

April 21, 1982

Dear Dr. + Mrs. Raup,

Had 4" of snow yesterday in Anchorage, but today it's gone, at the lower elevations, and the temperature is 41°F . So spring appears to be on the way. Actually, we have been having wonderful weather. The winter was exceptionally fine with mostly clear but cold days. And recently, the last 6 weeks, we've experienced cold, clear days, very dry.

When looking out my office window to the east at the Chugach Mts which are snow covered, very beautiful. To the north I can see the Talkeetnas, then if I walk across the hall I can see the Alaskan range with Susitna Mt. in the foreground. Then to the north on a clear day McKinley (Denali) and Foraker are in sight. Really spectacular, the latter are some 160 miles away!

Several weeks ago, Bonnie remarked: "I just love it here". Of course, this makes me feel great. She always has been one to make adjustments quickly, and she really is the pioneer type: likes the outdoors, camping, et al, and always wanting to learn what is on the other side of the

mountain. She had her on every hard-surfaced road in Alaska except the short distance down to Seward. She has taken the ferry from Valdez to Whittier, and in June will take Scott on a trip to Sitka, Ketchikan, Juneau, etc. when he visits with us. Next week Blanche goes to Kodiak to meet with the State Board of the League of Women Voters, then in May she goes to the National Convention in Houston. While there she will visit with Kathy and her husband and our granddaughter at Hearne, Texas, and Mike and Scott and two grandchildren at Austin, Texas. Then on to Auburn, Alabama to visit Tim and a bunch of acquaintances. So as you see she really gets around. Blanche's Mother died last January, just a couple weeks before we had planned to go to Hawaii. We went to Ohio for several days for the funeral, then Blanche stayed over to help her Brother handle her Mother's affairs. All of this happened during the terrible cold spell in the midwest: we landed in Chicago at 20 below zero and 50 mph winds. Blanche needed a respite, so we went to Hawaii just the same and had a

grand time.

While Bonnie is in the "lower 48", I will do some needed travelling to S.E. Alaska. Need to visit the Tongass National Forest which stretches all the way from below Ketchikan, Prince of Wales Island, Sitka north to Haines, most of the S.E., and expect to see a lot of geography. Then this summer will get up into the interior with some of the Native Corporations on the Yukon and Kuskokwim Rivers.

My work is progressing well. I'm able to devote most of my time to the State Forest Resources Plan Program. Believe it or not, the State has done precious little planning forestry-wise, and the current administration has @ most, interesting concept of multiple-use and forest resources. Its idea of multiple-use is primary use on specific areas i.e., given a 100,000 acre tract divided into 4 equal parts one would be managed for wood products, another for recreation, another for habitat, another for watershed! No one area is managed for several benefits!! Anyway, we have an educational problem on our hands and are making some progress.

April 27, 1982

Where does the time go?

Alaska has been losing significant amounts of revenue since the price of crude oil has diminished. Still, the economy is booming here compared to the 'lower 48'. The state makes 10% money available for housing and condominiums; rentals, etc. are springing up all over. Also, a lot of people are coming up here to find jobs and most are being disappointed. Anchorage is supposed to be one of the most expensive places to live in the U.S. and I don't doubt it. We will soon be in our new Condo a year. Two bedrooms, etc. and is very comfortable. Gas is reasonably priced because we only needed about \$35.⁰⁰ a month of it to heat with this past winter. On the other hand, firewood is over a hundred dollars a cord piled, dumped rather, in your front yard. Cost of labor is the critical factor. I think often of you folks. I hope all is well and someday we will see one another again. Take care of yourselves, and please tell all hellos.

Love,
Booney

12/18/82

DEAR DR. + MRS. RAUP,

BLANCHIE + I ARE ON THE NORTHERN END OF OAHU AWAY FROM MOST OF THE TOURISTS. THERE ARE MILES + MILES OF BEAUTIFUL BEACHES WITH HARDLY A PERSON ON THEM! WE HAVE DRIVEN MOST OF THE ISLAND, AND ARE ENJOYING OURSELVES TO THE UTMOST. QUITE A BIT OF DAMAGE OCCURRED FROM THE RECENT HURRICANE. LOTS OF POWER AND TELEPHONE LINES DOWN, AND TREES UPROOTED AND BROKEN. CAUSARINA DOES VERY WELL ON THE ISLAND AND HAS ESCAPED ALL OVER THE PLACE ESPECIALLY ON THE DRIER SITES. THE EUCALYPTS DO WELL HERE TOO.

WE'VE RENTED A NICE CONDO ON THE BEACH FOR A COUPLE OF WEEKS, THEN WE HEAD FOR TEXAS ON THE 20th TO SPEND CHRISTMAS WITH ALL THE KIDS AT HEARNE, A LITTLE OLD COTTON TOWN ON THE BRAZOS RIVER NEAR COLLEGE STATION. WE WILL BE AT KATHY'S HOME. MIKE AND SCOTT WILL COME OVER FROM AUSTIN, SOME 90-100 MILES DISTANT, AND TIM WILL COME FROM AUBURN, ALA. ABOUT 850 MILES AWAY. WE LOOK FORWARD TO SEEING THEM AND OUR THREE GRANDCHILDREN.

IN SIX TO EIGHT MONTHS, THE FIRST FOREST RESOURCES PROGRAM PLAN FOR THE STATE OF ALASKA WILL HAVE BEEN COMPLETED. I BELIEVE IT WILL BE A REAL CONTRIBUTION. THEN I WANT TO INSTITUTIONALIZE THE WHOLE PLANNING PROCESS IN OUR NEW FORESTRY DIVISION, AND I'LL BE READY TO LOOK FOR NEW CHALLENGES. BLANCHIE LIKES IT SO MUCH THAT ALASKA WILL BE A HARD ACT TO FOLLOW REGARDLESS OF WHERE WE GO. I'VE THOUGHT ABOUT THE PEACE CORPS AND HAVE BEEN ASSURED THAT I WOULD BE WELCOME OF COURSE, IN 2 TO 3 YEARS, THE PEACE CORPS MAY NO LONGER BE FUNDED, WHO KNOWS. THE WORLD BANK IN DEVELOPING NATIONS HAS BEEN OF INTEREST TO ME SINCE I ASSOCIATED WITH SOME OF THEIR PEOPLE IN VIET NAM. IN SOME RESPECTS, I'D LIKE TO COME BACK TO THE HARVARD FOREST TO PICK-UP WHERE I LEFT-OFF ON MY DISSERTATION. I'D JUST LIKE TO THINK AND WRITE FOR ABOUT A YEAR! WE'LL JUST HAVE TO WAIT AND SEE HOW I CAN MAKE THINGS HAPPEN. WE STILL HAVE OUR NICE LITTLE HOUSE IN ALABAMA AND ITS A GREAT TEMPTATION TO GO BACK THERE AND USE IT AS A BASE OF OPERATIONS.

WE ARE ALL FINE. I HOPE THIS NOTE FINDS YOU WELL AND HAPPY. WE WISH YOU A MERRY CHRISTMAS AND A HAPPY NEW YEAR.

LOVE

Beony + Blanche

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