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Thursday, November 9, 1944

Dearest Lee:-

I expect you knew the result of the election almost as soon as we did here, for I read in the papers that the English papers gave it full, front-page news. The latest reports that Roosevelt carried 38 states. Gov. Bacon won by a very narrow margin. He lost in Wilmington but the downstate votes put him across. Republicans still have a narrow lead over Democrats in the State Senate and House, but the Democrats have practically everything else in the state. New Castle County re-elected Hearn, a Republican, as coroner, but everything else was lost. Dr. Traynor won over Wiley, which I think is most tragic, for Dr. Traynor has failed so much physically in the last two years it is pitiful to see him. In these days especially we certainly ought to have keen minds and strong bodies to wrestle with all the important problems. I guess none of us thought that Dewey really would be elected, but I did think he would gather in more votes than he did. I hope and pray that Roosevelt's health will be such that he can carry on for the full term, for I tremble to think of Truman at the head of the nation.

In Tuesday night's paper there was a short item which said that 3 Delaware men recently completed an orientation course at an Air Service Command station in England. They were a 2nd lieut. by the name of Adkins from Holly Oak, Corp. Robert Hocker, S. Bancroft Parkway, and Lieut. Ralph L. Minker, Jr. Daddy called Mrs. Hocker, for he knows them, and she said that Robt. had gone over around the first of October, that she had had several letters from him and he had already been on several missions. So far nothing has come thru from you except a letter which Uncle Marion had written you and an order of Sunday service from the base at Manchester, N.H. We gather, if the newspaper article is correct, that you are now a lieut. Is that correct?

Shirley writes that she has made the Dean's list, which I think is pretty fine. She also says that she has not heard from Fred for 10 days, so it looks as if he might have moved out.

Do you remember Ed. Wojszewski]who used to be here at the school? He was in to see us the other day. He has been in the Navy 26 months, S 1/c, wears stripes for service in both the Atlantic and Pacific, and was recently wounded at Palau. He looks pretty well, altho he has lost weight since being wounded. Daddy is having him and Ramon Harding out to the Board meeting luncheon today.

I guess we are now having Indian summer, for after several quite cold days we are having warm weather and do not need any heat turned on in the day time.

Have you seen anyone you knew or anyone from Wilmington over there? I expect we shall be receiving several letters at one time,- at least I hope so.

We are all fine. Daddy is in the midst of preparations

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for the next War Bond drive which begins next week.

With all my love.

Mother