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January 8, 1944

Dearest Lee:

I am forwarding you today a letter written by Mrs. Crooks for Mrs. Lasher. We had not heard from her for over a year and did not know about Mrs. Lasher's condition.

We certainly seem to be having more than our share of sleet this winter. Saturday night we had about 3 inches of snow and early yesterday morning it began to sleet and continued throughout most of the day. You can imagine what the streets and sidewalks are like. Daddy has driven to Philadelphia. Early this morning he received a call from Dr. Edgar saying that Dr. Elizabeth's mother had to be taken to Philadelphia to a hospital and asking if he would drive them up. I do hope he gets back without any mishaps.

This morning's paper is full of comments about the president's message on the state of the nation. There seems to be only slight opposition to his request that the 4,000,000 men in 4-F be made to work or fight; but there is much difference of opinion in regard to national service legislation, drafting of nurses for the armed services, compulsory military peacetime training.

Yesterday we unexpectedly had for dinner a captain from the airbase who has just returned from many months overseas' duty as an executive in the ground crew. We may have told you that we are looking for a couple to take the place of the Snyders who must leave, and one of the people daddy contacted for help was an officer at the airbase. We do not know yet whether such a combination would work out- for some means of transportation would have to be found bet [?sic]. the airbase and the school for the man. He graduated from F&M and Boston U. Law school and is from Connecticut. We are almost frantic for help. Jeff is slipping back into his old ways and we never know from one day to the next whether he will be on hand. Mr. Arthur has been in the hospital since a few days after Christmas. The Dist. superintendent wants Howell to take a student charge in this conference in the spring, and if he does of course we will be losing his services. So it goes.

There were very few out to church yesterday. Mr. Wyatt was there but in bad shape for he fell down the stairs in his home on Saturday and hurt his knee cap.

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We had a Christmas card from Allen the other day. Evidently he is still in France.

When you return to Wilmington you must remember not to jay-walk. A drive against such is now on and persons found guilty are fined \$1.

Well, I must now get to work on some reports which should be gotten ready for the Governor and legislature.

With all our love.

Mother