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Friday, May 21, 1943

Dear Lee:-

Your letter written to me on Monday, came this morning, together with the pictures. I am enclosing pictures which I received this week. The order was not filled as directed, there being two of the boy in the bathing shorts instead of two of Bill Hyde. I sent the one of Bill in town to his father. You can mark these on the back if you wish and return for your files.

Yesterday's mail brought a book- History of the U.S.- from Bob Casel. Is it one which he borrowed from you?

Daddy is not going to Dickinson commencement. Maybe you have heard of the ban on all but necessary driving which was cracked down on us beginning yesterday at noon, without any warning. State police have been ordered to stop all cars which look as though they are out for pleasure, to watch all places of amusement, etc. Mr. Hering and George, Jr. went up by train today, and Mrs. Hering called around dinner time to say she might go up tonight, arriving on the train which reaches Carlisle about midnight. I expect this will be a dismal commencement. It is cold and rainy, too, which will not help matters.

By the way, what about this year's Microcosm? Is there one, and if so are you entitled to get one?

Howell Wilkins got home last weekend, and daddy has him working here at the school until he goes back for the summer session in a couple of weeks.

Keep this under your hat, and don't mention it when you write, for no one except daddy, Mr. Hamm and I know about it. But yesterday three army engineers, unannounced, appeared at the school and went over the entire plant, grounds, etc. Daddy was in Dover attending a meeting with the governor and heads of all institutions, but Mr. Hamm showed them around. I don't know what it means. Daddy had a very interesting time in N.Y. on Tuesday. I guess he'll write you about it.

Walter took Bernice to a Girl Reserves dance at the Y.W. tonight. They went by auto from here to Walter's and from there in on the bus. Did Shirley write you that Ben is going to Andover this summer? She finished her exams today and says she evidently flunked trig and physics, but I guess she'll get thru. I can't believe she is thru. Now, as to her FUTURE!

I don't know how daddy and the governor will get along without baseball. Of course the governor can go by trolley, but as for daddy. All such places will be watched very closely.

I got the glads in one day this week between showers. I had a bag of marigold and zinnia seeds which I had saved from last year and the year before too, I

guess. These I thickly planted along the hedge where the glads were last year. As they are both pretty hardy maybe the rains won't damage them, and they will make a pretty showing. Mrs. Hanning sent me down

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about 2 dozen aster plants and I set them out, hoping against hope that they will amount to something. I did not put hollyhock in, as you suggested, for she said it never did well after being transplanted. The iris have begun to bloom, and if the sun should come out for a day or two they will be lovely. Your Japanese iris have opened up some today.

Among the guests for dinner at the school last night were the governor, Supt. Lemmel of the city schools, Dr. Johns, Father Dwyer, Judge Melson of the Juvenile Court, Probation Officer Paul Green, Dr. Corley, Mr. Donovan, Mr. Heal, one of the teachers from the colored girls' school.

Love from all of us.

Mother