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Mr. Joel W. Eastman
University of Maine
Orono, Maine

Dear Mr. Eastman:

A copy of your collection of cartoons, THE MAINE THING, has come to us, and we congratulate you on your sharp and sparkling presentation. Its lively appeal will get it around, and we hope that you will be happy with its success.

Wouldn't you like to inscribe and present a copy of THE MAINE THING to the Maine Author Collection? This is, as you may know, a permanent exhibit collection of books about Maine, and books written by Maine people. We gather biographical and critical information, too, so that our files may be complete on Maine literature and writers, and we should like to have such information about you, at your convenience. The collection numbers about three thousand, most of the books inscribed presentation copies, which are available to students and browsers here at the library. It is a varied collection — history, poetry, children's stories, and — we dare to hope — cartoons.

It would please us very much to be able to include THE MAINE THING. Good luck to it.

Sincerely yours

hmj

In Charge of Maine Author Collection

KJ 7/16/64 refers to him as 25 yrs old grad stu at UofM & instructor in hist
Mrs. Hieda M. Jacob  
Maine State Library  
Augusta, Maine  

Dear Mrs. Jacob:

Thank you very much for the kind words, and I am flattered that you want to include our little paperback in the Maine Author Collection. I am delighted to present you with a copy, and I only hope that my next contribution can be more substantial.

Here is some biographical information which I hope will be sufficient: born March 11, 1939 in Bridgton, Me.; father, Brooks Eastman, now of Buxton, Me., director, Bayside Project, City of Portland Redevelopment Authority; three brothers and one sister; lived in Bridgton, Bar Harbor, Lovell, Portland and Buxton; graduated 1957, Samuel D. Hansen H.S., Buxton, University of Maine, B.A. English, 1962; extracurricula activities – H.S., editor newspaper and yearbook – U.M., editorial cartoonist and editorial editor, The Maine Campus, member of the U.M. Young Democrats Club; thirty-three editorial cartoons published in the Portland Sunday Telegram between April 1962 and June 1963; taught H.S. English at Queensbury H.S. in Glens Falls, N.Y. 1962-3; returned fall 1963 to the U.of M. as Graduate Assistant in the Department of History and Government working for M.A. in History which should be completed June 1965; proposed thesis title – the Economic Impact of the Cumberland and Oxford Canal.

Thanks again for your interest.

Sincerely,

[Signature]
August 6, 1964

Mr. Joel W. Eastman
Stillwater Avenue
Orono, Maine

Dear Mr. Eastman:

Thank you very much for your prompt and friendly response. The autobiographical sketch is exactly what we wanted, and so, of course, is THE MAINE THING!

We are adding it to the Maine Author Collection with an extra chuckle, and with a glow of anticipation engendered by your reference to a "next contribution." Substantial or not, we look forward to it.

Again thank you -- and our best wishes.

Sincerely yours

hmj
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