

We are all three well. Nola

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Dearest Arthur

Walden is working in Monterey today and Fred Lynn is in his bed doing his best to keep from going to sleep. I have had him on our bed where he had quite a tussle with the pillows and where he had a great time kicking against the head board. As Mama told you quite likely we named him for Dad and it pleased him so much. The Lynn is just a name I liked. We call him Freddy while he is small. He really is a grand little fellow, 6 months old June 26th, weighs about 19 lbs 12 oz and is as rowdy as he can possibly be. He is not nearly as fat as you possibly think from his weight but is a very solid, husky long baby. He has dark brown hair with a reddish cast like mine, quite large blue attractive eyes, dark lashes and two prominent dimples. He smiles readily and nearly every time anyone looks at him and laughs heartily, though not so often. Yesterday I was holding him and Walden hung a coat hanger between his toes. He moved his feet making the hanger tickle his toes. Well, I never heard such hearty laughter. It was so sweet. He seems to have gotten his gaining all mixed up for he has nearly trebled his weight in 6 months whereas he is supposed to do that in a whole year. He eats a great deal, four nursings a day (I nurse him) as well as one or two vegetables, a fruit sauce, $1\frac{1}{2}$ oz orange juice and an egg. Oh yes and he holds his bottle unless he decides he had rather turn over on his tummy and wrestle with it like a puppy with an old shoe. Ha. We are proud of his bottle holding for Timmy Tucker, Edith and Paul Tucker's 9 mo old son never did hold his and neither does he turn over and go all over his bed, even yet, as does Freddy. They leave him on the bed alone and no pillows to keep him from falling off. We have not left Fred Lynn since he was 4 mo old.

We lived at Tulare 9 mo and moved to Hanford in Oct, stayed 5 mo. and then to Watsonville where we stayed for 2 and have been here two weeks. We are glad to be out of the valley for we heard directly from Tulare yest. that it was 110. Watsonville was pleasant and more so than here for although it is cooler here it is windy. There is certainly no need for air conditioners in this section. They have moved us so much to get us where men are needed most. Business was expected to take a drastic drop but has not done so to any noticeable extent as yet. They have solved the shortage of men by placing many of the towns on a due bill basis. This station has a heavy volume and is a paying station. There is much less driving here than in the valley and even less than in Watsonville, for which we are thankful, for our tires are showing wear. We think we will be changing works soon. Walden applied at a plant here for work for which he prepared in college. I surely hope he gets into it. He said he felt he had a good chance. It is just what he wants and likes so much. Will require driving to and from work a distance of 11 miles each way. It is quite likely he can share rides with other workers.

I suppose you have heard from Mama and Dad by this time as she says she has been writing to you once a week for 6 weeks. They have a fruit

crop again this year and are beginning to sell some to the peaches. We surely want to get back soon but have heard absolutely nothing of our vacation. The co. asked us when we wanted it and we asked for the last two weeks in June, the first vacation month. They wrote and said they were not giving June vacations this year as they were handling some important new accounts and it would greatly hamper business to have men away on vacations and for us to give second choice. We of course asked for the first two weeks in July(as I feel sure every other man did) As yet they have replied not at all and this is the first of July. I wanted to take all my jars and can a lot of fruit and if not there during the season Mama is going to give us some. I have canned nothing yet. Strawberries are the first fruits and they are too high this year to can. . Apricots will be in soon. Do you remember what a mess you found our house in last year when you came to see us, after we had canned apricots all day?

Ruth and Roy, Walden's sister, came down some time ago. Jimmy, the larger little boy nearly drove me crazy trying to love Freddy. He is particularly crazy about babies. Roy is still working at the grocery and they are buying a big old house with two flats.

Arthur, you remember Dan Finch who went to Harding? He is in a camp here Watsonville and on finding him at church one morning we had him home with us for lunch and then several times later he came out in the evenings or on Sundays. He is the same and sends his very best regards to you. He is really a nice boy.

Are you well? We surely think of you so often and wish we might hear. Hope to see you before too long. Do take care of yourself as best you can and keep courage and hope. Did Mama tell you she came out to be with us when Fred Lynn came only he got here before she did. It was just as well for I stayed in the hospital 10 days and there was nothing for her to do but cook and do a little housekeeping. She and Walden came over every night to see me. We were living at Hanford at the time and since it was such a short time before the baby's arrival we did not change doctors so went to Tulare, a distance of 20 miles to the hospital. I got along fine and did all during the time. And was not too long in regaining my strength. However, I did not do any great amount of work for 6 weeks. Freddy did well for a mo and then began losing his food. The doctor gave him some drops and stopped the trouble. He was not gaining right at that time. After getting settled he gained 4 lbs one mo but gains less than two which normal now. Mama stayed for about 2 weeks. Returned by Fullerton where Uncle Charlie and Gus took her around the country a great deal. The trip did her good. We only wished Dad might have come too. Annie and Frank stayed with him.

If Walden gets the work he wants the plant will open in 2 weeks at which time we will go to work or near that time. The laboratory is under construction. If he does not get a vacation Fred Lynn and I will go to Texas on the train. I surely want him to go though and I don't know whether he will let us go if he doesn't. He wants to go so badly. I must close. We hope to hear from you soon. God bless and take care of you, Arthur.

Lots of love,

Nola, Walden and Fred Lynn

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