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Friday morning

August 4, 1944

Dear Dad,

How are you this hot summer? When I was home in June you seemed a trifle worn. You said that as soon as your services as New Castle County Fifth War Bond Drive Chief Salesman were no longer needed that you would take a break; you and mother were to go away for a change and a rest for a short while; you were going to renew your physical go, your mental freshness.

Please take time to refuel, as you know you should, for your sake, my sake, the family's sake!

Shirley wrote the other day of a matter which has been causing her some concern and doubt for quite some time. As she and I see it she has three alternatives of action for this fall. (1) return to Williamsport - Dickinson Junior College for general college work among and/or with other girls. (2) attend some

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other college for general college work but with stress on piano and voice study as a definite part of the program. (3) remain in Wilmington as a voice student of Mr. Wyatt and a piano student of Miss Hill with a monthly voice lesson with Mr. Stanley in New York and a special course in French Diction at the University of Delaware. Pertinent questions concerning these three alternatives: Cost; Value; Will the strain on voice or self be too much (as yet); Travel; Companionship. Take some time to discuss the problem thoroughly [sic] with Shirley.

The enclosed Free Dickinsonian impressed me. As you can see the exit of President Carson was most welcome to the student body. The college needs a complete remodeling though so as to be ready for peace by the fall of 1945. (Curriculum, extra curriculum, faculty, plant — all should be strengthened and brought up to date.)

I hope that this has not been too dry a note. Training here is proceeding on schedule and I am fine. I sent a money order for \$200.00 this noon. Ask Mother to send Uncle George's new address and Ben's and Howell Wilkin's when she has time. I hope the girls are the "hit of the show" at the Drama League.

Your son,

Lee