Dear Sue:

How are you this lovely evening? I have just come in from playing tennis until it was so dark we couldn't see a thing. It has been threatening a Thunder storm all afternoon, but as yet we have not had any rain at all. It would be quite a relief to have some rain because it might cool things off. We've been having most unusually warm weather. These Aprils and it has been continually hot; we have had very little rain. Though, while it does not look very promising for the time of the year, sticking strictly from the old farmer's new point you understand. I imagine that California is very lovely now and that those famous California redwoods are blooming out in their full regalia. Almost all of the spring flowers are out now here, and I wouldn't be too surprised if roses came along very soon. I don't know whether or not you have done anything to the garden at home, do you? If you really do to have the time go it but I imagine she'll get someone to help her a little.

Since the warm weather has come we have been playing tennis every spare minute. And got Bestlow a beautiful Spalding racquet for graduation and she is going to learn how to play once at school. Do you remember the house across from the airport on Lancaster Avenue? Did known the people over there and they have tennis courts right behind their home. So I think we'll be able to play some this summer. I hope so, because I think it's a wonderful game. I have never played at all before I came my here last year, and I don't mind to play, but I have improved quite a bit. Of course, when I see someone really good playing, I know

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how much room I still have for improvement. He played your house last Wednesday afternoon, and I hope we can play that much tomorrow.

I know that by now you have heard of the death of President Roosevelt. I was very shocked to hear this news last night, and I know everyone else was, too. I hope it does not leave the spirit of the boys all over the world too much. I think we have lost a wonderful leader, and it does seem to me that he could have lived a few more months longer to see our victory in Europe. It leaves me all with a rather lost feeling, but I am sure that FDR will do his best, and so has some very able people to help him. He really doesn’t sound well the last time I heard his speech, which was just after he came back from the conference at Yalta.

Fred is deep in Germany now with General Patton’s Third Army. I try to get letters from him very regularly considering how busy he is able to keep on that way. He is able to tell me very much, so that his letters don’t give much news. He has sent me several German titles which are very interesting. If you ever do any of these, be sure and give them my love.

We’re starting work on our young play already. It is going to be the Pulitzer Prize winning play “Craig’s Wife.” The cast is wonderful (even though I’m not using my talent to it) and I think it’s going to be a wonderful play. Tomorrow morning I have to get up with a bunch of other kids to set up the flats for the stage. Then we have to go over all the sets with scenery, and paint an entirely new set for the stage. I’m student director of my major subject. As soon as they start doing it without books, I have to start them on their lines and actions. I think that will start next week!
That week the Conference is being held at Williamsport. Aunt [illegible] and stays here at Rockefeller for Thursday until Sunday. All the girls, except one going to sit in tables for breakfast and dinner all four days. It should be quite funny for most of us have not served before and know very little about it. I would love to stay and still could come up, but I doubt if they will. I don't know when the Conference is in Baltimore this year. It probably won't come very soon.

We're also getting ready for May Day now. It is going to be held on May 13 and the play is the eleventh. I want to observe and remain to come up for that week-end, but I'll just have to wait and see. May Day is always quite lovely, as we have a nice play to help it. And I tell you that I was selected Maid of Honor of the May Court! Yea, don't say it! They just don't have much to choose from any more!

Dr. Elgar called me up when I was home for Easter and said he would like to have me come for Easter. I was very pleased, of course, but nothing definite was decided. I have gotten the crazy idea in my head that I would like to work in an Army Hospital somewhere. There are quite a few which are not very far from home, and I've heard they need medical secretaries very badly. What do you think about it? I don't have to join the Army and be a Nurse or anything like that?

Well, see, I'm going to stay so I can meet those tonight when I go downtown with the Kiddies. Good luck and good flying.

Lots of love,

Shelley

7-3. And you know I could learn to draw this summer. So don't be surprised if I draw down to meet you at the station all by myself. I hope I can do it along with twenty others. They're going Gilbert and Sullivan's "Solano" this year, by the way.