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Tues. P. M.

Dear Dorothy - Guess I'm neglecting my letters but I've been waiting to hear from Margaret & finally got a letter last night - you said she had a new job so I was anxious to hear more but we waited quite a while. I'll send hers & Aunt Margaret's on to you. Bessie said James wrote that Margaret & Leonta & 2 service boys met him & he was quite surprised at those gals! Now I'm wondering who the boys were & where they went - James said he sure saw a lot in two hours.

Jim & Bessie, Chuck & Auntie Pearl & her sister Cora were all over for melon Thurs. evening. Tues. evening about 20 Jrs. & Srs were here. Sun. eve. Chuck & Pearl & Alta & Kelley's were down. Alta plans to take Chuck & Pearl to Mason City Friday & back Sunday. Worth Jackson will do the chores & Aunt El' wanted the "little Adair girl" to stay nights with her, but Grandma came to the rescue & said she would like to go, so it's all hunky dory now & the "little Adair girl" can go to the show if she wants to.

Aunt Gladys & Uncle Fred came down Sat. night & back Sun. noon. He has been working at Ft. L. Mines but will be through there this week. He got \$7.50 a day - 10 hrs. day - & can probably go on to another job. They hadn't heard from Ruth since we were up there & Naomi was still substituting for Home Ec. teacher. John hadn't been called into service yet.

We are shelling corn today so we will have lots of nice cobs to burn & has it ever been cold since Fri. P. M. - froze in that night but didn't hurt any garden stuff. Watermelons are still going strong but someone got into the patch Thurs night & cut about a dozen green ones.

Alice got her class ring last week & the picture man took the group pictures - Woltz is coming this week to bid for Class pictures.

You sure are a busy girl but I imagine you enjoy your classes better than just text books and your drawing ability should help you a lot in Chem as well as Art. John has to draw lots of plates for Gen. Science & Man. Training. Did you get H-H pencils? - he got another one from Mr. Slurham if you want it.

Slurham & Mr. King went to Blockton & got old Mr. King's skeleton he

used to have in his office + brought it over for the high school - Alice said they had it all wired together + laid out on table in Man. Tr. room.

Gladdy is trying to hay some more + Tod is ready to fill silo + the cane is ready to strip to make sorghum + hen house to fix up for winter etc etc - I guess I'll have to shuck corn - they are charging 10¢ a bu for shucking this year where we paid 4¢ last year, I think, and hard to find men at that. I think Leland Alex + Eddie Smith will help but we'll need several. Corn is good this year. I've had a cold since Sunday + just been sitting by the kitchen fire to keep warm.

Amah Lou wanted your address + Alice forgot to send it so you send her a card. She is counting on going to Chicago next summer + get a job + stay with you girls!

We were at King's for dinner Sunday.

Rev. Stewart is trying to have revival meetings but it's too busy a time for farmers + I've felt too tough to go yet. Gladdy took Grandma up Sun night but none of us went last night + the corn shelling will be so late tonight that I doubt if we get around.

Too bad Sammy has whooping cough - he may cough all winter.

Mrs. (Mr.) Ross died Sun. + her funeral will be tomorrow P.M. If Jedia goes, I may go with her, but Gladdy won't have time, I'm sure.

Grandma is putting the heater in the east room this winter so she can have both rooms warm + have the sunshine to sew by. She is making a dress out of sacks like Alice's P.J's.

Wed. A.M.

Nice morning for a change - wish I didn't leave this cold so I could work but I don't feel up to it today. Got corn shelled + had 2 hayricks full to the top of cobs. Got to have corn ground now.

Love Mom

Got to put up lunches now

Lues.

Dear Folks,

Got your card and box today--Today was also my first day at work and now I'm just waiting for a girl to take me to a meeting of the Wesleyan Service Guild. Gee, what a day.

I'm working at The Richardson Co. northwest of here in Melrose Park. It is supposed to be an all dictaphone job and probably later a relief receptionist. I just typed today but will probably get dictaphone later on. It is a very nice place to work and I'm getting \$20 a wk. to start.

Leonta and I and a couple of friends met James at the station. If Bessie has heard from James she has probably told you all about it and also the fellows from the Air Corps. The Train got in about 8:30--then we took a bus to Grant Park and ~~saw~~ watched the Buckingham Fountain for about 15 minutes, went back to the Loop and got some super sandwiches and walked back to the station. We had a nice visit talking all about Redding. He said your melons were sure good.

I have another minute or
two so guess I'll add a line
more - Saturday

I going to finish this in
pencil & try to mail it
today. Sorry I didnt get it
sent but things keep coming up.
Gorrig to wash my hair &
clothes I hope today so will
be busy.

Love
Margaret



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U. S. A.
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Dear Alice

Guess what the man from Wolitz at
Des Moines was here showing us his
sample pictures & among the school
pictures was Redding, Blakton & Grant City.
The first person I saw in Redding's was
Durham. & the first in Blakton was Paul.
Of course I knew others from there.
I didn't know anyone from Grant.
He said he was going to Redding Friday
boy he has some good offers. \$5.50, \$6.50,
\$7.95 & \$9.95. I don't know which I'll get
the 6.50 or 7.95. If you get your picture
from there write & tell me what offer you
are getting & maybe we can get the same ones.
On the 7.95 offer you get a miniature & he has
a new plastic frame that I like real well
you'll know it when he comes.

The prof he me write a letter Friday &
we got an answer yesterday, Fast work eh?
We talked about going to see movies & having
our pictures taken & call it Senior Day.
But I don't know if we will or not.
We're ~~afraid~~ afraid that we can't have a
senior day next spring so we want one now.
Oh I forgot to tell you, school has started
here. (That stunk) I'm taking Psychology,
Typing, Shorthand & En. Lit. & I'm tired of
school already. We go from 9 till 11:45 &
1-3:45. I never went out for Glee club this
year but I'm still ^(shorthand) board.

Where's that letter Dorothy & Margaret was to
write me that ~~last~~ Thursday night (the day
I seen you) & the letter you was to write when
school started??

I seen where Paul Long went to S. N. I. now
Dorothy will love company. Seen where Davis
Shay went to. What's Long taking? Send me
Dorothy address please. What's Margaret
doing now.

I'll send you some air mail stickers
 I found a sheet down to school & I
 thought ~~maybe~~  I use some.
 boy ain't I good . We have never
 leasned to write yet. Its all we can do
 to read. We're talking the Gregg method.

This morning mother ironed me a
 dress for school & she ironed the dickey
 backward so after I put it on the dress
 I ~~tried to iron the dickey on the dress &~~
 I ironed myself. Boy do I have a
 pretty burn. It hasn't hurt so far.
 I don't know if it will scare
 or not.

^{so}
 We had Freshman initiation last Friday
 over at the state park. We had lot of fun.

Did I tell you dad is an Assistant
^{so}
 Mechanist now.

Mom washed & ironed today & Bobbie is
 picking up walnuts now ~~but~~ we have

four trees.

Grandma is making me a white dotted swiss blouse. It has a round collar & a yoke with lace around the collar, yoke, pocket & sleeves.

I went to the show Friday nite. The Courtship of ~~Ray~~ Andy Hardy" it was funny but I like the comedy of Donald Duck the best.

Can't think of any more to write. Try to write before. Please, please, please ~~send me~~ Donathys address I never knew until last week that Maude Morris would etc died.

Today is pay day & me all try to guess what amount it will be I never get it right. He's suppose to come home at 5 but he might have to work over. Maybe I'll see you some day. He & Kitty said hello. Phoozy from me to you & did white Sox.
Hi everyone B. How Louie ^{and Sam}
Lady, Fifi, Snowball, Nellie & the cats
Kittens Look on the flap, in envelope

7 Apr

How's Eloise & Law, Vinita & Lowell where is
Did everybody come back to
as Mary Jo got looked school?