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Dearest Lee:

It was so good to get your letter Saturday, written only the Sunday before. It sounded more like you than any we have had for a long time. We are delighted that you are getting to see some of your friends, and especially that you will have a chance to visit with Irving Carpenter, for he will no doubt be returning to the states soon and can give us some first-hand information on you, what you are doing, etc. Daddy called Mrs. Finn and chatted with her about Howell.

Our first crocus was in bloom yesterday, for we have had the thermometer up as far as 84 since Friday. Today, however, we are back to normal. I trimmed the rosebushes on Saturday. 2 620 films have been sent off and I hope reach you before too long. Also, a box with some candy and cookies for Easter.

We heard last night that Dr. Prettyman had a heart attack last week and is seriously ill. We are certainly sorry if this is true. Plans are going ahead for the Dickinson dinner on April 6th.

Saturday night daddy and I took Mr. and Mrs. Montgomery to Philadelphia to see the Sphas-Bomber game. Of course our minds went back to last year when the whole family went, after having dinner at the Ben Franklin. The Bombers really should have won, for they missed practically all their foul shots. Glennon did not feel too good about Frankel, who has pulled down a good salary from the Bombers all year and just when we needed him most went off to Chicago to be in some kind of a tournament. There will be another game here at the Armory Wednesday night, but that is the night of the Pirates of Penzance at Tower Hill and I certainly want daddy to hear Bernice in the role. They practiced all yesterday afternoon and have a dress rehearsal this evening.

There are 15 more legislative days left and as happens so often much remains still to be done. The Family Court bill is still in committee. Daddy, of course, is very much interested in it and has many conferences with numerous people. It is such a relief when Legislature meets that daddy does not have to go down and battle for every cent of appropriation as used to be the case. Now all that is taken care of before hand by the Permanent Budget Commission. The Legislature has dealt very well with us here at Ferris for the coming biennium.

Love from all of us. I do hope that sometime during the Lenten season you will be able to worship in some of the English churches.

Mother