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Tues. A.M.

dear Dorothy -

Nice + chilly. Maybe I will try to shuck some corn this P.M. I planned to go out yesterday then Grandma got ready + was going too, as I stayed in and got the ironing all done and let her go, but she better not complain anymore about her shoulder! Grinding feed this morning.

We went to Allandale after gas last night and took the La Salle - just a mile out of Allandale on the way home - a bearing in the engine went out + we couldn't drive it so Dad went back to Allandale + got Leroy Carr to come push us back + then got Hammers pick-up + reloaded + brought us home, so we will drive the Chevie some more till the car is fixed up again.

Haven't heard from Margaret directly - will send Aunt M's letter - and talked to Leonta yesterday - she came Sun. evening. She said Margaret was getting the raise at Richardson's about the same as offered her by the other place she wanted. Guess Leonta doesn't know what she will do but will go back in two weeks.

I fixed your uniform sleeves a little so they would be a little looser + maybe not tear out as easy. Studying catalog this morning - Alice a long sleeved sweater + John a long sleeved Sunday shirt. What will you be needing?

I finally got the green dress made + some yellow flowers for the shoulder.

Hope your cold is gone.

I called Mrs. Denny + she said Bernice did leave her pen at Center and she didn't know who to write to about it. It is Hugh Roberts' + they would like so much to have it.

I'm glad you are cooking! Alice should but she doesn't

like to now have time. She ditched the rye patch south of henhouse when she got home last night & then milking, etc.

Hope your chem. test doesn't give you a headache - maybe I better send you a headache pill.

Bessie Armeal is to have a gall-stone operation tomorrow at Des Moines. Mrs. Jess Norris died at Ia City Sat. night. Jess has lost his father, daughter & now his wife, all recently.

We were so glad to see Maurice - he looks grand & a pretty well boy. He wished you girls could have been here & would like to have you write - (Seaman 1st class, Seattle Base, U.S. Coast Guard)
His address: Seattle, Wash.

His work is such that he will probably be kept right there unless some WAAC or WAVE takes his place.

Orin is in now, something in Air corps.

I got a card from Uncle Arthur - he's teaching once more - in San Diego State College - Physics, Asst prof., at \$275 per mo. I'm glad he has taken something definite again for he really is an excellent teacher - I know from having him in my 4th year in H.S.

Have to vote today. No election dinner as no place to have it and hard to get meat, etc. I'm out of luck too & can't buy much, if any, of that - we may butcher & can the meat before long.

Mr. Shurham has a job, overseeing blueprint readers - gets \$1.00 an hour. Guess that beats teaching school. He said if he had his Freshman class for a month or two he could have them doing a better job than these men he has under him. I'm not sure but I think he is in Lincoln, Neb.

Must get dinner early as we can all shuck corn this P.M. - have to take 2 wagons if Grandma goes out again. Guess I'll have "sausage kraut & weiners" for dinner - how's that! Love - mom

Maywood, Ill.
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Dear Everybody,

I've been sitting here at the machine for a half hour copying material from the type text, and already I ache through the shoulders and feel as if I should like to fly out the window. Am I soft? Oh boy!

Nellie was here for two weeks and we had such a good visit and were on the go so much that I can scarcely keep my feet on the ground. Instead of resting, I fear Nellie was quite used up when she left - she did have a complete change, sure enough. With the graciousness of Margaret and Leonta we were able to be gone during the dinner hour some. The whole family of us had a drive along the lake front, a trip to the zoo to the Morton Arboretum, the Municipal Airport and the University of Chicago. Nellie, Dewey and I went to China Town and had an entirely Chinese dinner which all of us enjoyed immensely. Nellie and I alone went to a meeting of the Twentieth Century Club, the Amling Greenhouses, a tea, the Aquarium, Field Museum, Art Institute and heard the second concert of the season of Chicago Symphony Orchestra, four days before Dr. Stock, their famous conductor died. And we went shopping together for her to buy a new winter coat, some things for the girls and Lewis, etc, etc. We visited until we almost ran out of topics and Nellie rested some although not so much as she should have. She just would not let me do everything alone, and the children were little Indians for the whole two weeks.

All of the children are preparing to be in the Annual Library play. Kathleen does need any costume, John's is being provided for him, but I have to make a penguin suit for Sam. Also I am in the throes of getting ready for the yearly Brownie Scout Mother's tea, the annual Scout drive for funds and the candy sale for raising money to finance the year's work in our own troupe. Dewey is as busy as you can imagine - yesterday was district teacher's meeting, and he attended sessions all day then came home and rushed to the Hi School to do some typing for the Union, and on to night school without coming home for supper. Just one mad whirl! and I don't mean maybe. There is to be a faculty party Friday night, but Dewey will be teaching and I will take the boys back to Emerson School for the Hallowe'en party. The next night Kathleen has a Hallowe'en party and we have a square dance party. We have had only two so far this year - oh, Yes, that is another place we took Nellie. She is fond of that sport and enjoyed herself a lot.

We were pleased to have Margaret made the offer of the better job. She has no doubt written you that it ended in her being given a nice raise at Richardson's. We saw Margaret a few minutes Sunday and took her to the elevated station - she was going down town to meet Leonta and take in a show. The girls

have alot of good times together. Makes it nice for both of them. Leonta will stay all night with us Saturday before she leaves for Iowa. Surely hope she will be able to get a good job some day - she sure deserves it.

Dewey and I think we would like to have a case of eggs if you can spare that many more than you send to the hatchery. We are paying over 50¢ a dozen for them and trying to get along on two dozen a week which just isn't enough to allow for any baking. Boy the canned fruit and vegetables do come in handy. Don't know how we could settle down to all store stuffs and be satisfied.

Where is Oakie going to live? Was the wedding a sudden development or not? The war weddings here have decreased lately/

Now I just must do some mending and set the table for breakfast then see if we can go to bed before ten thirty. To bed after midnight three or four nights a week is pretty strenuous for middle-agers.

Lots of love to all,

Dewey says send eggs express collectt.