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Ferris School for Boys

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Dearest Lee:

Some of the Board members are arriving for their monthly meeting today, but maybe I can snatch a few minutes to write you.

You are not by any chance planning to spend the weekend with us, are you? Shirley says she would not be surprised if you were. The reason for her saying this is that every time she has said goodbye to Fred you have showed up a few days later, according to her. Last night he called from Camp Butner saying he would arrive Saturday night to stay until late Sunday afternoon. He cannot get here in time to see "The Vagabond King" but will be here in time for the party which Mr. Laird is giving to the cast afterwards at Breck's Mill. Each member of the cast is allowed to bring a guest. The Hannings are away on vacation and May is coming with us Saturday to spend next week. She is expecting Gordon to come up Saturday if he can get a pass, so I suppose we will have quite a time over the weekend,- that is the younger generation. It would be fine if you could join them.

Daddy received the letter in which you said "I sent a money order for \$200.00 this noon" (Friday, Aug. 4). So far it has not arrived. Another \$25. war bond came this morning.

I don't know whether it is going to be possible to pick up a radio for you. I am going in town this afternoon if I can get off and will look around for the kind of wallet you asked for.

Have you seen "Dragon Seed"? It starts at Loew's today and I am hoping daddy will take me this evening. I read the book and hope the picture is as good, although I am a little fearful of Katherine Hepburn's "drawl".

The Blue Rocks seem to be on a losing streak again. They surely have their ups and downs.

Uncle George's new address is 202 W. 24th St.

The puppies certainly are cunning. They are almost entirely weaned now and beginning to chew on everything. Whenever I go near them they begin on my shoestrings. Remember how Ginger used to be about chewing up old shoes? In these days of shoe rationing I am afraid her offspring will not fare so well.

We are enjoying Golden Bantum corn and lima beans from the garden now. Do you get such things in Miss? We haven't had any watermelon for they are selling

at such outrageous prices, - \$1.50 to \$2.00 apiece.

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Well, I must stop now. Take good care of yourself,- the best you [can] in that country of heat and bugs.

Love from all of us.

Mother