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Dearest Lee:

I wish you were going to be here this evening to hear your sister Bernice in the leading role of Pirates of Penzance. I am a little bit anxious about her, for after the dress rehearsal Monday night she practically lost her voice. I kept her in bed all day yesterday, giving her sulfadiazine on the advice of Dr. Elizabeth, lemonade, vapors from Vicks, etc. She seemed better this morning and at the present time is with Mr. Wyatt, who thought he might be able to help her with some exercises. Here's hoping she can stand up under it. Tower Hill being such a small school of course she has no understudy.

Monday night I heard a very fine concert at the Art Center by Mary Van Kirk, contralto of the Metropolitan. I was so sorry Bernice could not go, but she had to practice.

This is supposed to be the first day of spring and we are having rain. After almost summer weather the thermometer has dropped some this morning.

It looks like things are going our way pretty much in the Pacific, doesn't it? Wouldn't it be a good Easter gift for the world if this war in Europe could be over by that time?

I hope your box reaches you by April 1. Although I have looked I have not found an Easter card I like for you, but of course you know our thoughts are always with you and especially when special days like Easter come. We have invited Mason Robertson to spend the day with us but as yet have not heard whether he can get off. Grandmother Jones is going to spend this Sunday - Palm Sunday - with Aunt Grace. Uncle Bill retires from the State Police next month, after 20 years of service. Of course he is not old enough to retire from work so will take up something else.

I saw in last night's paper that Betty Martin, who graduates this year, has been awarded a Fellowship. She really has come through with flying colors. The last reports from Dickinson are that Dr. Prettyman will be an invalid for the rest of his life. I guess the burden of being president was too much for him. Bishop

Corson speaks in Wilmington at the Lenten services next week and I believe is to have lunch with daddy.

Love from all of us. Mother