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Dear Lu,

This week has been quite exciting.

Today Mrs. Lake arrived and is really a bomb. She is very white haired and her face is full of soft wrinkles. Her personality is outstanding and I know her visit will be most enjoyable.

Thursday of this week <sup>the</sup> Juniors from the history classes at school attended a Mock Republican Convention at Temple. It really was an experience I'll never forget. We represented the state of Washington and were putting Eric A. Johnson, President of the U.S. Chamber of Commerce, up

for nomination. I had to make the  
nomination speech. There were, out  
of 46 states and Hawaii, D. of C.,  
Puerto Rico, only 8 nominees. The  
speakers had to get up in front  
of 2,000 kids, yelling kids, and  
campaign. I really wasn't nervous  
at all, and our gang formed a  
conga line and raised bedlam  
after my speech. The real parades  
were held when Lillie and Dewey  
were put up, though. I was  
a staunch Lillie rooster and am  
still slightly hoarse at the thought  
of the two groups trying to out-  
scream each other. We rushed  
around in long lines, even with  
a brass band, tearing down  
Dewey signs, shouting and  
chanting - we won Lillie -

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at the top of what was left of our  
bags. Dewey finally won, but I'm  
still against him! We didn't get  
home until 8:30, having started  
at 8:30 in the morning, so we  
were really fagged out!

Grandma went up to Aunt  
Grace's last week and brought  
home two huge pots of blooming  
parsies. They're situated in the  
front windows and really even  
things up. Dad also brought  
home a dozen red carnations  
so we really look springy.

"The Song of Bernadette" has  
just arrived in town and I can  
hardly wait to see it. We saw  
"Broadway Rhythms" last week

and it was fair. A little on the  
variety show side.

Daddy Bamock is home and  
looks taller than ever in uniform.  
Gordon Lang is, too.

All the highschools are having  
x-rays taken of the pupils chest to  
see if anyone has T.B. We had ours  
done yesterday. They are very  
quick and efficiently done and  
quite rather disappointed because  
it wasn't more complicated.

Gotta go, now, so,

Good-bye,

Love,

Bernice

P.S. Inclosed are the pix we took  
while you was home. Good,  
hub.?