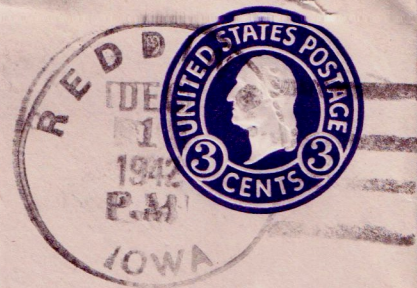


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dear folks,

Just monkeying around this evening & listening to the radio. after yesterday we decided we needed an evening at home.

yesterday we went on our annual change giving hike at 7:00 in the morning. nice & chilly too. I fried the pancakes so I could keep my hands warm. we came home - jumped into a tub of hot water & then mixed up a salad to take to Aunt Margarete. about 1:00 Lou & Diana came over & we went down for dinner. Had chicken - but everything was good. Leonta & the girls decided to go for a walk but I had walked enough for one day. Jim came over a little later & I went over to his uncle's & then were to meet the girls to go to a show but they decided to go downtown to a show, so Jim & I went alone.

Leonta has a job and a nice one at that. It is downtown - working for Pinkerton Detective Agency. - typing all day long.

Before I forget it, we would like to have Jimmy Hunt's address & maybe we can go up to see him some Sunday before he leaves Great Lakes.

our banquet is over and it was really nice, about 80 there.

Any more scandal?

How is Grandpa? Did he go to Iowa City?

It is kinda chilly here. Did it rain or snow down there Thanksgiving?

Roy Beck has an A. P. O. attached to his address now which means that he will probably be transferred out of the country. Don't tell Leonta's mother that he is going out of the country. Leonta thinks she will find out soon enough.

You must be getting your share of exercise shucking corn.

By the way, you might send me a few addresses of some people I should send cards to for Christmas.

We don't know just how we are coming home & when or if we are but we are going to try even if we have to ride on the fast mail.

We are having ourselves a time - me especially since I have to get dinner. I get home at 5:15 & Leonta ~~Leonta~~ gets home at 6:00. How about that chicken that was running around the farm this summer?

Well I must be getting to
bed. It is now 12:30 &
I have to work tomorrow. Of
course I can stay in bed
until 8:00 which helps a
lot so I'll get nearly 8 hours
sleep.

Good night

Love,

Margaret

Tues. 9. M.

Dear Dorothy -

I got sleepy before I started to write to you last night, so I'll write while the men are milking for Grandpa may go to Mt. Air and I'll have to have this ready 'cause we can't make any extra driving!

School begins at 9:30 now with only 30 min. at noon so they still get home at 4. We don't know yet whether the kids will have to walk or not - Guy said he had gas enough to drive this week then maybe they would know something but he waited all day in Mt. Air yesterday and then didn't get in to see about extra gas. If they have to walk there will be a lot of little kids stay at home because their dads won't have tires or gas to take them.

Ralph Roe sold his stock & machinery yesterday - they are moving to Brookfield the first of the year. They were down for Thanksgiving dinner.

Grandpa & Grandma went to Centerville with Kings & stayed till Friday night. Stuart & Helen were there & took them over to Bloomfield to see Rev. Eastman. It was too stormy to shuck corn so Daddy did the chores & ran around - Leland came up & shucked corn Saturday & Louie Harris.

Grandpa couldn't get in at Ia. City as pay patient so he went to Mt. Air to see Dr. Landis but didn't get his papers made out so he may go back today. If he gets in as county patient he will never know till they call him and he should go now & be back by Christmas so we don't know yet. Several men around Grant have been to St. Jo and got along O.K. so he may decide to go there after all or Des Moines.

Glad your tests are turning out so well. Don't overwork! I don't need to tell you that? I think every week I'll send you something to eat but seems as if I never have time. I'll try this week to see what I can do.

Cloudy & chilly yesterday but I believe the sun will shine after awhile. I'm not washing though. I sewed rug rugs yesterday for a rug and I'm going to send the rest of the old dresses over & let Mrs. Hiller put them to suit herself. I have 4 sacks of paisley pattern sewed together for a comfort top & I think I'll start that today - also a pair of pillowslips to make that I think I'll give Richard if they look O. K. Richard is planning on being married Xmas.

Naomi is coming home - leaves Dec. 4. She planned to come to Omaha with some friends last week but they gave it up so she is coming this week & visit a few days then on to Chicago as John is stationed about 40 mi. north of Chicago. She might get a job & stay in Chicago while he is there - I don't know what her plans are. Orin wants Fred & Gladys to go to San Francisco - they have the house all fixed up so it should be easy to rent or sell.

I've only seen one passenger car go by this morning. They were all out yesterday getting their tanks filled. The La Salle is at Allendale still but hope to get it right away - it has a full tank of gas if someone hasn't used it!

What do you want for Xmas? I'd like to know so I can

order or I might get a chance to go somewhere - maybe as far as Grant or Mt. Airy.

Jess Harris is coming back to farm - also Coin Jackson's + Charles Griffith - wonder why they don't stay out there and work this winter. The boys will be in the army before spring surely - These farmers will sure have a job for a long time, if we have to feed the world for years to come and I think it looks like it.

Leonta was lucky - she gets \$25 a wk. I imagine they will get an apt. after Christmas. She said they would when she got a job.

Well I must get busy + clean up + wash dishes etc. etc. Sun is shining so I should have washed but maybe it will be nice tomorrow.

Madge + Cleo were in La City last weekend. I wish I'd known it - I'd have sent a box of food. Stogle isn't well yet though he works - his side hasn't healed entirely yet + keeps draining. Paul was deferred till Dec 12 + hadn't heard yet when he would be called. Jimmie leaves S.M. today for Great Lakes. Cleo has passed his physical exam + may have to go soon. So Madge says she guesses she will have to go to Chicago + get a job. She has her teeth all out + hopes for her new ones right away.

You better plan to do what shopping you need to do in S.M. on your way home for it's hard to plan to go anywhere. You can cash a check in La. City or wait till you get to S.M. If you see what you want you can get your own +

or else send me a list & I'll see what I can do by order.

If we meet the girls at Creston it will be late & Xmas eve
at that - unless someone will do the chores that evening
and we go early & stay till train time. They may not be able
to get on a train but I'll bet on Leonta if it's at all
possible!

I'll exchange your letters & send Margarets to you. You
needn't send it back.

Must quit now - Love - 'Mama'

Daddy is taking Grandpa to Mt. Air as guess I'll go along
in case I don't get another chance & maybe I'll see something
Alice wants some stationery - maybe if I find some good-
looking she might write some letters.