

Thursday afternoon  
November 25, 1943  
Williamsport, Pa.

Dear Lee:

Well, here it is Thanksgiving Day and it's beautiful here. The sun is shining brightly and the air has just a good tinge of crispness in it. I got up at nine o'clock and went to church with several other girls. There was only a short, simple service but it has started my day off right. We're having our turkey dinner about 12:45 and the most delicious smells are coming from the kitchen right now.

Last night, after dinner we got our monthly marks. I got B's in Biology, Short-hand, Typing, and Chemistry! But if you ask me, here's my worst! I fell down to a B in English. He charged teachers at the end of last

mother and I guess their one doesn't think I did as well as Mr. Graham did. I'm tickled about my chemistry, though. As you know, I didn't have any high-school chemistry but they said I'd be alright if I took an extra class of the stuff. Mother will be awfully glad to see that, I know, because she rather worried about the whole subject.

I think that most of the teachers clamped down on the marks their time after giving us a few weeks to get adjusted. That seemed to be the general feeling here in the dorm last night and quite a few of the girls really did get pretty bad marks. So, as we could go out last night until 10:30, I got about 70 or 80 of us together and we all went to the movies. We went to see Mickey and Judy in "Kiss Crazy" and it was just the right kind to see. It had T. Dorey and his band in it and was like their

usual run of pictures, light and Herkwin music. Everybody felt better after that and when we came back to the dorm, we had just about forgotten there was such a thing as warles.

Mother said in one of your letters that you had to have your wisdom teeth filled, I mean pulled. That certainly is some ordeal, isn't it? Do you have to keep on your regular schedule today? The cadets all have to go to school here today and that means the teachers have to, too. The teachers only have Christmas day off and, as that is on Saturday, that isn't much of a vacation. We think we have a lot to gripe about but when I look at other people, I realize I don't.

Mother, Bernice, and daddy went to New York this week, did you know that? They must have had a wonderful time! Mother and Bernice went shopping and then went to Radio City. Sometime I hope we can all go there together, that would be wonderful, wouldn't it? They also had dinner at the Svingborg, that favorite haunt of daddy and that was fun too, I bet.

Have <sup>you</sup> got your Thanksgiving box yet? When I talked to mother last Sunday, she said she had just mailed it. I haven't got it yet and I'm beginning to be worried. Maybe I'll get it tomorrow because we don't have any mail delivery today. Oh, by the way, we have to put the P.O. District number on our mail now and it's #36. You don't have to write anything but Dickerson Junior College, WilliamSPORT, Pa. and I'll get it alright without all the rest.

You asked me about presents for Bernice and daddy in your last letter. As I thought about it the idea came to me that I could get them something if you wanted, <sup>no.</sup> to. You get some ideas and I'll get whatever you want for them. Bernice and I are giving mother a place setting of the Spode she is collecting, if that helps you any.

I was glad to read in the paper that Katherine Maxwell is married. I don't know the fellow though, do you? Mother said Ruth Collier and Graham Taggart were married not so long ago, too. Do you get much news from any of the boys in your class?

Have you heard very much from Judy since she went to Oberlin? I only got one little post-card from Harsing the first week that she was there. They certainly must be awfully busy or I don't what else to think. Is Judy going home for Christmas? They only leave five

surpr, but I think my way is coming.  
Delaware has off from the 18th to  
the 10th of January. Everybody will  
be home before I will and I have  
to go back sooner, too. Ben gets out on  
the 15th of Decber so I guess he'll  
meet me at the station. There are  
about 20 of us who take the  
train to Harrisburg and then to  
Phila. so I'm sure we'll have  
lots of fun. Dinner is going to be  
served in 5 minutes so I'll be  
leaving you for a while.

### PAUSE FOR DIGESTION

Boy, we had a dinner that was  
just like the ones we have us-  
ually at home. We started off with  
grapefruit juice, then came turkey,  
stuffing, sweet and white potatoes,  
with cranberry sauce and gravy.  
Then we had ice-cream, mince-  
pie, candy, fruit, and nuts. We  
all brought things up to our  
rooms with afterwards because

we couldn't let anything go to waste. I'm so full now I think I'll go to sleep now and maybe I'll feel better.

I got Ben an album of Gershwin records for Ben for Christmas. They're played by Caddy Buckley and quite good, I think. He has so many records and other things that I wasn't sure what to get him. Do you think that he'll like those?

This week we started rehearsals for the Christmas pageant. It's to be given the night before we go home for Christmas. One of the teachers wrote it and it's really going to be very good. I have to sing in it and Tommy has a part too. We have a big banquet before the play. Afterwards the whole school has a Christmas party and then we come back and have our separate dorm parties. Most of the kids don't go to bed, at all, and then go caroling at 5:00 in the morning. This is what they did last year and everyone says we'll do it again so it should be fun.

I'm getting awfully sleepy, so I'm afraid you'll have to excuse me. I haven't heard from you for over a week so I'll be looking for you soon. Hope you have just as nice a Thanksgiving as I am having.

Lots of love -  
Shirley