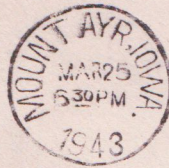


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Thursday p.m.
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Dear Carl,

Before the day is done I want you to know that the parcel post man delivered those steaks this morning. Beautiful? I never saw such perfect meat before, in our house. Dewey will wish he weren't going to Men's Club for dinner, I betcha! We'll call the girls and if they didn't get any will have them over for a feast. I hope things get to tasting right to me pretty soon.

I had the doctor come again this morning to paint my throat because it may be days before I can get out. Sure did have the flu right. Dr. ordered some more sulpha-thiazole (?) today, a cough syrup with a narcotic in it and a tonic. Last two are just about the nastiest stuff I ever put in my mouth. Rank! Sure will have my tonsils out, first chance I get. — your card just came — we'll see that girls get their meat okay.

Don't count too much on our being in Redding next summer. If we are able to get a house we may be pretty busy all summer. We can get a garden plot here. I suppose —

Saturday a.m.

What do you suppose I was "supposing" on the other side? The doctor gave me some more sulfa drug and it surely knocked me for a ~~to~~ row. Then John got a severe ear ache Thurs. night. So Denny spent the night, up and down, almost beside himself.

You know he must have been tired at school yesterday. Margaret stopped in last night and helped him make supper, eat, and clean up the kitchen. He missed a lecture and pictures by Margaret Bourke-White that we had been looking forward to for a long while. Gave our tickets away.

I'll have to rest another while then maybe I can wash out a couple of shirts for the boys.

Be seeing you.

Love. Margaret

Got another letter from Margaret yesterday - they were all feeling better but it takes a long time to get strength back after the flu. She wants a case of eggs. They are hunting a house to buy so may not spend the whole summer down here.

Thurs. 11 A.M.

Dear Dorothy -

Dinner on the stove & while its cooking I'll write a note to go out today. Cloudy & heavy fog that makes it nasty underfoot but its warm. The grass is getting green so heres hoping spring is coming around the corner. Dad is going to Mt. Cay this P.M. and John has a dental appt. at 3. Chuck & Pearl may go with us if it doesnt decide to rain at the last minute.

We are so glad to get your bulletin on Will's condition. Jodie calls just as soon as the mail comes - she got your Mon. card on Tues. - then got two this morning. If its mailed before 4:30 P.M. we get it the next day. Its grand be

is getting better - he has always had that "blue complex" and makes it harder to recover but if he can gain strength he will take more interest - he feels as if there's nobody to care whether he lives or not - so if you can get time and he is well enough to know you, try to go over sometime this week end for a minute just to let him know we are still wanting him to get well and come back + help make Victory gardens. If Marion Jennings knows he is there, I'm sure he would go to see him, too.

The four boys who went to S. M. didn't pass - J. Koble has athlete's foot, Zigler has impetigo (itch) Cal Henry sees double in one eye and L. L. Norris was too short - quite a gang. Koble & Zigler will go again in 10 weeks. Melvin Cox had stomach ulcers his dad

said so he went back to Minn. to work.

Carl Harris is back from Waterloo to stay I guess. He said he was getting \$75 a week but I can't believe he would quit that to come back here. Grover Wright has bought Carl's place north of us for pasture and they can stay till school is out. Carl bought 3 cows from us. He brought Louie a \$35 Bulova wrist watch for graduation! He Jodie just talks & talks about how much she appreciates your taking time to write her about Will - she insists she is going to give you something - what do you want me to suggest? You know Jodie - she won't let anybody do anything without paying back.

When do you get home? I had May 8 in mind but the kids say it's April 28. Six weeks tests this week so graduation is May 6 - somebody had figured on

making up the rationing vacations, I guess
but they didn't have to.

We sent Alice's shoe ticket to Margaret.
Do you have a 2 piece pattern yet?
I think I'll make myself a 2 piece
dress - sharkskin or something. I
may get a pattern in my Apr today.

Alice finally got her big picture
and its better but the miniature
was just one of the other picture
tinted & put in a 10¢ frame - so she
took it back to school to wait till the
other girls got theirs and they haven't yet.
She's going to send it back.

John had 3 day measles over the week end but
went to school Monday.

I went back to see Dr. Ross Tues. & he said
I was 100% better - I know I feel lots better &
guess I'll be O.K. soon - sure thankful I went
to see about it before it had time to

got really bad but I was worried enough
for awhile.

Grandma has her house cleaning done!
She is getting ready to go to Des Moines
to clean wall paper! Yes, really.

Jr. play is tomorrow night. Then its
Sr. play practice for awhile.

I must get dinner on now & comb
my hair.

We went over to Jim's Fri night & took
John's birthday cake & jello. Bessie is
getting along fine. James called her
that evening from Pittsburg. He's coming
home in May to stay till June 1 & bringing
some fellow with him. Jim & Bessie
can scarcely wait.

Jr. Hiatt is in England. Bob Mincks
was home last week & is probably
going across soon - he is radio

man on a bomber. They have had
no more word from Bill Abarr since
word that he was missing but hope he
is prisoner & can get away. News
this morning said lots of them are
escaping.

Must get busy -

Love

Mom