Saturday, November 25, 1944

Dearest Lee:

The last letter we received contained your "Fritz" photograph. You almost look
like a "dumb German" init. I suppose you had to pose in that way. Needless to
say we are hoping you will never have to use it.

These have been busy days. Shirley and Timmie arrived Wednesday evening,
Walter and Bernice driving to Paoli to pick them up. Timmie is a lovely girl
and I hope some day you will be able to meet some of the friends Shirley has
made at school. Shirley’s marks arrived on the same day,— straight a’s. The girls
got to see the A.I.-Claymont game on Thanksgiving morning, and were they
glad. Everybody said it would be a runaway for Claymont, but the enclosed
clipping shows what happened. A.I. really played a wonderful game, but the
write-up is all for Claymont. Uncle Marion and his family, grandmother Minker
and Walter were our guests for Thanksgiving dinner, which we had about 3:30,
after daddy and Uncle Marion returned from a golf game. Daddy earlier went to
the P.S.-Wilmington High game, where between halves he had a short memorial
service for boys from the two schools. We had a 15 lb. turkey, stuffed with
oyster dressing, and there was scarcely any left when we got thru. Yesterday
morning Bernice had a voice lesson at 10 and Shirley one at 10:30, after which
Mr. Arthur drove the girls and me to Philadelphia. We thought we would do
some Christmas shopping, but the crowds were terrible,—of course all the school
children were there just as you children used to be the day after Thanksgiving—and we accomplished scarcely anything. We reached home about 5:30 tired as
could be. Shirley is taking another lesson this morning after which she and
Timmie will go to the train to meet Fred who will stay overnight. Daddy had a
very nice birthday card from Julia. I wrote to her last week.

Mr. Donovan, one of the trustees of Ferris School, died suddenly on Thanks-
giving day and his funeral is this afternoon at 1:30. He was 78 years old and
had been appointed by Gov. McMullen. He was a Democrat, but I expect Gov.
Bacon will put on a Republican.

The clipping about Hocker was in this morning’s paper. Have you come in
contact with him?

Now I am about to leave and go home to bake Bernice a belated birthday cake.
Being away yesterday I did not get it done.

We are having colder weather. Yesterday there were a few flurries of snow, but
this morning the sun is shining brightly.

This was the best week yet for receiving letters from you, even though they are
not in the order sent. We received four. November 5 was the date of the latest
one. I do hope ours are coming through in good numbers now. With all my
love.
Mother