

Lubbock, Texas
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Dear John:

I was glad you called last night because I knew a letter couldn't possibly reach you before Tuesday, if then. What about this weather? Did Waco need moisture? All this rain has caused a lot of damage but I suppose the good it has brought far exceeds the damage it has done. Dallas and Fort Worth have really had the rain, haven't they? I hope Pat's home isn't in one of those low lying areas.

Howard took Mary to the Junior-Senior Prom Friday Night and I really think they had a wonderful time. They strictly did it together and it was so good to see them working together. Howard condescended to open the car door for Mary but walked off and left her to close it. She laughed and so did he. My, but she looked cute and he looked just as sharp as could be. I worked on her face until one could hardly see a flaw. We got her a wrist corsage in pretty blue carnations. I got Howard a buttonaire too.

Howard gets his share of flattenings it seems. I went to the Hi-Y installation with him yesterday afternoon and the old officers helped install the new officers and they told him that they didn't want him to help with a thing then when it was over asked him why he wasn't there--and further said that they had been waiting on him. He was hurt to the bone. Charles Moeser was largely responsible for it but he wiggled out by saying that he didn't know what sort of installlation they were going to have. I told his Mother that the reason he wasn't up there helping was that he was told that they didn't want him. I think she felt pretty badly about it but that still didn't help Howard any. If Howard is unduly bitter about a lot of things, there may be a good basis for it.

Dunbar rents are off today. There are four that we didn't get at all. O. J. is not living up to his promise and I told J. T. to tell him to get things straight or move. They have all promised to pay but that doesn't count. Had one vacant house on G but rented it Saturday nite and Mrs. Sturgis called this morning saying that they were moving and so I have her house rented now. Both couples have babies but no other children. One works for Deal Machine Shop and the other for Pig. Wig. out on South H. Robert Gooden may catch up. He brought in \$30.00 last week. Philip's rent is due today but don't know if he will come in or not. We didn't go for Mabel Gan'ts rent Saturday nite so she brought in \$15.00 this morning. I told Howard to tell her that we couldn't come for her rent or that we wouldn't be for it unless we were out in that part of town anyhow.

I didn't tell you that it rained here all night and has been coming down steady like nearly all day. I think it has about stopped now. Dot is afraid the rain is going to rot her gladiola bulbs-ha ha. I have never been to crazy about rain but hope it keeps ~~xxxx~~ on another few days because the soil here is dry enough that it will take a lot of rain to give enough moisture to really do any good.

Jeanie and Cliff could have gone to work out at the Park View lodge but they thought it was too hard and too confining. I think it was too and that they can do better some other way. Jeanie is getting anxious to

get away from our house. She feels that she is imposing but she isn't bothering me one bit. Howard and Mary are out of school this afternoon for orientation so I told Jeanie that she could earn her week's stay if she would get Howard on the ball and get a play read that he is to report on in the morning. I have a feeling that she has already done that. Mary said he was taking a nap. He worked late last night and they had to be at school at 7:45 this morning to practice for something--senior choir. I suppose it is the choir for graduation, don't you?

Philip's wife has just brought the rent in. I must have made a believer out of him. I lectured him for about thirty minutes but was nice all the time.

We got in some potato patties this afternoon. I am surely glad because they had a min. charge and I don't like those things.

I think you may as well not come home before the 13th or 14th unless you just don't have anything else to do because it is a long trip and I really don't need you--except to take over and let me go home for a few days and a week-end doesn't suffice for that.

Sorry that bag of bones made so much disturbance for you. Maybe it helped her out a lot and if it did, then you did a good turn.

Dick Baker is a fine song leader and ~~is~~ wonderful to work with. I don't know what I think of the preacher but I think he will be okay. I am going to play hooked tonight and go to the symphony but plan to be in church the rest of the week.

Mary and Ann Grant went to see Anastasia Saturday night. Howard had Mr. Anderson (his woodwork teacher) and his wife and two children out to dinner Saturday night. I fixed a good meal but a fairly quick one and served it in the kitchen. They really had a wonderful time I believe. They said it was the first time they had ever been in the home of a pupil. He is organist over at the Nazarene church but plays right well never-the-less. Howard was the whole show and he carried on beautifully. He is so much like his Papa. Jeanie thinks maybe she can help him where I can't. Fay Dean is in the hospital with mumps and of course Henry hasn't had mumps nor have either of the children. They had the older girl's tonsils out and Eula reports that she isn't like the same child. She was running a constant temperature and wouldn't eat a thing, but now she is greatly improved.

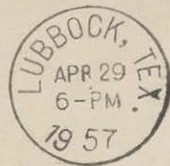
I was a little short on sleep last night so I think maybe I will go home and take a nap before tonight. I told Jeanie that I knew Howard needed to sleep a little.

Mary is working hard on being exempt. I surely hope she makes it.

I must close and get this mail ready. Hope you can get those grades up so you can be exempt.

*Did I tell you that I ate lunch here
with Fama last Tues. I didn't
meet anyone - she is too shy to introduce me.*

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