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Dear Joe,

Your letter dated January 13th arrived on the 16th and, as I always do, I am replying right away.

It is now three months since you wrote to me, the last letter I got from you dated October 29th, and you'll forgive me if I wonder why it is that so long an interval ~~is~~ between ~~an~~ mail. Especially so since I know you have been in touch with others. None of my business of course, but I can't help wondering.

I suppose you have heard of the death of Simon Voyages and I'll let you have the details if you desire. Did Xmas day.

There is also a new bench press record of 798, made by Ken Lain, who competes in AMATEUR power lifting contests, yet runs a gym somewhere in Texas. Scaled 295 when he did it.

There is also a new book out on Berarr MacFadden and I don't know who the author and publisher are. Will let you know if you are interested and when I get the info.

There is also a rumor that Frank Leight, 1940 (was it ?) from America has leukemia, but don't know if this is fact or rumor.

I am fully aware of the trouble of strength Athlete and kindred publications, and it only confirms what I have always believed. Act honestly and fairly and you'll prosper. Set dishonestly and cheating and deceptive and, sooner or later you'll fail. The bloke who owned the SA took one of my articles, published it word for word with another man's name as author, he tried to escape and deny all responsibility when caught out.

Further to this. When he went into liquidation, or bankruptcy--- they call it by another name in the UK, he first took 29 THOUSAND pounds out of the till. This showed up in the bankruptcy proceedings.

The magazine titles were sold to a "Mr Brown" for 71 thousand pounds as a PRESENT for his son

Health & Strength has also been sold to a man named Alex McKenna, and Lance Dorrer is rumored to have a finger in the pie.

YOU are writing for the Old Timers bulletin? Well, so am I and so is Dave Webster. I am told the first issue will be 8 pages and is supposed to be out February.

Spent what wasn't a quiet Xmas with Vera and family. The boys were up at 5 AM to get to the presents. They up, we all had to get up. Usual turkey and trimming

Bill ^{Hunt} ~~out~~, the old time grip expert, featured in the Maxalding clurses, has died aged 80.

Thanks for writing.

best,

