

Thursday, July 8 [1943]

Dear Lee:-

We are anxiously awaiting word from you or your C.O. as to the outcome of the two weeks of classification. I suppose we will hear before the week is up.

Shirley seems thrilled with her new job with All American Aviation. She is in the office at the airport, which makes it very handy, of course. She is learning the operation of the switchboard, sorts the mail, is on duty sometimes in the reception room, etc., and says everyone is just swell to her. Most of all she is tickled with her salary, - \$95.00 per month; which we all think is very grand for a "greenhorn".

This is Board Day and the members are now in session, so I am trying to get this typed between calls.

Blackberries are beginning to come along now and by the looks of the bushes there will be plenty. There are only about 3 raspberry bushes left. Mr. Rhodes said they were killed by some kind of a disease. Do you get plenty of fresh fruit and vegetables to eat? Watermelons have begun to come in from Georgia but are selling at Hearn's for \$1.75 and \$2.25 each, so we do not expect to have any at that price.

I am gradually beginning to get on to things around the office. Yesterday I had a man come out from Butler's and show me how to run the mimeograph machine. He said he could get me a job at Dravo's as a mimeograph operator at \$35. per week, but I don't think I am interested.

The Blue Rocks were rained out last night but expect to play a doubleheader here tonight.

I am enclosing a clipping about Jimmy Chandler. I don't know whether you ever met George Adams, whose father is in the Coca Cola Co. and who lives across the street from Mr. Boykin. He has received an appointment to West Point. I believe Bernice said that Glen Tisdale is now at Yale.

Jessie Mould showed us a note which she had gotten from you on Sunday. This Sunday evening the church is giving her a reception in the Church House. She is to be married next month, a little bit earlier than at first planned. As yet we have not located a new director. Miss Clara Bell Smith, our former missionary to China, now unable to return into occupied territory, is coming in September to help with pastoral calls, etc., doing something of the sort of work that Eleanor Nye did.

Now I must stop. Take care of yourself and don't get discouraged. Love

*Mother*