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Dearest Lee:

Bernice arrived home from Williamsport last night, saying she had the most wonderful weekend in her life. "Campus Thunder" really went off big, I guess, and she said Shirley was marvelous. There were 12 numbers and Shirley appeared in six of them. The program which Bernice brought home to us reads: "Dramatic Club of Dickinson Jr. College presents Campus Thunder, starring Shirley Minker." It has been a hard grind getting ready for the show, and of course lessons have to be kept up just the same.

Grandmother Minker spent the weekend with us. Saturday, March 10, was her birthday. I hope I am going as strong as she when I reach her age.

Daddy saw the Bombers beat Renaissance yesterday afternoon.

I am going to try to get something thru to you for Easter. If it is late reaching you maybe you won't mind too much. Thinking you would be with us we did not get anything off early.

The Sunday Star carried a big article yesterday, headed Ferris Industrial School "200 Ferris School Boys in the Service," featuring stories of some of our boys. Do you remember Otis Heady - negro? He is in the Marines and this morning we received a nice letter from him written from somewhere in the Western Carolines.

Dick Cockran was in church yesterday. He was to leave for Ft. Dix this morning, having been in Oberlin since last fall. Millard Lang was there, also, and is leaving this week for another assignment.

Did I tell you that Bishop Hughes was the speaker all last week at the noon Lenten services in St. Andrews Church? He spoke at a Methodist church in Chester every evening and daddy drove him up Wednesday and Thursday nights. I went along on Thursday. He certainly is a fine gentleman and a wonderful

preacher. Of course he was asking about you. He has a grandson who is a Marine on Iwo Jima at the present time. Bernice Jones' boy friend is also there.

I started to do some working on trimming the rosebushes on Saturday, but it began to rain before I got anything accomplished. The snowdrops and jonquils are beginning to appear. I have seen such lovely pictures of the English countryside in the springtime. I do hope you get to enjoy some of it.

Love from all of us, Mother