

AFTER 5 DAYS, RETURN TO

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Sat 9-M.

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Dear Dorothy -

Some snow! at least 6 inches since early morning - immense flakes. Thankful the wind isn't blowing & it isn't very cold. but, oh, the mud it will make! Surely should be bumper crops this summer and looks as if we would need them. It is going to be hard to find help. Daddy is about in the notion of changing from dairy to beef cattle & sowing more lespedeza for pasture but we would sure miss the cream checks.

The chickens are doing well & gaining every day - we sold Alice's pullets ⁽³⁰⁾ to Carl Harris as they wouldn't stay at the hen house and we will need the brooder house before long. Ordered 500 from Boone for April 22. School closes here April 24 so that will be a busy week around here.

Do you know just when you will be out this year?

They are still going on Saturday here and we sure miss that day. Alice thinks it's awful but it will be nice to have them to help with chickens & garden that early.

Have you made any plans for summer? You better take a little vacation if you plan to work. I wonder when Margaret gets a vacation. Alvey wrote early in the week that she thought she had a way to come to Des Moines today but we haven't heard a word from her - this storm may make a difference. We would like to drive up if she did come - wish she could come next Sunday when you do, then we would have a reunion.

You never did send the tag for cleaning your coat

Maybe I should send it to Mrs Moines & you get it when you come down. Surely a reliable cleaner should know what to use on it. I may take it to Grant this P.M. & see what Mosbarger thinks about it.

We have to take the hatching eggs down - we get 11¢ premium this year.

Daddy has gone to town & will walk over to Chuck's to take the sausage grinder over & he's supposed to be back here by noon but I'll bet it will be sun time noon. A good many go by old time & it's a nuisance. School begins at 10 & out at 5 by wartime & I'll be glad when they go back to 9. If we have to change time we should all do it, I think, whether we like it or not. We will very likely have worse things than that to get accustomed to, by the way the war news sound. Have there been many boys leave school this year? Junior Heath is still in H.M. but Red Teters went to Okla. Gerald Walters to Texas, Doc Shaw is in Washington (not D.C.) Carl Holland & Homer Kobbe go right away - Wimpy Parker goes to H.M. Today for Exams.

Amah Lou wrote to Alice & wants some clippings from the "Kidding Cabbage Leaf" so you might send the Kidding papers on to her. Irene Hoover's marriage was a surprise - Bessie didn't know it anyway till the paper came out & Evendolyn too. Daddy got quite upset & said if one of his girls did a stunt like that he would disown them so better be careful! He - I told him I thought he needn't worry but he said maybe that's what Lester thought, too, but I really don't think he expects it to happen very soon!

I'm glad Margaret got rid of that dirty "ditto" job but I'd sure like to hear about her new work - also her cooking lessons.

I wonder, if you do decide to work next year if you could take some night classes in Home Ec., or Chemistry or whatever would help you, if you do take the Home Ec course. I believe I'd write to Ames & send your Highschool study course as well as your college course subjects & see how much credit they will allow you on a Home Ec. course. Better send for a catalog, too.

Mumps is a sore subject around here. Alice went back to school Tuesday but Mr. Ross told me on Sat. she should stay at home this week. Then the tournament Thurs. night & she got pretty peaved because we wouldn't let her play. Sleephoos beat them by only 12 points & I know she thinks she should have been in there to help. They play Elston Tues. night & I told her she could play then if she still felt O. K.

There are still a lot of kids out. Sammy J. & Beverly & Gordon, Geraldine - I can't begin to name them all and several little kids have whooping cough too. John hasn't any symptoms yet but I fully expect him to come home every day with his jaws hurting. He may take them from Gordon who was at school on Monday & still time from Alice. 12:45 & Dad not here yet but I better get my rocks changed & be ready when he does come. I want a pattern for that green dress. I think I'll use a white collar on it. Don't forget Grandma's birthday - two weeks, the 28th. Amy & Joe & Chuck's & we will go down for dinner on Sunday - the first of March.

Hot lunch is going fine, though John thinks they have beans too often - lima beans & soup beans -

It has nearly stopped snowing - hope so & hope it stays cold enough to freeze it so it won't blow nor melt all at once either. who is your roommate & where is she from -

Oakland & another girl share an apt. now & do their own cooking. Mary Ann's brother helped them move, Auntie Pearl said - and Akil likes it so much.

Well - Dad's home & no letter from Margaret so she surely isn't coming to D.M. Road grader has just gone by so the snow will be off but I'd not want to start out on a very long trip. Hope this is the last snow but never can tell. They didn't stop for Alway's last letter that's down at Grandma's - so I'll send it next time & I'll send your's to Margaret but it's down to Grandma's, too.

Must go now - they are done, feeding cows & ready at last - 2 P.M.
Love "Mom"