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Dearest Lee:

Well, your sister Bernice did herself proud on Wednesday night, in spite of her condition on Tuesday. Mr. Wyatt gave her a workout in the morning and she really did a grand job. The whole thing was very well done and you would have enjoyed it, I know.

Shirley writes that she does not know yet whether she will be able to get away before Friday. Her vacation will be very short. Bernice's begins today and lasts until Easter Monday, April 2. She will spend most of the week trying to make some summer clothes. Cotton dresses are most expensive this year, and she and Shirley will be able to save considerable by making their own.

We have had several days of cold rain, but today the sun is shining and it is a little warmer. Our crocuses are up and we have one daffodil in bloom. I expect you are seeing thousands of them in the English countryside.

This morning's paper states that after July 1 it is expected that there will be a 31% draft cut. The need after July is seemingly one of replacements.

We have no further news on Dr. Prettyman.

We are sending out notices today to schools with whom we usually play that it will be impossible for us to play baseball, other than intramural, this year. We haven't a soul on the staff except daddy who knows anything about athletics and he just can't take on the training and management of a baseball team.

We are awaiting your next letter to learn whether you were able to come up with Irving Carpenter.

Love from all of us. Mother