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We have been having much more rain than we need at the present time. It was announced this morning that we have had six inches so far this month and everything is really wet now. We could not do anything in our garden on Sunday on account of wet ground. We have out at Hanover sweet corn, tomatoes and cabbage, beside the glads and zinnias and some other flowers and it is a job trying to keep it clean. At Coshocton we have glads and a dozen and a half tomatoes. The apple crop does not look near as good as it did earlier in the spring but there will be plenty as the crop over the country is quite large this year.

I have not heard from Janie for several weeks but I got a box of candy and note from her for father day, June 14th. She thought that Miss Traphagen might give them a summer course without charge, as some of the girls felt that they had not gotten the worth of their money.

Mrs. E. C. Wright fell and broke her hip, this was several weeks ago and I hear that she is not getting along any too well. Her age is against her. We had a letter from Lillian this week and she is doing very well and gets around in the wheel chair.

Betty Lou is going to summer school to make up her credits so that she can graduate next year. I would say that her schooling has been quite hectic and varied and it will mean a lot of work for

her to finish next year, but she thinks she had make it alright. She had very good grades this past year.

We are having the people down from Cleveland this week end with whom we spent so much time on our trip to Havana last summer. We are going to have Bill O'Brien, who was with us on the trip and the Griesers. Mrs. Daywalt is bringing her sister along, so it will make a nice party. They are coming Saturday afternoon and we will take them down to Hanover for dinner and stay all night there and then drive them down to Coshocton for a ride. They have to start back early Sunday afternoon.

The Taylors are expected the first of July, they are in Arkansas now, bathing at Hot Springs. We have been quite busy at the store, but the rainy weather has spoiled the painting. Some dry warm weather will help us out on that line quite a little.

Aunt Rob was up last night and always asks about you. We take her to Sunday School every Sunday. Her knees are bothering her and it is getting more difficult for her to get around.

Pa, Mary and Leonard were down over Decoration Day, but spent very little time in Newark. Leonard is working at his trade as a die maker and Mary is still at the Hospital, so they are quite busy. Pa seems a little more feeble and his knees bother him quite a lot.

Boy Scout Camp starts the 22nd and Herman and Betty will move out there for several weeks. Betty is about the same as usual. They say that Dorothy is back here in Newark, but I have not seen anything of her. Uncle Cary has not been very well but is better now than he was. We have the bird dog down there so we get to see him every now and then.

I suppose there is a lot more news that I should write but it does not come to me now and I can't take any more time. You had better cable us if you have to leave your post, which I hope will not happen. We are all well and busy every minute with our many activities, I am beginning to think that we have too much garden out and it is going to take a lot of exercise to keep it in order. Betty mows the grass at Hanover and that is a big help. The place looks just fine.

With love and best wishes and hoping for the best for you, I am,

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