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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 went 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 Thanksgiving 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