

Tuesday, December 5, 1944

Dearest Lee:-

We were so glad to get your letter of November 14 telling us of your first trip to London. I am delighted that you are having some letup along the line. You evidently did the whole works. I can just see you now having breakfast in bed. That was indeed a luxury, for I believe the hotels here have had to cut out such service on account of lack of help.

Last night I baked Shirley a birthday cake and am getting it off today, together with a sweater, as a birthday present. She will be 19 on Thursday of this week. This is the day of our annual Christmas bazaar at Grace Church and I plan to go in for a while this afternoon if my "boss" will let me.

This morning's paper announced a shake-up in the State Dept., with the following men to aid Stettinius: Under Secty. Jos. C. Grew, former ambassador to Japan; Asst. Secty. William L. Clayton of Texas, who rose from \$8 a week stenographer to be the world's largest cotton merchant; Asst. Secty. Archibald MacLeish, librarian of Congress; Asst. Secty. Nelson Rockefeller. These appointments would seem to put heavy emphasis on economic affairs in foreign policy. Clayton will be in charge of economic affairs; MacLeish will have charge of cultural and public relations; Rockefeller will oversee Latin-American relations.

Ferris plays its first basketball game of the season this afternoon with Archemere, here. We most likely will get walloped for Archer mere always has a fine team and plays for the most part only strong Catholic schools.

There still seems to be plenty of babies ariving. Carolyn Plummer Maguire is now expecting one. She has recently moved into an apartment on Tatnall St., near 24th, around the corner from grandmother Minker.

Bernice is quite thrilled over the fact that, as chairman of the Jr. A.W.V.S. she has been asked to attending a launching of a boat at Philadelphia Navy Yard on Thursday of this week. She'll probably write you all about it later. She is kept pretty busy most of the time. This Friday night she is invited to a formal dance at Friends' School; last night she was out practising for The Messiah which is to be given on December 17.

Goodbye now. Take in as many trips to London or elsewhere as you can. By the way, are you still a 2nd lieutenant?

Lots of love. *Mother*