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Dear Dad:

Today has been a burning day. Never have I felt such heat in October, and rarely at any other time. It has been so hot that the mere effort of existence is almost unsupportable, and any kind of action virtually unthinkable. Fortunately for us, there was no lecture scheduled for this afternoon, so I came home and have been asleep most of the time. Even so I woke up perspiring.

I went to the Raleigh and got the laundry case. I do not think that it pays to send things home, as there appear to be plenty of places here where shirts are dome for 10ϕ or 12ϕ and sox mended. Now that I am not in the Raleigh any more, it is easy for me to take things to a laundry, and I intend to do so. I haven't seen or talked to Curt since I left the hotel.

I hadn't heard about Mr. Ashbrook having a stroke. No wonder Paul said he wasn't very well. Is he in Washington or still in Johnstown? He had better get down here rather we quickly, as it looks as if the bill might be sent to the House any day now. I have wanted to go down and hear the debates, but have had too much to do. I will try to write for a ballot, but I'm sure they would send an application form if you called them on the phone and asked them too. You know you have to have the application before you can do anything else.

I'm sorry to hear that the radio was in such bad shape, but glad that it could be repaired. I hope it will prove satisfactory, and that Janie will get a lot of good out of it. It cetainly is a shame that I took it along in the first place, but that can't be helped now. L' Heureux's radio happened to be just right for the current in their house. I will have to get a catalogue from the companies which give a discount; I hope to find a four-way current set. If not, I will have to wait until I find out where I am going before I buy one.

It's too bad about the truck. I certainly hope you find it and that it will be in fair shape. I suppose you had it covered by insurance. It was getting pretty old anyway, wasn't it? As I recall, it was a 1934 model. There really doesn't seem to be a thing to write about. The lectures continue in a raher uninspired fashion at the School, and I am beginning to wonder whether it is worth the expense of bringing us all home. Please give my love to Aunt Vonie and Ninnie, Janie, Dorothy, Betty and the rest.

With love and best wishes, Mellan

Oct. 11. Thanks for the letter & package. Will write again when package is unwrapped.

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