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Dear Laura Gilpin:

For some time I have been intending to write and tell you how very much I enjoy your "Endearing" Navajos.

It was a treat to scan through the pictures and to read your text, written with such a friendly attitude. After twenty years on the reservation, I appreciate your warmth toward the People.

It was especially pleasing to recognize many friends, old and new, among the pictured faces. Goldtooth Begay, shown as taken years ago with his two little girls and his son, is a close friend, and has sung over me several times. The children are grown now, and the son has a couple of his own.

I have a series of color slides showing various steps in the life of Hubert Laughter, whom I see now and then at Window Rock, where I am working as Research Associate for the Tribe. I first met Hubert when he came home from the Service and was just letting his hair grow long.

The last time I saw you was when you came to Window rock to get a picture of Shirley Sells. She is working during the holidays for the Research Section, putting pottery together, and will be teaching the rest of the year.

My term as a trustee of the New Mexico Archaeological Society expires with the annual meeting in May. I'M going to miss being with them.

I have reviewed the book for The Navajo Times, and it will appear in the coming issue. If you don't receive it, please let me know, and I will send you one.

Sincerely,

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