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Dear Laura:

Your clipping about Ed's stopover at the Santa Fe Museum missed an item that would have brought you more news of him. Before he and Phoebe Walker & Dick Schmalz (another former pupil-teacher of his) reached Santa Fe they'd stopped in Colorado Springs, where E. spent about three hours looking for you. He asked at the Broadwood Academy & was sent to several addresses; but the three of them were disappointed not to find you. He didn't realize that you'd moved to Santa Fe, where they'd have been thrilled to find you.

Meanwhile, your book is thrilling^{us} all. Eliot's aunt, Louise Fay, who had the pleasure of meeting you, as I remember in June, sent daughter June a copy the minute we returned to Washington. Then she wrote she'd sent another to a former head of the school ^(Louise) ~~she~~ ^{headed} for years - the Waltham School for girls - a Miss Mason, who was enchanted.

We'd already bought a copy when Louise's gift one came, so ours went to Phoebe Walker in Cleveland. My father, meanwhile, was so impressed - "such a distinguished job - the beautiful photographs, the fine prose - the thoughtful research - and the publishers' achievement too, the jacket - the layouts (we told him how much you'd had to do with that) - the story of Laura on the back of the jacket - He made a paper cover for it & took

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it down to his precious Cosmos Club.
Among the chief admirers there
were a Dr. Hale head of the Federal
Bureau of Good Roads, who has hq.
wash., but visits in San Antonio, etc. Perhaps you know
him?

We hope it's going by 1,000s! and
that you're able to relay a bit. Dad saw
a review in one of the N. Y. Sun. papers (??)

E. is in Boston - Waltham - now -
+ will help hang his show to-morrow.
Last week he did a demonstration
for the Rochester Art Club, after stopping
in Cleveland for a book autographing
party. Back to Chicago to finish
2 films with Enc. Phil. Films, then

off to Fla. by mid-Dec. to teach again.
B., as you no doubt hear, is
busy with medals & plaques.

June is still pretty much of
a bed patient, or rather a "floor
patient" - no stairs - but keeps
mending slowly. I had a lovely
basky 3 weeks in 5,000 ft. Pecos,
before we started home.

Good luck to books - photograph -
home-keeping, and your new life
in Santa Fe. It's fine to think of
you there - so long as you come
east once in a while.

Affectionately,

Shirley

Hazel Abbott may spend 3 weeks in Fla.
studying with E. She's written 2 dear notes.