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Dear William:

As you can very well imagine from all indications, we are in Vandalia trying to help on its way the Grand American of 1942. This will be the last one for the DURATION so they say and it is doubtful if this one would have been held if the shells had not been bought, paid for and delivered long before this country became involved in any activity such as it is at the present time. The indications are that there will be a record crowd in spite of tires, gasoline shortage, and rationing of this and that and the other. John Taylor drove up from Florida for the event so if you know how you can "Get By" with a great deal. Many people seem to feel that they can't be sure of the future so they might as well enjoy themselves while they can and still have tires of a sort. As you probably know the "pick-up" was stole a few weeks back and rather set us back in more ways than one. The car was not hard to find but it was minus 5 wheels--not to mention what wheels turn around on. We had to wait until enough cars had been wrecked to replace what was missing, such as they were, with the result that we have a diversity of wheels-- each one different from the other. Nothing like variety.

(It has been ages since I tried to type which may account for some of this irregularity, but the longer I go the easier it is to find the keys, only my concentration is so great that I forget when I come to the end of a line. I bet if I write to you again at the end of the week that you will see an improvement.)

I saw Jean Montgomery yesterday afternoon and she told me that she and Merrill leave today for Texas to visit John and his wife who is down there with him. As you know he is in the cavalry. Mrs. Moore Jean's mother died a few weeks ago at 91 years of age, I believe. She has had the care of her mother for a good many years

and I imagine that the reaction has been considerable.

Your last letter of August 2; reached us on August 13, making very good time so we thought. The account of your activities was very interesting to us but I can imagine that you miss your car and accustomed living accommodations. By this time you must have had a chat with Bud Drancis and had a graphic account of home and all the happenings from him. There has not been much going on this summer and the number of faces missing on the streets is rather appalling when you stop to think for a minute. Our faculty at the High School has been depleted not only by the draft but also by "Cupid". As I told Mr. Boyd the other day- it would pay him to get his teachers already "hitched" and not have the ranks depleted by that marriage clause in the contract. I will have this year- 2 sections of Spanish 12, 2 sections of Spanish 11, 1 section of French 12, and 1 section of German 12 consisting of 4 students but they seem to feel that they mustn't un it anyhow.



but it does show very definitely the trend of public thinking at the present time. I only hope that I will be able to swing it this year. It happens that I did a bit too much so that I had the pleasure of having nature step in and put an end to my activity and I spent 10 days in bed and the most of 5 weeks on the flat of my back and I am still feeling pretty flat. But I will be in shape again in a few days now. This is a good opportunity to rest and not have a couple of houses on my mind or meals to plan and countless other things to do.

Newark has had the luck to get an aluminum factory promise to be built by the American Aluminum Co. of America and also a permanent airplane training school, which will give us a bit of luck as far as building activity is concerned. However, your father feels very blue about business and he is not alone in that respect for many a small factory and more small business men are going to be out of business before many moons. The outlook for them is not very merry.

When we left home Uncle Carey was in quite serious shape and they are not too optimistic about them being able to bring about any great improvement in his condition. After all he is no longer so young and one cannot expect much. Aunt Bertha is taking care of him.

Our neighbor Dr. Gressle is going to camp in a few days, along with about 15 other physicians of our village, so it will behove all of us to tread the straight and narrow path as far as our health is concerned. Walter and Virgil at the store will leave very soon. Next thing you know your papa will be called -- he could teach marksmanship.

About your glasses----- Dr. Hatch ordered another pair for you and Bernie just called long distance to say the much needed articles were at the store and how to send them to you, so you will probably have the glasses before you receive this letter. They are pretty essential if you read a great deal as I very well know. The insurance is all taken care of.

As you probably know Melody is going to Denison this year as a FRESHMAN. With her varied schooling and being first in this school and that I think that she has done quite well to be able to enter without any difficulty. She will commute from Newark as they commute anyhow when they live so near and I cannot afford to send her as a boarding pupil anyhow. If I do not teach to send her she will have to go out and get a job, which would not hurt her but I want her to have at least a year of COLLEGE, as long as I can work to send her. I am very grateful that she can live at your house and know that she will repay you.

Laurence just told me to tell you that they have the largest attendance for the first day of the shoot that they have had in a long time. Last year they had 70 and 122 today. Some of the incoherency of this missive is due to the confusion around here and all these people dashing in and out ---- and I can't remember half of them I am sorry to say.

We are counting on that visit from you even if we are not the purpose of the whole thing and we do hope that you and Philinda will be quite as happy as we are after almost 3 years of trials and tribulations of matrimony. It could be much worse, though I doubt if your papa thinks so. Now do write to us when you have time. I know that your life is very busy but give us a thought now and again. Love from us both and all good luck.

Sarah

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