

Newark, Ohio. August 29th 1940.

Dear William:

Your letter of the 17th arrived on the 27th and made very good time considering it had been opened by the censors. Presume this was done in Bermuda by the British as it was marked in English.

Your letter via the pouch has not arrived and it will possibly be some little time before it gets here. We had the checks sent to you from the Park National and as I had deposited the balance of the money to your account, I had the Park National send a draft to Harris & Ewing and charge it to your account. Carl Ankele is on his vacation but Cromer took care of it.

I wrote to Lillian and told her that you had written to them and that they would receive it in the near future. They are so worried, as we all are, about the bombing of Milan. I do hope that they will not make any mistakes and get the residential section of the town.

Grandpa is back in Michigan and the address is 304 Blanche St., Plymouth, Michigan. I know that he will be glad to hear from you.

I returned last Sunday from the shoot and will tell you that we had a very good attendance and trapped 83,000 more targets than last year. The Preliminary Handicap was won by a man by the name of Miller from Minnesota with 100 x 100 and it paid him \$1650.00, the Grand American was won by Ernest Wolfe of Charleston, W.Va. and this paid him about \$1900.00, he broke 98 x 100. It is a very tiresome job standing on the concrete floor for so long a time and I am just getting rested from the event. I was again named secretary, this makes eight years for me on that job.

We have been having a very prolonged dry spell, but it is broken now and it rains very easily, however it will take a lot of rain to fill the ground. Sarah and I went down to the farm last night and I looked over the grapes. They are beginning to turn and imagine in two or three weeks they will be ready to pick. They look very good at this time and I hope the black rot does not overtake them before they ripen. The next thing will be to find a market for them. The apples look just fair and I believe that the rain will help them out quite a little. The price should be a little better than last year as the crop is much shorter.

Janie has made up her mind that she will attend the Traphagen School of Art in New York this year. The school takes up the first Monday in October. I do not know much about the school and neither does Janie except what some of her friends told her. I do wish that she had fitted herself for school work. She has gone four years to college and is not prepared to do a thing and between us I just doubt if she will make much of a go at interior decorating, I hope that she does and that she must realize that I cannot keep sending her to school for an indefinite time. I have my hands full and am paying \$250.00 per month on the building and have the taxes to pay outside of that. Sometime it will be a nice equity for you both, but it keeps me well down now. I imagine that she may have to have some help from you as she has just the \$500.00 bond left, we would sell the Newark Trust Company stock but there is no market for it and the BancOhio stock is selling around \$22.00 per share but the amount is so small that it would hardly pay to sell it, we have 18 shares apiece of it.

Dick left for school on last Monday and things have been rather quiet since that time. They sure had one good time while he was here. I have not heard whether or not Dick's class would graduate again of time. [sic]

Mary Lou Grieser is at home and Janie tells me that they are expecting a new arrival Within the next four months, I hope that everything will go well with her.

Our glads have been very nice this year and we have given many away to friends and kept fresh flowers at the cemetery since they have been blooming.

I believe that I told you that we had papered the halls at home and our room, we had the paper cleaned in the two front rooms and the house really looks very nice. We had the Stasel house painted and it looks fine, it is really a very lovely place to stay and it is too bad that there is not more time that we could stay down there, but with the flowers, apples and grapes at the other end it does not leave much time.

As for the election, it seems that Willkie would have a very good chance of election, but you cannot tell what will happen within the next several months. The conscription bill passed the senate and they say it will probably pass the house.

They are still having quite a time in England and I believe that Hitler has not found it quite as easy as he expected. Imagine that they will have a hard time of it this winter in all of Europe.

Well I must close as it is nearing closing time. I have been interrupted so often writing this that I doubt if you can make anything of it. We are all very well, Janie had a cold but it is better now, Sarah is fine and Betty Lou is getting ready to start to school on Tuesday. She goes in as a Junior.

Write when and as often as you can as we are all so glad to hear from you. God bless you and keep you safe for us. With love and best wishes,I am,

Yours,