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Dearest Lee:

I expect you received the news of the President's death almost as soon as we did, and I suppose you, like many of us, immediately asked "How will Truman ever carry on?" He certainly needs our good wishes and prayers. What a tragedy to lose both Roosevelt and Wilkie, who seemed to know so much about international affairs and have some idea of what some of us are striving to attain!

The Delaware session of the Legislature ended last night after being in continuous session for 31 hours. Defeated three times in the House for lack of a two-thirds majority, the last time at 4:45 o'clock yesterday morning, the Family Court measure was called up for another vote in the afternoon. The vote was 27 to 1, with one not voting and six absent. After it had been passed by the House the measure was sent to the Senate and there it met with no dissent among the 16 members. The bill carried an amendment to make the term of appointment of the judge 6 years. The Democratic minority had based its fight against the bill on its appeal that the term should be for only 4 years. It is thought that Gov. Bacon will appoint Judge Nelson, now of the Juvenile Court, to head the Family Court. Much of the Democratic objection, I think, was because of that.

Yesterday I left here by bus to go to Milford to attend a meeting of the Dover district W.S.C.S. The countryside was very beautiful down state with bright green grass and flowers in bloom - dogwood, iris, some peonies beginning to bud. Most of the flowers which we usually associate with Memorial Day will be gone long before that date this year.

Daddy and I may go to Raleigh, N.C. this weekend. Someone from the school has to go pick up a boy from here and we may make a leisurely trip. Shirley wants to bring home 6 or 8 of her closest friends for a weekend before she graduates, and I think it will be the following week - April 27. She wants Bernice and me to go up to the school the weekend of May 11th, when they have their May day activities, play, etc.

We are trying to decide on a school for Bernice. Evidently it is going to be as much of a problem as it was for Shirley - only more so.

Have you been unusually busy lately? We haven't had any word from you since March 19th.

With all my love.

Mother