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Dear Pat:

The enclosed chapter of a booklet was given to me by Donald Tripp who is retired and now is living in Oshkosh. I saw him recently at a picnic, which was for retired university people. He was recently in Rib Lake and someone gave this chapter to him because he knew Meyer.

After reading it, Tripp noticed that I was mentioned in it, and he knew I would be at this picnic, so he brought it along. I told him I would make copies for Dorothy and Christina, because both also knew Meyer. Tripp was one year behind me in school. *See p. 7 + p. 9*

While you and the other kids still in Rib Lake did not know Meyer, you know all about the Rib Lake High school, so I thought you might find this story interesting.

Orrin Meyer was a High School Agriculture teacher. I am not exactly sure why he wrote this booklet, but I know there were some programs for retired people encouraging them to write about their work experiences or jobs. I know of two other individuals who did that. I assume that Meyer could have been in such a class or group.

I saw Meyer once when I was teaching at Casco High School. When we moved back to Wisconsin in 1965, I ran into both Donald Tripp and Orrin Meyer at a meeting in Oshkosh. Both were County Agents, so we had an interesting short visit. At another meeting Meyer brought Mrs. Meyer, so again we had an interesting visit.

While Meyer was teaching at Rib Lake, he made it a point to visit the parents of students taking agriculture. He often said he couldn't stay long because he had other places to visit, so my parents would ask him to come for Sunday dinner and bring his wife, and then there would be plenty of time to visit. One such visit was on December 7th, 1941. I know he brought it up when we visited.

*Meyer died several
years ago
Walter Johnson*

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Dear Pat -

Walter wanted me to send the enclosed on to you.

Received your letter and clippings yesterday. Thanks. I'm trying to get some other cards, etc. in the mail by 10 a.m. so all for now. Love - Eleanor