

My dear Jerry: -

Your flowers just came and they surely are lovely. I was delightfully surprised. It certainly was sweet of you to send them. You have made this Spring very pleasant for me, and I appreciate it very much. It is possible for one to lead a very dreary existence when teaching school in a small town, so see what you have saved me from.

I have been very energetic today even though it is Sunday. I have completed my article for the "Vista"



and nearly finished my test papers, besides studying a few lessons. But with all that effort I am not through even yet.

I am taking your advice and staying home and going to bed early tonight. I am not even going to church. You see I miss your influence.

Here's hoping that this reaches you before I do.

Sincerely,

Edna.





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Mr. Jerry B. Newby  
Buttram Petroleum Corp.  
Mercantile Bldg.  
Okla. City.  
Okla.



214 E. Main, Edmond.

May 10, 1921.

My dear Jerry:—

As school is practically out now, I should like to return your Nature Study books. They have been a great help to me and I appreciate very much your kindness in lending them to me. I hope I haven't worn them out with the hard use I have given them. I have never noticed your street number at home and I am afraid the telephone number will not serve the purpose this time. So will you please drop me a card with your address, so that I may mail the books.

I was ashamed of myself for losing my temper last night over anything so trivial. I don't believe I would have done so, had I not been so worn out and hungry, etc that I lost my sense of proportion. I especially hated it after you have been so nice to me this Spring. I am sorry to have spoiled your evening. Please forgive my bad disposition.  
Edna.





Mr. Jerry Newby  
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214 E. Main, Edmond

May 15, 1921.

My dear Jerry: -

You surely are a dear sweet boy to send me such a lovely box of flowers. Especially so after I had behaved so "unseemly" last week. Did you receive the note I mailed you at Okla. City last week? The flowers came in time for me to wear some of them to the baccalaureate sermon today. I lent them the carnations to decorate the pulpit during the services so all Central helped me enjoy them. I wish you could have been here to have attended the sermon with me. Dr. Baird from the city gave a better sermon than we sometimes have here.

The legislature has decided to allow us \$85,000 for salaries next year which is an increase of about ten thousand over last year. We really needed 100,000 but then I suppose it might have been worse. There is only one more week of school and



they have not yet found anyone to take my place for the summer. But now that they have something definite to offer along the salary line I am beginning to feel more hopeful that someone may be found.

I have before me this afternoon the awful task of grading my last set of test papers and deciding who shall and who shall not take final exams. Otherwise I have my work up pretty well so I don't believe I will be rushed to death next week.

I expect you are having an exciting time if you are spending the Sunday at Yale. Perhaps the little address book contains with the forty odd names, may contain one who lives in Yale. Anyhow I believe you are resourceful enough that you will not allow yourself to get too bored.

I hope you will get back in time to come and see me once more before I leave Edmond. If not I shall be staying with Mrs. Calvin J. Hobson, 1643 W. 10<sup>th</sup> St.

It made me very happy to have a friend kind enough to remember me so nicely today. Thank you very much, Jerry.

Sincerely,  
Edna





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Mr. Jerry B. Newby  
The American Hotel  
Yale  
Oklahoma.



214 E. Main, Edmond, Okla.



I have been having a very nice time too.

I am sure your surmise about the school teacher's reason for living in the fine apartment is correct; I couldn't think of any other reason. Comfort would be a small consideration beside the other! If any of them are successful and leave a vacancy, please see if I couldn't fill it. We are very busy enrolling, we have enrolled over 500 now, classes begin tomorrow. So you see I am a very busy lady.

Thanks for the telegram and for calling me up, otherwise I would have feared you had suc-

214 E. Main, Edmond

Sept. 7, 1921.

Dear Jerry:-

I was glad to receive your letter this morning and feel of course that I must avail myself of the privilege of using that "just time enough" to write before you leave.

I am mighty glad to hear you are having such a nice time and accomplishing so much too.

Of course I have missed you dreadfully but outside of that



combed to the charms of the apartment house or something of the sort.

I hope you get back to town this week end. The owner of the Studebaker will be out of town and I think it would be "bloomin'" inconsiderate for all of you to neglect me at once.

Must rush back & enroll some more,

Sincerely Yours,

Edna.





Mr. Jerry B. Newby  
Parkinson Hotel  
Okmulgee  
Oklahoma



214 E: Main, Edmund, Okla.



OFFICE OF THE REGISTRAR

Central State Teachers College  
Edmond, Oklahoma

September 28, 1921.

Dear Jerry:

If the shock and surprize will not be too great I shall spend my vacant period writing to you and increasing my skill in typeing. Of course I could inflict this upon my brother for I really owe him a letter but knowing your great appreciation for typewritten letters, I couldn't resist the temptation to favor you with one; then too I want you to know that I have not lost my position yet despite the crime I committed last evening in entertaining a young man right on a week night. The President has thus far ignored the event and I feel so encouraged that I am tempted to take an auto ride Saturday night.

I know you were feeling miserable last night, I really feel quite conscience stricken for allowing you to come over when you were so worn out and needed rest so badly. You must learn to take better care of yourself. I am beginning to lose confidence in your favorite Vick's treatment, and will soon begin prescribing my own favorite remedy of quinine etc. I also believe in lots of sleep in retiring early when away from home and all such treatment.

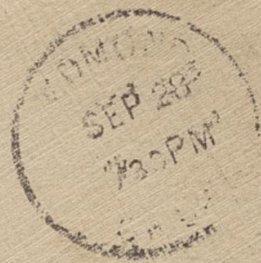
We are having a picture show at the school Auditorium tonight; Sessue Hayakawa (or something of that sort) in Black Roses, and a Yosemite Valley travelogue. I am wondering if I can manage to get my lessons in one hour less time than usual tonight. I arose one hour earlier than usual this morning and was just as intelligent in class as I ever am, which is saying a great deal. However I have not much ambition along the line of early rising.

I meant to tell you how much I appreciated your getting "Main Street" for us to read, and your effort in getting a new and complete copy and mailing it to me, but I have the unfortunate faculty of thinking of things at the wrong time. You certainly have been mighty thoughtful Jerry. It surely is nice to have a considerate man like you for a friend; I will miss you dreadfully if I actually do get off to New York as I now expect to do.

My Hour is now up, don't you think my speed is truly wonderful? I am sorry you will not be here this week end but hope you will have a pleasant time wherever you happen to be.

Sincerely yours,  
A Pinched Edna.





Mr. Jerry B. Newby  
American Hotel  
Yale  
Oklahoma



night trips over here and back. I really admire your enthusiasm over sports to put forth that great an effort to see a game.

I have been indulging my lazy streak today. I ignored both breakfast and church this morning. I think I have managed to dispose of most of the dust and dirt which I collected yesterday. Feel quite respectable again.

I shall miss seeing you tonight. It hardly seems like Sunday without you here to see to my religious culture. Hope you do not behave unseemly in church tonight. You may miss my assisting punches and admonitions.

214 E. Main, Edmond.  
October 9, 1921.

Dear Jerry: -

I am enclosing the clippings from yesterday's game, which is the chief object of this epistle. Having seen you last night my usual (?) stock of news is low.

I have been feeling sorry for you if you actually carried out your intention of going over to Yale today to work. I saw signs of weakening last night and can imagine you indulging in a nice nap this afternoon. I really think you need it after that hard



Where shall I mail your knife? I really believe I have all my pencils sharpened now and can spare it nicely. It is against all superstition to give your friends knives anyhow.

I want to tell you, Jerry, that this stationery matches your new shirt, and your eyes, and parts of your ties and it is blue, not gray.

Get plenty of sleep while you are away, work real hard, and hurry home.

Sincerely,  
Edna.

P. S. I could have saved you lots of time and effort in deciphering this if that typewriter were at home. I have some beautiful yellow paper to write to you on when I use it. If you are away long enough you may get a sample. I am sure that would be sufficient compensation for being away from home.





Mr. Jerry B. Newby  
General Delivery

J. J. J. J.  
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Oklahoma.



214 E. Main, Edmond, Oklahoma



spite of the fact that most of the best players are now suspended.

I can't report much progress on the notebooks yet. However I did get back another set of test papers to day.

I kept my appointment Saturday in spite of your bad memory and am looking forward with great interest to the arrival of the proofs. Sorry you will not be here to select the one you like best, for me to have finished.

I saw Douglas Fairbanks in "The Three Musketeers" at the Capitol Saturday, but didn't care especially

October 24, 1921.

My dear Jerry: -

I was glad to hear from you today and to learn that you had found such an interesting place in which to work. I am answering in a surprisingly prompt manner, in hopes of getting this foot ball news to you before you leave.

You somehow overlooked asking for clippings about Central's game but you will see I am sending them just the same. I want you to see that we can win in



for it. I also went to church last night for the first time since that memorable occasion. Do you recall? Miss Broad complimented me on coming to church without an incentive and I felt quite pious.

This is one of my busy days when we have faculty meeting and club meeting besides the usual routine, so I can't take time to pen a literary masterpiece, such as I usually send (!) But I am trusting to the clippings to compensate for all deficiencies.

Three weeks is a mighty long time to go without seeing your "bright & smiling" face and I am glad we have the game to draw you back to Oklahoma before the entire period passes. Do work real hard and get back as soon as possible. I miss you dreadfully even if you don't like the ~~adjective~~ adverb applied. The weeks seem much longer when unbroken by a pleasant intermission.

I must close and get this letter deposited in the Post Office before dinner time.

Sincerely,

Edna.



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Mr. Jerry B. Newby  
9a Walker Hotel  
Graham  
Texas.



214 E. Main, Edmond, Okla.



up and get a little rest and sleep before you come here Saturday. I should hate to have you go to sleep and miss the game after coming so far to attend.

The proofs came last week, and since you couldn't tell me which one you liked least, I just picked out the queerest looking one and asked them to finish it up.

I am proud to announce that all the notebooks are graded. It was an awful week and I assure you. Just think no Jerry to entertain me and only notebooks for recreation. Friday night, with two days ahead in which to labor, I grew reckless and went to the interior, but

Monday P.M.

Dear Jerry: -

I was glad to receive your letter today noon and I appreciate the effort put forth in writing after coming in so late and tired. I was sorry to hear of the stickers that are annoying you and Lizzie. They sound even worse than the brand of pinches that some people administer. I can think of no remedy to suggest unless it be Christian Science.

You certainly seem to be working hard to be at it until 9 P.M. and even on Sundays. You must ease



Sunday there was no escape I just had to stay home and finish them up. So I backed up on the church going this time.

I have just had an awful shock at Faculty meeting today. It was announced that examinations will be given Thursday and grade cards given out the next day and here I have promised to serve at Mrs. Mitchell's and Mrs. Estill's party all afternoon Thursday. and Wednesday afternoon after school I have to enroll for the new quarter. It doesn't look possible but I suppose I shall manage some way. We usually do when necessary. We even have regular classes Friday, lots of preparation I shall make for them, I assure you!

I am looking forward to that letter you promised to write me Sunday. Considering my plans for the rest of the week I think this will be the last letter I shall write for a while.

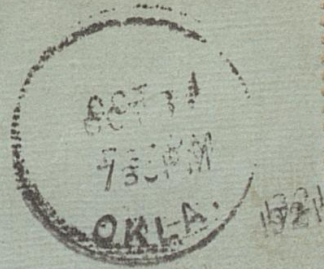
Jerry, if it is inconvenient for you to come to the game Saturday, don't feel under any obligations to keep your date with me. I am anxious to see you again, but I realize what an amount of effort it takes to come so far to see a game. I shall hope to see you before very long at any rate.

Sincerely,

Edna.



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Mr. Jerry B. Newby  
9a Walker Hotel  
Graham  
Texas



214 E. Main, Edmond, Okla.



314 East Main, Edmond, Oklahoma,  
November 1, 1921.

My dear Jerry;

I had not expected to write any more letters this busy week, but when I received your letter today saying you would not be in Graham this week, so my letter mailed yesterday will not reach you, I decided to write a few lines once more so you will not feel neglected. I enjoyed hearing of your adventures but it doesn't sound plausible to me that the girl would stop you to get word to another man, she must have lost her nerve or something of the sort. I think you must have made an ~~imm~~-impression and failed to grasp the opportunity. Yet that doesn't sound like you. (Missing an opportunity I mean.)

I mailed the Nebraska foot ball item in yesterday's letter to Graham, in care of the Walker Hotel. You should have left a forwarding address. Yes, Edmond did play football last Friday, the Fort Worth papers were no good if they failed to mention it.

I sent my proofs to Gladys last ~~thur~~ Wednesday, the day of their arrival here, asking her to take them down and order the folders for me, but I have heard nothing from Gladys or pictures since. I decided after seeing the proofs that I was not nearly as beautiful as I had thought myself to be, but the retouching may work wonders, here's hoping.

With the exception of Friday Night, when I saw Conway Tearle at the Criterion in Society Snobs, I spent the week end in Edmond grading notebooks, attending Hallowe'en parties, etc. Notebooks interfered with my Sunday Evening church going habit, which you have taken such pains to form. But hereafter I shall try to follow James rule of never allowing an exception to occur in habit formation.

We have to give out our cards Friday so I shall have nothing on my conscience this week end. I shall not feel natural without something hanging over my head which needs attention. It takes lots of courage to read examination exemption lists and to give out grade cards; you hand out so many disappointments. It is rare that I and a student and I have the same opinion of her ability.

A letter written at school is the greatest success for I have to many interruptions, and I forget what I had intended to say. If you never get the letter I wrote yesterday I shall always swear it was a real literary gem, masterpiece or whatever you wish to term it.

I am writing this while a committee is meeting in my room so do not be surprised if I copy parts of their conversation.

I have been telling you about my handsome yellow paper but think this is the first sample I have sent.

You will be worn out entirely if you do not quit working all the time, what is so rushing that you can't even rest on Sundays? Don't you know that men are not built on the same plan as machinery but require an occasional rest.

This competition with the committee is growing to strong for me, so will have to give up the struggle. You will know that my intentions were good but fate is against me. I am looking forward to seeing you Saturday but don't feel under any obligations to keep your date if it is inconvenient for you. I hope you will soon complete your work in Texas and will not have to work so far from home again.

This letter is evidence enough to cost me my position if publicly exhibited; I know where most of the mistakes are but have not time to correct them. So destroy it before they have time to make any impression on your mind.

Sincerely,

Edna.





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Mr. Jerry B. Newby

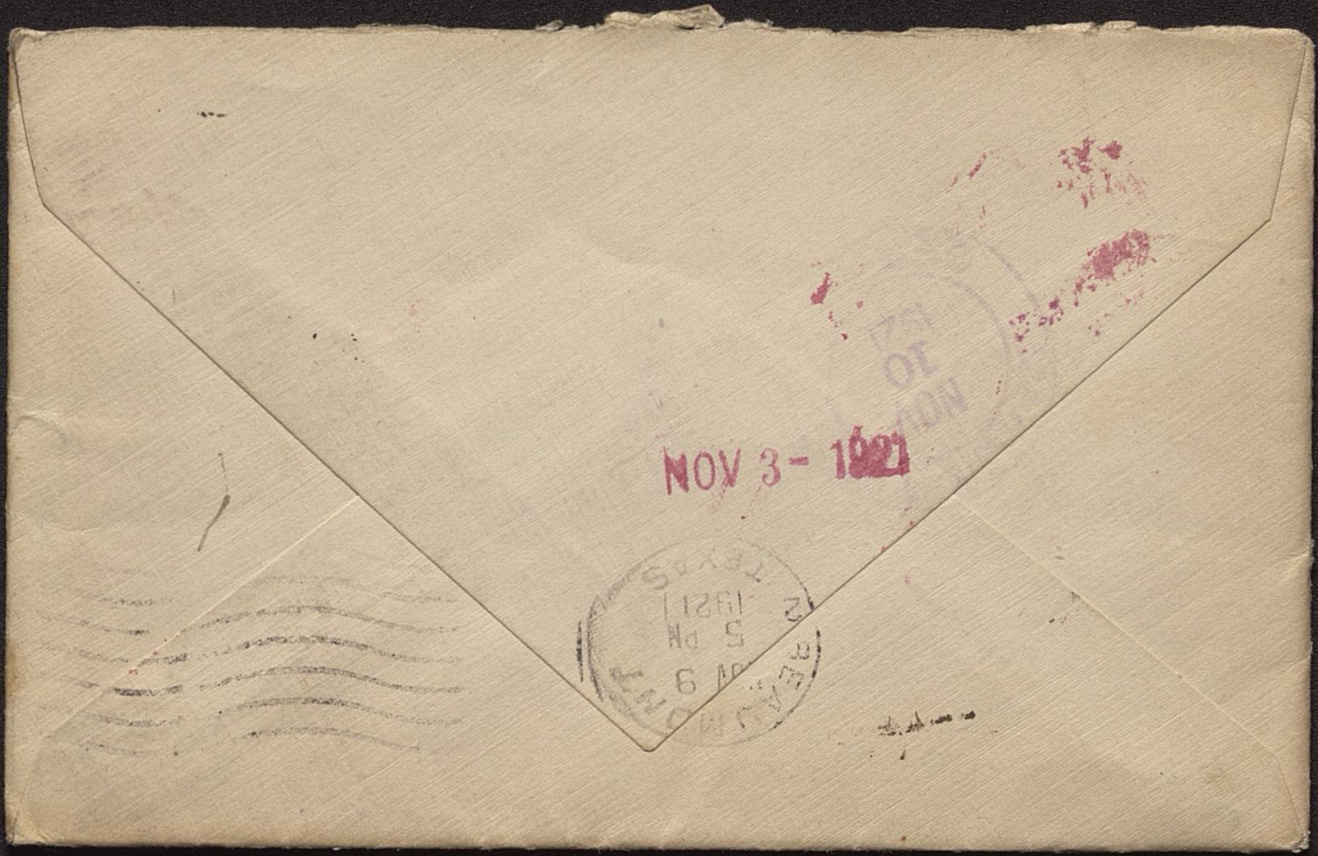
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I really believe you don't want me to write too often because of the teasing you will get from Will Buttram and his wife.

I am celebrating armistice day with a holiday. I just wish you were here to enjoy it with me.

You have spoiled me so taking me around some place every week and until I can hardly get along without you. The weeks seem so long and dull with nothing to look forward to. I just look forward to the postman's coming these days and I have not often been disappointed this week.

Edmond, Okla.  
Nov. 11, 1921.

My dear sweet Jerry,

You have been quite devoted to write to me three times this week and I have enjoyed your letters immensely. I am not at all worried about what the Jeppies are thinking about it, the oftener <sup>(the letters)</sup> they come the better pleased I am. I have been waiting to receive an address before writing again, but gather from your letter that I am still to address you at Marlin.



It has been awfully hard to study this week with all the new plans buzzing around in my mind. I am very happy in the thought that you care for me. I hope your 'ailment' is permanent and may increase as time advances.

You have a wonderful imagination to twist my remark about the pictures as you did. All right I will give it back to you when I get through with it but I haven't come to that place yet & have no such intentions.

I am improving the time while you are out of town by entertaining my chapter of P. E. O. tomorrow night. Then next Friday night, the club I sponsor is supposed to give a party to all the other clubs. I have no idea what kind of a party we will give.

I have had one lucky escape. I got Mrs. Estill to coach my debating team, and as I know nothing about debating it is a real relief.

Your treatment of Lizzie makes me apprehensive. In her old age and decrepitude you cast her off, saying her desire for luxuries exceeded your financial standing. You forget the long road you have



back to Corsicana and I am glad to get the report that the new car is doing nicely and bids fair to exceed the first one.

C.S.J.C. plays Tulsa University (formerly Kendall College) this week end. So far we have lost no game except to the University. I shall write Sunday & send you the article concerning the Okla.-Mo. game. I have asked Mrs. Peacock to come up & spend Sunday with me but I haven't heard from her yet. Gladys invited me to spend this week end with her but with my P.E.O. here tomorrow

traveled together. Do I dare risk my future with such a man?!?!

I will admit Jerry that your grandmother's scheme has its strong points. The early marriage and always having you with me sounds very attractive. I don't know why I ever let myself grow so fond of a travelling man like you anyhow. I suppose you will always be away most of the time. I am anxious to see operations open up again in Oklahoma.

I am sorry you had so many difficulties in getting



night, I thought I had better remain and attend to my sewing, etc. which should be done.

We had Henry Irving's leading lady with us Wednesday night, giving some love scenes from Shakespeare. She was very good. The Shakespeare club presented her with a huge bouquet of yellow Chrysanthemums and gave a reception for her afterwards. Her husband was to have performed also but he had too bad a cold to talk.

Your friend of the highways sounds interesting. I think he would make a fine nature study teacher. Since I couldn't be along anyhow I will not begrudge him his ride, but I wonder if he really enjoyed it as much as I would have done.

I love you,

Edna.





Mr. Jerry B. Newby  
*Ans* Marlin  
Texas.



214 E. Main, Edmond, Okla.





I expected to accomplish wonders this week end but it has somehow slipped by without accomplishing much.

I am enclosing the clippings concerning the Mo. game. I am sorry I can't send a better report. I guess there is no possible chance for championships now.

We are having a big celebration Thursday over the better cities contest. However it will not cause a holiday, nor affect the school to any greater extent than a chapel at most.

I am looking for a letter from you tomorrow telling me when you will get back to Ula.

Sunday Morning

My dearest Jerry:-

Another beautiful

Sunday with no Jerry here. But I have invited a substitute. I am looking for Mrs. Peacock to come over and spend the day with me. So at least I will not have quite so much time in which to miss you.

I spent most of the day yesterday getting ready for my P. E. O. meeting and really I am glad to have that much off my mind.



No letter came yesterday and I really feel quite faithful to be writing without a stimulus. I wonder if my letters are piling up in Marlin and you will get them all at once. If so I am wasting energy and making your friends suspicious in vain. Letters are a poor substitute for a real visit, but they do help amazingly.

I am looking for Mrs. Peacock on the 10:45 car, so I think I shall march her right off to church and bring her up in the way that you have trained me.

Did I tell you that I got a hot cheque (on rent) last week for the first time in my life. The people made it good however to my great relief.

Jerry it seems so queer to be hearing these "sweet nothings" from you I just can't shut my eyes and imagine how you would say them. You have always been so careful to give me no such impression, that it just doesn't seem possible now. Do you wish you had sent a wrist watch instead of what you did?

We defeated Kendall With Love,  
21-0 Edna.



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*Ans*  
Mr. Jerry B. Newby  
Marlin  
Texas.



214 E. Main, Edmond, Okla.





I haven't heard any mention lately of getting back for Thanks giving, which I fear means you have no such plans. If you could just get Will to leave his wife in Okla. City, I believe he would be more enthusiastic about returning for holidays. If you don't get back for Christmas, I am going to disown you. I will have a whole week free from school duties and I do want you here to help me celebrate. I miss Grandmother most on holidays when everyone else goes home to celebrate so you

Tuesday Night.

My dearest Jerry:-

I think you are quite a hero to keep on writing without any response. I have greatly enjoyed your letters and I trust that by now you have received some of my efforts.

It seems like a month instead of a little more than a week since I have seen you, and I have so many things that I would enjoy talking over with you. I will just talk you to death if you ever do get back.



will have to supply that deficiency.

I haven't very much time to talk to you tonight, my dear. I have a psychology lesson yet to prepare. I spent the afternoon puzzling over the selection of a question for the contest in debating, and still have the problem unsolved. I had no idea it was so hard to meet all requirements in a question. We have put up several but some one has found fault with each. I hope we get it settled soon.

You have been doing nobly with the correspondence and I hope you will keep up the good work.

With Love and Kisses,  
Edna.



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Mr. Jerry B. Newby  
Marlin  
Texas.



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in a closed car so kept quite comfortable. After the parade we had an open air celebration on the campus, then went down town to see the Football boys off on the street car enroute to Weatherford. With the exception of the one game you say, Central stands undefeated and hopes to win the championship this year. The Thanks giving game at Abila City completes the season. Carrie Belle Wainland has organized a pep club and has really put a great deal more spirit into the school than

Thursday Evening

Dearest Jerry: -

This has indeed been a gala day for Edmond. The judges for the better cities contest have been here all day and the business houses have all closed and given over the whole day to a celebration. I have only taught two classes today. We had two chapels one at ten and one at two; after the second we dismissed and all marched in a parade. I was fortunate enough to get to ride



it has had since I have been here.

I am sorry to hear that you are suffering with heat down in Texas. It has been quite warm here too but it is getting much cooler I believe. I wore my suit this afternoon and shivered considerably.

Jerry, I have gained another pound I now weigh 133 pounds, the most ever. I have taken walks every afternoon when possible to keep from taking on any more. I begin to fear being a fat lady yet. Have you been gaining any lately. I fear that cracker and milk diet is calculated to give you any great increase. But how nice it will be for your wife some day to have you accustomed to such a diet.

Yes, I will enjoy driving over to see Luella + Claudus some day when you get back. You called Luella 'Jen' in one of your letters, I wasn't real sure you knew who it was until I received the later letter with the proper title



If I don't hear from you tomorrow I will have to make efforts to recover Will and soothe my broken heart. You were doing so nicely before you heard from me, it really seems a shame that I spoiled it all. Perhaps you are ceasing efforts to stem the avalanche of letters which I have been sending. At any rate this answers every letter I have received so I shall rest on my laurels until I hear further.

I worked out one set of readings yesterday afternoon, settled the

Do you know young man that I haven't heard from you for two whole days? You are acting like a married man already. The worst of it is that you promised in your letter Sunday that you would write Monday night if you received any letter from me Monday. As this is my fifth attempt, you undoubtedly must have received some of them long ere now, and the only explanation I can think of is that you must consider them unworthy of answers.



debate question etc. I will feel caught up once more if I can finish up my other set of readings tomorrow afternoon.

I am thinking seriously of going to the city this week end. I am growing too bored with so long a stretch of just Edmond. I think Gladys is in Chicago and Grace is working but I still believe I could stir up something for a change. Even Christmas shopping might help. I can hardly realize it is only five more weeks until Christmas I never saw time go so rapidly.

I have become so absorbed talking to you that I have written past my dinner hour. So must run now and make up for lost time.

If you don't quit neglecting me I am not going to love you any more. But have not cast you off entirely yet.

With Love

Edna.



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Mr. Jerry B. Newby

Marlin

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are not disappointed when they fail to come at other times.

I am glad to hear that you will finish up one part of the state next week. It makes me feel like this long distance work ~~is~~ gradually drawing to an end. I would like to see you ~~thanked~~ giving but if it is going to make another hard trip for you, and you have to rush right back, it would probably be wiser for us to endure the separation a week or two longer, and let us hope that you will spend a whole week end in the city when you do come. I haven't seen you but two times in the last four or five weeks. I hope you enjoy a pleasant holiday wherever you

Sunday

Dearest "Sweet Petunia":-

I believe

this is an introduction you haven't tried. My repertoire is very meager besides yours. I received the long looked for letter Friday. I think your twice a week plan of correspondence is really wiser for busy people like us. I neglect answering all other letters when I write to you so often, and if we only expect a letter twice a week, we



spend it and have a fine turkey dinner.

I don't know whether I will eventually go to pieces like Henry Ford's daughter or not, but no guarantee goes with me. You can't take me back nor trade me in on a new one. So you see the risk is all yours. Like Lizzie my wearing qualities depend largely on the treatment I get.

Yes, Jerry, it will be mighty nice for me to be taking those rides with you some day instead of someone else. I enjoy looking forward to those days if I am lonesome now. Aren't you going to settle down some day long enough for me to keep house for you? I didn't know I was going to become a 'traveling man' too.

I feel real noble and self-sacrificing tonight for having refused to go riding in Will's new Ford Coupe. I don't know whether I have tact enough to dispose of him gracefully or not. It is quite a problem.

I did some Christmas shopping in the city yesterday; I left Edmond at nine and returned at three. I saw Grace Williams for a few minutes and lunched with Mrs. "Alligator". (You had better not let her know that she suggests such awful creatures to you) Grace has worked two weeks at her new position as assistant advertising manager + likes it fine.



I am trying to get my errands done early so if you do get to spend week ends here in December I will not be so rushed.

Time for supper has rolled around once more so I must close my letter and take the long fat-reducing walk to the boarding house. So little time has elapsed since my last letter that I really have no news to tell you, I can only repeat the old story that I still love you.

With best wishes for a pleasant Thanksgiving,

Edna.



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Mr. Jerry B. Newby  
Marlin  
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me, but he must have failed to do so for I am still hale and hearty. I took heart once more while I was in the city Saturday. I weighed on the B. & M. scales and with all my wraps and packages, I only pulled down the scales to 132 lbs. I am glad to hear of the six or seven pounds increase you have made. I am sure that when I get to cooking for you, you will put on weight rapidly.

I had hoped to see you tomorrow my dear but I have now transferred my hopes to a week or so later. I was glad to hear that you still expected to get back within your

Wednesday Night.

My Dearest:

I received that fine, fat letter from you yesterday and became so absorbed reading it over and over that I failed to hear the one o'clock bell, my usual signal for starting back to school. I didn't notice the time until a second bell rang at 1:15, then I sallied forth, fully expecting to meet the President as is usual when I disobey; but luck was with me, I only met the head of my department and he called out that I was late and he was going right over and report



month's time from the last departure. As a week from tomorrow is the first of December, it can't be very much longer. I think you were real cruel to propose and run right off and leave me when you know all my thoughts are on the subject and I am just dying to talk it over with someone. The only reason I have been able to keep the secret from Gladys is because I haven't seen her since.

I talked Jerry all day to Mrs. Peacock when she spent the day with me, but with great will power I managed to keep quiet on the main point of interest. I can't stand the strain much longer and think I will get up and tell them all about it in Faculty Meeting if you don't arrive pretty soon.

We play our last game in the struggle for championship tomorrow, and as a member of the faculty I suppose it will behoove me to be present. At night we are having a Teacher's meeting here & President Mitchell is on the program, so you see I will be well occupied at least tomorrow. (The game is in the city) All day Friday & Friday night the teacher's meeting continues. You may call this a Thanksgiving vacation if you like, but frankly that isn't my opinion of it. Monday afternoon I made a house to house canvas to



much of one's time teaching school does seem to occupy.

My life of ease is coming to an end next semester for I am to have five classes, two of which are to be High School classes which meet every day instead of four times weekly. But I have managed to escape Nature Study and Projects and Rural Education, which were my least favored classes. I am to have High School Psychology and English History instead. Isn't it funny what they think I can do. I expect to find myself assisting in the Manual Training Dept about any time. I think I know as much about

of about eleven blocks to find rooms to accommodate the visiting teachers. I made up my mind right then that I never cared to be a book agent or anything of that sort. I must have walked off at least five pounds that afternoon. Yesterday afternoon after school I had planned to go to the bank and send off my taxes but we had a pep meeting instead and by the time it was over the bank was closed. At night we had a student play and it was with great difficulty and by rising early that I managed to prepare my lessons for today. Isn't it funny how



it as usual education or debating societies. The debating question, selected with such care and effort is proving a failure. The University writes they have no material on the subject and unless the University of Missouri or Government print shop do better I may find myself trying to imagine arguments next.

I expect you are yawning and about to go to sleep from so much shop talk but my dear it is about all I know when perused up in Edmond.

Edmond has a fine new picture show which opened recently. You must come back and see it soon.

Jerry, you made an awful break when you said "It will hurt every time I take out your picture". I had no idea the photograph was so bad as all that.

We had our Thanksgiving dinner tonight so that it wouldn't interfere with the football game tomorrow. We had a mighty fine dinner too, I wish you could have enjoyed it with me.

I received "Scalpei" yesterday afternoon and have been enjoying it since. Thanks for thinking to send it to me.

With oodles of love,  
Edna.



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Texas.



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and mailed to the May Bell I see  
at Marlin?

I was glad to hear that you did  
get to enjoy a fine Thanksgiving dinner  
in spite of the rushing times you  
are now having.

So little time has elapsed since  
I wrote Sunday that I haven't  
much news.

Shawnee won in the Better Cities  
contest, the morning paper stated:-  
"Special mention was awarded to  
Edmond on account of superior  
work, but it had too small a  
population to compete."

I am writing a day ahead for  
two reasons, I am expecting that  
call from you tomorrow night and  
then too I am always rushed with  
lessons on Wednesday nights.

Nov. 29, 1921.

Jerry, my Love:-

Your visit is a mir-  
age, every time I think I am go-  
ing to get to see you, nothing comes  
of it and it is very disappointing.  
Of course, I wouldn't want you  
to make the trip under the circum-  
stances, and I would much prefer  
to have you here at Christmas  
time, which is only three more  
weeks off now. But please don't fail  
me then. I had hoped you were  
about through with Texas but I  
begin to fear you are permanently  
located.

Did you get my letter I wrote Sunday



Sunday I wrote about a half dozen letters and am nearly caught up now.

Isn't it just my luck that you should be out of town during practically this whole semester while my work is light? Next term when I will be rushed again, I suppose you will be back in Oklahoma.

You must have a wonderful income to expect to get out from under such heavy debts and have money in the bank by next summer. I should be floored at the prospect of having to meet such bills. Please don't attempt to get me any Christmas present under the circumstances. It will be enough to get to see you again.

As I still have two lessons to get before I close my eyes tonight, I think I had better curtail my letter. I am very sorry to miss seeing you this week end but understand perfectly your position. I shall appreciate you all the more Christmas for having had to wait so long.

With Love,

Edna.



Wednesday Night

Dearest Jerry: -

It seemed mighty good to just hear the sound of your voice once more even though I was so well chaperoned that I couldn't say much. It's awfully hard to have to wait so long to see you again, but of course it was the only sensible thing to do. I think I shall spend the week end in the city, it makes time go faster. In another week or so I shall be giving tests and shall have to stay home + grade papers.



you say you wouldn't finish up these until  
next year. It sounds so long and indefinite.  
But it is so nice to look forward to seeing  
you more often, some of these days. As you  
say "it doesn't seem possible" but I hope so  
anyhow.

With oodles and oodles of love,

Edna.

Being so lonesome now, makes  
me realize how lonesome I might  
have been last Spring had it  
not been for your kindness. I  
have grown to look forward so  
much to your comings that I  
don't see how I could get along  
without you now.

I just hope you will be able to  
spend several days here during the  
Christmas holidays. Counting up  
the two days you should have off  
for Christmas + New Years, and  
then Sunday should make at least  
three days here. Can't you scratch  
up some work that should be done  
in the office here before you go  
back?

It was right discouraging to hear



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*Mr. Jerry B. Newby*

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hate to think that our time together was about over by now and that I wouldn't get to see you for Christmas. Just three weeks from today you will be here anyhow and I hope you may get in for Christmas Day Eve.

We had our first touch of winter yesterday. It turned cold and we had a little flurry of snow, just enough to resemble a good hard frost, and as the sun is out this morning it will probably soon be gone.

I went to the city yesterday and Christmas is certainly in the air there. Such crowds are on the streets that it is already difficult

Sunday Morning.

My Dearest:-

I received that box of such lovely chrysanthemums and roses yesterday morning. Jerry, you are just the dearest, sweetest man I ever saw. You are just so sweet and thoughtful that anyone couldn't help but love you. They couldn't take the place of a visit from you, but since you couldn't come, it was very cheering to have you send them. I should



to get through them and get my shopping done. I accomplished very little and was very tired by the end of the day. I met Jenn Talbert on the street and planned to go to a picture show with her that night but by night it was so miserably cold, and I was so tired and loaded down with bundles that I came on home. Jenn looks about the same as usual or perhaps a little thinner though she says she weighs more. She must be 'hard' like you take so much pride in being. I wore one of your chrysanthemums to the city and felt so dressed up all day.

I have a feeling that I am just going to collect all those kisses that are stacking up for me even though I am exposed to small-pox. I have been deprived of such luxuries for about a month now. It will be a month tomorrow since "the big day" as you term it.

I hope you didn't have to drive yesterday in such cold weather as we had here. It is such a sudden change that we can't seem to keep warm at all, but the gas pressure seems all right.

How long has it been since you were vaccinated for small pox? Don't you dare take anything like small-pox down there. Just



subject, so are making them up I guess. I was called into the President's office to attend a meeting of club sponsors ~~yesterday~~ Friday afternoon when I had planned to meet the girls.

Jerry, dear, you are very generous and self-sacrificing to promise to promise to sit still and let me do the talking. But I have no ambitions along the line of doing it all. It is your ideas that I am anxious to hear. Have you done any thinking along the line of making plans, or have you been too busy to think much. I have great difficulty in trying to keep myself from thinking about it at

think how it might ruin my future husband's good looks, not to mention the suffering.

Friday night I went with a crowd of other teachers here to attend "The Sheik" at the new movie theater here. It is quite nice; a vast improvement over the old; and the same picture was being played this week at the Capitol in the city.

Busyness is piling up, I have a meeting of some kind every afternoon after school up till Thursday + even on Friday. I don't know how the debate is coming on, they couldn't get any arguments on the



the wrong time. I see all the pretty  
Christmas things in the city in terms of  
trousseaux. If you change your mind  
after I invest in a trousseau (you see  
I am not accustomed to spelling it) I will  
have to sue you for breach of promise.  
I think your last letter would make  
real good evidence. Miss Reed & Mr. Scott  
are planning to be married at Christmas (a  
deep, dark, secret) and she was over in the  
city yesterday just rustling around getting  
all her pretty clothes. I decided the Christ-  
mas season was too rushed a time for  
such shopping.

If I am going to carry out your wishes  
in regard to attending church, I shall  
have to close and get busy. Thanks so  
much for the beautiful flowers, but you  
must not do that any more while you have  
so many demands for money. Of course  
when we get rich, I shall expect it  
after.

With much love,

Edna.



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of that sort. I noticed however that it has taken a full three days for your last two letters to reach me. The one written last Wednesday was received Saturday, and the Sunday <sup>letter</sup> just arrived today. (Wednesday).

I have been horribly busy myself this week. I gave two tests Monday & Tuesday and haven't found time to grade a single paper yet. They will probably spoil my week end, but since you are not here it does not matter so much.

Just two more weeks and one half until I get to see you again, my dear. I can hardly wait. Yet time is rushing quite madly while I am so busy. Do tell me as soon

214 E. Main, Edmond  
Dec. 7, 1921.

My dear, sweet Jerry: -

I was surely sorry to learn that you are having to work under such disagreeable conditions. It must be wretched to have to work under in such mud and cold winds and then go to a cold and un comfortable hotel at night. I appreciate your writing to me, in spite of it all. I am disappointed that my letters are not reaching you. I haven't been off schedule a single time. It must be the fault of the mails or something



as you find out, just when you will get to our land once more. Will <sup>you</sup> be here Saturday or just Sunday. Do make it as long as possible.

I just came in from a departmental meeting and am so cold I can't write legibly. It was very cold last Saturday, warmed up Sunday and turned cold again today. I suppose we can expect nothing but cold weather from now on.

I have one man enrolled in one of my classes this quarter and the pebbly creature came in and spoiled my two vacant periods today asking me to explain to him more concretely what a "project" is. I could have prepared two lessons in that time, so after he came in the second time today, I broke the news gently that I had more to do than I seemed to be able to accomplish in the allotted time. He has been in three or four times lately and is getting to be a nuisance. Besides my full knowledge of projects may be found in the texts, which he can think out as easily as I, though of course I can't explain that.

Jerry, I can't seem to help from boining you with routine work. Never mind, some day the subject matter will change, and I will be discussing my troubles over the



failure of the grocery boy to arrive on time, the price of eggs etc. Sounds exciting doesn't it?

My treatment of Will seems to have had the desired effect, for I haven't heard from him since and it has been nearly two weeks ago.

I am constantly thinking of you and holding imaginary conversations with you. If you don't get here pretty soon, everything will be settled and the subject matter stale.

I attended church last Sunday, all dressed up with one of your chrysanthemums.



I expect I had better close  
in time to get this to the P.O.  
before dinner. I am very devoted  
to take this to town and mail it  
on such a cold night.

You may grow tired of the  
same old story, but I love you  
just the same.

Edna.



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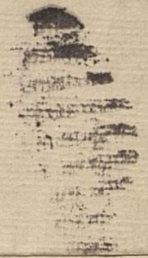
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stay Sunday and Monday and perhaps longer. I have been hoping that this visit wouldn't be as brief as the last. I'm just a week more you will be here. But last week was a month long. We had something to attend every night but one and I am so worn out today that I feel quite irritable. I do hope this week goes more rapidly and comfortably. I begin to feel the need of that week's vacation, which we are going to have. The much dreaded debate came off last Wednesday night and the other club defeated us. Two of the judges voted for them and one for us. But thank goodness it is over.

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Saturday.

Dearest Jerry: - I had begun to think I wasn't going to get to write to you any more. Each time you wrote you would say for me not to write until I heard again from you. Then when you wrote again you didn't say where to write. So Thursday I mailed the letter I had written Sunday to Greenville. I thought it didn't matter particularly if it did get lost and it was growing too stale to hold any longer.

I was surely delighted to hear that you would arrive Saturday and



I haven't been to the city for two weeks, yet have my Christmas things pretty well along. The other girl who rooms here has bought Mrs. Jeffries a new electric iron and a pyrex dish; and I just can't think of anything nice enough to stack up well, along with all that.

Jerry, I have complications on my hands again. All my old bears have been returning, and it is the work of a diplomat to dispose of them gracefully without offending them. After a three week's silence, Will wrote again this week and asked for a date. Being too thick-headed to think of an excuse on the spur of the moment, I made a date with the man here tonight. I am not going to let him stay after nine though, for I am too tired. I hope that will discourage him. But I know from experience that he isn't unduly sensitive.

Gladys drove over last Sunday and invited me to spend the holidays with them. She said for me to come over next Saturday but as you may get in that day, I think I shall stay here all day, in hopes of hearing from you. Then I can go over there Christmas day some time. If you can't get me here, you will know I am there and her number is Maple 1521. It will surely be heavenly to get to see you



I see you again, for you probably will not be there to get my Wednesday letter. However, I guarantee nothing, I might surprise you.

I am looking forward to a delightful vacation with you here. Do try to get back in time Saturday to spend Saturday evening with me over here.

It is time for dinner and I want to mail my letter on the way back so must close.

With worlds of love to the sweetest man I know,  
Edna.

again. Do you realize that this is the longest stretch I have gone without seeing you since we began going together. I hate to think of your going right back for another long stretch after the holidays.

Three members of the faculty will be married during the holidays. This is getting to be a regular matrimonial bureau. Three others, I know of, are engaged and I suspect another.

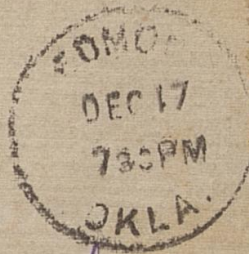
We had another blizzard last night. The Anterior club gave a party in the gym and it surely was cold up there. The change was certainly sudden. At noon it was as warm as summer and by night a cold north wind was blowing with full force.

This may be my last letter until



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