

[August 19, 1943]

Thursday evening

Dear Lee,

I am sitting where you, no doubt, would like to be - in Phipps' Pullman car at Rehoboth Beach. Yesterday I asked my boss if I could have the weekend off + today we arrived here about noon - Shirley, Bernice, Charlotte Dunlap + Dr. Mr. Smith drove us down, making some stops to see boys while in this vicinity, so our trip could be called "legitimate". It was all planned so quickly that it hardly seems possible we are here. It is now 7:30 P.M. The girls have got up town for an evening paper but I am rather tired so stayed here + am writing you. Daddy will not get down - having to preach Sunday. He + I were invited to spend the weekend with the Drs. Miller at their cottage on Silver Lake - along with the Wagners + Horings, but this seemed the best weekend for the girls + me to get away so we are here. This week has really been cool in Wilmington - we slept under a blanket last night but I guess that won't last long.

I have been looking over the guest book here + found it was the summer of 1937 that we spent a week here. I didn't realize it had been so long. Remember when you got locked in the bathroom +

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shoe polish or not
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but we'd never get you out?

The coast guard here on the beach are using the
patrol dogs this year. ^{at night} I want to see them before we
leave. Within the last few days they have banned
all cameras at the beaches along the east coast, so I
guess you won't get any pictures of us posing as bathing
beauties. Have you received the gift from Shirley
& Bernice?

The baseball team at Ferris was scheduled
to see the Blue Rocks play tonight, but for some
reason the game was called off.

You mentioned having read "One World" - I
believe before you left Lincoln. I have recently
finished it & liked it very much. As a book
dividend she copied "Prefaces to Peace" - which
includes Wilkie's book complete, "Problems of Lasting
Peace" by Hoover & Gibson, complete, "The Price of Free
World Victory" by Henry A. Wallace, & "Blueprint
for Peace" by Sumner Welles". I brought the book
down here with me.

I am thinking of you as you are having your exams
this week & hope all goes well. We shall be returning
to Wilmington Monday for I must get back to the
office. Reed Gerald & his wife Ruth had dinner with
us Monday evening. She is a very lovely girl.

Love from all of us & we wish you were here.

Mother