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Friday, August 24, 1945

Dearest Lee:

Suddenly it has turned cold and rainy again. This is the day Shirley goes to Williamsport with George - after she finishes work. Yesterday afternoon Dr. Edgar had all six of the girls from his office down to the cottage at Silver Lake. It was a damp, cloudy day, but they had a good time and did not get home until after 11. A boy from Oberlin who is now in the service is spending a few days with May, on his way back to camp in Alabama. So you see the girls are really growing up in more ways than one.

The time is drawing near for Bernice to go away to school. We are busy marking clothes and trying to get things in shape. As the date approaches she is getting "nervous", but I think it will be a fine experience for her. Mary Elizabeth Davis is entering Dickinson Jr. College. Do you remember Mary Jane Lynam, who was with Bernice in Lore? She enters Dickinson as a freshman this year.

James Chandler III was married this week. His father put great store in him, but so far he has not seemed to make the grade. In some way he got an appointment to Annapolis a couple of years ago, but flunked out. His father had him tutored and he was given another chance to enter; but a few months ago he flunked out again and now is here in Wilmington.

I feel that this week you will be coming home, for I am due for a third surprise. Last week the war came to an end; this week Shirley and George made the headlines; so this coming week my third surprise will be your coming home.

Love to you from all of us.

Mother