

Tuesday Afternoon.

My dear Mary:

It seems some time since I have heard from you, I had hoped that I would have a letter today but I guess you are busy just as I am most of the time. I went to the Red Cross this morning and really should have gone back this afternoon but it is so bad out and there was little to do around there so I decided I would just stay in. Sarah Trimble said she had to be there anyhow and if any one came in for knitting she would give it to them. I was glad not to have to go back.

I have thought for several days I would get a chance to write you but somehow I cannot get down to letter writing any more, have written Agnes very little since she left. I had a letter from her some days ago and am sure that you have heard too. I do not believe she is coming back by here and I am disappointed that she will not. She wrote that unless Lucy Belle wanted to go back as she did she would go right on with John, I have heard nothing from her since that letter. She said if she came she would stop by with you for a day then come on here for just a day or so then go right on. I wrote her that Lucy Belle was so uncertain about her plans that she would not have her come here just for that as much as we hated not having her here again. I know it would suit her better to go right on with John as he went. Even if Lucy Belle should go on they could go only part of the way together and while that would help a lot it would be asking too much of Agnes to have her come all of this way just to go part of the way with them. When Agnes last wrote John had never gotten his papers but they had been located and he was looking for them every day. I do feel so sorry for him and am so sorry they could not have been here all of this time.

Lucy Belle still hopes to join George and he is to wire her within the next day or so just what to do, he called her Sunday night and said that he was going to try to find out something more definite the next day and would let her know just as soon as he could. he



has finished his ~~XXXXXX~~ Basic training and expected to start the Advance on Monday. he thinks that he may be sent to San Antonio when he finishes and also thinks they will hurry the training up <sup>he</sup> and ~~they~~ will get his commission sooner than he first thought. I hope that is true but there is no telling what will happen in the Army and they do not know from one day until the next what to expect. Lucy Belle is trying to get her things all ready in case he does wire her to come on. She had Emma, Ellenworth come yesterday and alter some dresses for her, she did not quite finish so will come back tomorrow.

Pattie Flack has had a little spell with her stomach and that has taken most of her time, you know what it means to have a sick baby. Preston came to see her Sunday and said it might be from the shot. He has given her a few days before or it might be that when Lucy Belle changed the formula that she got the milk too strong for the baby. She did just as he had told her to do, I think more than likely it was both. The baby is better today but still a little fussy for her.

I am sorry to tell you but they are having trouble with your furnace again but I suppose Charlie Ducker has written you about it, he told me yesterday that he would write without fail. I am sorry for Mrs. Moon as she seems to be the only one without heat. Mrs. Dray said she had heat in one room but that Mrs. Moon had none at all. Mrs. Dray called me Sunday to tell me about it and I told her that Mr. Dray would just have to hunt Mr. Ducker and find out what the trouble was, they seemed to think it was with the fan. I called Monday to see if they ever found Charlie Ducker and she said they had not so I called and left a message for him to go to your house just as soon as he could and before noon he called to tell me the trouble and said he would write you. Mrs. Dray called me again this afternoon to ask about it and I told her what Mr. Ducker has said. She said Mrs. Moon was in her apartment then getting warm. I talked to Mrs. Moon myself and as always she was nice but did say that it was



awfully cold in her apartment. I suggested that she open the grate and she said she had tried to do that but that the soot was so bad she could not make a fire at all. She said if she had that she could get along alright. As you know Lewis does not seem to want to do any thing extra but I told her I would try to get hold of him and when he went down there this afternoon for her to have him clean the grate out so she could have a fire. I did get him at Keach's and told him to see about it when he went down there this afternoon. From the way Charlie Ducker talked it may be some time before you can get the material to repair the box where the trouble is. I hope that I did right in suggesting that Mrs. Moon open the grate but I did not know what else to do. Mrs. Dray says the heat is pouring up in Mrs. Johnson's so much so that she has to cut it off, the Reinhartz are not at home so she does not know what is happening down there. Mrs. Moon said she had meant to ask you anyhow to have the grate cleaned out so she could have a fire when anything like this came up. Percy to have to write you disagreeable things but have to do it when trouble like this comes up.

I have been anxious to hear how M. lam is, do hope that he has gotten alright again and that all the rest of you are well.

As I wrote you before Julia has been sick but was back on the job yesterday but it is so bad out I will not look for her this afternoon she was to come and get supper for me tonight. She came back Saturday night for the first time and I was glad to have her then as Company came in just before supper and I was glad not to have to get supper for them. Agnes friend, Johnny, called and said he was in town and when she asked him to come to supper he said he had a friend with him so of course we asked them both. It turned out to be the boy that Nell Moore goes with and I was glad to have them both but gladder to have Julia do the cooking. I am sure we will all have to chip in again for her as the fund is about exhausted. I had to help her some while she was sick and her insurance had to be paid last week. She had to buy more coal but did not ask for the money for that said



she got \$2 worth but I did not offer to pay for it as long as she had already gotten it but I know we will have to get her some more soon, you know how little you get now for \$2. You can send me whatever amount you want to send and I will write Agnes to match it and I will do the same. Just whatever it suits you to send will be alright.

Hope Mary Thompson got the little package I sent her. Tell her not to write to thank me for it but I just hope that she got it. Every now and then I get a little extra and hope I can send her some every now and then. Some of my stand bys do not use their tickets and let me have them and in that way I get some extra.

I must stop for this afternoon. Hope Charlie "cudder" keeps well. Has he taken all of the shots that he has to take? Pattie Flack is just beginning but I hope the others do not serve her as this one has if that is what caused the little spell.

Give all of your family, my love and with much for your self, Devotedly

*Pat*



Thursday Night.

My dear Mary:

This is just a note to you tonight to tell you what I have done about your gas heater. I got it put in after several hitches and I am sure now that it not just what you want but it was the very best I could possibly do and you are most fortunate in getting any thing at all. The moons have suffered in the flesh since Saturday but I talked to her tonight and she was delighted and said she was good and warm and enjoying the heated. Major Moon was sick in bed with a sore throat today and did not go to work and I know she was glad to have the heat on his account. As I told you last night I got an electric heater from Dorothy and she said that helped in the bed room and I was glad that I could get that last night.

After I talked with you last night I called to see if I could get John Hille but could not so called Mr. McShane to see if he would have the heater put in this morning and he told me that he doubted if I could have it put in as there was a ruling now that would not allow you to put in a gas heater if there was any other heat in the place but told me to call Mr. Pauley which I did. He said he would go down this morning and see about it and let me know but said just what Mr. McShane had said about it. I said if he thought advisable he would write Bowling Green and get permission to put it in but I told him to call if necessary so we could have it put in today. I told him the circumstances and also told him there was a sick officer in the apartment and he needed the heat. Well Mr. Pauley did go down to your house this morning and saw how cold the apartment was and came by and told me that he would grant it himself but had to ask me some questions about it in case he had to make further reports. I told him that when trouble did arise from the fan that that apartment did not get the heat and right now some part had to be ordered and he knew what that meant. I asked him about their grates and he said they had plenty but they were all frozen, said he could not understand why they could not seal them when Cayce Yost and others could.



He told me of several places that I could get them but I could not find one anywhere but Cayce Yost. One was at the Plan ters but that was entirely too large. Your grate measured 17 inches and I did find one at Cayce Yost that could be used. I got Mr. Russell to send it up and Mr. McShane sent to have it put in and Mrs. Moon called me and said the man said that the chimney was so full of soot (he got a lot of it out) that it would be dangerous to put it in unless some one cleaned it out and some tin put in the back. I believe that is the way all of them are fixed, mine is I know. I then began to call the tinner's and it looked as if I could not get one until tomorrow. Arthur Bowles said ~~he could not touch it, neither could Mrs. Johnson then I called Mr.~~

McShane back and he suggested Guy Griffin and I did get him to agree to go up right after lunch and clean the chimney and do the necessary work before it was put in. I went down myself about two thirty and he and the McShane boy were there putting it in. It is not very pretty but the McShane boy said you could not get a better one than it was. I am sorry to say that it does not go back in the grate but has to set out some, the cut off is at the back (not like mine in the front). I then called Cayce Yost again to see if by any chance they had one with the cut off at the ~~back~~ <sup>front</sup> and they said not. I hope it will do the work even if it is not very pretty but as Mr Griffin said you had to take whatever you could get now. They both said you were lucky to be able to get it put in. \$10 was the cost of it but I have no idea what the labor will be. Mrs. Dray called me tonight and I thought maybe she was going to ask for one but she did not. I do not believe they would put any more in and I know they would not if she is getting heat in any of her rooms.

I had asked Mrs. Dray this morning if she knew anything about the coal and of course she did not. I told her to please have Mr. Dray see about it when he came in tonight so that is what she called me about. Paid Louis had come in this afternoon and said the coal was about out. I told her I wished they would watch that and not depend on Louis. I then called Jeff to see if he had gotten any for you and he said he had not been able to get it but would try again tonight.

You have no idea how hard it is to get coal now. I put in my order ten



days or t o weeks ago and have not gotten any yet.I have enough to run for for a while but wanted to be on the safe side.In fact I told the boy that always brings me my coal to go on and fill my cellar whenever he could and he said he would but it would likely be some time between loads.<sup>1</sup>f Jeff does not succeed in getting any by to-morrow all I can do is to call one of these local dealers and get you a little until he can get some.Yu will have to be with the cola like you were with the heater,take what you can get.Mr.Russell (the Bowles man)said there had been so much trouble with the coal this winter and he never had had as many calles about funnaces and much of it was from the coal.I had some trouble with my own aas something got in it and sheared a pin.That same day he said he had been called yo your house and there was something in it as big as y ur fist and a pin had been sheared there too.

I had a long letter from Agnes today,will send it on to you.I am so distressed that she will not come on back by here by can not blame her.I am glad that things have turned out so lucky for John,I had hoped that they would d cide to stay in Brockton and I know shw wishes they would.

I am sorry you have had such a cold,so much of it here bu we have been very lucky and escaped all o<sup>f</sup> us.The baby is much better today,in fact is about herself again.She was right spoiled for a few days but has been just as good as ever today.I am glad Charlie Scudder is alright again.I feel sure it was the effect of the shot that made Pattie Flack sick.

Am glad that Mary Thompson enjoyed the coffee but tell her not to try to write me for I know she has her hands full and



letter writing takes time. All I wanted to know was that she got the coffee.

If I could have gotten Mary this afternoon I would have sent her down to Mrs. Moons to clean up the mess from the soot but as long as I could not I sent a girl that has been working for me. She was there just about an hour and a half, I knew you would not object to my having it done for Mrs. Moon. She surely has been nice about the entire matter and you could not have a nicer renter.

I must stop for tonight. Hope what I have had done today will be satisfactory to you even if it is not just what you would want if you could do otherwise.

Give my love to all of your family and with much love for yourself,  
Devotedly

Pat



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Saturday -

MRS. A. H. ECKLES  
1506 SOUTH MAIN STREET  
HOPKINSVILLE, KY.

My dear Mary - just a note this  
last afternoon. I have rather neg-  
lected you this past week, as I have  
not written but so little of interest  
to write.

Had a card from Annie this  
early part of the week saying she  
had been out to see you - hope she is  
wr again to-day and I will hear  
from you again in a few days.

I told Annie this to-day I would  
give anything of your and Agnes  
were here with me but I think  
both of you prefer being with  
your own children. Talked to  
Agnes Wednesday night - said she  
was feeling better this day than  
she had at all. I wish she would  
consider coming here for a real  
rest and have written her to that  
effect but fear she will not do



11. Miss Lee came by for a few minutes yesterday morning to ask about you and Cyner. I had Mary had been preparing supper for them for a moment as Estelle had been sick. I think Estelle plans to go back the first of next week.

You probably think that Lida came down but stayed only two days. As I mentioned you they had gotten a room with Elizabeth Gony Baker but Elizabeth afterwards said that that much walk was neither much for Lida or she took her right back into her. Some of them said Lida was walking very badly.

As I mentioned you Camelia left last Sunday night. Said she felt very sad now going but that was all she could do. He applied for an apartment at Mrs. DeLoys and was to look at it but it seems that Mary Blackwell turned her down "cold". I think she had gotten



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Mrs. of the Jack Mrs. Jean was not  
too well pleased with her. Mrs. ~~Wright~~  
has been ill for a long time - in fact  
has been in a nursing home in  
Clarksville for some little time so  
Mary Beaswell has charge of the  
appointments. Of course Cornelia has  
trouble on all on her by being  
so entirely self centered and hard  
to please.

Mrs. ~~Wright~~ came over to see me  
this afternoon - Lillian home  
for a week and down her own. Said  
she had been quite dead but much  
better now. Had a spell in May and  
they put her to bed for quite a while.  
Lillian said high blood pressure  
however she looks fine.

Virginia Smith called me  
yesterday to say Mrs. Indian had  
died at Vanderbilt Hospital in



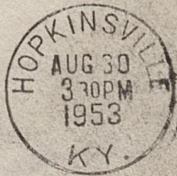
afternoon before. I believe I told you  
the was time when Coramun died -  
had had a very serious operation.  
Coramun had hoped to take train  
to Clarksville and then find Julian  
was very anxious to go but was un-  
able to be moved. Of course his  
young is a blessing. As long as  
they called to notify me and as  
I could not go to the funeral this  
morning I sent Coramun a Rose  
of Jericho - just yours, Agnes and  
my name on the card. I think I should  
make some sort of gesture.

Jim Julian and Gladys my love -  
also Charles and tell him I am  
still expecting him to visit me a  
good. When & where does he go to  
about?

How much love for you allways -  
devotedly

Pat





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MRS. ALFRED H. ECKLES

Saturday Afternoon.

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My dear Mary:

Your letter came to me yesterday and I attended to the things that you asked me to attend to. I called Mary to come by and get the money for the mats and she said she would get them for you and take them to Mrs. Roberts this morning as she was going there today. I tried to get Mrs. Slaton to ask her about the mirror but could not get her so called Mr. Zander himself and he said he had delivered the mirror and had hung it where it was to be placed. I asked if it had been paid for and he said not and I first told him to see Mr. Slaton about it and said you had written it would be 75c but he said it was \$1.00 so I told him that you could be down in a short time and that you would see him about it and pay him when you came. I thought that was best so long as he seemed to think it was more than you had said. I had occasion to talk to Mary again this morning and to find that the Roberts did keep their telephone, it seems they found they could not get along very well without it. Mary said she had plenty of coal to last her for several days and said Mrs. Major had given her a dollar to get some this week if she did need it. She is such a funny little darkie I do not know whether that is true or not as I called out there to speak to her this morning and she had gone and Mrs. Major was saying how funny Mary was about letting anybody give her anything, said Mr. Major had offered several times to give her coal but she would say she did not need it I know you wonder why I was having so much conversation with Mary but when she came by yesterday to get the money for the mats and found I did not have a cook she offered to stay and help me. I would not let her do that but asked her if she had to cook Sunday dinner at the Major's and she said she did not she was sure that Estelle would be glad to help me. Agnes had asked some college girls for



and as long as she had already invited them I wanted to go ahead and have it and it looked like Sammie was not going to get back but I had word from her this morning that she would be here in the morning. Julia came and got supper for me last night and was here again today but it is so uncertain about her getting any one to stay with Steve I was afraid to depend on her. I will be glad when Sammie is back on the job. I know Julia is glad to come and help when she can for the change helps her and I think she is right glad to get away for a while and I cannot blame her.

Alf is down stairs again tonight. Fred came to see him this afternoon and he was certainly pleased. I made up my mind I was not going to make the first step towards Fred and I did not but I am glad he came on as it meant so much to Alf. George Crenshaw suggested the other night that I call Fred but I told him I had no idea of doing it. Elizabeth Anne has been calling Lucy Belle a good deal of late and was down here for the night last night. She went in to speak to her uncle Alf and said her Daddy wanted to know when he could come to see him and before Alf could say anything I told her to tell him to come whenever he wanted to come. She left here after dinner and in a short time Fred called and wanted to know if it suited for him to come this afternoon and of course I told him it did suit. Elizabeth Anne had been in to see Alf once or twice before and I never said a word about Fred coming but as I said I am glad he broke the ice himself and came. Of course it is outrageous he has not been before but it is not always best to keep a feeling up if it can be helped. As for my part I will never get over the way he has treated Alf but I know what his coming will mean to him so of course I will go ahead and act just the same, especially when he is in my own house. He said Maggie wanted to come and I told her to tell her to come when she cared to come.

Alfred has been waiting for some few minutes for this letter so I must stop. I guess you saw from the paper that we had the record for cold. With love, Pat



MRS. ALFRED H. ECKLES

Thursday Night.

1506 SOUTH MAIN STREET, HOPKINSVILLE, KENTUCKY

My dear Mary:

I am writing you but really have very little of interest to say to you. About the only topic of conversation now is the weather and I am sure I never saw a much worse spell. I hope you all have good and warm in the Puritan. I know as a rule it is warm there but this has been such an unusual spell and I believe the prediction is for a colder night tonight than we have had at all. We have kept comfortable ourselves but of course we have kept the fires and heaters going. I have been thankful that I have had them.

Yesterday I called for your Mary to come by here, she said she had written you to thank you for the coal and also to tell you how pleased Mrs. Roberts was with the apartment. I am glad she is for you know if she comes back she will more than likely want it again if it is not rented. I called Mary to give her that old brown knitted dress that was Mary Thompson, I hope I did the right thing. I was sure that my girls would not want it and I did not think that Mary Thompson would want it again and I have gotten to the point that I do hate for things to lie around unused when some one could be getting some good out of them. In looking over some things in the chest that I was going to give away myself I found this dress and my first thought was to give it to Georgia but then I thought of Mary and felt sure that you would rather she would have it so I called her to come by and I gave it to her. As usual she was most appreciative and said she certainly did need it. It is good and warm and I thought it a good time for her to have it. I told her it was one of Mary T. and I knew you would want her to have it.

Alf is down stairs again tonight, the second time he has been down since the last spell he had. I was having his room cleaned yesterday and brought him down while Georgia was cleaning it



and tonight he came down just before supper and is still down here but I will take him up as soon as I finish this note to you, "e is just about like je was before he had the last spell, I cannot see that he is any better than he was up to that time but I guess I ought to be thankful that he came back as readily as he did.

I suppose you sa in the paper of the sudden death of Robert Cooper, poor Bess, she has certainly had her share of trouble. Y u knew t at they thought she was going to lose her eye sight didnt you? They had been afraid of that for some time. I am woddering what th will do as Robert was a great help to them now they say.

I had a letter from Agnes several days ago and she sent me some money for Julia. I had written her not to fool with the 50cents for the weathes but she sent it anyhow and added \$1.50 for her use when I see fit to use it. I will add the entire ~~\$2.00~~ \$2.00 to the fund th t we have but will hild it back until she has to have it. I had \$1.00 worth of coal sent hae Monday as she said she was about out. With the demand on the City that there has been I doubt if I will be able o get her more soon but will try the first of the month.

Sammie did not show up today and I feel sure she is sick as she was far from well last night and said she did not know whether sh would be able to get here thsd morning so I was not surprised when sh sis not show up this morning. With the help of the girls we get along alright but I am always glad when she gets back. Georgia will be here again tomorrow even if Sammie does not come.

Agnes is planning to go to Nashville Saturday to see 'Gone With the Wind', I am hoping the weather will be better but one of the teachers told her today they would go on the train if the bus was too dangerous. I hope you saw it and feel sure you did. Agnes wrote that she never enjoyed anything more and said long as i was she was ready to see it right over again. I am glad Agnes is going to get to go and wiah Lucy Belle had made her plans to go.

I am going to ask one more favor of you if it is not



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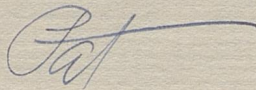
too much trouble, I see Stewart is advertising Jergan's soap, fifteen cakes for 94 cents. My girls like the oatmeal soap better than anything they use and it is about a dollar a dozen at Howard and South. I wish you would get me fifteen cakes of the oatmeal and just keep it and bring it down when you come. I thought if I ordered it by mail the postage would run the cost up to about as much as I would have to pay here so I do not want it sent by mail but if you think it will not be too heavy for you to bring down I wish you would get me some. I do not want you to go to any trouble about it but if you can just telephone and get it sent out to you and just keep it until you do come down I will be very grateful to you.

I guess you have not had time to hear from Milam yet. I know you will be glad when you do hear.

I must stop and take Alf up and put him to bed as he seems to be getting sleepy. He sleeps very little during the day and has been resting fairly well at night of late. I wish he could go to bed and sleep all night not only for his own sake but for mine. I have gotten so the broken rest does not seem to effect me in the least but I do wish he could sleep all night.

Give my love to Mary Thompson and with a great deal for your self,

Devotedly





Thursday —  
1506 SOUTH MAIN STREET, HOPKINSVILLE, KENTUCKY

My dear Mary —

This is just a note to you  
this morning to tell you that Sam and  
Sten died early this morning. Of  
course it is a great blessing but  
John is distressed. Emma Decker  
called me before this morning to  
tell me he had died. I sent Agnes  
over right after breakfast then later  
Lucy Belle took me around town for  
a few minutes. I felt I ought to go so  
Clarney came up and stayed with her  
Noddy. I was in a panic for fear  
by some chance Julia had let her insurance  
lapse but she says it is only two weeks behind  
and that will not hurt. I cautioned  
her some time ago not to let it lapse even  
if she had to call on us. I wanted  
to see if she really needed any thing  
and found she very much needed a  
pair of stockings and a suit of



understand so I gave her \$2.00 out of the  
fund that we have for her. I had had  
to get coal for her several times. She  
said some one had sent her coal this  
morning and she did not need any more  
now. I called Mr. Carr <sup>yesterday</sup> as you had said  
he would send her more this year if the  
month and he said he would try to get  
some to her this month - I will call him  
again as she might as well have it as  
others. I wanted to caution Julia  
about going into any thing expensive  
about buying a gun and she promised  
me she would be very careful what she  
spends. I also told her not to spend  
any thing other than funeral expenses  
until she talked to us. I do wish we  
could get her to buy herself a little clock.  
I told her this morning she ought to do  
it for her old age. I still have a little  
money left so I told Julia if she wanted me  
to I would get a few flowers - you know how  
they are about flowers at a funeral and I did not think  
it would hurt us to get about \$1.50 of my. She said she  
would rather have it than anything else. She has no money  
with her. My has not been so well lately. Jan. Pat



Sunday Morning.

My dear Mary:

I have just given Alf his bath and I think he has drop-off to sleep so while I have a few minutes I will write you a note. I hope I will get a letter from you in the morning as it seems some days since I have heard, I hope you are not sick but I imagine you have been busy since the weather has warmed up a little.

I have a surprising piece of news for you and Mary Thompson, Nell Moore is married. I am sure you all will be just as surprised as the rest of us, her mother and daddy included. Mary called me yesterday afternoon to tell me of it and said she and Mit had just heard from Nell to that effect. Of course I thought it was Milburn, with but it was not but a boy from near Harlan. They have been married since the 15th. of December, married in Jeffersonville Ind. It seems that the Dean of the college heard it and called Mary to tell her of the rumor. I will say right here that Nell had written her mother and daddy that she was not going to school longer than this term Mary has already told me that but of course they were looking for her home any day now. After the Dean called Mary she called Milton right back and he said it was true and that Nell had told him only the night before and that she had written Mit. In a little while Mit did get the special from her telling them about it. This all happened yesterday afternoon. Nell and the boy (Elmer Jones) had already left night before last for Harlan. They call him 'Bill', the children cannot get over his name. Nell has been going with him quite a while, his father and mother are both dead but he has been adopted by his uncle. Mary said she saw him only once when she was there and that he seemed to be a very nice boy but of course she and Mit are greatly distressed about it but are going to do as every one does, make the best of it. Nell had not told a soul when she was here Christmas so Martha and Nell were as distressed about it as could



be, Nell said Mary was just pitiful but when I talked to her last night she had gotten hold of Nell in Harlan and talked to her and the boy and seemd in a little better spirits. Nell told her mother that she had tried to tell them at Christmas but just could not get up her courage to do it. They had left Danville Friday night and she said she stopped by Lexington and told Milburn that she was married. Mary said one thing she had about it was the way she had treated Milburn, the boy has certainly been in love with Nell since they were nothing but children and I cannot help but feel sorry for him. Agnes knows a Harlan girl at Bethel and she could hardly wait to get over there last night to ask if she knew this Elmer Jones and she said she did, had gone through high school with him and said he was a very nice boy, rather quiet and did not go with the girls very much. It seems they do not live right in Harlan but near there. Mary said she told Nell to come on home as soon as she wanted to do so and Nell said they would be there for a few days and then take a little trip and likely come on down here after that I dont think they had any idea where they would live or what he would do. Mary says she thinks the boy has something in his own name and an interest in a coal mine in that district. It is all very bad but I hope it will turn out alright. Such a foolish thing for Nell to have done but of course they cannot help themselves now.

I started this letter before lunch but had to stop and now we have had lunch and my crowd, ammie included have gone to the funeral, Julia waited until this afternoon to bury Steve and I told the children they ought to go to the funeral so they all three went. I have not seen Julia since the morning Steve died but have heard from her and she is getting along alright. I am anxious to see her and find out just how she came out on her insurance. There is no telling who and how much she owes, you know what a money borrower she has always been.



Norman came by to see me a few minutes Friday afternoon. He said Ethel did go to Florida and had been very miserable down there, said had written home for heavy clothes and had said she was coming on home. Also said that she could not imagine why she had left a warm steam heated house to go down there and nearly freeze. Of course this has been most unusual weather and I guess people that did go to Florida suffered in the flesh from the cold. Norman said Allie was still in the hospital but thought she was going home soon.

Alf has been so far from well for the past week, so terribly nervous, more so than he has been for some time. He did have a good night last night and is some better today. I do not think he has been anything like as well since he had that spell about two or three weeks ago. I am convinced that he narrowly escaped another stroke and I am sure Dr. Haynes thinks the same. He gets up every day but has not been down stairs now for over a week. Back sets of this sort certainly discourage me about him but after all I have had very little to really feel encouraged about since he was first taken.

This is my third attempt at this letter so now I think I will have to close. The children have gotten back from the funeral and said Julia was very pitiful. She had told me the other day she was going to have just a short service as there was some sort of rally at the church so they did not have to stay long. They said Emma Quarles made a talk and said how good every body had been to them and called all of our names as to what we had been doing for Julia, also read the cards of those that sent flowers. On the ones I had sent I just told them to put 'Miss Mary, Miss Pat and Miss Agnes' and Lucy Belle said that was of course read with the rest of them. It was not very much but I am glad I sent them for I know what it meant to good old Julia. She had had chairs put right by



her for the three children. Niggers are funny beings but there is something touching about the things they do in a case like this.

One more piece of news that I know Mary Thompson will be interested in is that Mary Louise and Ross Morgan have bought the Meacham place. I think they expect to move in pretty soon. Elizabeth Ellis told Lucy Belle about it. I am not altogether surprised that they did but it, I think Mary thought Mary Louise would get it anyhow but it seems that the Meachams got it. I have not heard where the Laniers will go.

I had a note from Agnes the other day but did not send it on to you as she said she had just written you and about the same she had written me.

Did Mary Thompson get to go to see 'Gone With the Wind'? I do hope she did and hope you went too, you wrote you were going some morning. Mr. Trimble was here last night and said Sarah went over yesterday but could not get a seat. I had told him about Agnes going as she said she was going to use the money he gave her Christmas for that purpose and he seemed right much interested in her trip and was asking how she enjoyed it, As we have often said, he is certainly a funny man. Lucy Belle is going over this week, Saturday night I believe it is. George succeeded in getting tickets for that night and four of them will go over. I believe his brother and his wife are the ones that are going with them.

Give my love to Mary Thompson and also Anne when you see her. Have you heard anything from M. Lam and Gladys?

With love for yourself,

Devotedly,

Pax



MRS. ALFRED H. ECKLES

Sunday Afternoon.

1506 SOUTH MAIN STREET, HOPKINSVILLE, KENTUCKY

My dear Mary:

I had thought I would hear from you before this and was beginning to feel afraid that you were sick after your trip up the early part of the week but we did hear yesterday as the slippers came so I guess that means you have been out alright. Alf was so glad to get the slippers and put them right on and has worn them constantly when he is up. He says they fit perfectly and I am sure he is very pleased with the zipper style, I don't believe the first ones had that but these are lovely and I am sure he will get much pleasure and comfort out of them. Thank you for exchanging them for him for I am sure the others would not have given him the comfort these will.

Alf seemed to feel better yesterday than he has felt for some days and I took him down stairs again, it is the first time he has been down since you left as he did not seem to feel so well for that time. I am going to take him down again late this afternoon and I am hoping some of his friends will come to see him, he enjoys company when he is feeling better. Had a good deal yesterday. Mr. W. T. Cooper came to see him and last night Phil came by for a while. Of course the nightly visitor came but did not stay long.

Mary Tandy tells me that Evelyn is going to break up right away and go to her mother's to live. Mrs. Smith will give her all of the upstairs and of course that means her roomers will have to move. Kate Peyton is going to Mrs. McKnight's tomorrow, you know I told you that Mrs. Williams said some time ago Kate was trying to go in over there, she says Mrs. McKnight will give Kate the room back of Lida's. Mrs. McK. is certainly good to take her back. And by the way Kate has lost her job with Barnes, they notified her a few days ago they would not want her longer but gave her thirty days notice and she will be there until the early part of next month. I do feel sorry for her for I guess there is little chance of her getting anything



else to do as you know she is positively feeble. Mrs. Williams says she is trying to get Kate to take just a room somewhere and live within her means as she ought to do but says she does not think Kate has any idea of doing it. Mrs. Williams says Porter Peyton left a Kate very good estate but she had lost most of it in the K.T. utility Co. Of course I do not know how much of that is true but I do hope she has something to fall back on.

Mary says Evelyn will try to seal her place right away. I do feel sorry for her too. I have not heard where Bill and Emmy and Lou will go but I think they too were looking around some time ago. I knew you would be interested in your neighborhood news that I had heard.

I am sending you Agnes letter that I am sure will be of interest to both you and Mary Thompson. I started a letter to her last night but did not get to finish it until this afternoon, meant to write to both of you but had to stop before I had finished hers and did not get it until this afternoon. I must stop now as I want Alfred to mail my letters as he goes out this afternoon. He is still "courting" in Ekton and is going over for supper tonight.

As yet I have not had to spend any of your money for Julia as she said she had enough coal to last her through last week but I expect I will have to get her some this week. I used some of your money to pay your laundry that came up here the day after you left. They said they tried to get it to you before you got away but could not do so so I just paid for it and put it away up here for you.

Robert took Julia a lot of meat and says he has some lard for her so I think she is pretty well fixed for the time being.

Give my love to Mary Thompson and with love for yourself,

Devotedly

Pax



# *Frigid Blast to Last At Least Three Days*

## **Henderson Without Water for 24 Hours; Falling River Levels Reduce Flood Threat**

(Pictures on Picture Page.)

If your coal pile is too low, cast an eye at the weather table (back on Page 8, Section 2) this morning, which will tell you that so far in January the temperature departure from normal is minus 293 degrees.

And it is going to depart some more, because the Weather Bureau at Bowman Field estimated it would be about zero at daylight Thursday, and some colder Thursday night. Wednesday the mean temperature was 16 degrees below the normal for the day.

Mixed with this will be some snow, just enough so the weather statistics Thursday night can say it snowed.

### **No Relief In Sight for 3 Days.**

And, to get all the day's bad news over early, there is no relief in sight from the third cold wave of the month. The specific prediction is that the frigid weather will last at least through Saturday.

To keep the record clear, the precipitation for the month is 2.32 inches below normal, despite all the snow you see from your breakfast nook window.

At Henderson, the city completed twenty-four hours without water, due to as yet unlocated breaks in the water mains. The breaks were believed to have been caused by the pressure of shore ice on the intake pipes in the river.

### **Henderson Schools Closed.**

Half Henderson's industry called a holiday, citizens were unable to bathe, and, unless equipped with the most modern of gadgets, were unable to shave.

All Henderson schools were closed, and the city flusher was sent to Evansville for water.

Up at Beckley, W. Va., the water situation was acute also, but this time because the streams in the Ohio watershed had frozen over and just quit flowing. The 15,000 residents use about 1,000,000 gallons a day, and there are only 200,000 gallons in the tank. So, unless there is a quick thaw, no baths for Beckley.

Fayette County, Kentucky, schools were closed, though the Lexington city schools went on.

The high for Wednesday at Louisville was 23 at 1 a.m., and the mercury stood at 5 above at 1 a.m. Thursday at Bowman Field.

### **Falling Water Levels Reduce Flood Threat.**

The report of two more deaths attributable to cold and snow raised Kentucky's total to fifteen while the Nation's death list for the most rigorous January in years passed the 300 mark.

The snow which blanketed Louisville and much of Kentucky two inches deep and kept 140 men laboring to clear downtown streets lay even heavier over many parts of the East and Deep South. Atlanta, whose knowledge of deep snow heretofore was largely limited to rotogravure supplements, had ten inches and the fall varied between two and twenty-two inches in other parts of the South.

The new Arctic wave threatened to increase ice gorge conditions already prevailing in the Ohio River fifty miles above and below Louisville and at other points further east, but falling water levels largely removed the threat of flood, W. I. Gregory, U. S. Engineer in charge here, said. Over 125 barges, tow boats and other craft are tied up in the canal here and hundreds more are icebound up and down the river.

L. S. Vance, superintendent of the Louisville Water Company, reported that company crews have answered 1,297 calls from house-

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# Third Frigid Blast to Stay For At Least Three Days

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holders with frozen or broken water pipes in the last four days, in addition to repairing two breaks in the company's own mains.

Since the start of the cold siege December 23, 127 tons of salt and 1,047 tons of sand have been spread on the tracks of the Louisville Railway Company by crews working nightly to prevent ice from forming on the right of way, F. H. Miller, president, reported Wednesday.

## Ice Covers Highways.

All rail, air and bus lines reported that schedules were being maintained without interruption, but snow and ice covered State highways and highway department maintenance crews spread cinders on all grades.

Engineers at Huntington, W. Va., reporting the worst ice con-

ditions in a quarter century, said the Ohio was falling as far east as Pittsburgh, and river charts showed stages generally from one to nine feet below normal pool stage for the first time since the complete system of navigation dams was put into operation.

## Ice Floes Clutter River.

Scattered ice floes marked the River from Pittsburgh to Parkersburg. The stream was frozen bank to bank at Dam 20, near Belleville, W. Va., and Ashland, Ky., reported ice half-way across.

A twenty-mile stretch of seven-inch ice—the heaviest yet reported—occupied one-half to two-thirds of the stream a few miles above Cincinnati and was expected within the Greater Cincinnati area Wednesday night.

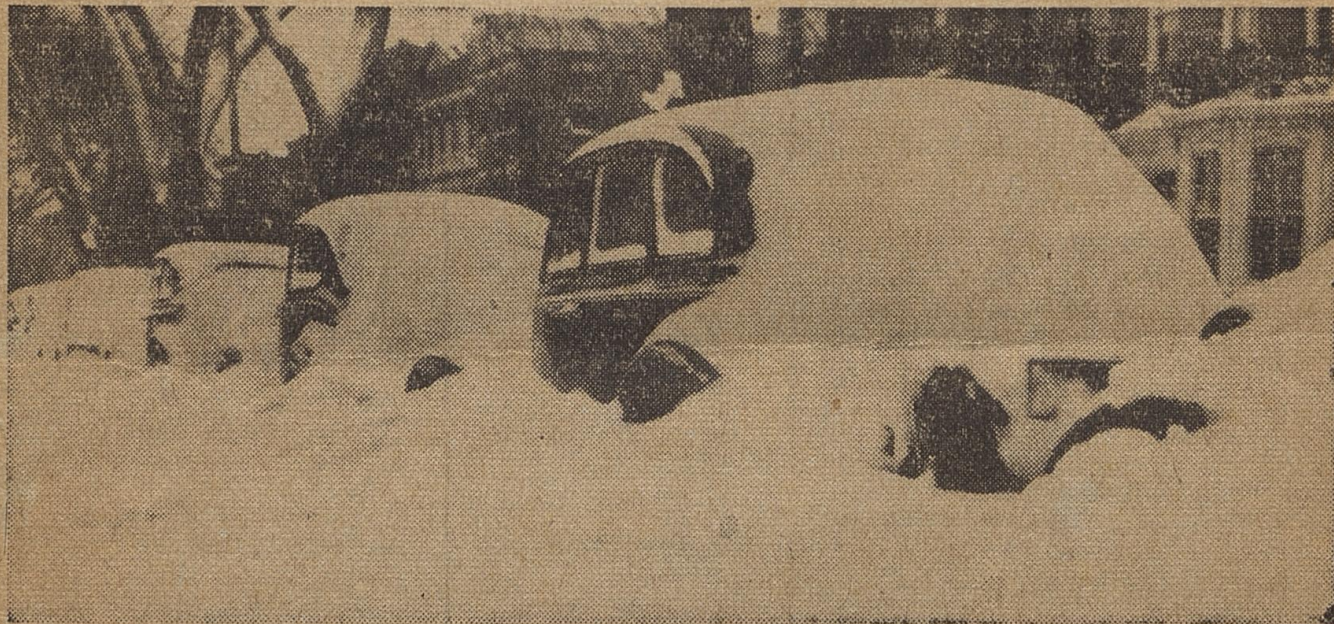
At Owensboro the river was

choked with ice floes. A gorge at Owensboro broke but started forming upstream at Dam 45.

Shore ice 4 inches thick was reported at Paducah.

## Other Winter Miscellany—

Snowdrifts in Maryland marooned a public health nurse in a car for several hours—Airplanes carried supplies to ice-bound islands in Chesapeake Bay—Snow-plows finally opened a path to the upstate New York village of Barnes Corners after it had been isolated for six days—At Selma, Ala., a Finnish-born contractor demonstrated skiing before amazed townfolk — Southern California had some really "unusual" weather in the form of a combination rain, snow, thunder and lightning storm with a lunar rainbow thrown in to make it "stupendous."



Here's how most Washington streets looked Wednesday after the heaviest snow in four years.

—(AP Wirephoto.)



Saturday Afternoon.  
1306 SOUTH MAIN STREET, HOPKINSVILLE, KENTUCKY

My dear Mary:

I will take time for just a note to you this afternoon in answer to your note that came this morning. I agree with you that we have never felt anyhow worse weather than we have been having but I am truly glad that it is getting a little warmer. None of us ought to complain, however, for we have been comfortable and there has bound to have been so much suffering among the poor people and negroes. As soon as your letter came I called your Mary and she said she was out of coal and was going to have to buy some today but I told her what you had said, you know Mary always says she does not want you to get things for her and she said the same this morning but I told her what you had written and told her to be sure and come by here on her way home which she did. I ordered the coal for her and told Mr. McCord she would give him the check when the coal was delivered. He promised to send it to her today and I hope he did. I feel sure however Mary will see about it if it did not come to her. The coal dealers are so busy they are apt to put off small orders but I urged them to send it today. Monday I had coal sent to Julia but it has been so terribly cold I do not know whether it has lasted her or not so I called Emma Quarles this morning and told her to ask Julia if she had coal and if she did not to let me know and we would have her some sent. I imagine she has enough to run her until the early part of the week or I would have heard from her. I will not cash this check yet as I have not used the other money yet, your laundry was only 49 cents I believe it was, I have the tickets.

I called Kathleen Stowe as soon as your letter came the other day and she sent and got the laundry and delivered it to Mrs. Roberts. Mary said Mrs. Roberts had asked her about it so I told her to explain why it did not seem right to her. They did take it to the house but evidently the boy did not know who Mrs. Roberts was and whoever saw him told him you were not there. I would have called Mrs. Roberts myself if she had had a phone.

I wrote you the very day I had your letter so I am sure by this time you have had my letter in regard to the cloth and the material at Miles. The other cloth came and is lovely and I am keeping that one. I had to return the shoes as I could not get my toe in the kid shoes and the others were such short mumps that I could not use them, anyhow I did not care for the suede this late in the season, I want the kid shoes, I think they must have made a mistake in sending the kid shoes but do not say anything to them about it for of course if they did not send the right size it was just a mistake and we all make them. It looked like such a small 6½ and as I said I could not get my foot in it. I am sure my foot is larger than it was but it has not grown that much in so short a time. Thank you just the same for sending them to me. After I returned them I called Lawrence Russell at Barnes and he is trying to get me a pair of Rhythm Step, there new catalogue has come and there are some very pretty ones in it. I would really like to get another pair of them as the ones I have are so comfortable.

I don't believe I even mentioned Helen in my letter to you, I do hope she get through with her operation alright and am sure she did or you would have said something about it in your last note. Give her my love when you see or talk to her. I am sorry Uncle Baylor does not look well, I cannot help but feel sorry for him but he cannot be a very happy person now. Helen has certainly had her share of operations, some minor and others major ones.



I am ashamed that I get so absorbed in my own affairs I forget to ask about others and when I wrote you last I was greatly discouraged about Alf and of course that was uppermost in my mind. He is better today than he has been since his back set on Monday morning but as yet has not been down stairs again and I do not thin he will go for a day or so. He had a good night last night and has been up all day except for a little nap this afternoon.

I know you will be prouder than ever of your good furnace after the spell of weather we have had. Yesterday I called to speak to Mrs. Slaton to ask her if they had gotten along alright but could not get her and I knew Mrs. Wilson would not be home until late so I talked to Mrs. Johnson, she said they had gotten along just fine and only for a short time the afternoon before her living room and Mrs. Roberts got a little too cool but said some of them got hold of Lewis and in just a little while both apartments were just as good and warm as could be. She was not complaining in the least for she said she thought a furnace that would keep a house warm weather like we have had was certainly a good one. She said the afternoon her room was cool it only got down to 68. This morning I talked to Mrs. Slaton and told her I was going to write you today and I was sure you would want to know if things were alright down there. She said they had been perfectly comfortable and she was very proud of the fact. You know night before last it got down to 11 degrees below zero and people that had never had trouble were having it yesterday so you are lucky not to have had any at all. For the second time since we have had our furnace in I had a frozen pipe but it did not amount to anything as it did not take five minutes to thaw it out. I called Mr. Hill as I was afraid it might burst but I am sure now it would not have but I did not want to risk it. Mrs. Slaton said Mr. Slaton had ordered coal put in the early part of the week as he had been down in the cellar and felt sure they would need some by that time.

I hope the Puritan has been good and warm for you all. There has been so much complaint about people not being able to get their houses warm. We have kept comfortable but of course I have kept the gas heaters going a good part of the time. I don't know what I would have done without the one in Alf's room but I realized that when I had it put in in the fall. For a few meals we just put a card table in the back living room and ate in there.

I want to write to Agnes if I can get a chance as I have not written her for nearly a week. Had another long letter from Mary Barbour and want to write her if I can but I doubt if I get to that today.

Give my love to Mary Thompson and also Anne when you see her and with a great deal for yourself,

Devotedly,

Pax

Excuse this poorly written letter



MRS. ALFRED H. ECKLES

Thursday  
1506 SOUTH MAIN STREET, HOPKINSVILLE, KENTUCKY

My dear Mary -

Your letter came to me this morning and I will write you a note while Ag is asleep and I have a few minutes.

I thank you for attending to the things I asked you to do for me - the weather has been so bad I was sorry I asked you to do anything as none of the things were really necessary. As for the 72 x 90 plates - I am so glad you will not send it for I have one of that length that I got from Anderson nearly a year ago. They had come long ago at that time that came in too late for Christmas and if I remember right I got this one very much reduced. The samples of best material are only sent I am not going to try to get better of those now. It is a little more than I want to put in material and I cannot give thought and time now to having anything made to pay nothing of the expense. Thank you just the same. The shades have not come yet - has the cream but I imagine they will to-day. If they are



not what I want I will return them ~~right~~  
away. So glad you heard from Milner  
through the ~~London~~ paper and truly  
glad to know he and Gladys have landed  
safely. Alg has not been near so well for the  
past few days - was better Sunday than he  
has been in a long time - came down stairs  
and had some company that night which  
he seemed to enjoy.

Monday there was a  
clouded change in him - I had Dr. Hayes  
and he found his blood pressure very high  
again. - He was in bed all day Monday and  
Tuesday and most of yesterday but has  
been up some this morning. I called Mrs. Williams  
to come stay with me Monday night but she  
has taken occasion <sup>to</sup> care so I got Mrs. Lee to  
come - she was here only <sup>the</sup> night - I really  
could have gotten along with our two but  
the children were uneasy and insisted that I  
get some one for the night. Alg did not have a  
convulsion but this spell has certainly been  
a great shock to him. Dr. Hayes says there  
was no occasion for it.

Love to Mary J. & In yours  
Herbert



Friday Afternoon.

My dear Mary:

Your letter came this morning and I was glad to hear from you but sorry to know that you had had trouble as a result from the dental work that you had done. I could not but feel myself that you ran a risk in taking the trip down so soon after you took ~~gas~~ the the operation was done. I hope you are feeling alright by this time.

Lucy Belle's trip did not pan out as she had thought it would as Jeff found he could not get off this week and then to he had a right painful accident, he was having a safe moved and on of the blocks slipped and flew up and hit him in the mouth and cut a right bad gash, had to take the tetanus serum and have two stitches taken in the place. It was painful of course but has not stopped him from being at the office. He says he may have to go up this week but I do not know what Lucy Belle's plans will be. Of course she will let you know should she decide to drive up with Jeff. She knew that Bob McElwain was taking his vacation this week but I am sure that would not stop her from coming if she found it suited to have her and she still felt that she could come. Alfred will make his trip to Frankfort with George Luffer. He told me the other night that he was going up the latter part of next week and for Alfred to wait and go with him. Of course that is the best way for him to go if he is going.

I cannot blame you for feeling worried that Gladys should have given away all of those pretty dresses and now has to turn around and but more, too bad that she did it. I called Mary as soon as I got your letter and she came by so I could tell her just what to do then I called Me. Slaton and asked him to ship the blanket to you and he said he would.

Julia has not been well enough to help me this week for which I was sorry. As you know she was sick and did not come



Sunday but she did come back Monday morning but I could tell from the look out of her eyes that she was sick so I told her to go on back home and come the next day if she could, she has not been able to come back since but says she will come as soon as she is well enough. She had had part of her teeth taken out and will have the others taken out next week so I do not look for her back any time right away. She had told me she was going to have to have them taken out as they were giving her so much trouble. I am sorry for her.

Some one called yest rday to ask about your apartment and I could do nothing but turn them over to Noble Hall. It was a Mrs Psiter or some name of that sort. She called from the New Era office and said she was from South Bend Indiana and had gone to the New Era office to ask about apartments and they told her to call me. I asked her to stay right there until I could get in touch with Mr. Hall. she said they were going back to Evansville in a very short time but did agree to stay down there until I could get in touch ith Mr. Hall. I got him and told h~~am~~ that this lady was at the New Era office and he looked her right up. He said the husband went to his office but I do not muc h believe that but will tell you when I see you . I ca led him last night and he said he had taken them up there to see the aprtment and they were very pleased with it and were to let him know today what they would do about it. He said ut as about ten dollars more than they wanted to pay but sad he told them the location would be worth that much to them. It seems itia a couple that expect to be transfered here from South Bend and want a furnished apartment. Of course if I hear anything further about the matter I will write you. When the woman ca led me yesterday she said they were here only for the afternoon but wanted to look at an apartment while they were here but if they wanted it it would be about two weeks before they were ready but Noble Hall said they would want it right away if they did take it. I imagine you will hear from him if they decide to take it. Must stop for this time. Love for both of you Devotedly *Pax*



Saturday Night.

My dear Mary:

This is just a short note to you tonight to tell you of the sad and sudden death of Maggie. Poor girl had a stroke this afternoon and died just a little while ago. Of course I knew that she had had very high blood pressure for a long time but she has seemed alright of late so far as I know. The stroke came very suddenly, she was planning to go to Owensboro with the Garys and Dr. Gary was at Fred's when it happened. They called me soon after it happened but I could not get away but Lucy Belle and Alfred went right out, it was after Alfred had come home. He stayed until supper time and Lucy Belle is still out there with Elizabeth Ann. Elizabeth Ann was down here playing cards until late last night and said that Maggie and Fred had gone to the Country Club. It is certainly sad as it does seem as if Maggie was too young and too useful to have to go but as long as she had the stroke it is a blessing that she did not have to linger. I am writing this tonight as I was afraid you might happen to see it in the paper tomorrow, knew you would want to know about it anyhow.

I called Noble Hall today and he said he had heard nothing from the parties about your partment but would call me if he did hear anything.

I had a long sweet letter from Horace today, said he had so enjoyed Anne's little visit with him and that seemed to be having a wonderful trip. Left Florida and went by New Orleans on their way home.

I want to get this in the mail tonight so will not try to write more. I forgot to mention Sam in answer to your letter yesterday, I certainly hope he is not planning to come to see any of us but if he does he has a sister that he can go on to see. I don't think they would want him any more than we would. With love for both of you. Devotedly

Pax



Wednesday Morning.

My dear Mary:

I had hoped to get a letter from you this morning as I have not heard from you but once since you went back. You wrote you had had some trouble from the after effects of your tooth so I have been afraid that you are still having trouble, I do hope not.

I wrote you a note Saturday night telling you of the sudden death of Maggie, of course that town was greatly shocked, it was most distressing. She will be greatly missed not only by her family but in the community for there was no question about her being a very useful person. I feel terribly sorry for Fred and Elizabeth Ann, they were both so very dependent on Maggie. I went out there for just a few minutes Sunday morning as I felt it was my duty to do so. Fred said Maggie was not conscious more than ten minutes after she was stricken but it was evident that she knew something terrible had happened to her. As I wrote you she was ready to go to Wensboro with the Garys, what a blessing she had not gotten started. Of course every one wonders what they will do with the place as it is not yet finished. There is much to be done to the yard but even then Maggie had had more done than most people for the length of time they had been out there. The funeral was Sunday afternoon but I did not go of course. Many people did not know of it but even then there was a large crowd so the children said. Fred left it to Elizabeth Ann as to when they had the service and she said she did not feel like she could go through another night and thought best to go ahead and have it Sunday afternoon. So many people came over from Springfield.

There seems to be nothing but trouble these days and I will say to you as I have to Agnes ~~xxx~~ it seems there is always something unpleasant to write. I hear last night that Lucille Maxey had had an operation for appendicitis and was quite ill. I did not know it but she has been in B.



not know it but she has been in Biloxi for some time and had a sudden attack and the appendix ~~age~~ burst before they could get it out and the report was that gangrene had set up. Nell told me about it last night as I called Edna to ask about Lucille and she said they had just talked down there to her friends that she was visiting and they said she was getting along alright they thought. Mrs. Louis Ellis was ready to go but they advised her not to come but Edna said she might go on in a day or so. She said they felt better about Lucille after they called down there but she said the appendix had burst and there was some gangrene but they thought they had taken it in time. Even from what Edna said it sounded very serious but she did not seem to feel especially uneasy. If it was one of my sisters I would be on my head!

Agnes has an invitation to go to Tuscooosa this week end, Jane Harvey told her when she was here that she wanted her to come soon and yesterday she had a letter from Jane begging her to come this week end. Of course you know it does not suit me to let her go but I am going to do it anyhow. After all she has had a longer strain of it than either of the others as she was here alone all last winter when Alf was so far from well and she had a deadly winter, I think she has it coming to her and I am going to let her go. Needless to say she is very excited over it. It is a right long trip but I think she can make it alright. Janie says the best trip is on the bus but I would not be willing for her to go that way after the spell she had not long ago, She can leave here at night and go right through until she is at Birmingham about half after seven the next morning and then right out to the University. She can leave there Sunday noon and get home that night around nine o'clock. The only time in their lives that they can make trips of this sort when it will mean so much to them and I am glad she can go.

I had engaged Thomas White to come and put in my



screens this week and was going to tell him to save you a time as I was sure you would want him but he did not show up Monday and when I called to find out about him found he had gone out of town on a job so I am not going to wait. He may be back, however by the time you want him. Mr. Mason said he would try to send me a cheap man but as yet he has not come. It has been so warm I am getting anxious to get mine in now.

I have heard nothing further from Noble Hall about the people that were here last week, he said he would call me if he heard from them.

Jeff approached Herbert Holman yesterday about Uncle Baylor's building, the service station, and said he was very ugly about it and said the matter was entirely on his hands and that Uncle Baylor had nothing to do with it <sup>so</sup> whatever. I believe he said there were two people ahead of Jeff.

Alf continues about the same, certainly no better I am sorry to say. Has been extremely nervous lately. Julia has not been well enough to come back and help me as yet but I am hoping she can come when she gets the teeth matter settled. I know that is a job to have it done and may take a long time.

Lucy Belle is invited to two parties this week and they all believe they are announcement parties. Mrs. Albritton called yesterday and invited her to a luncheon Saturday and they feel sure that Mollie is going to marry some North Carolina boy. Mollie is just back from a stay in Washington. The other party is one that the Cater girls are giving Friday afternoon and they say that is an announcement of Christine and Tom Fairleigh. He has been very devoted to her not only since his divorce but was before he married the other girl and went with Christine all the time he was married before his marriage was made public.



I know Mary Thompson is more interested in these things than you  
you are so am writing them for her benefit.

I want to give this to the postman when he passes and will  
not try to write more now.

Give my love to Mary T. and also Anne if she has come  
home and with love for yourself,

Devotedly,

*Pax*



Tuesday Night.

My dear Mary -

If you will excuse the pencil I'll  
write you a note - Ag is asleep in the  
living room and I do not want to disturb him by  
talking at the desk - also want to sit by the radio  
in case anything is going on that he wants to  
hear - in that event I'll wake him up. He is  
just worn out - says he is just beginning to  
realize how very tired he is - needless to say he  
has gone at a terrific pace for the past week -  
he is kept busy every minute he is at the bank.

Yesterday he did not come home to lunch so  
I went to mother's - Mr Woodard had gone to  
Springfield and Georgia and mother is alone -  
Ninnie went with Mr Woodard so of course  
Georgia had to go several times to see about  
Mrs Woodard. Except for leaving her mother

I really think Ninnie was the one to go with  
Mr Woodard - Georgia did not want to go  
and Robert Myler to her Uncle here to go to his  
farm.

Georgia has been terribly blue  
again today - she has seemed better for the past  
few days - she said today she felt as if she  
might be getting a hold on herself but today



she is all to pieces again. She came over  
for just a while this morning and again  
to night for just a few minutes. Her sister  
called me this afternoon and asked me  
if I was going over to Mother's - said  
Georgia had just been to her house and  
was in a terrible frame of mind. I had  
meant to go to the prayer meeting but  
at such a rainy afternoon I knew  
Mother might not go so I thought it  
just as much in fact more of my  
duty to go over there rather than to the  
meeting. I have some more Red Cross  
work on hand so I took that over there  
and stood with them a while.

Mrs Perkins and yesterday and was  
Council this afternoon - I really felt  
like I ought to go to her funeral -  
Her sister and I met up there for a while  
while here yesterday afternoon - as long  
as I had done that I talked out of going  
to the funeral. Of course all any body  
is thinking of or talking about is the  
bank situation - I certainly can't



The amount "Just Now" I had some  
money on hand and paid it out just  
a day or so before all this came about -  
I was terribly disturbed about Alfred -  
Knew he could not get his check cashed  
and as it was time for his salary to reach  
his money Knew he would be short of  
money. Alf had sent his check the latter  
part of last week - I had a letter from his  
mother Sunday saying he was out of money  
and that his check had not come and  
when it did get there he could not get  
it cashed. I am wondering what a  
big deal like that will do. I suppose  
most of the boys were in the same fix -  
Alf succeeded in getting a little money  
to Alfred yesterday. As all of this  
has come up I am certainly sorry we  
did not bring him home and read him  
near home this summer.  
I wanted to ask Mother over for supper  
to night but it has been so raining I Knew



Travis - I can see how it gets on the  
nerves. I think there was some way I  
could get Georgia away from it every  
hour and then but I see no way.  
I talk her to-day she ought to get out  
if she did nothing but take a walk  
but she will not do it. It is enough to  
drive her mad.

Mr. Woodland has  
been terribly blue lately - I do not  
think he has looked so well for the  
past few days - it may be because he  
is so very blue. - Margaret tells  
me that Tom and Betsy are really  
going to get married - says Lewis is  
giving an announcement luncheon  
Friday - Margaret asked me not to  
say anything about it until it was  
announced but I think this will  
hardly get to you before that time  
They are to be married at the Christian  
Church on the 30th of this month -



Margaret is to sing at the wedding -  
Besides the only one in it Margaret  
says there has been no suggestion as  
to where they are going to live. She  
also told me Lou had visited part of  
the Blackmore lot - said Betty and  
her mother had just gotten back from  
Lancaster. I asked her if Betty saw  
Mary Thompson and she said she  
imagined that as Betty was trying  
to keep everything very quiet.

Ally has finished his sewing up  
and come in the parlor so I must  
stop - Give my love to Mary Thompson -  
Had a note from Melan some days  
ago - he asked me to write you Agrees  
address as you could write it to  
him - I think he would write Agrees -  
His address is 120th Municipality, Leitham -  
Box #178. With love to you & family -  
Hersesden - Pat -



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New Years Day.

My dear Mary:

Every body is asleep so I will write you a note while every thing is quiet. It is hard for me to realize that it has been just a week since Christmas day, it seems like months.

We had your letter a day or so ago and were glad to hear from you. Hope that by this time Mary Thompson is feeling better. Am sorry that she has not felt well but we all know she will have those times. The day your letter came Agnes had gone to Nashville. Dorothy had to go over and asked all of us to go with her but I did not go. I had to have some lump coal put in that day and wanted to be here when they came with it, anyhow I did not want to go. John had gone to Memphis and they picked him up in Clarksville as they came back. Agnes had taken him over Sunday and as the train was late went by to see Ethel but found that she was sick with one of her spells. Ryllis said she had gotten through Christmas very well but the day before had a bad spell and when Agnes was there was heavily under the influence of the medicine.

No need for me to try to tell you how very miserable I keep about the situation, things seem to be getting worse and worse. Miss Flora (~~had~~ or rather Christine) had a message from Gilmer Monday saying "all well and safe" and they seem to think that it meant Alfred too and I am hoping and praying that it did. It was the day of that fierce fight out there and the message came through in an hours time so Miss Flora told me. I will say again that I could never in any way



rep y Gilmer for his wonderful t oughtfulness in including Alfred in his messages home. It is marvelous that I have been able to hear from him as often as I have and of course could not have doen it if it had not been for Gilmer.

Young John leaves Sunday morning. Agnes or someone will take him to Bowling Green to catch an early train and then my Agnes will leave a t noon the other way. It makes a mean wait and a meant trip to go the L & N sos he has decided to go the other way. It would mean such a short time wi John and the other way all of the others from here will be going. Big John goes Saturday night.

We are all going out to Robert's to supper tomorrow night, wish you ~~aaa~~ were her to gox with us. Mrs. Ward ca lled Agnes yesterday and asked them over there tomorrow night and I was so sorry that they could not go but Agnes sa id it was so near the end of the Johns stay here and she knew it would be a right tiresome trip over and back late at night as long a s they would be busy the next day getting ready to leave. However the reason she had to decline was tha we had already accepted the invitation to Robert's.

Last night she and John went out to Kate Starling for a game of cards, the same crowd that has been playing tog gether. I am so glad there have been thngs for them to go to

I am returning Milam's letter, am glad that you sent it to us. Hope you will hear more form him before long.

Dorothy Sue came up for a few minutes the other day. Said they had had a letter from Bob (the brother that was drafted a short time ago) and it was from Fort McDowell, Angle Island, just where Alfred had been, and he wrate that they were being sent somewhere on the 26th. of Dec. The only address given was his name and number care of Post Master in San Francisco. Peter Dade, another on of our boys has just graduated from Aviation school and had expected to be an instructor and they sent him right out. They think possibly to Singapore. Will not write more this time. Love to all,

Pax