

Monday, October 30, 1944

Our best love to you and yours

Dearest Lee:-

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Ben Johns came home Saturday in order to register on Wednesday. He is anxious to get into something immediately, as you perhaps know. He now has papers filled out for the Merchant Marines if his mother and father will sign them. He was out to the house for a while yesterday afternoon. Somehow or other I hate to see him go into the Merchant Marines. He does have ability which should be used elsewhere, but I guess he thinks he will get stuck in the infantry. I think he is a nice kid and I really feel sorry for him because I think he has been quite unhappy and upset for the past few months. I have never been able to find out from Shirley what happened between her and Ben,- she says nothing; but they don't even write to each other any more. They had some good times together but I believe when Shirley went away to school he did want to get serious about some things and Shirley did not feel that way toward him. Daddy is now out playing golf with him, Dr. Johns, and Mr. Montgomery.

We are busy trying to get all the corn husked and brought in before it gets much colder so school will be called off for tomorrow and Wednesday and everybody put out in the fields.

The cottages are arranging for parties tomorrow evening,- Washington inviting sisters and mothers. It doesn't seem too many years ago that you youngsters and I dressed up and called on grandmother Minker, the Peoples', etc., does it?

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