else to work with you the way I have for all these years. Now you and Mrs. Buck will laugh, but that's all right -- I mean it, but I can laugh too.

Sincerely

*Mary E. Lijabuck*

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August 15, 1931

Dear Mr. and Mrs. Buck:-

I went over to your house last night for a little while and found everything all right. Mrs. Buck was down stairs, out by the back door, and Stephen was playing around there, but just out of sight. Ethel rang the bell for him and he came running up, with his little shy smile. I asked him if he knew who it was and he said yes. Your mother and I went around and sat on the front porch for a little while, with Stephen playing about there and I told him I was going to write to you people today and asked him to whom I should write. He said "Write to both of them," so here it is. Your mother said that he had been just a perfect child --happy from morning till night. About 7:30 he came and said goodnight and went in to have his bath and go to bed.

I am enclosing a letter which came this morning from Mr. MacFadyen of Duluth. I am writing to him today telling him to get in touch with Miss Andrews. Am also enclosing a letter that came from Mr. Chatelain this morning.

I saw Mr. Ford last night and took up with him the matter of the Committee meeting. Arthur saw Mr. Steefel this morning and they have decided on two o'clock for the examination, and I have decided on eleven in the morning for the Committee meeting. Mr. Ford said that would be all right with him, and so did Mr. Harris. I haven't succeeded in getting Mr. Cutler as yet, but will before the day is over. Mr. Steefel has a class from nine to ten and from eleven to twelve, and Mr. Finney has one from ten to eleven, so the afternoon seemed to be the only time they could get together.

Guess that is all the news at present. Hope you are having a good rest.

Sincerely yours

Mary E. Palmer

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August 18, 1931

Dear Mr. Buck:-

I have just talked to the bank and they tell me that the Dauber and Pine check was returned to them from the International-Madison Bank and Trust Company of New York and that they have, of course, debited your account with this as Mr. Blegen states in his letter.

After talking it over with Mr. Blegen, I have decided that I am going to write to Dauber & Pine telling them what has happened and asking them to send you another check on another bank. Hope it arrives by the time you get back here, but am afraid it wont.

We shall all be terribly disappointed if you can't come down to Duluth. I know everyone will be looking for you. Can't you possibly catch a bus at Mineral Center and then go back up with us the next day? Please. I am going to see your mother and Stephen tomorrow night and I wanted to tell Stephen that I was going to see you both the next night so that he could send you a message. Now come on.

Cordially

Mary Elizabeth

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August 26, 1931

Dear Mr. Buck:-

I told you that I should probably write to you before you got out of town, but I guess it isn't as bad as that, for it is now 3:05 P.M. on Wednesday.

Two letters came in for you this morning and I am enclosing them herein. I am also sending a clipping from the Dispatch and two smaller ones, which I thought might be of interest to you.

The box worth five thousand dollars has gone to you today and will doubtless be there when you arrive. Mr. Holbrook's box of Joint Committee material went a day or two ago, as I think I told you.

They just called up from the State Treasurer's office that the payroll is ready so I will enclose your check with this.

Guess that is all the important information I have for you just now. Hope this letter is readable, for I don't feel so good as I might and don't know just what I am doing half the time. Am leaving for a short vacation tomorrow morning.

Love to everybody.

*Mary E. Sigaluth*

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September 22, 1931

Dr. Solon J. Buck  
Historical Society of Western  
Pennsylvania  
Bigelow Boulevard and Parkman Ave.,  
Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania

Dear Mr. Buck:-

When I returned yesterday from another few days of vacation I found your letter of the twelfth and Miss Heimes's reply to it. I hope that she got all the information about cards that you needed and I feel sure that she did. I hope that you have received the retirement fund check by this time. If you need any more information about cards or anything else, you know you have only to ask for it.

I thought the State Fair postal cards were very good, too, and the people to whom we passed them seemed to like them. We had a very nice exhibit in the State Building, and Mr. Babcock was asked to put a dress exhibit in the Woman's Building and he did so. I have always wanted such an exhibit and was very glad that the opportunity presented itself this year.

Am glad to know that your bookstacks are installed and that you are getting somewhat settled. We are wondering when we will get our stacks started. Mr. Austin has been asked to resign so that leaves things still more up in the air.

Tell Mrs. Buck that I shall write to her in a few days. Think I shall have to write to Mr. Holbrook also and say a few things. Am glad he is enjoying his work but I felt sure that he would. Willoughby went out to Minnetonka Beach this morning to see General Reeve and brought in his car full of things. The General is going to send all the rest in very soon.

Best regards from MHS.

Sincerely yours

*Mary E. Palmer*

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September 23, 1931

Dr. Solon J. Buck  
Historical Society of Western  
Pennsylvania  
Bigelow Boulevard and Parkman Ave.,  
Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania

Dear Mr. Buck:-

I could have cheerfully crawled into a knot hole if there had been one conveniently large enough when I opened your letter of the twenty-first to Mr. Blegen and found the Mereness bill. As I wrote you yesterday I was away last week, as I am taking my vacation in pieces this year, and somebody forwarded that to you during that time. We had been wondering why that didn't come in as I am putting through the bills now but had no idea that anything of that sort had happened to it. I am certainly chagrined even though I didn't do it myself, being in Mandan at the time.

I am wondering if all the various shipments both by freight and express have reached you safely. I have an express bill of nearly twenty dollars -- some of it Joint Committee and some of it Bibliography, which I shall pay in a few days and then send you a bill for the whole amount. Have you any other names to whom you would like cards sent giving your change of address? If so I shall be glad to send them out for you, but, if not, I will send the unused envelopes to you if you want them; if not, I will keep them and use them here.

I showed your letter to Mr. Blegen and told him I wanted to answer it.

Sincerely yours

*Mary E. Palmer*

Chief clerk

September 30, 1931.

Miss Mary E. Palmes,  
Minnesota Historical Society,  
Saint Paul, Minnesota.

Dear Miss Palmes:-

Thank you for sending me the marked copy of the magazine. Tell Mr. Elegen that I read the obituary with much interest and appreciate it deeply. Tell him, also, that I think this is an excellent number of the magazine. I have not read it all as yet but expect to do so, for I find that I am still interested in Minnesota history. If it is not asking too much, I would like very much to have half a dozen extra copies of this number of the magazine, not because it contains the obituary, but because I want to distribute them among some of our people as a sample of the kind of magazine I should like to bring out here.

Under separate cover, I am returning to you the dedication items that you wanted returned. Doubtless you have received by this time the invitation to our exercises. They are going to be very simple,- a subscription dinner of the officers and a few others in honor of the speakers, followed by a program at the building. We are very busy now trying to get things into presentable shape by the time of the dedication.

I think that all the freight and express shipments were duly received, at least I know of nothing that is missing, and I assure you that your help in handling these matters is very much appreciated. I will, also, appreciate it if you will send me a statement of the different amounts paid for express or freight, etc. and of what is owed by me, or any of the agencies with which I am connected, for services or postage. I do not think that I shall want to send out any more address cards so you can dispose of what there are left. As for the unused envelopes, you can send them on to me or give me credit for them as is most convenient.

Please tell Miss Wheelhouse that I have received the sketches but have not been able to do anything with them as yet. They will be a little late getting in but will probably be accepted. Ask her, also, how much I owe her for her work on them.

Sincerely yours,

Solon J. Buck.

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October 5, 1931

Dr. Solon J. Buck  
Western Pennsylvania Historical Survey  
Bigelow Boulevard & Parkman Ave.,  
Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania

Dear Mr. Buck:-

We sent off the half dozen copies of the last magazine to you the other day, and you have doubtless received them by this time. We are glad that you are still interested in Minnesota history and feel sure that you will continue to be interested, especially as long as the North Shore is in existence. We still have telephone calls for copies of your Grand Portage article and keep referring them to Miss Andrews.

The dedication items arrived safely. Thank you. Suppose you are all very busy getting ready for your dedication tomorrow. Your invitations were certainly very attractive.

I am enclosing herewith various bills and hope they are made out correctly. I turned the extra stamped envelopes over to MHS as we often have use for something of the sort, so am charging you for just what I used. If you prefer to combine the amounts owed by the American Historical Association to me and to the MHS, it will be all right and I can turn the correct amount over to the tin box. There are quite a lot of stamps belonging to the Joint Committee and I am sending them along with this. Hope you find everything all right.

The Italians are getting ready for a grand celebration next Monday when Christopher will be finished. There are to be several bands, a national hookup on the radio, speeches, etc., and a grand stand built over our front steps. Now, don't you wish you were here? I can just hear you say "No."

I just talked to Miss Andrews over the phone and she sent her regards to you.

Sincerely yours

*Mary E. Palmer*

Chief clerk

*Why  
Am I not getting  
portage?  
I talked  
Bill for  
Miss  
Haines.*

October 8th, 1931.

Miss Mary E. Palmes,  
c/o Minnesota Historical Society,  
Saint Paul, Minnesota.

Dear Miss Palmes:-

Your letter of October 5th with the various and sundry bills has arrived. I have decided to send you herewith my check for \$28.49, made out to you and covering all the bills except the one drawn against the Western Pennsylvania Historical Survey in favor of Miss Heimes. That will be sent through and she will receive a check for it in the course of time. I am keeping the duplicates of your bills and will collect from the various institutions.

I was glad to get the Joint Committee postage. I take it that there was no American Historical Association postage left, that is, for the Travel Bibliography. Did I leave any AHA stationery there? If so, you might send it on.

Our dedication was a very simple affair and went off nicely. We were not overcrowded but had an audience of about two hundred.

We have been enjoying midsummer weather for the last few days but it has turned colder today and I should judge from the feeling that our janitor has just started the furnace.

Sincerely yours,

Solon J. Buck.

SJB:AM

*P. Palmers*

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P. S. Please don't think that I have forgotten about going through some of the old correspondence for your personal letters, for I haven't. I have got some ready and think I will send it on to you with this, and will go on through the rest of the boxes gradually.

Suppose your father and mother are with you by this time. Give them my best regards as well as Mrs. Buck. Hope everyone is well.

*A. E. P.*

Am putting the old correspondence in a separate envelope as it would make this one too full, I am afraid. If I can do anything more for you I shall be glad to so don't hesitate.

*Rest of letter  
in H. S. file.*

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January 16, 1932

Dear Mr. Buck:-

I am going to send this note along with Blegen's letter as Miss Nordin has just brought me some cards for your Bibliography that should have gone to you.

I notice that Mr. Blegen mentioned the annual meeting but he did not mention, I think, the special fact that there was nor a blizzard, nor an extreme cold wave, nor a chance to slide down our hill backwards. Mr. Ford spoke specially of that fact on the way home that night. The punch was also most awfully good as usual. Mr. Ingersoll was certain that there must be a "stick" in it.

Sincerely yours

*Mary E. Palmer*

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April 30, 1932

Dr. Solon J. Buck  
Western Pennsylvania Historical  
Survey  
Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania

Dear Mr. Buck:-

You did a good job in writing <sup>letters</sup> to the Historical Building the other day. I have heard all the news even if none of them were to me. I was just about to write to somebody there for no one had heard from you for a long time.

I suppose Mr. and Mrs. Blegen and Miss Nute are on their way back from Lincoln by this time. They are to be back here Monday. Hope the weather is good for their long drive.

Miss Krausnick is in St. Louis now, I suppose, so I will hold your letter to her until she returns about the middle of May. She went down to the ALA and then took her vacation, stopping at home for a while.

Hope you had a pleasant trip across the mountains over the week end.

I noticed by your letter to Miss Heilbron that you would like to receive the "News" regularly, so I am putting you "on the list." You will find some late issues enclosed herewith.

We are planning our summer tour this year for July 14-16, returning on the seventeenth. Hope you don't arrive here while we are gone, but perhaps you will come on and be here to join us. My very best regards to you and all your family. Suppose the children are growing so that I wouldn't know them.

Sincerely yours

*Mary E. Palmer*

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May 2, 1932

Miss Mary E. Palmes,  
Minnesota Historical Society,  
Saint Paul, Minnesota.

Dear Miss Palmes:-

Thank you very much for putting me on the mailing list for the "News" and sending me the back numbers. I certainly do want to see it regularly.

We had a very pleasant trip to State College over the week end, went out one route and back another, so that we saw quite a bit of Pennsylvania.

I doubt if we get out to Minnesota until your summer meeting is over, but we haven't made any very definite plans as yet.

Tell Mr. Elegen I hope he will write me about the MVEA meeting. I would like to know who is elected president, where the next meeting is to be held, and whether or not the report of the Alvord Commission was read. I sent it by air mail on Tuesday and it ought to have reached there in time.

With best wishes from all the family.

Sincerely yours,

Solon J. Buck

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4338 Bigelow Boulevard  
Pittsburgh, Penna.

June 1, 1932

Miss Mary E. Palmes,  
Minnesota Historical Society,  
Saint Paul, Minnesota.

Dear Miss Palmes:

As you may have noted from my recent letter to Mr. Blegen, our house in Minneapolis will be vacant July 1 and I am up against the problem of finding a tenant or selling the property. When I left Minneapolis last summer I put the place in the hands of the University Realty Company, located on Fourth Street, Minneapolis, and they rented it for me although at a very low rental--\$65.00 a month. They wanted to look after the property for me and collect the rent for a commission but I preferred to deal directly with the tenant. I am wondering if there is any other real estate firm that handles property in the Prospect Park district. I think I had better list the place with several dealers, and I will deeply appreciate it if you will send me names and addresses. Any other suggestions that might occur to you will be much appreciated, of course.

Elizabeth leaves with the children in about a week to spend a month with her mother in Florida. They will all drive back together and Mrs. Hawthorn will stay here with the children while we go on our vacation.

Please hand the enclosed to Mr. Blegen. ✓

Miss Wheelhouse (or whatever her name may now be) might like to see it also.

Sincerely yours,

Solon J. Buck

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October 19, 1932

Dr. Solon J. Buck  
4338 Bigelow Blvd.,  
Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania

Dear Mr. Buck:-

I am enclosing a letter which came to you this morning from Miss Patten of the Athenaeum.

You ought to see the Capitol grounds at present. They are being dug up all over -- on the lawn in front of us and over close up to the Capitol building. It almost seems as if they were going to undermine the foundations of that building. We understand that the said holes are to bring about wonderful landscaping, but at present there is nothing attractive to be seen.

The new Office Building is nearly ready for some of the departments to move in. We are standing ready to move some things in the minute the Department of Education leaves. Suppose they will be going before long now. I haven't been over into the <sup>new</sup> building as yet but Mary Wheelhouse was over <sup>^</sup> the other day, and says it looks rather attractive although the ground floor is very dark.

Remember me to everybody. Hope Elizabeth still likes her school, and I am sure she does, and that all the family are well.

Sincerely

*Mary E. Palmer*

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November 15, 1932

Dr. Solon J. Buck  
4338 Bigelow Blvd.,  
Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania

Dear Mr. Buck:-

I am enclosing herewith a clipping from the Pioneer Press of the fourteenth. I understand that Dean Ford says that he has heard nothing about it, however.

It was below zero today for the first time this winter. There is a very small amount of snow on the ground in places but so far we have had only the tag ends of the various storms that have visited different parts of the state.

Suppose Elizabeth is busy at school. Hope you are all well. Best regards to everyone.

Sincerely

*Mary E. Palmer*

*Ans. by  
E.H.B.*

## FOUR IN-MINNESOTA CALLED POSSIBILITIES IN ROOSEVELT CABINET

New York, Nov. 13.—Four Minnesota men are among 160 favorite sons suggested by the various states as possibilities for appointments in the Roosevelt cabinet in a list compiled by the New York Times and published today. They are John Brandt, president of Land O' Lakes creamery; Thomas E. Cashman, Owatonna; Dean Guy Stanton Ford, University of Minnesota, and Hubert D'Autremont of Duluth.

The list was compiled by Arthur Krock.

Among other Northwest possibilities mentioned in the list are Senators Walsh and Wheeler and J. Bruce Kremer from Montana and Henry A. Wallace of Iowa and W. W. Howes and George Phillip of South Dakota.

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February 17, 1933

Dr. Solon J. Buck  
4338 Bigelow Boulevard  
Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania

Dear Mr. Buck:-

Of course I am always glad and ready to do things for you and I am glad that you realize it. I am enclosing two different lease forms -- one set from Minneapolis and one from St. Paul. They look a little different but I think the wording is practically the same.

I am glad that you have found a tenant for your house and hope he will buy it, although there doesn't seem to be much sale for property at present, and if anything is sold it is at a very low price. It is a very good thing to have the place occupied, however.

Everything seems to be going as well as can be expected. The legislature is going full speed at present -- talking **ECONOMY** but so far we haven't seen much of it. However, we all expect cuts except the legislature itself. There seems to be no talk of that.

We have certainly had some awfully cold weather for the past month -- ranging from zero to 30 below for about a month, most of the time quite a bit below. However, it has warmed up some now and today has been lovely, but no telling what tomorrow will be.

Hope Mrs. Alvord gets a big plum. There probably are some.

The "Reminiscences" are just out. You will probably receive a copy before long. It looks very fine.

Best regards to you and all the family.

Sincerely

*Mary E. Palmer*

If there is anything else I can do, be sure to let me know.

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July 3, 1933

Dr. Solon J. Buck  
4360 Center Ave.,  
Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania

Dear Mr. Buck:-

I am sending you today under separate cover a bound copy of volume 13 of the magazine. I am sorry that I have not done this before without your asking but it slipped my mind what with all the cuts and budgets which have been necessary this year. I have been a close second to Mr. Blegen so far as being busy is concerned.

It has been almost unbearably hot here for the past month -- really unusual for June, although not for later in the summer. Hope we don't have to have the same kind for the next two months, but I expect to have my vacation in August, so here's hoping.

I am very much disappointed to learn that you are not coming to Minnesota this year. Hope you can go to some cool place any way.

Hope your father and mother are well this summer and also the rest of the family. My very best regards to you all.

Suppose your house here is rented, is it not? Did you ever receive the leases I sent you? Hope so; if not let me know and I can get more if it is not too late.

Sincerely yours

*Mary E. Palmer*

July 7, 1933

Miss Mary E. Palmes,  
Minnesota Historical Society,  
Saint Paul, Minn.

Dear Miss Palmes:

Thank you for volume 13 of the magazine, bound. I am sending the four issues of this volume and one other that I do not need under separate cover, and I enclose herewith 50¢ in stamps.

The Bucks have had their share of troubles recently, with Mary breaking two of her front teeth and then falling down a shaft and cracking her skull, followed by a round of mumps for all three children. They are all well now except Roger, who has a cough and may be coming down with the whooping cough. Won't that be grand?

I thought I had written you that my house is rented only until September 1st. I have hopes that Dr. Morse, the present tenant, will rent or purchase thereafter, but I have no assurances. I rented it to him for four months at \$25.00 a month, with the understanding that he could spend as much of the rent as he deemed necessary on repairs. So far I have received no money from him and I expect to receive very little for the four months period. I think I ought to be able to get at least \$50.00 a month for it after September 1st, but will rent for less if necessary in order to keep it occupied. I understand that the Osgoods have recently rented a considerably smaller house at \$55.00; also that the Deutschs have rented the Engle place. I wish I had known that they were looking for a house, and I will appreciate it if you and Mr. Blegen will let it be known that my house will probably be available for rent after September 1st.

We had a visit last night from Mrs. Osgood, from whom we got a lot of interesting Minnesota news. She is spending a few days in Sewickley, near here.

I hope you have a pleasant vacation this summer and I envy you the accessibility of the Minnesota lakes. I do not expect to get away before September and I have no idea where I shall go then, if anywhere.

Sincerely yours,

Solon J. Back

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July 12, 1933

Dr. Solon J. Buck  
4338 Bigelow Boulevard  
Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania

Dear Mr. Buck:-

The separate issues of volume 13 of Minnesota History arrived all right, and the fifty cents in stamps also. Thank you.

I certainly think the Buck family has had more than its share of trouble. That poor little girl! She certainly has had a hard time of it, and I think her father and mother have had a pretty hard time also. I am glad they are all right now and only hope that the whooping cough wont follow.

You did write that your house was rented only till September but we hoped that the tenant would stay on. Maybe he will. I showed your letter to Mr. Blegen and he will do anything he can toward letting people know that it will be for rent and I will also.

I hope I will have a pleasant vacation also and I am expecting to. Am glad we do have lakes here, and I am sure you must miss them. You should get away out of town some place when you do take a vacation and you should not get back into the bad habit of not taking one for you may have to as you did once before. We have to keep after Mr. Blegen to make him take an afternoon off occasionally and also to take a vacation, but between Mrs. Blegen and me he is between two fires so he does go sometimes and I think he and his family will go out to Minnetonka during August. He told me that one day for my piece of mind.

Sincerely

Mary E. Palmer