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Thursday afternoon.

Dearest Daddy:-

I was very glad indeed to get your letter this afternoon and the check. I went right over and paid my bill, and while I couldn't get any change on Mother's check, they said they would fix me up ~~fix~~ in a week or so. If I may say so, it is a helluva note that the Union Trust Co. did not reopen. Are they going to be able to pay in full or in part, and what was wrong with them anyway? I hope the other banks are all right, as I swore up and down they were when I paid the bill. Newark has been lucky in the past in not having any failures, and I hate to see them start now, especially being the bank I have my pittance in. That would have been good for a semesters tuition and room, and I certainly hope they will be able to open soon. I also hope Mr. Baugher has not misapplied any of the funds.

I hope I apologized sufficiently in my last letter. I was just so scared Saturday I really didn't think what I was doing. And now that I have exhausted the bad news, I have some good news for you which will no doubt be somewhat of a surprise to you. A month or so ago when I was bemoaning the fact that I was going to be here Spring Vacation, Frank Heath said that I would be foolish to stay as he had tried it when he was a Freshman and found it was just as expensive to stay as I go home. Of course I ridiculed the idea, but later I gathered some statistics and found that he was right. Since I have unlimiteds, I can stay longer than I could otherwise and so save more in board.

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My board for the two weeks would be \$10 per week, as the club would be closed and eating around costs a little more than it does in the club. Other expenses would make it \$12 or \$13 per week, as when there are no classes I might spend an extra dollar in amusement, that would otherwise go into the treasury. So \$26 would be the approximate cost if staying.

Then I had to figure on transportation. The local taxi magnate is taking a car load to Cleveland for \$20 round trip, and through some Cleveland freshman I know I have made connections with a D.U. I know slightly who is coming back late, April 17. He thinks he is going to visit in Columbus toward the end of the vacation and would pick me up there on Monday, spend the night at his home in Cleveland, and start back early Tuesday morning so that I could be in class Wednesday. He is only charging 9 bucks, so that the trip, exclusive of the Cleveland Columbus stretch, would only cost about \$20. Add \$4.97 in train fare to Columbus, and the total is under \$25. The taxi man said he was not going to try to make very good time, as he felt a strong sense of responsibility in having a load of students, and the Senior with whom I am returning has been driving to and from Cleveland ever since he was a freshman. I suppose mention of an auto will cause you fears, but these men are not reckless drivers like Hollar was, so you don't need to worry.

If I didn't have any other reason for coming home than just fun, I might not try it even though it is just about as cheap as staying

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here. But there are several things that I have to have done, and it always costs more in Hanover. My gray suit must be enlarged so that I can wear it this spring and summer, and the tailors up here are hors de prix. Then I could talk to Walton about the life-guard job, and arrange all the details. As a digression, I am certainly glad to hear that that is all set now. Thanks a lot, and I hope I can save some money out of the job for use next year.

Another reason why I should come home is that I need a change of scene. What I mean is that after several months of hard work your brain goes stale, it becomes increasingly hard to study, and things don't seem to stick. The college authorities know this, and this is why they have the spring recess. If I get a change and a rest, I will be able to work more efficiently when I return. And after all, I don't suppose you will be sorry to see me. At any rate, I have been saving for about a month now and during that time I have saved about \$5.00 outside of my weekly expenditures, and I feel justified in using them in this way. The weather is moderate and more suitable for driving than at Christmas time and the men are experienced drivers. After all, you run the risk of an accident every time you drive to work. The time schedule hasn't been worked out yet, but I will let you know later when to expect me. I have had lots of difficulties to overcome in preparing for this, but at last I see my way clear. You have no idea how much interviewing and planning I have had to do, as there isn't room for all of them here. In case you don't remember, the vacation begins March 31, so I will be home April 1 and stay till the 17th.

The first two sheets of this letter are the last of the Ohio Hardware Ass'n stationery. If you have any more you can't use, I will bring it back with me from vacation. Just for fun I found out what the railroad fare is now. It is \$37.73 <sup>round trip</sup> to Col's. Here's lots of love to all of you, and I'll be seeing you soon. Hold on tight!!!

*William*

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