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Dear Lee,

This week has been quite exciting!

Today Mrs. Lake arrived and is really a lamb. She is very white haired and her face is full of soft wrinkles. Her personality is outstanding and I know her visit will be most enjoyable.

Thursday of this week us Juniors from the History classes at school attended a Mock Republican Convention at Temple. It really was an experience I'll never forget. We represented the State of Washington and were putting Eric. A. Johnson, President of the U. S. Chamber of Commerce, up

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for nomination. I had to make the nomination speech. There were, out of 48 states and Hawaii, D. of C., Puorto Rica [sic], only 8 nominees. The speakers had to get up in front of 2,000 kids, yelling kids, and campaign. I really wasn't nervous at all, and our gang formed a conga line and raised bedlam after my speech. The real parades were held when Wilkie and Dewey were put up, though. I was a staunch Wilkie rooter and am still slightly hoarse at the thought of the two groups trying to out-scream each other. We rushed around in long lines, even with a brass band, tearing down Dewey signs, shouting and chanting - 'We want Wilkie' -

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at the top of what was left of our lungs. Dewey finally won, but I'm still against him! We didn't get home until 8:30, having started at 8:30 in the morning, so we were really fagged out!

Grandma went up to Aunt Grace's last week and brought home two huge pots of blooming pansies. Theyre [sic] situated in the front windows and really liven things up. Dad also brought home a dozen red carnations so we really look springy.

"The Song of Bernadette" has just arrived in town and I can hardly wait to see it. We saw "Broadway Rhythm" last week and it was fair. A little on the variety show side.

Gably Gamosh is home and looks taller than ever in uniforms. Gordon Lang is too.

All the highschools are having X-rays taken of the pupils [sic] chest to see if anyone has T-B. We had ours done yesterday. They are very quick and efficiently done and you're rather disappointed because it wasn't more complicated.

Gotta go, now, so,

Good-by,

Love,

Bernice

P. S. Enclosed are the pix we took while you was home. Good, huh?

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