

Sunday

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Dear Scott -

You might lose out to
The FBI - It is starting
out scary, don't know why
Cops and robbers are so
intriguing to me - maybe
in the next world I'll be
Mrs Capone - Hope not -
he had a bad case of
syphilis^(sp)... not real familiar
with spelling some of these
household ailments.

I wish the picture had
been in color, as the
colours you mentioned
sound so lovely and the
shape of the birds is sharp
and concise yet very
graceful. I never thought
of woodpeckers as having
graceful characteristics,

always thought they were
sort of comical with
their red head and the
tat-tat-tat of the
pecking but then I've
never seen a pileated
one before.

You mentioned my
letters to you but you
gave no thought of the
pleasure it gives me to
receive yours. I miss
you all so much and
it again is as close to
yacking both hilariously
and seriously with you
as we can get without
us being together... my
grammar stinks but my
meaning is clear I hope.

I love being "La Critique
Holmes" for the plain &
selfish reason I simply
enjoy looking at your
work and can't see
enough of it - everytime

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they go out of contact in
very selfishly a little sad
as I won't see them again.

There are so many that
left from Valley House
that I miss and hope they
have a happy and apprecia-
tive home. . . ex. the apples,
Ben to name a few. And
to think I'm one of the
very fortunate and can
relish and study my own
and they are loved and
appreciated by all us children.
~~Thurs~~ I sent the clippings from
the various happenings -
please don't ever repeat
me - but Pamela's show
left a good bit to be desired.
John's work, except for the
Skull of a Cow and a mud
dauber's nest hanging on a

true limp - left me tepid,
even though much of his is
in egg tempera it makes me
think he is mimicing
your touch and is nowhere
close. Pamela's work is
delightful - fields of fun
small flowers and a lift
to your spirits to look at
as they're so cheerful. I
think the colors make me
feel this way & I do love
flowers. I was not too
taken by Stuart's "Texas
Landscape", I think he's
capable of a better display
& since he was going to
be exhibited, should have
made certain he had
better paintings there to
be shown. That's pretty
blunt but I sincerely
feel that he didn't help
himself one iota this way
- maybe he doesn't want

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to exhibit there - I don't know - but do it well or don't do it at all (I can't live up to that bit but he can.)

Would you believe in hobbling around on crutches - it's true. I fell down when my ankle turned as I played tennis & my opponent could even hear the crack - I heard it but was feared when she heard it - well it ain't broken but I says it looks as though I tried to tear my foot off. It's on my right foot damn it which ends driving a car for a spell but is fine & a lovely shade of blue black all over. Also the invention - the crutch -

was made by a sadistic
soul who took great
pleasure in observing
people trying to keep from
breaking their necks. Jim
warned me as he gave
crotch walking lessons
that if you fall nearly
everyone breaks something
else. Happy thought.

Nancy's address: 4008 Edgemoor
St. is fine by the way but was
lost to us for a while as
she was gone on the Van
Cliburn Contest and kept
the Viennese, who should
have tied for 1st but there
was skulduggery amongst
the judges. She loses it so
is trying to culture me, to no
avail, except I may have to
go here & consent to keep her
happy.

Great fun for your Mother
going to Italy - she might
prefer it to Heaven & also
none of us have been
guaranteed a spot up there

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at least she will have
seen part of Italy.

The Carlin Gallery wood
print man was gay and
much fun - his prints
are mainly flowers in
bright, chrome like colors
and Georgia & I thoroughly
enjoyed it. . . most always
mild flowers. . . color
was extremely bright in
most all of them. much
fun. Missed the Carter
opening of homes but will
go sometime.

Sent you all some pretzels,
too early for the apples
yet. When are you both
coming home?

Charles's picture was
grand before you left so all
I can say is it must be

better. Don't you think
putting Pete, Joe & Tracy in
one is too many? God, Pete
might do away with Tracy
in the process.

I ran into Mary Lou
Paxton the other day & she
asked about you Scott.

Well, I've got winter's
croup & I'm sure you've
had it but am so pleased
Stuart is working hard &
you're both doing well.

Waller if you come home
& write anyway.

With love

Shirley

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