

After 5 days, return to  
WILKERSON'S COLD STORAGE  
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LUBBOCK, TEXAS



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## Dunbar Construction Co.

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LUBBOCK, TEXAS

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Dear John:

I started a note to you Saturday morning in E. G. Pharr's office but never did get it finished.

He still wants to try to get loans for those negroes in Dallas tomorrow which, if your Daddy agrees, will mean the holding up of the whole deal for another thirty days or so. I am not much in favor of waiting any longer because I don't think people want to do business with negroes. It is a rough existence but I think it might pay off if someone had the ~~time~~ time to take care of it. I even think the apartments will be something to be proud of if we can ever get that indebtedness reduced because I doubt very seriously that there will be any more such construction put up for them in the near future.

Our interview with E. G. consisted mostly of your Daddy trying to sell him on the idea of going ahead and evicting the negroes that refuse to pay and getting the property rented. Of course, when he fails to get a loan closed, he relinquishes his rites to a fee on the house technically. I think your Daddy will be more than fair with him on fees but the whole thing is costing us ten times more than it is costing him.

We had a high school fellowship last night and the only one in Howards group that came was Gordon Deering. He was the most disappointed boy that I have ever looked into the eyes of. I would have cried if I had thought it would do any good but all I could do was try to encourage him to keep going but sometimes I wonder how he can keep on in face of some of the odds he runs into. We had a good group of kids, almost fifty. The girl he dated won't even look at him so he tells me. He went to a Hi-Y meeting yesterday hoping that he might be elected to some office so he could go to the meeting in Austin and he came home and told me that he wasn't even nominated for anything. He needs a lot of encouragement. His grades were all passing but not good enough. I am hoping that he will do better this next time.

We had wild duck for dinner yesterday. Gay brought in three little ones and a large one Friday night and we had to pick them and gut them. We had feathers all over the house practically but the ducks were really good.

Joe said he would try to make a chance to talk to Ruth Ann and that he would write you.

Oh! Ella said that you had a date with Carol last night or rather Saturday night to go to the party out on some ranch. She was surprised that I didn't know about it. Marilyn and Kenneth were up here for the week-end.

Maurice Gene is teaching metal art over at Monterey. I don't see him very often. He sings in the choir almost every Sunday morning but never comes to choir practice. His car was at the church last night but I didn't see him.

Daddy has gone back to E. G.'s office this morning. I hope he gets some satisfaction ~~from~~ from his interview if he gets one. I don't blame E. G.



too much for not wanting to see us because he is largely to blame for things getting in the mess that they are in. Gordon told him in the beginning that he would not even consider going into anything with Carl Hensley if he didn't have Croslin & Pharr to protect his interests and they assured us that they would do just that.

Even if we close the loans we are responsible to thos \*\*\* --- Negroes for one flat year for anything that they may decide to hoiler about so far as construction defects are conderned. E. G. says they won't get far with F. H. A. on complaints because F. H. A. okayed the houses and it would reflect against them if they went along with a lot of complaints.

Your Daddy flew to Portales yesterday and if they don't change their mind, he will just have to fly cross country 55 minutes more before he gets checked out. He seemed to enjoy his flight a lot. This flying has been wonderful for him because he forgets that anything else exists when he is up flying.

We have had summer weather for the past week. The cold front that was supposed to get here didn't show up.

The F. B. I. have arrested a man in Denver who was supposed to have planted a bomb in that plane that crashed with all those people aboard. He must have been crazy.

You go on and do your school work and get graduated as soon as you can and don't worry about us. Your being here would only give temporary relief because the real cause of our trouble would still exist. Charlie promised to be on the look-out for a girl that might be interested in helping out down here. Don still helps out when the notion strikes him.

We are full up to the brim. We are shipping 750 Morton pies today which may give some relief. We have shipped out less the past thirty days than I have seen go out in months. I can't explain it unless there has been too much shipping direct. Morton is picking up these pies today for direct delivery.

I must get to work and post some tickets etc.

We are looking forward to your being home next week. I hope we can all have a good time together and ~~xxxx~~ that we won't have to work too hard.

Love  
Mother