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Hotel Pennsylvania

November 23, 1943

Dear Lee:-

Don't fall over when you see this letterhead, for I really was in New York at the Hotel Pennsylvania yesterday. It was daddy's birthday, you know, and he took Bernice and me to New York with him. There was a meeting of the American Prison Association there, and also we had a lead that one of the boys from the school who has been missing for several weeks was probably in New York. So we combined everything and made the trip.

We left here a little after 7 in the morning and were at the Hotel Pennsylvania by 10:30. While daddy attended the closing session of the meeting Bernice and I strolled around in some of the stores nearby,- Macy's, Gimbel's, Sachs,- not going very far from the hotel for fear we would get "lost". Then we snatched a bite of lunch and went to Radio City Music Hall. Bernice had never been there and of course enjoyed it immensely. We finished up the day in grand style by going to a Swedish Restaurant where there was a famous Smorgordsbord (am not sure about the spelling, but maybe you know what I mean). It was delicious, and of course we all ate more than we should have. About 12:15 midnight we reached home, tired and sleepy buy having had a wonderful day. Of course we were wishing every minute that you and Shirley were with us, and then everything would have been complete. It was terribly cold in New York and snowed a little bit while we were there. It's a nice place to visit, but I surely would

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not want to live there.

This morning at 9 a.m. daddy spoke at Friends' School, and tomorrow at the same time is scheduled to speak at Wilmington High.

Sunday we had grandmother Minker, Uncle Marion and his family, Uncle Roger and Beryle, for dinner. We had turkey, so it was a combination of birthday and Thanksgiving dinner. We had some turkey left, however, strange as it may seem, and it will be enough for us on Thursday. It looks now as if the only ones to eat it will be daddy, Bernice, Walter and I.

We called Shirley Sunday evening. She had planned to call daddy as a birthday surprise, but then I found that he had to go into the parsonage for a meeting at 8:30 so I put thru the call to her. We will be getting her second report this week I guess. She and one other girl got the highest marks in the class on a chemistry

test. She will now start organic chemistry. She is going to try to work in some voice lessons next semester if she can.

We were certainly sorry to hear that you had to have your wisdom teeth pulled. I do hope there is a good dentist and that you do not suffer too much or lose too much time. How many do you have,- two or 4? Is it because one's jaws lock more easily if one has wisdom teeth? I hope you are able to enjoy your Turkey on Thursday, for we are assured by radio and press that all soldiers will have turkey and all the fixings on Thanksgiving Day.

The Battle of Theta Chi arrived and I am sending it in a larger envelope. When I send your Christmas box I will put in Julia's picture. Don't forget to tell us about the watch and if you have any other real wants let me know, for several people are asking what to send you and I don't know what to tell them. I know you don't want to be bothered with a lot of stuff that is of no use. So let me hear from you about this if you haven't already.

The boys here at the school really put on a grand show Friday night. It was called "I am an American" and was written and directed by Mr. Arthur who is one of the staff members. I believe daddy is going to have some of the boys put on one of the numbers at the big men's dinner which is to be given at Grace Church on December 2. If you get a calender [sic] you have read about it.

Now I must stop and write Shirley. With my company over the weekend and our going away yesterday I am behind in my correspondence.

Take care of yourself while the dental surgical work is being done. With all my love.

Mother