

THE CRANE – KRIEG – FLORY CO.

HARDWARE – PAINTS

NEWARK, OHIO

April 2nd 1940.

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This past week end Janie went to New York with Judy Radebaugh and three other girls. They drove in Judy's car and expected to make an inexpensive trip out of it. I did not approve so very strongly but Janie was so crazy to go so that she could go to West Point to see Dick. It rained almost all of Saturday and I imagine they had a hard drive. Got a telegram from Janie on Saturday night stating that they arrived in Philadelphia at 8 P.M. and she was taking the train at nine for New York.

We [were] so interested in your letter which arrived, I believe, on the 19th also your letter to Janie which came on the 29th, they were both fine and we sure did enjoy hearing about your doings and the apartment. The latter sounds as though it would be a right expensive place to keep up. What do you have to pay the maid and how are the food prices. Do not forget to tell us about the radio when you write again. We do not understand why coffee is so scarce as Brazil has more than they know what to do with and as Italy does not raise coffee I would think that they would have a low duty on it. Tell us about it.

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Dr. Shirer was struck by an auto and killed on Saturday night and I note that Mrs. Chas. Lake died on Sunday and P. S. Phillips dropped dead yesterday. I think that I told you that Mary fell and broke her leg at the Sanatorium. She is getting along very well.

Sarah got two letters from Betty Lou on last Friday, one written on Feb. 21st and one on the 29th. She said she had no word from home or Washington since before Christmas. Sarah has written to her every week and sent the letter via air mail. On Saturday we got a card from her from Munich where she and Aunt Gertrude had gone for winter sports and it was addressed to Mrs. L. M. Krieg, so we know that she has received your letter or one from home. She had evidently written a letter but the card came ahead of it. Your letter to her was just fine and I think that she will be glad to

get back home as soon as arrangements can be made. She goes to school and is working hard on her music and seems to enjoy it all very much.

Sarah is just fine and has been working hard. We have the new curtains up in the down stairs and they look just fine. Sarah has a very nice chair which fits in where we had the over-stuffed chair in the living room and I think that we will let you and Janie do it over for us. The house is going to look very nice and I am sure that we will all feel quite proud of it.

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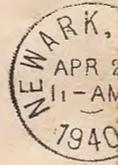
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