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Friday, May 14, 1943

Dear Lee:-

It surely was good to hear your voice on the telephone Tuesday night, and I was so glad that I was at home. Of course daddy regreted [sic] very much that he was not here, also, to join in. And it tickled Shirley to think that she had a chance to say "hello".

Daddy has just left to pick up the Governor and take him to the opening home game of the Blue Rocks. It is a cool evening, but I imagine there will be a good crowd on hand. I'll send you the clipping later.

Shirley is getting dressed for the junior prom, which is being held at the duPont Country Club. I have been working almost all week to get her clothes in shape.

This was the afternoon that Dr. E. Stanley Jones spoke to the Woman's Society of the conference in Grace Church. He did a splendid job. I hope you have a chance to hear him sometime. I was in an executive meeting from 10 until after 1 and then in his meeting from 2 to 4, so I have had a rather full day.

On Tuesday I went, with two other women from Wilmington, to Elkton, Md. As you may know, hundreds and hundreds of girls and women are employed in the Explosive Plant there. The government has erected dormitories to take care of over 1000 girls, most of whom have come up from the mountain regions of West Virginia. We visited some of the dorms, saw how the girls live, and hope to be able to do something toward making their lives a little more comfortable. There was a terrible explosion there just last week,- 20 killed and many more injured. They claim that particular plant is one of the most important in the country in the manufacture of explosives for the government, and everything should be done possible to make these girls happy. Many of them have never before been away from home.

We have received a notice of Dickinson commencement next weekend. Daddy and Mr. Hering are going up, I guess. Daddy wants me to go but I don't seem to have much enthusiasm so far for the trip and don't believe I will make it.

Well, I must stop now and help Shirley get "dolloed up". Take good care of yourself and write whenever you can. Love

Mother