

July 23, 1945

Dearest Lee:-

The Blue Rocks had a bad weekend, as you will gather from the enclosed clipping. It rained hard in the night and is cloudy today, so I am not sure that they can play this evening.

Yesterday we got all ready for Gullio and his wife to have dinner with us at 2. About 1:45 he called from West Chester to say his wife was not feeling well and the baby was sick, so they would not be down. We were terribly disappointed. I hope he can make it some evening this week. He will be home until August 12.

"Chapel" left us yesterday about 5 o'clock. In the evening Mary Elizabeth Davis and her boy friend came up to swim, but the rain came and there was no swimming, so they just had a good time talking on the front porch. Dr. and Mrs. Johns, Dr. and Mrs. Colona called and stayed until about 10 o'clock. So we had a pretty full day.

Tonight daddy is having his civilian defense commanders here at the school for dinner. I guess it will be the last meeting for a while,- unless they are called upon for something special. I should like to go to the Dell on Thursday evening for a concert conducted by Sigmund Romberg. You make me ashamed when you mention the many good books you are getting a chance to read. It seems I never get at anything other than W.S.C.S. materials. If my life ever gets back to normal again I think I won't know how to act. It was one o'clock when the girls got home from practise Friday and 1:45 a.m. Sunday morning after Saturday's rehearsal. Shirley and Bernice had to work yesterday afternoon, also, when the principals rehearsed with the orchestra. Tomorrow night is the preview, for press, etc. It isn't so hard on Bernice who can sleep late, but it is hard on those of the cast who work,- like Shirley and Julia.

Bernice had been asked to sing in the quartette at church for the next two Sundays, but Mr. Wyatt advised against it on account of the Iolanthe performances this weekend and next. "Timmie" called Shirley from Pittsburgh last night, just to say "hello". She is going to try to get down for the performance the second Saturday if she can. I do hope it comes off alright, and I am sure it will, especially if you are on hand to help swell the applause.

Our boys here at Ferris are scheduled to play a team from New Castle here tonight,- If It Doesn't Rain. We have secured three pretty good men who are helping out in the evenings and over weekends. Now that our pool is in use again I am planning a series of life-saving classes under the direction of the Red Cross.

With all my love.

M. L. Hester