

[Nov. 1933]

Friday

Hello Betty:-

I thought I would write before you have a chance in getting mad. Received your last letter & was glad to hear that you got back home without any trouble, suppose by now you are in the mist of good times, but hope you found a patient sick enough so you could go back to work, as I wouldn't want to see you not doing anything as you might get into trouble & that would never do.

Have been on the go quite a bit lately either playing bridge, 500, or poker (24 limit) or going to meetings. went to the 4th degree K.C. meeting about

a month ago & so far attended
3 special meetings & two banquets
and going to another one next
Monday night.

Sunday night
Thought I would write some more
My sister came in for a treatment
so while I was giving her one,
another friend came in so after we
played bridge until 1 A.M. was
busy all day Sat. helping my
brother then in the eve Belle's
her husband & 2 kids came over
they all took a treatment also
my aunt Mrs. M^c Cobe dropped in
so we had quite an evening so
this was the first time I could
get at this letter.

Belle is coming over tonight
& we are going to Anna Barnett's
home to play bridge. Belle's
teacher will be there to give some
more instructions so I suppose
they will play contract, hope not,
as I don't know anything about it,
but am willing to learn if they
have patience with me.

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Tomorrow night I am going to a dinner of the 4 degree, given for the membership committee & their candidates, it will be at St. Louis church, the dinner will be duck sour brout & beer, if we get there early we will have high balls.

Mother & I held 2 spiritualist meetings which consist of a dark room and to see what we could see, we saw plenty in the way of materialisation, then we tried the table and it moved all around the room, it was quite uncanny but a lot of fun, also I went to two spiritualist church meetings I gave them a question each time but they didn't answer it, (because they didn't know me) but it was a lot of fun.

yesterday afternoon mother was cleaning the cupboards while the kids was helping her she noticed the ironing cord in the drawer then she started to wash some pans

that was dusty, she turned around
to say something to Charles Jr. and
all she could see was the ironing
cord jump out & circle ~~her~~ him
she gave a scream & near fainted
and after she got quite all she
could see out of her right was
black streaks and even if she closed
her eyes she could see it so when
I came in we put a piece of cotton
under her glasses to keep her eye
closed and today she is wearing
blue glasses the rest of them she feels
better now but a little nervous

Wed. Nov. 22.

Well mother is feeling fine now
but is still wearing the blue
glasses. Went to the dinner last
Monday night & had a big time
started off with cocktails then
we had. 1/2 duck. large portion of
bread dressing, mashed potatoes,
& sauerkraut. and all the beer
we could drink then they brought
in a large piece of apple pie & coffee

then there was about a dozen ⁽³⁾
speeches then we sat around or
walked around drinking beer &
cocktails until 12, then we went
home.

Sunday night Belle called for
me & we went to Anna Barrett's
home & played auction from 9 to 12
then they tried to teach me contract
from 12 to 3, had a great time, think
I'm going to like Contract if I get
a chance to play it & learn how
I just know the first rules to it.

Last night Mrs Mc Cabe, Mother
& I went to 7⁴⁵ service at the old
cathedral then went to see our
cousins thought we would stay a
few minutes but got home at 1³⁰

We have been having wonderful
weather here, it is a little cloudy
now, wouldn't be surprised if it would
rain. Mother & I listened to the
closing of the Chgo. Fair & they had
4 announcers at different sides of the

Fair grounds + they explained just what was in front of them. It was wonderful. I laid down + closed my eyes + could picture everything they was talking about.

Oh yes talking about chi. I had a funny dream last night, I dreamt I was at the clinic with the madam, working as we did + we were the best of friends also there was a cat around us all the time, can't make it out as I haven't a dream book. but it was funny how it impressed me.

Well there isn't any more news around here so will close for now + hope this letter will find you + I will have to try + ~~guess~~ figure out where you are staying so take care of yourself + give my regards to Cora. Write soon.

James

Buffalo N. Y.
Oct. 11, 1933.

Hello Betty:

Thought I would answer your letter before I get into the old habit of putting it off. Sure was glad to hear from you and there WAS SOME NEWS IN IT????especially about Fifi and Rudy, I expected it of Fifi, but never thought Rudy could degrade himself that much, but a person can never tell what a persons disposition is, but Fifi was so vulgar in action and speach.

Was glad to hear Luba is divorced, she was too good for Henry, but was sorry to hear that he got out of the jam, gosh I must be calased, all my mercenary feelings are just gone for the likes of him.

Sorry to hear about Ryan, as he seems to be a nice fellow and he can't get away with that junk all the time, he aught to drown Cess and take the Madam with her, too bad she didn't pass out, but only the good die young, so she and I have a long life ahead of us, so prepare yourself, as you don't know when you will be called,

Things are dead around here just the same old grind, yesterday I got mad and went to the Shea's Buffalo saw Penthouse, and Warring's Pensylvanians on the stage, they were good, then went to the Eagles for a swim, left there went to the K.C. took another swim, just trying out the pools, trying to see which one I like the best, I think the K.C. will win as the fellows are more congenial, and will talk to a person, while the Eagles I didn't say a word all the time I was there, well I just had time to get dressed and run to the Teck Theatre and saw the Stock show, 'Criminal at Large' it was very good, so got home at midnight. got up at 6:30 to go after ice, and when I was unloading it at our Ice house I dropped a 200 lb. cake on my toes, it sure did pain, but I delivered all

all the route, got home at 12:30 then took my shoe off, and my big toe and the one next to it is as black as a gangrenous toe, and does it hurt???? since I took my shoe off, it became so swollen and painful that I can't walk on it, was supposed to go to a square dance tonight, but had to cancel it. and just sitting around the house listening to the radio, and thought it would be a good time to answer your letter, also write to Jay Sheehan and jump him for not being more friendly to my friends.

Mother is feeling great now, she and my Aunt Mrs. Mc Cabe went to a wake tonight, I was supposed to drive them but got out of it.

Mr. and Mrs. Barrett are back in Bflo. again havn't heard from them but will see her tomorrow night at my sisters card party, which she is hostess at her church.

I am going to write to Jane either tonight or tomorrow, and will ask her why you don't write, so she won't think you had to tell me to write, or better, will say that I heard from you and thought I would get all my correspondence caught up, so I wouldn't be on the black list with my friends. Sorry that you didn't say hello to Elva and the gang, as I know they would remember you, if you get out that way again do so and tell them I still miss the good old Choir including Miss Mc Murtry.

Well there isn't any thing else to say, so will close for now and hope you had a good time in Good Old CHI. so will write later when I hear from you, suppose that will be when you arrive in Florida, so take care of yourself and give my regards to Floyd and Cora, and tell them if I could of seen my way through I would drop in on them, as there isn't ~~any~~ anyother place in this small world I would like to go is to their home, and I still think of the wonderful time we had there, and hope it won't be the last either, well I could go on rambling all night and couldn't put in words what I feel about them so will close giving them my love also to yourself, and write soon.

Murf.

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Tuesday

Hello Betty:-

Sue was pleased to hear that you arrived safely and had fair weather, now you know how I feel when I drive in Chi. it is the only place to live, just entering it puts pep into a person

Art. Ross arrived in Bflo.

Wednesday noon from his home in Putnam Conn.

Wed. eve. I had a gang of fellows over, we played poker & had some high balls, &

Thurs. went to the falls

Fri. we went to the Great Lakes show then he took the boat to Detroit then bus to Chi. he is going

in the clinic.

There isn't any news
around here just the same
old ~~procedure~~ grind, you
don't know how lucky you
are to be in Dear Old Chi:

and with Cora & Floyd again
Gosh I wish I was with you

Mother went downtown
today & having dinner with
my sister (then Howard is
going to drive her home also
take a treatment.

Well there isn't any more
news so will close & be sure
& give my regards to Cora & Floyd
also Jane. & spend as much time
as you can at the fair as it is
worth it. & write later or
call up. any night about 6 or 7 P.M.
Abbott 1567. So long for now

James

Buffalo N.Y

Sept 9th 33

Dear Betty

No doubt you
Wonder why we both
Neglected writing our
Stories is a long one.
Rush Tired Discouraged -
Illness. taking the very
Life ambition from me
a week - after James
returned home from
Chicago I fell fractured
three Ribs the result. was
a long drag from one
thing to another. was
recovering nicely. went

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out to do some shopping
fell on sidewalk, so again
I was on the little list
when feeling well. there is
such a rush here. I am
all in when evening
comes. No Not Rushed with
Patients. wish it was a
few comes when their course
is completed. They feel O-K
then must wait until
other Patients comes. he has
very good luck in his
treatments althoe Clinic
dose not take. Will. James
has changed. Wonderful
since you seen him
he helps his Bro on. De-
Trucking during the day.

3/ Leaving at six in the
Morning - dose not get
done untill seven^{o'clock} then
has a few Patients from
8 to 10. He gets to bed at
his Usual time 1 or 2 A.M

I really feel badly about
this. as you know. Our
People can not see him
as a Char. His Heart - Soul
was in it but I see he
is giving up. The influence
here in Buffalo. is not the
Best. I only Wish I could
stay there. or even if James
stayed. or could get something
at Char. to keep his hard
earned work. I rec a Letter from
Dr. Lock sending the Map you
sent to. J. she wanted to
know. if I was thinking

4/ about her the week before
and Truly I was thinking
of her - you. I go over one
night we all had to gather
very often. she is a wonderful
Person. Bettie you dont know
how worried I was to hear
about you be so sick
then the Flood then this
Last illness. I really think
you are better off in Chi
dont you. and for goodness
sake. do take care of self
I do wish we could see
you I was. Overly anxious
to go to Erie. but. fell insted
Sister Bell Moved to Richard
Park. N. Y. she is improving
slowly. James just Popped
in to say he will surprise
you with a Long Letter

5. and I hope it will
have more sunshine than
this. some how. I feel
you alone understand
the contents of this letter
must be only between you -
I, Perhaps I feel homesome
for our Chicago (why not)
last night my daughter -
Hub. also two children
came. with a lovely cake
white, on a golden color
plate - Golden Candles also
a large bunch of flowers
from her garden - a lovely
Tea Kettle of course a nice
Birth day cake Postal, just
our self had. a Lunch
as I was Married 35 years
the 8th the 10th will be
my Birth day. what the age
Can you guess. well dear

I have 25 Letters to ans
not to Night you are the
first so when you write
to Mr Lach. remember me
to her also tell her I
am thinking of her. After
wonder how Henry Richmond
will get out of the Jam
he is in. Poor Man died
soon after his Car hit him
two Girls - another Man
was with him the Girls got
away. The Police let the Man
free - Henry was held. as he
was driving the Car. expect
this is old News to you
Well I'll sign off
with Loads of Love -
best Wishes from James - Mother