

Saturday morning, March 13, 1943

Dear Lee:-

Yesterday was a delightful, springlike day, - so much so that I invested in a new spring dress. When we awoke this morning it was to find it snowing. It is still coming down thick and fast and everything covered. Maybe there's a snow storm because I am going to the Playhouse this afternoon. It's been years since I have indulged. "Claudia" is there, and as Ben is taking Shirley I thought I would take Bernice.

You'll be interested in the enclosed clippin about Leland's sister, DuPont Echo and "Cops and Robbers". The girls are not having school today and so are celebrating by sleeping and being generally lazy this morning.

The Dickinson Alumnus arrived yesterday, and there are several items which might be of interest to you. There is an article about the Aviation Cadet Training program. "One innovation in the academic procedure will be that the cadet college will be divided into 7 groups, each with a headquarters classroom, and that the instructors will rotate to classes instead of the students going from one classroom to another. Some of the instruction and all of the flight training will be given at the Wilson Airport, New Kingston, where all of the Civilian Pilot Training sponsored by the college has been given in the past. The program of instruction will be of five months duration, and that it will be a strenuous time for the cadets engaged in it is shown by the fact that the academic instruction will total 420 hours, and there will be at least 280 additional hours of military training and flight teaching. There will also be a physical education program for the men in uniform. The academic instruction, which will be given by the college faculty, will cover 60 hours of English, mathematics, current history and geography and 180 hours of physics. The math course begins with a review of arithmetic and proceeds thru algebra, plane and solid geometry, plane and spherical trigonometry. In the course in physics there will be 60 lecture hours and 120 hours of laboratory work, and the work will deal mainly with the laws of physics which are applied in the work of aviation."

"Before the college was selected to train army aviation cadets an outline of the proposed academic courses was sent to Pres. Corson. He called in the various department heads and showed them what was appearing on the horizon. Prof. Ayres took one look at the army's idea of 60 hrs. of math and realized that there was no text book in existence which met the army plan. He started work that night and within three weeks sent his material to Houghton, Mifflin & Co. who immediately said they would publish it. It may be that the book will be accepted as an official government text and used in all the institutions which have been accepted for this training."

Helen M. Wehrle, who has been doing home missions work in the Tennessee mts. was recently appointed an extension instructor in ~~the~~ art of the U. of Tennessee. What part of Tennessee does your roommate come from? Her address is Crossville, Tenn.

Grandmother went up to Aunt Grace's yesterday, to stay a week. Howard, Gladys' husband, was home for two days and she wanted to see him.

Did the laundry case arrive and have you sent your clothes back yet?

I have certainly sent you more than one letter and so has daddy. I hope they all catch up with you eventually. It's time to get dressed now, so will say "so long". Shirley will write tomorrow and send you some pictures.

Love

Mother