

We talked about you at Historical Society last night. Rick hopes you will see fit to come talk to us in '85, early. Maybe you could tell us about your canal trip?

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Dear Murray and Rosa:

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What a treat this morning! To have your two cards, the one in the OBSERVER'S BOOK OF (British) WILD FLOWERS and the other by post. That is a delightful book, pocket-size and with the kind of picturesque common names my Dad used and that are used in my Oxford book, too big to carry around. I wish we had had it last year in Wales and around, especially in the Dee Valley. Who else but a Britisher would think up the name "Restharow" for a plant that grows and blooms in "heavy clay soils?"

I liked the Canal Horse. I had not thought of the fact that these were undoubtedly used as horsepower during the early traffic days on the canal, as on the Columbia ferries.

I sent your first canal card to Lael, for whom we had a tentative address in case her boat, the Han Jin Ho, came ashore to Dutch Harbor. Well, Liane called me at 6 this morning, to say that they had just received a telegram from Lael, saying she was "fine", that all was "going well," and that she has been transferred to a boat called the CRYSTAL DAHLIA. She didn't say what country.

Thanks much for the flower book and also for all your info. I have asked county library headquarters for The First Mate's book might be available, too. Or maybe I can get a lot of descriptive material from Lael. She's a very observing and appreciative (nature-wise) child.

Bless you, too, for the promised...SMOKY SEA. Please let me pay for it. I will look forward eagerly to its arrival. And how happy I am you are both home, safe.

Love
Margaret