

tell any of his stories. He tells them very well and has a lot of good ones and I really would like to hear more of them. In fact, I hardly remember them, those he has (no) all thru here) how much I have enjoyed hearing.

That seventy-fifth birthday was really a very pleasant occasion which I remember with considerable pleasure

I believe it was on the occasion of my seventy-fifth birthday that my wife said that she was not going to have another occasion of the kind until for me until my eightieth birthday. This was something of a relief ~~xxxxx~~ during the next four years when my birthday passed with little notice and only a very few cards.

However, at this point I should recall that another dinner in my study with the whole faculty present. This was in celebration of Jack Murray's sixty-fifth birthday. Grace served a very fine dinner and it was a pleasant occasion. We did not have the help of the Harrises to serve on this occasion, and my wife, as on all these occasions, had done most of the cooking, but on this occasion there proved to be a real problem in serving, since the kitchen is quite a distance from here the study and there was either no outside help or very little outside help. Things got a bit slow and Mrs. Murray got up from the table and went out and helped with the serving. This was a great help but a bit embarrassing to me at least, since she sat of course they sat right next to us at the main table.

Now as my eightieth birthday approached I began to feel that Grace would have some sort of observation of the occasion, but rather hoping that it ~~was~~ would ~~not~~ not be done. I think there was some thought of trying to make it a surprise but the kind of occasion that she planned could hardly be ~~xxx~~ carried ~~out~~ out that way so that idea was given up. I was told that they were going to have an observance of my 80th birthday, but to have it the day after, since my birthday was Thursday. Then we heard that that was the day on which the inspection team would come from the State and of course this made any such observance on that day impossible. So it was decided to hold it a week later. It was held in the cafeteria of the seminary. Recalling how pleasant the occasion had been on the seventy-fifth birthday in our house, and realizing that the downstairs had recently been repainted and had new