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Dear Mother:-

How can I thank you enough for all the lovely things you sent in the box? Every body is just nuts about the cookies — they are all wonderful! Dear Aunt Vonie and Aunt Mamie. I want to get off a separate letter to them, but thank them very much for me before the letter gets there. The robe is just fine. I like your taste in picking out green, for that is the college color, as you know. It fits me very well indeed, and there is no need of changing it. If I had been picking it out myself, I couldn't have done half so well. And as for the bed cover and dresser scarf, they are great too. Bob is now using the blue cover, as he didn't have any. I don't think it would be best to have Mrs. Linson pay for the curtains, although it doesn't make any real difference.

I received your letter of Sunday nite this morning. I think Sunday was just as bad a day here as it was at home. To make matters worse, the janitor does not work on Sunday so there was no heat, and we almost froze. I got out the blue comfort and wrapped my legs in it like in a steamer rug. I didn't remember it was my birthday until about ten thirty. I then went to church and forgot it again.

When I got home from the Holy Cross game Saturday afternoon, I found a box inside the door. It

proved to be a box of chocolate covered salt water taffey
from Mrs. Merrill Montgomery. It was mailed from Atlantic
City, so I suppose they took a trip down there. I wrote
a letter to Mrs. Montgomery Monday morning thanking her
for the candy and asking John to write to me. I don't
know whether John is staying at home or in Granville,
but I imagine he is in Granville — hope so anyway, for he
will have a better time there. Be sure to thank Mrs. M.
for the candy the next time you see her.

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The representitives of the St. Johnsbury
laundry didn't come back for so long that we sent our
laundry to the Lebanon Steam Laundry which charges the
same prices. It is the one that Frank Elliott is connected
with. That was the first bill that was \$1.60. The last one
was \$1.30 (per week). I am sending the \$1.60 one so you
can see how the thing is divided up. I now only change
my pillow slip once every two weeks and this cuts down
the bill a little.

You probably saw in the Dartmouth about the
first week of class work that there was a meeting held by
Palaeop. to discuss extra-curricular activities. At this
meeting, Jim Shevlin, president invited anyone who was
interested in that sort of work to drop in and see him.
The next afternoon Bob and Dick went to see the "Smiling
Lieuten~~ant~~", and as I had seen it before, I went over to
Robinson and called on Mr. Shevlin. He was even nicer than

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he was the night before, and he encouraged me to try out. In fact, he worked it so smoothly that I didn't know what was happening until it was too late to back out. They asked what technical side of stage work I liked best i.e., lighting, props, make-up, stage designing, scenery painting. I told him I had never had any experience, but he said that didn't make any difference. I said I liked lighting best, then make-up, etc. Then I went to Mr. Bentley, the director of the Players, and he had me read from a play. That was all there was to it. Last Thursday, I got a card asking me to report Tuesday to the lighting crew in Webster. I went over and spent the afternoon in very pleasant company painting some spot and flood lights. They were using Loew Bros. Flat Black paint! Of course, that made me feel right at home! The lighting crew meets every Tue. and Thurs. afternoon to work. I think I will like it. After working on four plays, no matter in what department, you become a member of the Players. All my co-workers stated confidentially that their real interest was in acting, not lighting. Sooner or later, I will have a chance to act, and I hope I will be successful.

I think this heat business is getting better, altho it isn't over yet. Eating green vegetables doesn't have anything to do with it - in fact, tomatoes and ~~XXXXX~~ carrots produced a slight positive reaction in the test. So did potatoes - especially sweet potatoes. However, I

can't stop eating Irish potatoes just for that. They don't have green vegetables much here anyway, but sometimes they have salades, and I force myself to eat some of the milder ones, and you know what an effort that is.

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It seems to get colder here every day, which reminds me that I have no winter jacket. I would rather like one of those coats made of blanket-like material in green, something like the red one Herman Bauman has. There seem to be several running around here already. Has daddy any catalogue to send me with such coats in it?

I will have to have a new sweater any way, for there is a big hole in the sleeve where the brown one was patched before. It cannot be repaired, so I will have to have a new tan sweater. Could you send me a pair of tweezers like the ones you have? Also some toe nail ~~scissors~~ ^{clippers}. My nails got so long they cut my sox.

Please give my best to all the folks. Tell Betty I pray for her every night. I do hope she gets better. Thank Janie for the uke strings.

Love,

William

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