

Regarding Weider - I met him once when he was in Los Angeles, possibly in the sixties - the only other contact we ever had with him was at the time we were getting ready to go East to do Sig Klien's show in 1947. He wrote or telegraphed that he wanted us to come up to Montreal and do one for him. After we wrote him our terms, we never heard from him again! We had an arrangement with Sig that we wouldn't do any shows in the East before his, which was certainly fair enough, and I don't recall now whether Weider wanted us before or after the date of Klein's show. That may have had something to do with his losing interest - who knows. It was kind of a touchy situation, anyway, as we were really connected to Strength and Health - though not with any contract that limited our activities in any way - but Weider and Hoffman were such rivals at that time (as I am sure you are aware) it was probably just as well. I never met or knew any of Weider's wives.

I have never been in Florida, so could not have stayed in a hotel in Miami. Les was there once during the war, but they spent all their time mostly at the Army base in Orlando, Florida. (I do have relatives of my father, who live in Florida, but have never met any of them. Their name was/is Eville).

I am starting now to assemble a group of photos for you - early childhood, dating, balancing, lifting, and posed, as you requested. Cecil Charles, who did most all of our photography, gave me many of the negatives when he retired, so hopefully I will be able to have copies made that you can keep. What size is necessary - would 5x7 be suitable? Would be less costly. Let me know. I may find I have some duplicates that I can send you without having to make copies - will look for them, also. At any rate will have them ready as soon as possible.

Must bring this letter to a halt. Do hope some of this material I am including will furnish you with information that you can use or at least give you ideas, whatever!! I set it up by years starting with 1939. Sorry, that I didn't do that with the lists I sent you in April - I found it much easier to check by doing that, and it seems to make more sense that way.

Until later - our best regards.

*Paul and Les.*

PS Do you know whether Joe De Pietro is still around??? He lived in New Jersey, and had a daughter born either a year or so before or after ours was born. Haven't heard or read anything about him in many years.