

Newark, Ohio. October, 11th 1940.

Dear William:

Birthday greetings will be rather late from us this time as this is the day, never[the]less we are thinking of you and wish that you could be with us or we could be with you.

Your letter of the fifteenth arrived, I believe on the first and as usual we were very glad to hear from you. Your letter that came in the pouch took six week. I do not have the letter here so I cannot give you the exact date.

The grapes are all gone and I imagine that they are well on the way to wine by this time. We had just a fair crop and I had to sell the last ton to the winery in east Newark and got \$25. 00 per ton for them. The others I sold for \$40. 00 per ton. Most of them went to the Italians and we delivered one hundred and sixty baskets in one block on south Sixth St., all Italians.

We have all of the apples off except the Stayman, they are all a poor lot this year, aphids were very bad and I used a recommendation from the Experiment Station for blight. I had them sprayed in the blossom with Bordeaux mixture and it russeted them terribly. I believe that at least one third of them will have to come out. Do not have them sold as yet and wish that I had them out of the way, will probably have to put them in storage. The horse that I bought is no earthly account, she will not pull and has broken two pair of shalves. I called Rufus Wright and told him to come down and get her and dispose of her.

Well, Janie left for New York on Thursday Sept. 26th, I had her wire me upon arrival. They left home at five and arrived there at 11. P. M. That is a long hard day's drive for one day. I had a letter from her last week and they seem to be very nicely situated. I have encouraged her and told her that she could make it go if she would just get down and work and I believe that she will do the very best she knows how. I hope that the school is a good one, but as I am not versed in that line could not pass upon it. It is the one that she liked and I believe she will do better there than she might somewhere else. I think that Janie will give you an outline of the financial program. I presume that she has already written to you and you have her address, in case she has not or you have not received the letter her address is 57 W. Forty Fifth St. , Schuyler Apts. , 5A, New York City. I did not get to see your last letter to Janie, it came just a few days before she left and she did not leave it for me as she promised.

Sarah is just fine but Betty Lou has been in bed with the chicken pox for the past week. I believe she will be able to get up tomorrow and probably back to school the middle of the week. I believe that some of Sarah's letters have not gotten to you for she has written quite often. Betty Lou's father has a new baby, she received an announcement last week of the fact. She also received letters this week from the relatives in Germany.

Well, the war goes on and seems to get worse and worse, I wonder how the people in London can stand it and from the reports the British are returning it in very good measure. The British seem to be much more frank in their reports than do the others. The situation in the far east seems to be growing worse and it is hard to tell what may happen there. It seems as [though] they are doing their best to get us into it but I hope that we can furnish the supplies and save our men. Our conscription enrollment goes in the 16th of this month (how are you going to get registered). It may get Virgil and Walter, would sure hate to lose them both at the same time as it would almost wreck

us. Our Community Chest drive went over in fine shape and the goal was reached at the time set. This is the first time that this has ever happened and every one connected with it was well pleased.

Bernie's brother died this week and was buried yesterday. He used to keep books at the Buick and also worked at the Advocate.

There is quite a little building going on in Newark but we do not get much of a whack at it first handed as the lumber yards all carry hardware and are in on the ground floor.

We had a Scottish Rite meeting at Merrill Montgomery's little play house on Wednesday evening. Merrill is the chairman for Licking County and we had in representatives from the blue lodges in the county. Merrill had a very nice dinner for us. It was the first time that I had ever been in the "play house". Licking County is due for an honorary 33, we have had none since Frank Beggs died, and I rather believe that Merrill might be in line for it, I hope so, for he would make a good one.

Sherman Baggs has resigned as Sup't of the S. S. and we are giving him a dinner tonight at the Church and are going to present him with a floor lamp.

I am wondering how your food supply is holding out on that side, would imagine that there will be some shortage this winter if things keep on going as they are now. Write and tell us what you can about conditions. Your letter in the pouch was very interesting and more of the same would be much appreciated.

I still have some of my cold and I suppose that I will have it for the balance of the winter. I had hoped to go to Arkansas duck hunting this fall but do not know whether I can make it or not. The season opens November 2nd this year, so it won't be long now until that time.

It is now almost five and I must close. It is so hard to write when the store is open because I am bothered so much, so do not be surprised if it all does not make sense.

With love and best wishes to you from all of us, and hoping to hear from you soon. I am,

Yours,

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