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Dearest Lee:

These are busy days and I have not written as often as I should, but I'll try to get something off now before going out to lunch.

A two-day conference of social workers of Delaware is being held at the Hotel. Daddy spoke at one of the sessions yesterday afternoon and Mrs. Hamm and I put up an exhibit of some of the work done by the boys. Some folks were surprised to learn that we have about 200 Ferris boys in the service. I made a poster, putting on it about a dozen pictures of the boys in uniform- white and black. Jeff tells me that Johnny Curlett has been transferred to Camp Haan. Do you have his new address?

I took your bracelet in to have the number changed and will forward it as soon as received. Did you say that you wanted two links taken off? Let me know when you write again.

Mr. Hamm and I have been busy this week distributing to the state institutions a carload each of potatoes, beets and carrots.

This is a busy week for daddy and he has not been home for dinner once this week. Monday night- dinner at the school for his civilian defense commanders; Tuesday, spoke at supper meeting Church of the New Jerusalem; last night, dinner with Dr. Johns and several men of the

church prior to the Wednesday night meeting, when he spoke on "International Colaboration"- the first in a series of six meetings addressed by different persons, on the Six Pillars of Peace; tonight I think he will dine at home; Friday night, another civilian defense dinner.

Shirley called Tuesday night about 11 o'clock. She had just come in from a recital where she sang that beautiful solo from "Samson & Deliah"- "My Heart, at that Sweet Voice". She is going home this weekend with Mimi McCloskey, to Roaring Springs. Mimi is her big sister and a preacher's daughter. Her father and daddy used to know each other in summer school days. Bernice is to spend the first weekend in May with Shirley. As yet I don't know what she will do this summer. Bernice has been made chairman of the Jr. A.W.V.S. which requires her to be at the office every Saturday morning.

The Spring Festival is planned for May 14-21 and I am busy trying to work out a program. At present it looks like this:

Sun.	May 14	- concert by P.S. duPontchorus
Mon.	15	dress rehearsal of play
Tues.	16	6:30-7:30 Open House for Dunbar & Lincoln 7:30 - play for " " "& guests
Wed.	17	3 p.m. Ball game with Unionville
Thurs.	18	6:30-7:30 Open House for Ball & Washington 7:30 - Musical play - Tower Hill boys
Fri.	19	6:00 - Annual Festival Dinner- with guests 7:30 - Play for Ball, Washington, guests
Sat.	20	Movies
Sun.	21	Visiting

If we can find somebody who will play the negro boys I'll arrange a baseball game for them.

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I have had the carpenter make dressing tables for Shirley and Bernice and my nights since Saturday have been spent trying to make new skirts for the tables and covers for the chairs.

What did you think of the pictures?

Yesterday after school Bernice and I selected the dress for her Jr. prom- which is May 19. Saturday of this week she is going to a small dance at the home of Ann Woodman, one of the Tower Hill girls. I guess she'll also go to Walter's prom.

We have been having cold, rainy weather, but the sun is shining today and it is much warmer. Your tulips in the rock garden are blooming beautifully.

We caught up with Sam Casalvera again on Monday and he is now in the workhouse.

I hope the weather has improved so that you are now getting in your much desired flying. I met Polly Jacoby Cody yesterday and she was asking for you. She was away when you were home.

Lots and lots of love.

Mother

Are you getting the newspaper?