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There is very little news locally at present. Our household runs the even tenor of its way without³ any particular ripples. Betty seems to be adapting herself to our routine, both school and domestic, without any great difficulty and for the⁴ first lap of the first six weeks she has A in History, English, and Sociology, while she has risen from 0 to 50 in Geometry with Mr. Swank, so maybe in the next three weeks she will raise from 50 to 100 - a very remote hope.

The farm seems to be holding its own and while one cannot brag about crops, I suppose that it can be worse considering the⁵ season that we have had and the resultant short crops in so many places. Grapes seem to be fairly good, as the rain came in time to prevent total failure, but the apples surely have not justified their existence, one might say. But the country-side is really lovely just now. We are going down Sunday and the Baumans are coming down for dinner - or whatever you want to ... call it, probably a picnic.

Janie leaves for the big city on Tuesday and I surely am wishing her luck and really she ought to have it. Of course, I understand that they have to work long and hard in this school as it is practical in the application of what is taught and learned and you and I both know that any Western school is in a sense play compared to the requirements of a very good school in the East. It should not be true but you see it every day, especially in the adjustments that our students have to make un under the conditions there.

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¹ This letter was typed by Sarah when she was unfamiliar with the art of typing. I have made corrections in the text to improve readability; footnotes and the photo-scan of the original provide the actual typed text for those concerned with typescript details. - LJK

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⁵ Lit. *considering th the season*

⁶ Li. *PERsonal*

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As ever

Love Sarah

PS. Your Pa wants me to tell you that he had his annual fall cold and what a cold this time: however it is much better and with the nice summer weather that we have now it will not be long before he is completely well.

*I write with your father checking accounts on one side & George doing some mysterious contortions with books on the other!*⁹

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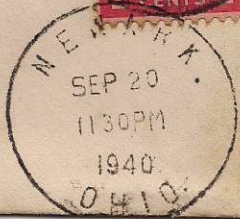
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*write with your father checking
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