

*Dale and Virginia Leipper  
Book of Memories*



*Message from  
Dick and Jane Adams*

Dale & Virginia

4/21/92

It gives me a great deal of pleasure to send you a congratulatory note in honor of your 50<sup>th</sup> wedding anniversary. Staying married seems to be going out of style these days, but rest assured that there are still lots of us who attach old-fashioned significance to it. I, for one, believe that erosion of our family base is perhaps the largest of the numerous problems facing our nation presently. So, congratulations and continued best wishes to both of you from Jane and me.

Dale, I have had many "bosses" during my career. You were my first "professional" boss and I feel that what I learned from you provided me with a foundation strong enough to weather the multiplicity of management "styles" that I encountered in working with all my other bosses. Some of the descriptors of your "style" which come to mind are patience, fairness, enthusiasm, dedication, tenacity, aggressiveness (tempered by having done homework), humility, acknowledgement, challenge to excel, ..... I'm sure there are many others. These were reinforced by your after-work Christian/family based lifestyle. The total package was one which you should be very proud of — but, of course, that's not your nature. Let me simply say thanks for setting such a good example!

Again, congratulations on your 50<sup>th</sup>. Now "dare to be 100"!

Dick Adams

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*Charles and Bartie Bates*



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Mr. Bryan R. Leipper  
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Dear Bryan:

It will take a little time to dig up a photo for your Dad & Mom's memory book. However, I will send the following textual material:

Dear Dale & Virginia:

Congratulations on being able to celebrate a happy and well-earned 50th Wedding Anniversary!

Bertie and I owe a lot to you ~~two~~ and we look back with fondness on those years we collaborated together--at UCLA in 1942-1943, the happy news that you and I (plus Crowell, Olson, et al) would be brand-new second lieutenants studying under Sverdrup at Scripps in mid-1943, and the evolutionary year spent in your fledgling Department of Oceanography at Texas A&M in 1952-53. During those years, your babies appeared, as did ours, so it was always fun comparing notes in that regard too.

Anecdotally, the worst three hours ever spent in your company was in April, 1953 after my doctoral committee rejected my dissertation on "Delta Theory" as too long. Fortunately, you and Dr. Armie Price were able to come up with a compromise over the dinner hour which let the "book" be accepted after all. Its vindication, of course, came later that year when the concept won the President's Award of the American Association of Petroleum Geologists, as well as led to my being facetiously called "Delta Bates"! Certainly that recognition confirmed that YOUR Department of Oceanography was going to become famed through the Southwest--and it did! Not at all bad for a first try and definitely vindicated in part Dr. Jakkula's faith in you despite Dean Trotter's high coefficient for worrying!

HAPPY ANNIVERSARY--with many  
more fine years to come!

*Bertie  
Charlie*

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Army Air Force officers assigned to Scripps Institution of Oceanography in mid-1943. Left to right: Lieutenants H. G. *Venn*, John C. *Crowell*, *Timpson*, Redfield, Charles C. *Bates*, R. S. *Klopper*, Professor Harald U. Sverdrup, Cletus J. *Burke*, J. Armstrong, G. S. Holliday, E. Yale Dawson, Dale F. *Leipper*, and Boyd E. *Olson*. (Courtesy of SIO.) (Names in italics are wave forecasters.)

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*Wayne and Louise Burt*



12 February, 1992

Dear Bryan and Diane,

Forgive me for taking so long to respond to your letter concerning your parents' fiftieth wedding anniversary. As you may know, my husband had a fatal heart attack last August and the weeks and months since have been both very painful and very busy.

We have both always had a high regard for your parents, having known them from Scripps days, starting in 1946. As I recall Wayne and Dale worked together on the Bathy-thermograph project at Scripps and then, upon completing their Master's Degrees there, moved on to different institutions, but still had similar careers. Your father started a new program in Oceanography at Texas A. and M. and Wayne assisted Don Pritchard in getting the Chesapeake Bay Institute established at Johns Hopkins University. And then, just a few years later, Wayne came to Oregon State University to start a new program in Oceanography, just as your father had done at Texas A. and M.

I know that Wayne and your father met often throughout the years, at various meetings, here and abroad. At a meeting in The Hague in The Netherlands in about 1982, your mother and I were there, too, and we enjoyed sightseeing and shopping together. We also saw them at least once or twice during the years in Monterey when our son, John, was working on a graduate degree at the P.G. School.

For many reasons, of course, I wish that Wayne could be writing this, because he would have much more to say. We both treasured the years at Scripps and our friendship with you, Virginia and Dale, and we wish you many more Happy Anniversaries. (Wayne and I were fortunate in that we celebrated our 50th last year).

With my very best wishes,

*Louise Burch*

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*Message from*  
***John and Ruth Calhoun***



March 10, 1992

Dale and Virginia Leipper  
c/o Bryan and Diane Leipper  
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Dear Dale and Virginia:

Greetings and congratulations on achieving your fiftieth wedding anniversary. We wish we could be there to help you celebrate in person, but the distance is too great. We will celebrate with you in spirit. We send this message in care of your children to let you know that we join your many friends in recognizing this traditional milestone.

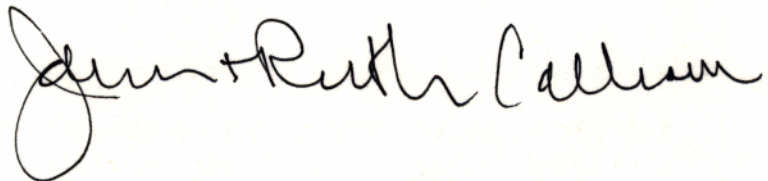
Years go by so rapidly. It seems only the other day that we came to College Station, at that time hardly more than a village, steeped in its Texas and southern traditions. Although you had been here several years when we came, you also were from the outside, like us. There were many ways in which you made it easier for us to accommodate ourselves to College Station and Texas A&M.

One of the great surprises that we found at Texas A&M was the internationally known program in oceanography and meteorology. It wasn't long until we knew that its heart and soul was Dale Leipper. Not only did we find a kindred spirit, but also a person who had deciphered and overcome many of the bureaucratic obstacles that existed at the institution. To build the Texas A&M program in engineering, the only genius required was one of recognizing and following the trail that Dale had used so well.

We treasure many happy memories about the Leippers in College Station, both on the campus and off. It is our regret that in later years we have not lived close enough geographically to cement more fully the friendship that the earlier years had spawned. You were here at a critical time in the growth of both campus and community and each owes much to your presence and to your contributions.

We wish you continuing good health and many more years of wedded happiness.

Sincerely yours,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Jim + Ruth Callison". The signature is written in dark ink and is positioned below the typed name.

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*Message from*  
***Butler King Couper***

Thanks to Dale Luffman and  
the other members of The Scripps  
Institution of Oceanography class of  
1948, I was graduated with their  
help! Thanks to Dale's foresight,  
Texas A & M got off to a good  
start in environmental  
research. When the I.G.Y.  
began, I remember Roger  
Revelle and Columbus Inelin  
carefully chose who should  
be funded and Dale was  
right after Scripps! a  
proud record!

Cordial regards,

Alvin Couper