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We trust that you have gotten over the worst of your cold by this time. While your trip was a change for you yet it must have been so pleasant [sic] on account of the cold weather and lack of heat in the hotel. Hope the dentist did a good job on your teeth.

It was also too bad that the ambassador had to catch cold in your foggy Milan weather. Your comments about the reception and pictures were quite interesting and gives a fair idea of the trends in that section.

Of course you get all of the news in regard to the passing of the Lend-Lease Bill and all of the appropriations that go with it. We may not have known in the past what taxes are but I am sure that we will learn a lot more about them before this program is completed. If it works out properly it will not be so bad and if it is otherwise it won't make much difference.

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We've gotten rid of almost all of our apples. They were very poor this year and the best I have gotten for any of them has been a dollar and the storage is .25¢ per basket, so you can see they will not any more than pay the expense. Apples have been most discouraging the past couple of years. The citrus crop has been so cheap that people are using more of that. They are trying to put a law through in Ohio to make a compulsory charge of .02¢ per bushel to go for advertising apples. This has passed in Michigan and has been quite successful. Do not know if it will pass in Ohio.

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We have had two or three days of very nice spring weather and it will soon be time to be getting the grapes and trees in shape for another year. Lawrence Wright has done quite a little of the pruning and I hope to have it all cleaned up before we have to spray which will be within the next two weeks.

John Montgomery left for the Army a week ago last Friday, I believe that we told you he was married before he left.

Business has been fairly good, we have sold quite a lot of tools for the "national defense" work in the schools, between two and three hundred dollars this month, also a twin drill press on the Holophane Glass company and it ran over 350.00, these extra items will help us out. Owens Corning are now working over 1700 at their plant and that is a lifesaver for Newark.

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