

January 29, 1951

Mr. Earl P. Stephens  
Harvard Forest  
Petersham, Mass.

Dear Earl:

These are just some notes which might be useful while I am away. I am leaving you essentially in charge of the Forest while I am away. If any emergency comes up that seems to require it, you can always write me air mail in care of Dr. V. C. Dunlap, Research Dept., Tela Railroad Co., La Lima, Honduras. I have also asked Dr. Mangelsdorf to be on call for consultation. Do not hesitate to go to him with problems.

With regard to the meeting at the American Academy in the last week of February, the present plan is for you to read my paper. I wrote to Professor Shapley some time ago asking if this would be a suitable arrangement, but I have not heard from him. However, I talked it over with Dr. Mangelsdorf, who is on the committee for arrangements, and he said that it was o.k. to do it this way. I have asked him to keep in touch with you about the time and arrangements. I suspect that as the time draws near, you should check with him on your own initiative. I have given you two copies of the manuscript because it may be that the Academy will want a copy for printing before the time of the meeting. Perhaps you had better ask Dr. Mangelsdorf about this early in February. If this turns out to be the case, send the original and you keep the carbon.

I have given Miss Carpenter a form letter which can be used as a model in case of inquiries from students that may come before the new announcement comes from the Graduate School. This letter, or one like it, should be accompanied by the old announcement and application blanks, if so requested. Miss Carpenter has the blanks. The new announcement went to the printer last Friday (I hope), and Mr. Rogers, Dean of the Graduate School, said that they ought to be ready in two weeks from that date. I suspect that when two weeks have gone by, which will be on the 9th of February, you should call up the Graduate School and find out about them. The thing to do is to get them here as quickly as possible. Before I leave, I will call the Graduate School and find out what progress has been made.

I have left two envelopes containing my state and federal income tax returns with Miss Carpenter. One of these is to be mailed on February 26, and the other on March 1st. Will you please make a note of them so that if Miss Carpenter should be away or forget it, you can do the mailing. She will tell you where they are in her desk.

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Sometime while we are away, the men will probably have to put wood in our basement. When they do it, will you see if it can be done when the ground is frozen so ~~as~~ not to dig up our back yard. Sometime soon our chimney should be cleaned. I talked to Charlie about this.

While I am away, Ray Bryant is to build some book shelves in my office. If you can keep any order to the stuff as it comes out, do so; but don't bother too much with it. Please be careful with the boxes of lantern slides and glass.

Be sure to cut some cordwood!

I will explore the situation at Ben's with regard to your prospective trip down there, and see what the situation is at their house. If you don't hear from me about it, go ahead and plan the trip in consultation with Ben.

If Ben leaves while I am away, Dick should get on the job down there. He should be there a few days before Ben leaves or make a trip down to bring himself up to date on what goes on.

Another note with regard to possible applications or requests for information from students. The final date for receipt of applications is April 1. In passing out information, be careful of the wording so that it makes no commitments.

I will not get the battery out of the Lincoln before I go. Will you please attend to it?

I talked to Dick about next year, saying that we were expecting him to stay on and be either here or at Black Rock. I tried to make it clear to him that there was nothing binding about this, and that our expecting him to be here should not stand in the way of his taking a good job if one came along that he wanted. This last is consistent with the arrangement I made with him last year.

I spoke to Herschel and asked him whether he would be interested in working for us next year. He said he would very definitely be interested, but that right now he didn't know how it would fit in with his tentative plans for further graduate work. He has sent to Cambridge for the necessary application blanks. If he wants to apply for a fellowship or scholarship, his application has to be in by February 20. He says that if he has to utilize his G.I. money, he has to make it continuous from now on, presumably except for summers. Result: if he decides he wants to go to Graduate School in Cambridge, he has to do it next year. I asked him merely to be thinking about the matter.

If any applications come in while I am away, Miss Carpenter will acknowledge them and send them on to the Graduate School in Cambridge. Before she sends them on, however, she will keep a list of them, and I will appreciate it if you will look them over before she sends them and

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and maybe make some pertinent notes. It is probable that not all the applications will come here first anyway but will be sent direct to the Graduate School. The course of events in the processing of these applications is that after they are complete, so far as the Graduate School is concerned, they will be turned over to us for study. We will then take them to the Graduate Committee of the Department of Biology where they will be passed upon in consultation with us. After selections are made, they will go back to the Graduate School for final processing there. All of this is to be done as soon as possible after April 1, so that any information we can gather about applicants as they come along through us will be useful when we come to study the lot as a whole.

We have arranged with Dick to look after our furnace, and keep a lookout over the freezer. If he should have to go to Black Rock while we are away, please make some other arrangement.

Any communications from Karl's draft board will come here. Will you and others here be on the alert for any Government envelopes that may come for him and forward them past haste to him at Colby College, Waterville, Maine?

Sincerely yours,

Hugh M. Raup  
Director

HARVARD FOREST  
HARVARD UNIVERSITY  
Petersham, Massachusetts



February 23, 1956

Dear Mrs. Raup,

I swore when Dr. Raup left here that I wasn't going to bother him with letters - so I will write to you instead!

Everything is going well at the Harvard Forest. We are all in good health. So far we have had several inquiries concerning the Fisher Fellowships - very interesting ones too.

We hope that you are having a fine trip and that your experiences are many and varied. We will be glad to see you when you get back.

yours truly,  
Earl

- Calendar of Events -

January 31, 1951 → March

Earl Stephens

January 31 -

1. Mr. S. S. Hunt, alumnus of the Harvard Forest 1928, visited to inquire about our larch plantations. He is the author of our Bulletin #16. I asked him if he was interested in an alumni gathering in the future and he said he was.
2. Mr. Pullman, graduate student of the University of Massachusetts, spent the day here in - investigating our resources pertaining to a socio-economic study of Town Forests.
3. I telephoned Spooker Bros., Orange, for repairs of the furnace pipe in the Fisker Cottage, and the water pump in the Forest Cottage.
4. Ford Station wagon was greased at Brewer and Carlson. Speedometer also repaired.
5. Miss Carpenter notified Beach Co., Gardner, that the gasoline tank is empty.
6. Dick Hoisington went to the Cushing Veterans Hospital today. Be there an indefinite time.

February 1 -

1. Called Spooker Bros. again. Should get Dick's furnace repaired before he comes back.
2. Ernie couldn't go to Durham, N.H. - icy roads.
3. Asked C. Robinson to drive G.M.C. around the Fisker Home a few times to break a way through the road in case of a fire.
4. Miss Carpenter forwarded a letter to Karl Raup from U.S. Dept. of Interior (U.S.G.S.).
5. Dick still in hospital.

February 2 -

1. Karl Kendrick here to repair some light fixtures in library basement etc.
2. Received first inquiry pertaining to the Fisker Fellowships. Francois Merges, Yale Grad. Student - will have his M.F. in June. No pertinent questions, so Miss C. will forward form letter and forms.
3. Miss Carpenter acknowledged Mr. Cutlers letter pertaining to evaluation of H.F. property for tax purposes:  
"Unless notified otherwise, the same evaluations will be submitted for 1951 as in 1950" (not verbatim)
4. Dick still in hospital.

February 3 —

February 4 —

February 5 —

1. Received another inquiry about Fisker Fellowships. Mr. Bates, Biology Instructor, Alcorn A and M, Alcorn, Miss. He has an M.S. Miss Carpenter forwarded the regular information.
2. Mrs. C. Robinson started working today. She will assist Miss C.
3. Mr. Mac Clintock asked to come down to the Forest en route to Boston on Feb. 19<sup>th</sup>. He wished to consult Dr. Raup concerning solidification, etc. Told him the situation, and also extended invitation to come anyway.
4. Dick still in hospital.

February 6 —

1. Spooner finally arrived. Repaired furnace pipes in Highway House and Fisker Cottage, and the water pump in the Forest Cottage.
2. Dick still in hospital.

February 7,

1. Dick back from hospital.
2. Another inquiry for Fisker Fellowship - Forest Service man, Northwest Pacific Range and Forest Exp't. Sta. Miss C. sent necessary forms. He did not give background.
3. Water in Dr. Raup's basement - 6"-8". It came in the bulkhead and back cellar windows. Dick, Charlie, Frank French, John Barnes and I were there. John brought his pump which we didn't have to use. We kept the drains open which accommodated the water.
4. Dick has an offer for a job - Great Northern Paper Co.

February 8 -

1. Ray and Dick Bryant here to put in book cases.
2. Herschel gone to Maine.

February 9 -

1. Had Miss C. call the Grad. School about new announcements which are being printed. We should know their status in a couple of days.

Feb. 9 (continued) -

- .2. An inquiry from New York City concerning the curriculum. No background given - on post card - might be a High School student! Miss C. sent information.

February 10 -

- .1. Miss C. goes to Boston today to help Mrs. Howland - income tax reports.
- .2. Mrs. Robinson will not work until Miss C. returns which should be on Thursday, Feb. 15.
- .3. Miss C. forwarded Karl Raups draft notice to Colby - he is IA!

February 11 -

February 12 -

- .1. Dr. Raup received an envelope from the Defense Dept. I put it in his file in vault.
- .2. Miss C. received a call from a Mr. Gillis in Boston. I referred him to a telephone number there which she left.
- .3. Charlie cleaned Dr. Raups furnace and chimney.
- .4. Herschel came back from Maine.

February 13 -

1. Mr. Hutchinson called requesting that he be billed for  $\frac{1}{2}$  cord of wood.
2. Dick went to Maine to see about job.
3. Dr. Mangelsoff replied to my letter that no manuscript of Dr. Raups paper will be needed before the meeting.

February 14 -

1. Herschel and Ernie in Boston today.
2. Took the Ford Sta. Wagon to Brewer and Carlson - broken valve spring.
3. New announcements arrived. Asked Miss Carpenter (by note) to forward them to the applicants.
4. Got Ford Sta. Wagon - needed 8 new valve springs.
5. Asked Ernie to fire Dr. Raups furnace until gets back.
6. Scott offered job in Liberia - State Dept.

Feb. 15 - Herschel and I left for Black Rock.

1. Miss C. returned from Boston.
2. "Cady" came to work.
3. Dick returned from Maine.

February 16 -

February 17 -

1. Came back from Black Rock in late evening. Had car trouble within 5 miles of Petersham.
2. Letter arrived from Defense Dep't. for Dr. Raup. I put it in vault.
3. Scott in Boston to see about leave concerning job in Liberia!

February 18 -

1. Dick accepted job - has to report by March 15. I understand he has written a letter to Dr. Raup explaining situation.

February 19 -

1. Learned today from Miss C. that another Fellowship inquiry arrived while I was gone. Student at Ames, Iowa. No background, but I imagine he is a forestry student. Miss C. sent details.
2. Another Fellowship inquiry today. Chicago University - Student will have an M.S. in Botany by mid-summer - refer to letter.
3. Told Miss C. to pay Dick up to March 15. Dr. Raup can extend it if he so desires.

February 19 (continued)

4. Have not heard from Mac Clintock.
5. Took Ford Sta. Wagon down to Brewer and Carlson. More valve trouble! P!
6. Answered Mr. Aske - Univ. Conn. wants to bring Forestry Club for a visit.

February 20 -

1. Dick went to Conn. to pick up Tobie. Said he would be back Thursday!
2. Another inquiry for Fisker Fellowships - Yale Student - Miss C. will send information

February 21 -

1. Another inquiry about Fisker Fellowships. No background of student given - letter came from New Haven. Miss Carpenter sent necessary forms and information.
2. Took the Ford Sta. Wagon to Brewer and Carlsons again!!

February 22 -

1. Herschel, Ernie, and I attended the S.A.F. section meeting in Boston.

February 23 -

1. Ford Sta. wagon needs a rebuilt motor. Cost - ~~\$225.00~~ \$240.00. I gave them the permission to go ahead. Also got a small

adjustment for the work that they had done during the previous ten days. The bill for that work was \$51.<sup>00</sup>. They reduced it \$15.<sup>00</sup>. I think the remaining \$36.<sup>00</sup> is a very fair price for the work they did. The head for the motor was removed twice during this time which is an expensive operation.

- .2. Ernie stayed in Boston and will remain until Sunday.
- .3. Dick still in Connecticut.

February 24 -

- .1. Left Petersham at 5:30 AM to attend the Academy meeting in Boston.

February 25 -

- .1. Dick came back to the Forest.

February 26 -

- .1. Mailed an income tax report for Dr. Raup.

February 27 -

- .1. Got Sta Wagon - runs well.
- .2. Charlie put in 4½ cds. of wood in Dr. Raup's basement.

February 28 -

- .1. RALPH W. Burkoe acknowledged arrival of Dr. Raup's manuscript.

Feb. 28 (continued)

2. Epstein's applications for next year have arrived at the G.S.A.S.
3. Miss Carpenter is going to contact Miss Fernald of the G.S.A.S. to remind her that applications at the H.F. can be accepted until April 1, 1957.
4. Another inquiry - Fisker Fellowships - Montana - B.S. in Botany

March 1 -

1. Francis Mergen, student at Yale who inquired about Fisker Fellowships, says he wants a Ph.D. in Forestry!
2. Mailed Dr. Raup's federal income tax report.

March 2 -

1. We had a fine party last night -

Bee, Frank, Mr. French

George, Joan

Dave, Louella

Herschel, Betty

Ernie, Annie

Dick, Toby

Charlie

Charlie, Candy

Miss Carpenter

Scott, Fritzie

Blanchie, I

2. Bill arrived from Brewer-Carlson for Ford Sta. wagon - in effect, they practically cancelled the costs of the previous work done before reconditioned motor was installed.

March 3, 1951

1. Dick took Ford Sta. Wagon to Maine today, and will be back tomorrow. Johnnie, chief mechanic at Brewer and Carlson, said that this would not damage the new motor, but was the best way to break it in.
2. Mr. Johnson, S.C.S. at Barre, came in. Want to hold a meeting at Forest on March 29. Expect about 125 people. Believe that Fritz Brinser is going to be speaker.
3. Received letter for Karl - selective Service sent on to Colby that PM from Arkol P.O.

March 4 -

1. Dick back from Maine.
2. Frank worked all week-end on floors in Skater.

March 5 -

1. Ernie went to Laconia, N. H. today.
2. Asked Miss. C. to make up bill for Dick's room and board at Skater Hall before he leaves. She will send final bill to him after all computations have been made.

March 6 -

1. Dick moved to Maine this morning.
2. Ernie still in New Hampshire.

March 7, 1951

1. Ernie back.
2. Envelope from Defense Dept. arrived for Dr. Raup. I put it in the file in vault.
3. Going to send Dave over to Conant Iron Work for roller conveyors Saturday.
4. Ernie left for New York State with Solon Barraclough.
5. Frank did fine job of waxing Mrs Raup's kitchen floors.

March 8 -

1. Miss Carpenter called Mrs. Fernald at 65RS asking if any applications had arrived. One has been sent in, but the fellow (Parke) is not one of those who inquired about the fellow ships.

March 9 -

1. Scott had Kendrick about water pump. Needs a general over hauling.
2. Dr. Mangelsdorf called this PM saying a Mr. Hathaway was on his way here. He is a potential student. MS Botany. Interested in tropical forestry.
3. Mrs. Fernald will send a list of applicants after deadline of April 1.

February 5, 1951

Dr. Paul C. Mangelsdorf  
Biological Laboratories  
Divinity Avenue  
Cambridge 38, Mass.

Dear Dr. Mangelsdorf:

Will the American Academy of Arts and Sciences want a copy of Dr. Raup's manuscript "Energy from Forests" before the meetings of February 24 and 25, 1951? I have a copy that I can send to you at your convenience.

Everything is going well at the Harvard Forest.

Yours truly,

Earl P. Stephens

BOTANICAL MUSEUM OF HARVARD UNIVERSITY

*Oxford Street*  
*Cambridge 38, Massachusetts*

February 12, 1951

Mr. Earl P. Stephens  
Harvard Forest  
Petersham, Massachusetts

Dear Earl:

I do not think that the American Academy will want a copy of Dr. Raup's manuscript before the meetings on February 24. I understand that you will read the paper for Dr. Raup on that date.

I am glad to learn that everything is going well at the Forest. Please do not hesitate to get in touch with me at anytime that I can be of help.

Sincerely yours,



Paul C. Mangelsdorf