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[April 11, 1943] Ferris Industrial School of Delaware BOX 230 Wilmington, Delaware

Dear Lee:-

You are probably welcoming the chance to sit on a seat that isn't moving after a week in transit. I hope you are getting a chance along this line this week-end.

Naturally we have been concerned about where you would finally find a bed and a pillow. Mail has been returned from Miami and Sioux City, and we have felt badly because we didn't intend to let two days pass without your hearing from one of us. Now that you seem to be put for a while we'll reestablish the communication chain and keep you abreast of the doings here.

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Mother, Shirley and I were sorry we were not here last night. It was a treat for Bernice, however, and her lovely and full report of the conversation between you was all typed for us when we got home. We held our Dickinson dinner last night at the duPont. Dean Hitchler and Gilbert Malcom were with us from Carlisle. They spoke well. It was a fine affair. I am enclosing a clipping covering it.

Governor Bacon and I saw four innings of the A's-Phils opener. Not much occurred to write about. But there was a very large crowd - indicating the public's interest in sport. I hope we can keep things moving during this war period. I think a good ball game does more for health than "the apple a day" that is spoken of so often.

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Bill Roberts had lunch with me yesterday. He has had three round trips under water to Casablanca - and [left] this morning for a fourth. He sent his regards. Walter Hall, colored boy, is in Camp Eustace -- he said hello "as one soldier to another." That's something, isn't it. When I read his letter to the Board of Trustees they got a great laugh out of it.

Work at the school is tougher because of the help problem. I have to coach baseball. There is actually no one else on the grounds who can do it. "Jeff" got off the "straight and narrow" again, and I had to let him go. It's a pity -- but as he said, I had given him more chances than anyone else would have given him.

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Claymont beat us 7-1 yesterday. The boys did well.

We all join in sending our love to you.

As ever - Dad -