Wednesday A.M.

Dear Mary & Earl,

Was so glad to get your letter - You do write very good newsy ones. Have been intending to answer for a long time but letter writing is so easy for me to put off -

Yesterday P.M. I went to a Swine Carnival down town which was presented by Iowa State and Scott Co Cooperative Extension Service - I have never been to anything better - About everything in regard to feed materials and ways of handling them by various companies - The classes were 45 minutes long. There were a couple I missed that I would like to see so I may go back this P.M. It's raining like the dickens now and the crowds downtown were as bad as

they are at Xmas time if you can imagine such a thing - Couldn't even find a parking place in the ramp.

Vada & John came over a couple of weeks ago and were here a few days - Sure seemed nice to have them here - Vada said Virgie hasn't been real well.

You should have been here last month. I thought about you - The big annual Antique Show at Rock Island rolled around which I went to and also a very good flea market - We would have had a good time browsing - The prices on some of those things are really gilling fantastic but most interesting to look at!

Bob got out of the army last fall - He didn't find a job he liked so he is at Iowa U. doing graduate work. Seems

dad to think he and Chris are back at school in the same place again - Guess they don't see much of one another as they live on opposite sides of the river and neither have a car then and both quite busy -

Chris still loves the nursing - Seems to like it more all the time

You mentioned gathering up some doll dresses I had made her when she was a little gal - now that Helen is out of that stage I think Chris would value them and perhaps an old doll as she is quite a sentimental gal as they would have no meaning to Helen Sue - Golly don't these kids grow up in a hurry.

Kelly, the cat, even has a way of growing up and out - She getting

much too fat – Taken to eat too
well for the exercise she gets.
When do you plan to go home?
I hope it is so you can stop
and we can have a good visit.
Tell Alice "Hello" – and do plan
to stop if at all possible.

Love
Oakland