

Thursday, April 22, 1943

Dear Lee:-

I guess you are glad you are not home this morning, for I am trying to do some housecleaning and have things torn up generally. In the Army I suppose you clean house every day and therefore it isn't much of a job.

With Easter coming so late this year we were all sure that we would have mighty fine weather; but it is still very cold and damp. On Monday we had one of the worst Northeasters I can remember for this time of the year. Bernice and Shirley finished up their Easter shopping yesterday,- I HOPE. Buying dress, coat, hat and shoes for two young ladies at present day prices surely eats into one's pocketbook. Do you remember how very warm it was last Easter when we drove you back to college? I think Jay Bright was along. It all seems so very far away now, doesn't it? By the way have you heard from Jay? Did you write to Stanley Nock? He was here last night for the first time in months; but as the girls were not home he came in only long enough to say "hello" and ask for you. I forgoet to ask him whether he had heard from you. Do you remember Philip Todd, who lived across the street from Billy Jim? I believe his grandfather was a dentist. Stanley told he that he had been killed in the service.

Today there is a vesper service for boys at Hanover Church, after school, and daddy has been asked to be the speaker. Tonight we all expect to go to the Communion service at church. Of course whenever any special service or season like Easter comes around we miss you more than ever and wish you could be with us.

There has been quite a row in Delaware over the forced resignation of Mr. Luke as State OPA director. He is a Republican and for no reason at all Tunnell worked to have him put out of office so Hardesty, a Democrat from Dover, could take over.

You asked about the Iris. After I had a place all dug up for them along the hedge at the rear of the garden and drove with a boy to get the iris I was told that they had not quite decided whether they were going to give them away. Now this morning I am told that I might have them; but it is too cold a day to get them today. I'm afraid now that they will not bloom this year, but we have to take them while we can. I have not got a seed in the ground yet and I guess no one else has.

You mentioned in Shirley's letter, which we picked up last night, that you had bought some writing paper. You have received what I sent you by this time, haven't you?

Our thoughts will be very much with you over the weekend. I hope you have a pleasant Easter Day and are able to enjoy a fine church service.

Lots of love from all of us.

Mother