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Dearest Arthur,

Since Fred Lynn and I are going to start to Texas tomorrow at noon I am very busy but there is so much to do I hardly know what to do first. But Walden is off to work now so I have things to myself for several hours now. He has changed jobs, little over a week ago, after being with the Retail Credit for nearly 5 years. There were so many things that he did not like about it though. Likes this new work very much, is what he is prepared for and what he enjoys. He got the job little over a week after placing his application. Bob, his brother has also quit the company, in fact they are losing men fast. Had no one to place here in Walden's place so Mr. Nelson came down and put it on a duebill basis. We rather think it will not work satisfactorily but then that is none of our affair now. Last week which was his first week he worked during the day but has started this week on a shift system, works from 4PM to midnight and in a week changes to a new shift. It rather upsets living but we can get used to it.

We had intended go in the car when our vacation came but it was never granted, because of shortage of relief men, I suppose, so Walden will have to forego his trip with us. We are going with A Mr. and Mrs. Stone and daughter here, who are going on to Missouri. I dread the trip very much for it is so cool here all the time that a change to hot weather will likely upset the babb, especially since he is teething. He has two lower ones now, that really shine when he smiles, which is quite often. He chews the enamel off his bed and in general is lively. Is good natured though and does not give us much trouble, just requires care. These people had promised to bring two other people back with them so we will have to return on the train. I am sure we will be comfortable on the return trip unless there is a crowded coach and I have to hold him a lot. We plan staying until around the first of Sept, about a month.

We were so busy last week. It seemed I washed and canned all week, put up 54 qts of apricots, apples and strawberry jam. We went out into the country and picked the apricots and had to carry Freddie up over a high hill. He liked it, at our expense. We took his stroller and when I was carrying it with him in it he decided to stand up and wave his arms in the air. Of course it made the carrying unsteady. We got 80 lbs of cots before we knew it. I had gotten the apples at Santa Rosa two weeks ago and since they were the first of the season, had to keep them to ripen for apple sauce. Then Friday we went out and picked the berries. I still have peaches, plums and pears to put up.

We went to Santa Rosa three weeks ago the first time we had been since Freddie was 2 mo old. We stayed with Marie and Bill Hodges, the ones with the new home and the three children. You remember. Saw Marie and Frank but only for a little while. They have a boy 6 weeks older than Freddie who is a nice baby but spoiled and of course we have the prize. Our baby does a lot more than he does and even more than Timmy Tucker, son of Paul and Edith Tucker, who is 3 mo older than our baby. They do not go all over their beds nor do they stand up or pull up in their beds and go around the sides. Freddie learned that two weeks ago and even though we think him pretty smart to be doing it before his 7 mo birthday, it is rather annoying when we go in a night, thinking him

asleep and find him standing up, wide awake. It does help him to entertain himself tho. He enjoys his stroller. We take it to town when we shop to roll him around in. He used to wear us out when we had to carry him.

Since Walden worked in the day time all last week, I found it quite hard to get to town to do necessary shopping and get to the bank. I hate to do it but did leave Freddie with the lady next door one day for about 2 hours, while on the next day we took the taxi. It is so tiresome shopping and especailly a baby, hard on him too, but he never makes a shund.

As soon as I get back from Texas, we want to look around and rent a place with a garden space and possibly get some chickens and eventually a cow, maybe. We surely don't like living out of the grocery store so much and Walden does enjoy a garden. He has large tomato plants here and transplanted carrots yesterday, but there is very little room.

I am doing a little baking so Walden will not have so much trouble with his lunches. It is late but I hate not being awake when Walden comes home. But I must close. Write when you can and we do hope to hear from you soon. We think of you so much and only hope and pray you return to us safely.

Lovingly,

Nola

Walden,

Fred Lynn

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