

Newark, Ohio, May 20th 1941

Rec'd Jun 4

Dear William:

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This is a beautiful may morning and the sun is shining brightly and the temperature was about 60 when I came in the store. The weather has been quite cool the past several weeks and we have had several frosts but they have not injured the fruit as yet and I do not believe that it will now, although we may get a "June drop" with the fruit. There is so much this year that I doubt if it will bring any price at all.

Last night we attended a meeting of the Executives Club at Granville Inn and had as the speaker Cavette Wells, an engineer and geographer. He talked on rubber and tin and its vital necessity to us. He had spent quite a great deal of time in the Malay Peninsula and had an interesting talk although he was very pro British and his idea was to get going as soon as possible, take Dakar in Africa and other French possessions in the West Indies. Someone asked him about the "Hess Affair" and he gave his opinion that Hess was much opposed to Communism and felt that Hitler was aligned with Stalin and that he, Hess was due for the purge so thought best to get out while he could. The affairs of the world are sure in one terrible state and they do not seem to be improving.

We have been very busy at times at the store and I believe that we shall have a good paint year. Paint just advanced twenty cents a gallon but I do not believe it will hurt the sale much as people are expecting some raise in prices.

On Saturday we received your letter from Tankersly?, I do not have it with me so am not sure of the spelling. He wrote us a very nice letter. His wife had typhoid fever and he has been having quite a time since he came back. I shall write to him as soon as I can find a little time and ask him to stop to see us if he does come through this way.

We have been quite busy with the garden and other farm work and I am just about played out. We plowed up a little piece of ground at Hanover and thought we would try some glads and garden things there and see how they would grow, will report to you later on results. We have had the yard cleaned up and we will be able to keep the grass mowed now and the shrubbery trimmed. It really looks very nice and is a lovely place to stay in hot weather. I just heard yesterday that Robert Gulick is to be married in June. He is back on the Pacific coast and will be home the first of the month. He is going to marry an Akron girl.

Janie had a fine visit when she came to attend Mary Shinn's wedding. She went back to New York with Mrs. Ditto in her car, Mrs. Ditto is from Lancaster and her roommate's mother. They had a fine trip and Mrs. Ditto was going to stay for two weeks.

As usual, I have been interrupted so often with this that it possibly does not make good sense. We are all fine and as well as usual. We enjoy your letters so much, so write as much as you can. Am enclosing John's address so you might drop him a card. With love and best wishes, I am,

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