



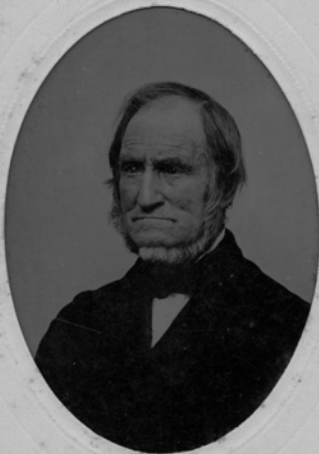
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Grandfather



Capt. Benjamin Gilpatrick
Born in Dyr, Scotland,

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It is a place of recreation after the cares and perplexities of the morning for a few of our leading citizens - businessmen who desire a place to relax, and of gentlemen of elegant leisure where they can invite some of their special friends without being jostled by the "rude and vulgar."

The room is and may we say select and exclusive. They choose their associates and only those who are "approved" can obtain entrance. It is needless to say that it is elegantly furnished with all that delights the eye. A velvety carpet covers the floor, easy chairs and sofas are scattered about the room while prints of beautiful women adorn the walls.

It really is the home of the dreamer or the idler. Plenty of refreshments are readily available.

What more can be said.



RITZ TOWER

465 PARK AVENUE

NEW YORK, N.Y. 10022

My dear Loring

Peavey Sent me your Book on the Minneapolis club and I am praying for some one to come in and read it to me for I am as blind as a bat as you can see by this letter which I am picking out letter by letter as my hand writing is no longer legible even to me

But I am so glad you have done this As I grow older I become more frantic that a full record of these times should not be put in form for posterity I know I have revelled on the informal accounts and letters of by gone days

They are so much more vital than Historic accounts I have so struggled to get my life and experience into permanent form - ~~pe~~ only to find that it cannot be done and I am going to have to settle for masses of memorabilia which has not been organized for I feel so strongly that you and I have passed through fabulous times of change which can be recorded only now while some of us are still here

So I am grateful to you for recording your recollections and reactions to the daily round which is the only real history I do so hope I can get some one to read it to me for reading has long since gone and to find intelligent and sympathetic readers paid or voluntary is impossible I am spending these last days in frustration and I can tell you it is a great cross, I had so looked

forward to old age to read to study and play bridge and now the doors are closed So Bless you dear Loring for preserving some of our precious past for the future enquirers Last week I had my first great grand child and this marks the 160th year in which I have had contact with life/ My Grand father Rogers whom I knew well was born in the days of Napoleon and under George Third and 40 years after the signing of the Declaration of Independence Six generations have I participated in Wonderful is it not Forgive the blind picking of letters and love to your dear Mary

As ever

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to read "B. Allen". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a large, sweeping initial "B" and a trailing flourish.

7/27

Dear Loving:

You've done a superb job! This is as much a history of our city in the last 50 years as of our Club, - and appropriately so.

I do not see any need for a grammarian, but a meticulous proof-reader for spelling is necessary.

I think the Banco trials in the '30s may have been too detailed. Why not try your remarks out on John P. Osborn Jr.?

I suspect that members of the Press will read this history with great interest, and will might elaborate on this incident, possibly to the detriment of the Club, even tho' all concerns involved were cleared by the courts.

One other suggestion. When I was Secretary of the Bd. of Governors (about '62 or '63), a superb letter was received by an out of town visitor who had stayed there overnight. It referred to the service and spirit of the employees; and concluded that the Mpls Club was

second to none among all the
private clubs of the country.
The ^{club} office could dig this up
for you. It was proudly dis-
played on the Employees' Bulletin
13d for several weeks.

Again, Congratulations
for a great job, and with
your usual light touch

Pam

GOODRICH LOWRY
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SANIBEL, FLA. 33957

April 2, 1974

Dear Loring:

Since I don't have my typewriter down here, I'd recommend that you ask your secretary, if she's good at deciphering her-tracks, to transcribe the following.

I was narrowly delighted by your history. While I thought of you as literate, I had no idea that you were such a polished and imaginative writer. Your story is well-constructed, it reads easily, it flows well and - above all - it's really interesting. Louisa liked it just as much as I did.

First, let me answer the question in your letter:

#1. I don't think it's too long and I have no suggestion for cutting. I thought the Banco story was great, although, as we discussed, it might be well to get John Pillsbury's, Tom Crosby's & Peavy Heff's views as to using the names of the indicted. I hope they agree to use them.

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P2 I would not expand what you have written along this line.

P3 I agree.

P4 I would favor history, the 25 year employees, and perhaps with a brief account of how much the Club owes to the tradition of friendliness, helpfulness, cheerfulness etc which have characterized our staff. Many visitors from other cities have remarked to me that the spirit and morale of our staff are really outstanding. You've already recognized this through your excellent accounts of individual employees, and I for one would like to see the point even further emphasized. It has so much to do with the general atmosphere of the Club House.

P5 Good idea.

P6 I agree.

P7 I like \$5000, but then I'm a banker.

- #8 I rather like the idea of including the Edgar History, the Staples History and the 1977 Year Book in one "Hard-Lover" book and excluding the 1929 Edgar Revery. I think, in appearance, it should be at least as handsome as the Chicago Club History and maybe handsomer. It should have a brief foreword by you.
- #9 Discussed in your office.

#10 I don't know how many copies should be published but we should err on the upper side. There should be enough for all resident & non-resident members, all widows, comparable clubs, representative libraries and a good reserve stock in the attic. Each member and widow should receive an enthusiastic letter from the President, saying that a copy will be mailed and his account charged unless he signifies otherwise. As to price, I don't know. If there is a difference of opinion between \$5 and \$10, maybe \$7.50 would be the right number.

④ I did not proof-read for typographical errors. I'm sure your publisher can be counted on for that. But since you urged me to do some nit-picking, I ~~report~~ list the few thoughts which struck me.

P16 L5 Is 1912 correct?

P20 It was ^{not} quite clear to me ^{from the text} that you converted the courts from "Squash Tennis" to "Squash Raquets".

P29 L16 Should the Baker Companies be listed as a casualty? I had the impression that somehow they survived through adjustment of their mortgages, etc.

P33 In my prejudiced view, I think you're a little hard on the Citizens Alliance. As you probably know, Bert Strong used the same tactics in the Street Car Strike of 1917 and they worked just fine. On line 9, could some such word as "headstrong" or "drastic" be used for "foolish"? And on line 14 would it be proper to add after the words "longer clubs" - "and lead ~~pp~~ pipes." I agree that

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GOODRICH LOWRY
5749 PINE TREE DRIVE
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the Albans used poor judgement, but I believe that they were entirely sincere in the philosophy which betrayed them.

P 35 L 22 After the word "credit", insert "and capital".?

P 37 It might be of interest to note that the 1929 Banco Stock has been split 6 for 1 and that the share which sold for \$100 in 1929 sells for \$360 today.

P 38 L 7 Frank T. Heffelfinger

P 46 L 17 Was Blizzard a white setter or a white German Shepherd.?

P 49 L 23 "Hampered" for "crippled".?

P 74 I thought your treatment of "snobbery" was just plain excellent!

P 79 L 6 & P 80 L 24 & L 26 Cheney o/b Chaney

⑥ Well, Loring, you can see that I took you at your word on the nit-picking, but as far as I'm concerned, if the original draft went to press as is, I would be delighted.

One more thought. You told me a story - which has become one of my favorites - about one of our eminent citizens cussing out his partner in the card room. The punch line was "Well, dammit, you should have had a diamond." If this additional gem could be worked into the manuscript (without the name of the card player), it would be greatly enjoyed.

Congratulations, Loring, on a magnificent job. Regardless of final format and details, I'll be very proud of you.

Sincerely

Goodrich

Philip Little Jr.
490 Highcroft Road
Wayzata, Minn. 55391

4 Aug '74

Dear Louie.

Your history of the Minneapolis Club
came yesterday - You had told me it was
coming when we were up fishing -

I had never read Mr. Edgar's early history
but I can congratulate you on not only writing
the second half and up dating the history
but making it interesting reading of historical
facts about The Minneapolis Club, but including
analogous city history fitted into the activities
of the Club

What a labour of time and research you
have had to spend getting out this wonderful
book - I hope the members of the Club
appreciate what you have done - I do!

Phil

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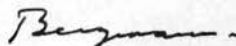
August 6, 1974

Loring M. Staples, Esq.
1300 Northwestern Bank Building
Minneapolis, Minnesota 55402

Dear Loring:

Familiar as I am with the scanty records of the Minneapolis Club, I just don't see how it was possible for you to do such an excellent and complete job as you have done in the history just published. I am sure that Terrance Hanold makes an understatement when he says in his letter of August 1 to the membership that you have given a tremendous amount of work and imagination to the labor of love.

Sincerely,



Bergmann Richards

BR:lb



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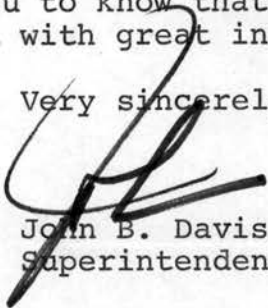
Dear Loring Staples:

Just a brief note of appreciation for the good work accomplished in the preparation of the update of the history of the Minneapolis Club.

I agree from my first perusal with Terrance Hanold's appraisal of your work.

Obviously this letter calls for no acknowledgment. Just wanted you to know that I shall complete the reading and with great interest.

Very sincerely,


John B. Davis, Jr.
Superintendent of Schools

JBD:dc

cc: Terrance Hanold

JOHN S. PILLSBURY, JR.

20 WASHINGTON AVENUE SOUTH
MINNEAPOLIS, MINNESOTA 55440

August 7, 1974

Dear Loring,

I had the opportunity last evening to peruse the new history of The Minneapolis Club. You had a pretty tough assignment to follow after the portion of the history written by Mr. Edgar but I think you have done a terrific job. Congratulations!

I am sure that this booklet will give a great deal of enjoyment to a lot of people.

My very best wishes.

Sincerely yours,



Mr. Loring M. Staples
Faegre & Benson
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Minneapolis, Minnesota 55402

LUCIAN SWIFT STRONG

1820 FOX STREET

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WAYZATA, MINNESOTA 55391

8/8/74

Dear Loring -

I have just finished reading the history of the Enpls. Club and I want to congratulate you on a job well done. What a lot of time this must have taken and it is written as only you could do it. I saw shades of past birthdays and anniversaries when you gave many of us such belly laughs and fun.

My very best to you

Sincerely

Lucian



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August 13, 1974

Dear Loring:

I have just finished reading with great interest your History of the Minneapolis Club. It made most enjoyable reading, and I wish to compliment you on the fine piece of work you have done. With best wishes, I am

Sincerely yours,

John M. Caule

August 14, 1983

Dear Loring,

Your article on the Decline and Fall of Louis Menage is interesting, especially to me who never understood the background of my Grandfather's lawsuit - King v. Remington - very well. You have put the pieces together with care and charm, and presented a real drama of the career of this remarkable tycoon. Your quotation from Grandpa's Brief Bounds just like him that "Innes' services were those which a burglar makes to a bank when he cracks its safe." a footnote that the District Court records and the Paper Book of Proceedings on appeal are in the possession of the Minnesota Historical Society intrigues me, and

if ever. I get out to Rochester
Minnesota again to visit our
daughter Emily. I shall call
you how to steer me in
finding them to take a look
at these old treasures.

Unfortunately Grandpa's
copy seems to have disappeared.
It is barely possible that there
is some correspondence ware-
housed somewhere that might
bear on the case, but I am
limited in my movements
these days and have not
succeeded in finding it.

I do hope that you can find
it possible to attend our
class reunion next year
and that you can come to stay
with us for a few days then
or at any other time.

Sincerely,

John Van Voorhis

Aug 14 = 74

Dear Loring:

Just a line of appreciation for your part in writing the history of the Minneapolis Club since 1920. In style and content it certainly is equal if not ~~superior~~ to that of the period 1883 to 1920. Your character sketches are done with such good humor! We are all very grateful to you.

We are having a very busy summer mostly with children and grandchildren - Sally, Jim and their three arrive tomorrow night. They expect me to tow their canoes to some remote spot where they will take off for a 3 or 4 day canoe trip.

The bears are swimming from island to island on their way to the Minnesota mainland in search of food. No blueberries because of drought. Have had one on our island a few days ago and saw one in the water near Boys Camp at noon today.

At present we are in process of constructing a 8x12 tool shed which will also house water pump and generator. There is always something to do living on an island.

We are booked on XTCA charter flight to Paris on Sept 10th and returning on Oct 1st. So we shall return from lake shortly after Labor Day. We shall limit our travels to France, mostly rural areas - by bus and train.

We hope Mary has been fairly comfortable this summer. We wish she would gain in weight and strength.

Helin joins me in sending our best to you and Mary

Sincerely

"Goley" Murant

P.S.

Dear Mary -

Thank you thank you for alerting us to the article in the June 10th New Yorker on Pelote - it could not have been more timely since our current plan for September takes us right into the area so charmingly described. We'll not be as absorbed in the game but we do hope to explore those villages described by the author - and stay where you did in St. Jean-de-Suz - perhaps at the Hôtel de Chauliac - Was it there when you were? Love and best wishes Helin N.

ALFRED M. WILSON
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PHONE 332-4955

August 15, 1974

Mr. Loring M. Staples
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Excelsior, Minnesota 55331

Dear Loring:

Your history of the Minneapolis Club was forwarded to me at Martha's Vineyard and I read it on the plane coming back for two days for meetings.

I can't tell you how much I enjoyed it and I congratulate you on a splendid history of the modern days of the club. I of course enjoyed the early days as well.

I am returning to Martha's Vineyard this afternoon but send best wishes to Mary and to you.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to be 'A. M. Wilson', written in a cursive style.

A. M. Wilson
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August 19, 1974

Mr. Loring Staples
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Dear Loring:

My congratulations on your bringing up-to-date the history of the Minneapolis Club. I have just finished reading the same and feel you have done a marvelous job. Don't tell me you are not a good writer.

We missed you and Mary at Sanibel this year and I had some good fishing to report.

I always enjoy your company and hope we can be together soon.

With kind regards,

George
fd

CLARENCE E. HILL
1324 MOUNT CURVE AVE.
MINNEAPOLIS, MINNESOTA 55403

Aug 24 2 1974

Dear Poring -

~~Congratulations~~ to

you on the Minneapolis Club's
history. A most interesting book
and certainly well edited.

Enclose a memo on 'Room 405'
which thank goodness was not in
the book. You might get a kick
in looking it over and then
please destroy.

All best wishes

Clarence

BENTON J. CASE
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September 10, 1974

Dear Loring:

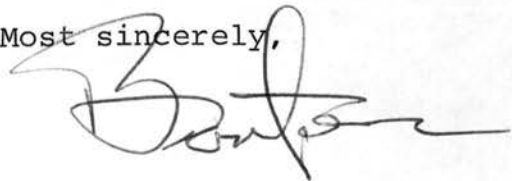
After a couple of weeks vacation in Abbott Hospital and a pleasant weeks rest at home, I am up and around again. All is well.

I tell you this so you will understand why you have not heard from me in respect to the very fine contribution you made to the history of the Minneapolis Club. Your writing was top-notch in every respect and I know of no one in the club who could have put things together accurately, giving praise where due and with the very proper touch of humor where called for.

I wondered how you would tackle the episode of the sailfish. You did it tactfully, properly and without a word calling for an X rating.

Seriously, Loring, you have made an immense contribution to the club and I am sure everyone who has read the book is as grateful to you as am I.

Most sincerely,

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to read "Benton J. Case", with a long horizontal flourish extending to the right.

WARD B. LEWIS
4040 IDS CENTER
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September 16, 1974

Dear Loring:

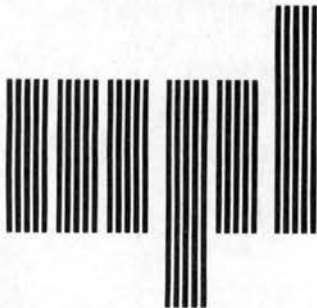
I finished reading your history of the Minneapolis Club over the weekend and thought you did a great job. Your updating of Mr. Edgar was interesting, witty and very readable. Perhaps you have a new career ahead of you!! All members of the Club are greatly indebted to you for your efforts. I met Fred Clifford at a luncheon yesterday and he expressed the same feelings of gratitude to you.

Best wishes,

WBL

WBL/cj

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October 14, 1974

Loring M. Staples
The Minneapolis Club
729 Second Avenue South
Minneapolis, Mn. 55402

Dear Mr. Staples:

Your delightful account of the Minneapolis Club, 1920 to 1974, arrived with its earlier history last week. I have read the book in its entirety, and my greater enjoyment of the later history may partially stem from the fact that it covers years I can remember. But that little consideration aside, I really believe it is because you are a "born" storyteller.

I relished the stories about Mr. Foshay, the depression years and the truckers' strike, but one of my favorite passages is the paragraph on the mounted animal heads (page 125) with its observation that "bad taste, like truth, even though crushed to earth, will rise again."

The format of the book is very effective, I think. The beginning history belongs to another era and can best be told from that point of view. The chapter bridging the two accounts is neat and necessary. Then your contribution speaks for your generation -- says something about its urbanity, tolerance and sense of humor -- while it relates the Club to events taking place in the city and world around it. No institution is an island "entire of itself," and you have not tried to isolate the Minneapolis Club, but have made it "a part of the Main." Finally, Mr. Edgar's "Flag at Half Mast" adds poignancy to the whole.

Please add my congratulations to the long list you must be receiving, and accept my grateful thanks for this fine addition to our Collection. Thank you, also, for your generous acknowledgment to me. I am sure I have learned more about this period of Minneapolis history from a reading of your book than you found in perusing our material.

Sincerely,

Dorothy M. Burke
Dorothy M. Burke
Minneapolis History Collection

JUDSON BEMIS
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19 January 1976

Mr. Loring Staples
Faegre & Benson
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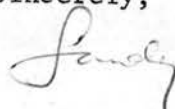
Seeing you at the Club the other day reminded me again that I had not written to compliment you and thank you for your updating of the history of the Minneapolis Club.

Such a thing is easy to theorize about, but extremely difficult to accomplish, and I think you have done a very flavorful, interesting and informative job.

I have read it with much enjoyment and I'm sure many others have also.

Thank you for your efforts on our behalf.

Sincerely,



Judson Bemis

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JAMES T. WYMAN

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August 3, 1983

Loring M. Staples, Sr.
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Dear Loring:

Just a short note to tell you how much I enjoyed your excellent article on Louis Menage. I found it absolutely fascinating...and enjoyed the whole article tremendously! Congratulations on an excellent job (as usual).

Sincerely,



James T. Wyman

JTW/cjs