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Dearest Lee:

I wrote you the other day that we had ordered the N.Y. Times Overseas Weekly sent you. Now we have a note from Mr. Budner, from whom it was ordered, that he is sending it to you for a year as a Christmas present; so after it begins to arrive if you can find a spare minute it would be nice to drop him a note and thank him. Address it to Del-Mar News Agency, 9th & Church Sts., Wilm., attention Mr. Budner.

Yesterday noon I made a flying trip to Phila. by train to get material to make Bernice an evening gown for a Christmas dance this coming Thursday. I was back in Wilm. by 4. The stores in Philadelphia were simply jammed. I rode up along side of a marine who said he was going home for Christmas for the first time in three years. I noticed by his insignia (is that the right word) that he had been at Guada[[]canal. The trains are full of service men going home for the holidays. I wish you were among them.

Have you ever run across "Bobbie" Hocker?

Last night the boys put on their first performance of "When Johnny Comes Marching Home Again" and it went across pretty well. Bernice sang "ToRaLo-RaLay" from Bing Crosby's picture "Going My Way" and did very well. She was announced as the first girl ever to sing in a Ferris School show.

Ferris plays A.I. in basketball at A.I. this afternoon. It is warming up a bit and daddy may play golf with Dr. Johns. I think he is itching to do so for yesterday Dr. Johns sent out a beautiful new golf club as a Christmas gift to daddy. For your present to him I purchased an ink well and pen for his desk in the new office.

Have all your Christmas packages arrived yet? I am still trying to locate 620 film.

An American Romance which you said you saw in London is coming to Wilmington this week I believe; but I shall be too busy making the evening gown and getting ready for Christmas to see if I expect.

Are the winters in England as cold as we have here? There isn't much snow, is there?

Love from all of us.

Mother