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Dearest Lee:

November certainly is coming in very midly. Yesterday the thermometer went up to 70 and today is again warm. It looks as though it will be good weather for Bricker, who is scheduled to speak in Rodney Square at noon today. As Bernice has study and lunch period then she says she is going down to hear him. From all accounts this is going to be the closest election in years. The various polls are giving Roosevelt only a point or two over Dewey. Of course the final vote won't be known I guess until early in December, for some states are not counting the soldier vote until then.

The United War Fund Drive is officially ended but of course we are still gathering up the loose ends. At my report meeting on Wednesday we had gone over \$600. over the top in this area and I know there is at least \$300. more to come in. It meant a lot of work by a lot of people but it seems to me the wise plan to follow even after the war is over and there is no need for some of the agencies. All the 21 local agencies such as Y.M.C.A., Boy and Girl Scouts, etc. were included and it certainly seems to me much more sensible to have one big drive in the fall instead of 21 different campaigns. Of course the spring is reserved for the nation-wide Red Cross drive.

Ben is still around and I guess will be until he is called. I think he has given up the idea of Merchant Marines.

This morning's paper states that "Whistling Willie" Roach is scheduled for a bout in Boston Garden, so I guess he is doing alright for himself.

As we hear about the air raids over Holland and Germany naturally we are wondering whether you are involved in any of them. As yet we have had no letters. I hope ours are getting through to you.

Mr. Fisher, the carpenter, has made a fine doghouse for the pup and as soon as we get him a chain and collar we want to teach him to sleep out of doors. He is growing fast and promises to be much bigger than Ginger.

Grandmother Minker is planning to spend the weekend with us I believe. If Sunday is a nice day I would like daddy to drive us up to see Shirley, but I don't know whether that will be possible.

Bernice seems to be getting along better in school and I hope will make the grade.

Now take care of yourself, dear, and remember we are with you every minute of the day and night. With all my love.

Mother