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JEFFERS, Leon Henry

b. Scarborough, Maine, July 27, 1892

PET HAVEN, INC. of SACO

A PET CEMETERY WITH PERPETUAL CARE

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19 MAYBERRY STREET
SOUTH PORTLAND, MAINE

Telephone, SPRUCE 9-4502

Jan. 20, 1961

Mrs. F.W. Jacob,
Maine Author Collection,
Maine State Library,
Augusta, Maine.

Dear Mrs. Jacob:-

Under separate cover we are mailing an autographed copy of "Our Good Neighbors" for your collection. I am not sure how complete a biography you wish but am sending some of the facts and if you wish it in a different form I shall be glad to comply with your request.

Name:- Leon Henry Jeffers

Born:- Scarborough, Maine, July 27, 1892

Son of:- John Mitchell Jeffers formerly of Portland and of Helen Maria (Roberts) Jeffers born in Gorham, Maine

Schools Kents Hill Seminary, Boston University C.L.A. Naval War College in International Law, also incidentally Greys Business College in Accounting and Lewis Hotel Training School as Hotel Manager.

Activities While at Prep School took a term as grade school teacher After leaving College became Principal of a High School left to become an actor and travelled out of Chicago in such big Road Shows as Trail of the Lonesome Pine, etc. When trouble broke out with Mexico, resigned to enlist in Navy and have been connected with it ever since, at present am retired.

While in College I earned my way in the ring and also as a semi pro baseball player. As an amateur played foot ball. at Boson University.

After the Washington Conference without losing precedence I asked for an extended leave of absence and became International Sales Manager for the E.T. Burrowes Co of Portland and left to take up the same position with the Kane Mfg Co of Kane, Penn and was then recalled to the Navy until retired in 1941 as Disabled, service connection. While in the Veterans Hospital at Togus in 1948 I was married (First wedding ever at Togus) to Leone Moors Hooper who had served on the Governor's (Hildreth's staff) only Maine woman to so serve. Upon leaving hospital became a Hotel Manager for a year. During World Warll Mrs. Jeffers served in London and France with the Waps while I was in South America

Let your best friend rest here.

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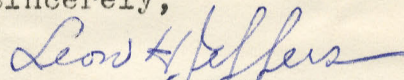
and Africa. Since then we have organized the Pet Cemetery which takes up much of my time.

My work has been in large part of a confidential nature but I can say I have spent considerable amount of time in 38 foreign countries and have circumnavigated the globe seven times.

Our hobby is raising and showing dogs, of which we have three house dogs (Belgian Schipperkes) and two sporting dogs, Blue Tick Cooh hounds.

My plans are to continue writing, hoping to eventually produce a whole series written in a similar vein about a dozen or so other countries where I have spent time enough to become thoroughly acquainted with the people.

Sincerely,


Leon H. Jeffers

Let your best friend rest here.

January 19, 1961

Mr. Leon H. Jeffers
19 Mayberry Street
South Portland, Maine

Dear Mr. Jeffers:

It was with great interest that we read recently of your book, OUR GOOD NEIGHBORS, and we shall place it on our order list at once, and make a note of it so that it will appear in Maine in Print in the Bulletin of the Maine Library Association.

At present we write regarding the Maine Author Collection, which is a permanent exhibit collection of books written by Maine people, or about the state. Consisting of about two thousand volumes, most of which are inscribed presentation copies, the collection makes a fascinating and important display which attracts students and visitors. We also gather all possible biographical and critical material about our authors.

We understand that we can claim you as a Maine-born author (though we don't have any really good biographical information -- would you be willing to let us have such a sketch sometime?), and we hope that you may want to inscribe and present a copy of OUR GOOD NEIGHBORS for inclusion in the collection.

Meanwhile, congratulations on its publication, and our warm wishes for its success.

Sincerely yours

hmj

In Charge of
Maine Author Collection

January 24, 1961

Mr. Leon H. Jeffers
19 Mayberry Street
South Portland, Maine

Dear Mr. Jeffers:

Thank you very much for the graciously inscribed copy of OUR GOOD NEIGHBORS, which we add to the Maine Author Collection with appreciation of your friendly response, and also of this gay, wise and humorous study of "the other side of the coin"

Your experiences and wide travels would seem to indicate a rich fund on which you could draw for more books, and we shall hope that this will be the case.

For the present, the best of fortune to this one, and again thank you for the Maine Author Collection copy.

Sincerely yours

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Letter with biographical information on
reverse side of first page.

January 24, 1961

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Dear Mr. Jeffers:

Thank you very much for the letter with
biographical information. That is exactly what
we wanted, and we appreciate your taking the time
and care to assemble the facts for us.

Sincerely yours

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