

May 20, 1946
Colbert's harem

Hi-ya - Helfrick,

So you went to California, and you got married. Well I never would have thunk it of you.

Now listen here in my dream we both went, what's the idea of leaving me here? Do you think I'll ever get there?

Well, after fourteen years of seeing that ugly mug of yours - I miss seeing you. You see I'm a very lonesome gal except when Dusty is here. Kearns stays in Troy all the time, and I have no one to run around with so I either stay home or go to the show by myself. I usually stay home and boy do I love that.

Kearns is getting married two days before her birthday. That makes it the twenty-six of June. She was over home yesterday and she called me up. She said Bob was in the hospital. He had his tonsils removed. He had

My love 2. U
a hemorrhage so they had to take him
back to the hospital. He's supposed
to come home tomorrow. He has a
very pretty ring. Hers is a lot bigger
than yours but not any nicer.

I left my gray shirt over at your
mansion. Your mother said she would
~~not~~ bring it over, but so far - no shirt.

We haven't had any decent weather
here since you left. Rains every day.

Heck, Johnny probably had to use
two baths to hit that shell and get
a home-kiss. If that had been Chancell
he would have made three or four....

Do you know what that sweet man
of mine did. He went to Springfield
and bought me a new pair of skates.
Are they ever doozies. I didn't even
know he got them until he gave them
to me. That was on Wednesday May 8th
I told him I didn't need ~~the~~ skates
and he said he knew it but he thought
I could give my old ones to Joyce and
then she wouldn't have to be borrowing
mine all the time. Wasn't that nice of him.

Oh yes before I forget. On May 12th that
was on Sunday. Dusty + I came home early
from Springfield. We saw Joyce + Vag up
town so we took Va home. I had been
driving so Dusty asked Joyce if she
wanted to drink so Joyce climbed under

I haven't seen ^{6.} Mma Lee since that night at your house & she had Joe there. I hope tho if you want to find her she's always in the Palm Grill. I don't if she & Joe are going to get married. Fine will tell tho.

I wish it would quit raining here long enough for it to get warm. Then I'd go some swimming.

How do you like California? Are you going to write & tell Mable you're there or does she know. It would be fun to meet someone you know out there.

Boy you sure are lucky getting married. I wish I were so so so lucky.

Tell Johnny hello and take good care of him. Ha

So long for now and write soon.

Lots of love,
Stacy

P.S. If you're that big you'll have to be reduced to Johnny's size.

^{3.} the wheel and drives the car all over the left side of the road. I bet you can't guess who was behind us why yes the great Urbana police force. Mr. Swan in person. Of course they thought the driver was drunk. So they stopped us. Down to the police station we went. Joyce & Dusty had to go in the station. Well since Joyce is only 14 they didn't do anything to her, but poor Dusty had to pay twenty-five dollars for letting and unlicensed driver drive his car. If Joyce hadn't drove all over the wrong side of the road they would never have noticed who was driving. Boy how Dusty ever been getting reigned. Oh that the first time he ever has been arrested. ~~So now~~ you see life around here isn't to dull at times. ha.

Dusty and I went skating Friday. There was very many there. I guess it's cause of graduation and stuff.

Last Sunday when Dusty and I were going to show. Who show he standing there on the corner at Walgreens but Bucky. We were going too fast so I did n't get to holler at him & I'm sure he didn't see me. He had on civics. Dressed sharp well I mean. Sharp sport jacket & pants & big yellow bowtie.

I haven't heard whether he is out or not. I suppose he is or he wouldn't be wearing civilian clothes. Barney Syrus is out not so is Loren. Did you know Erma & Mousie got married when he was home?

Yes, I know Erma but I didn't know his name was Berg. I use to see him when he was up to the neck. I always wondered what ever happened to him. Is he in the service.

So you have an empty bed room. I could sleep on the floor but since my feet are always so cold and Johnny invited me to sleep in the middle, I guess I will. How about that Vera?

Now if and when I ever get married and to the gyp I'm thinking of right now I'm sure I wouldn't be sorry or regret it. In fact I'm so satisfied I can hardly wait. Ha. No one but you and me knows that. I tell everyone else I don't want to get married yet. Little do they know. They sure maybe or must be dumb if they believe that.

Oh - gods Vera I'd do anything if I could only hurry me up to get married. You see Rusty wants to wait for awhile yet. He says that most of the

furniture and stuff isn't ^{very} good material and he doesn't want to buy this war material. I can't blame him for not wanting to put his money in some of that cheap furniture. He thinks it would be better toward the end of the year. Boy I sure hope so. I only hope he gives in before that tho'. You never can tell about him. For getting the car he's down to thirtieth place and the cars are coming in pretty good now. If he gets that car. Go hail with the furniture. California here we come. That's where he says he wants to go on honeymoon. I only hope he doesn't change his mind.

I bet you had a lot of fun picking out the furniture for your place. Well you didn't tell me about the wedding - so less up. Did you get for better or worse. Mother says she got worse ha. What clothes did you wear & etc. How was trip out. I bet you saw some wonderful scenery. How was granddad? I got your card you sent okay.

Of course I would like a picture of you & Johnny. They might be good to so send me one. It's raining again. Rain - Rain. Rain. and more rain. A lot & lots of rain. Big rain and lots of water.

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8.
You've didn't answer my
last letter so I don't know
what happened to her. I guess
I'll have to write again.

I baked one of my super
dupes devils food cakes today
Carmel icing 2 inches thick. It
sure was good. Want a piece?

Vera, Dusty is the best
fella in the world, and he
love me I really know so.
So phooey on the Criminal
business.

I don't care to sleep with
Johnny. (Since he has cold feet)
I'd rather sleep with you. You're
like an oven - tho. Tell Johnny
I wear striped pajamas and
not nightgowns.

Guess I'll close for now
and write when I hear from
you again.

White + tell all news Mrs
J. W. Delpink
Lots of love,
Ethyle.

June 4, 1946

Hi - Beautiful (?)

I got your letter this noon.
My, My, such a big letter. I
had to tear the darn envelope
to pieces to get to the letter. How
did you ever manage to get all
that paper in that little envelope
is beyond me. (Superwomen I
guess).

No I wasn't asleep or sleepy
when your letter came. I've gotten
over the "big sleep business" ho.
I was in the backyard getting
a suntan or rather burn. I
haven't been swimming yet but
I'm getting brown fast. Maybe
it's because we went swimming
so much last year. - no?

George Rasm, Betty Rice, Bob
Channell, Mary C. McWhire; and Dusty
and I; all went to the point
Sunday evening. More fun. Of
course we took a hot ride. It
sure was cold. We got wet. Late

of water. Big sea. Lot of people!!!
Big cane ringer. Oh yes I won
two canes. We rode on the whip
and the dodge-in cars - five times
straight. Boy when Dusty & George
lumped into me, I really hauled in
Oh yes we went into the mystery
house - skeletons and that stuff.
They have a new skating rink up
there now. Its beside the outside
dance pavillion.

Bill Schetter said Phoebe and
he named their little girl Carmen
Ann. I don't think so much of
that - do you.

I didn't see Juanita was in
the hospital or expecting. So she
lost it eh. well I haven't seen
Harry Niece or her for ages so
I wouldn't know.

Did you know the fellow that
Betty Anderson married? I always
thought she and Lenard Mahony
would get married.

Wesley Duncan & Betty Lou Coleman

know on the G. I. Bill of
Rights. Thats the way Bob
& Dorothy got their. Would
that be nice for the Colberts?
Bob & Dorothy will be living
in their house next week.
Its sure is a swell place.

I got weighed the other
day and I weigh 140 exact.
Glad to hear you weigh 175
married life agreed with
you and then soon - ha.

Dusty and I have not
seen the show "Do You Love Me".
We saw "Sentimental Journey"
(swell show) and "Kitty".
We haven't been to the
show for two weeks.

The wrestling matches are
better every week. I get
such a kick (ouch) out of
them & so does my honey.

I went skating last night^{6.} and Elmo, Claybell, Jones, and Adams were there. They asked me if I had heard from you and I said that I had. They asked how you liked married life. I said okay. I hope that is satisfactory with you. . . . They all said to tell you hello. . . . Hello.

We got a new kitchen set. It's red and white. It's Chromium. Mother likes it better than wood. It sure is sharp. We are trying to get in a new linoleum for kitchen but so far - no soap.

Yesterday we got a document from the Board today in Chicago. We have to move by September 1st. Rog is thinking of buying a house for mother. You

(Annie's sister) licence was in the paper tonite.^{5.}

Harold Randall and Joana Nichols are to be married - her Phyllis Knoll + Ralph Kadel were married Sunday. They had a big church wedding.

I suppose your mother wrote you that Mr. Brown died on Tuesday - May 28th was buried Friday 31st. He died of heart attack. After all that sickness he had you'd think that would have got him but it didn't. I went to the funeral I ^{never} seen so many flowers + people at one persons funeral. Dick and Nelson were pallbearers.

My gosh what a dream. If Dusty can't come all the way to California with me + no fight you just stop your dreaming about both of us - you hear? No lonely trip for me & see!!!

4.
Of course you are the best looking girl I know.

Hearns is just staying at Bonnie's ^{next to me.} She and Bob are getting married in Troy at ^{the} priest's house on 26th yes. Of course Manilla knows it. They're going to stay with Bonnie for awhile. That's all I know as I have only seen her once since she got her ring.

Your mother brought my skis the other day. That's all I had over there. We have been having some nice weather now tho' I've my fingers crossed for fear it will rain.

What do you mean twenty-five dollars you goof. Skis only cost fifteen.

As for skating I haven't been there for two weeks. I guess I'll go tonite. I haven't tried anything new except skate backwards. My skis are just

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beginning to feel broke in. I guess they're just too stiff-but there okay now. The kids from Tremont still skate.

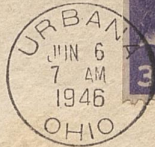
It's funny about Elmer remembering me. I didn't know him very well just to speak to at the rink.

Did you ever hear any more from Rog?

Well my loney-doney how was the trip out? Any beautiful scenery. How was granddad. Have you heard from him?

Mrs Little (next door) was going to get a divorce because "her Bill" he was dating other women. bad boy. She had it dismissed. Guess married life isn't so bad after all. Of course I wouldn't know but give me time.

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12.
are going to pick cherries
and pack them. (wherever?)
We haven't found a house
yet. Do you think we could
move into your extra bed-
room?

I will send those recipes
in another letter as I
don't have room in this
one.

Guess I'll stop and get
ready for my honey &
hopefuls okay so he
can come to see me tonight

Write soon
Love,
Clyde

1. June 19, 1946
Wed. morn.

Hi Prune Face,
So your husband has left you.
And just to go to the yard. Do the
warden giving a lecture? Has
Johnny got his stripes on today?
How did the great life being married
to an inmate?? Do the milk-
man good looking?

Yes the new skating rink is
between the dance floor and the
dodge-em cars. They had it
last year but they remodeled
I guess.

I got weighed yesterday on
three different scales just to
make sure how much I
weighed - appr. 136 1/2 lbs.
Looks like I'm losing. I
guess that's what (luff) does
to you. ha. (hope I lose 10 more
lbs. Great stuff this (luff business)
Great stuff. (luff that is)

3.
Why do skates cost so much?
aren't they a ceiling on them? ^{price} ^{man.}

I haven't been skating for a week. I don't think Cloner is home yet. If he is I don't think he has been to the rink. I saw Leonard Mahoney about two weeks ago. He looks good doesn't he. I talked to him for a few minutes.

Mr. Helfrick brought your picture to me. I think it's good of both you and Johnny. The other nite I looked in the paper and saw yours + Johnny's ugly mug in the paper. Ye-gads they must have been hard up and had to cover a hole in the paper.

No I haven't heard from Rog. I haven't seen any of those guys for ages.

11.
Oh yes Betty gets her leave the 25th of July and dis-charge too. She's going back to California tho' to go to college. California must be a wonderful place.

Pickle pass + Kelsey was over today. She's still going with Joe. They fight all the time. I guess from the way she talks that Joe is like Mary.

It has been storming here since Sunday nite. Electrical storms too. Boy, how I hate them. You should be here this Saturday. We

10.
lucky winner.

This pen sure is scratchy.
Oh well I guess I can't write
anyhow. No remarks either.

Nps I got my plaid sweater
Joyce took it over to Virginia
and wouldn't bring it home
The way I found out where
it was - was I saw Va.'s
sister live it on and I
told mother. Mother made
Joyce get it. Wasn't that
the berries? After all that
lying and saying she didn't
take it. Wow what
a liar.

Roger is going to Purdue
this Sept. to school.

3.
Vernon, Lowell, and Roger all
have discharges. They've been
home since about the first of
May.

No kidding about Harold Pen-
dell and John Nichols. They're
to get married soon. The old
fanny broke up when she
had that tummy trouble.

Is Miss Burton singing "I'll
Bet Seeing You" in those dreams
your hoping? What am I doing?
She's still with the Woolworth.

Have you heard from Keras
or Haisey yet? They both have
your address so there shouldn't
be any reason why you haven't
heard from them.

I was invited to a shower
for Rita Hagenbuch last nite
but I stayed home. I was
too tired to go.

5.
to have them sometime soon
so the program's say.

Now listen here you moron.
You know (or do you) that devils
and fudge (ha) are practically
the same. Yes I'll send you
some ever loving phoo-fly
bnon - custard, pumpkin,
banana, curmil, and dog
nuts.

Dusty and I, George and Betty
Ross, Bob C. and M.C. Mc. G. all
went to Lake Erie Sunday.
We went to Cedar Point. More
fun - well I know. We left
Sunday morning at 7:30 and
got home Mon morning at
11:30 not bad. 18 wonder-
ful hours with my honey.
What a time. What a time.
Maybe soon I'll get around

9.
Tremman. Any relation to
the president?

Well toite is the big
fight between Gov. Louis.
Be sure hope Conn beats
Louis to a pulp.

Got a card from
Moore today. She's in
Virginia with her mother.
I guess they're visiting her
brother and his wife +
baby.

They're having a big doings
at the fair grounds (the 4th).
Rides, grandstand enter-
tainment. They're giving
away a 46 Sharon Ford.
I wished I could be the

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him tonite how bad he really
got hurt. He said he'd be
in to see me tonite if he
felt better. I sure hope
he comes. I haven't seen
him since Monday. Such a
long time too.

Please send those pictures
we took at your house
and the selfies. You gave
me a set but I left them
at your house and I guess
you went off with them.

I haven't heard of any
one who has heard from
Mable. I didn't even
know her name was

can't count → 4.

We haven't any idea where
we will move. Places just can't
be found. I'll lock your old
kids up in the refrigerator
and freeze them to death.
heh heh. Friendly aren't you?

I haven't been over to Bob
and Dorothy's house yet. They
aren't quite straightened up
yet. They have been living
there for a week. They got a
telephone too (2083). They
got a nice radio & record
player combination set last
Saturday. All they need now
is there electric refrigerator.
They're supposed to get it in
a week or two.

I never have seen the women
wrestle. They haven't had
them since Rusty & I have
been going. They're suppose

to spending ^{6.} 24 hours a day
all the time - no? Gee I
bet that would be wonder-
ful. I can hardly wait. ha
I really enjoyed myself
Sunday. I've never ridden
that far in one day (over
300 miles) besides I was
doing a lot of walking
after we got there. I bet
I sure would be pood
out by the time I got to
California, either by car
or train. Oh yes Dusty
is just as sweet, handsome,
nice, wonderful (etc) in
the day time as at night
ha what a man.

^{7.} Dusty just called and said
he was in an accident. I
was so excited I couldn't
get all the details but I
did get this much. He
and Lowell Gullis (that's his
cousin did you know it) were
riding on Gullis's motorcycle
and the brake locked. Oh
threw them both off. Dusty
said he went under the
cycle. I asked him how
bad he got hurt and he
said he just got scratched
& bruised. He said George
& Bob took him in to the
doctor and he's got his
hand bandaged up. I'll
have to bid adieu from

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No kiddin'. I didn't think I'd ever could like anyone as much as I do Dusty. He's so nice to me. We always have such fun together. He's just swell to me and sure do l-o-v-e him. plenty

I guess I could talk to you about Dusty forever. I guess it isn't new to you as I always did and always will.

Well Vera I guess I'd better end this and dream of Dusty some more (I just can't help it).

So long for now and write
Love,
from your best friend
Etta

P.S. I think the album looks mostly like your own ~~idea~~

July 1, 1946
Monday eve

1.

Greetings, salutations, halucinations, complications, and all that stuff like dat!



Did you say greetings from the married hag or boy? I couldn't read your writing and of course I don't want to make any mistakes.

How's my love - oh fine indeedy. all right - okay.
yes, he really got hurt and he says he'll never ride another motorcycle. He and Lowell Jullis were riding on the cycle (Dusty driving) they were going from Dusty's house over to George's as Chbie (Bob) was over there. They were going about 50 miles per when the chain broke and the back wheel locked. It threw Lowell forward and Dusty over with the cycle on top of his right

3.
Tell that husband of yours
to quit and stop interrupting
your beautiful letters.

I'm not saying Johnny isn't
wonderful but Harold (ah)
is just as good. So there too
you old pot!

No, I didn't cut my arms
and legs off. And I'm off
to take off (part & didn't know
it) 15 more lbs.

Someone taking Harold away
from you. . . no. no. Yes! What
big dog isn't one husband
enough for you?

Mama L. is staying at
Oma Bucks on Lockhart Street. I
guess she and Joe aren't doing
so good. So she say. So she
say. . .

Dusty wouldn't believe it
if you told him I was wicked.
He thinks I'm sweet, and that
I'm an angel. And of course
I am. no conceit. no conceit.


6.
Swisher. Her name - Miriam
Woodruff also from Salem.
She goes with Bill Donahoe.
And ~~off~~ four of them can
around together. Well you
guessed it she's going to have
a baby too - Only she is
not getting rid of hers. It
seems that Bill wants to
marry her, but her mother
won't let them. Such damn
dumb people in Arizona.
They must have been more
ignorant than you and I
(if you get what I mean).

Kearns got married Wed
evening in Gray. I haven't
seen her for a long time.
Bill Dupham got married
last Thurs. He went to
New York to marry his girl.
I didn't think he would
marry but he did. So he did.

7.
Haven't been skating for
a long time. So don't had.
They have a carnival in
Springfield now. They have
one at the fair ground here
It lasts from today till
over the 4th. They're giving
a 46 maroon Ford at the
carnival the 4th. Wish I
could win it.

I was with my son every
night in the last two weeks
except Tues. and Thurs. How
am I doing? Guess he likes
or rather loves me more.
If I keep it up I may
get to be with him every
day - nite - all the time -
for keeps and when that
day comes halleluia - oh
happy day in the morn.
afternoon, and evening. Oh
yes such a wonderful world.

2.
side. He got a gash
in his head (above
the temple in his
hair); gash in his
right elbow (Dr. Wolf
had to take stitches in it) and
all the skin torn off from his
right hand (the back of the hand
that is.); and also strained his
shoulder a little. He's okay
now - so he says, but he says
his shoulder still bothers him
a bit. Howell only bruised
his side a little bit. They
sure were lucky - they might
have been killed. Well it hap-
pered two weeks ago Wednesday.
Dusty came in on Thursday to
the doctors (the day after the acc.)
and he stopped to see me. He
said I made him feel better
than the doc did (Big man on
the big talk but oh how I love it)
So I guess I was nurse for
awhile. No, I'm single yet, but
we have them all guessing
around here.



5.

I read in the paper about Jack Wolf getting married but I didn't think it was the one we know. but I guess you're right.

Tom and Jerry and the ole chicker. I can still see the pitchfork and the stab-hinge in the pear. ha. Did you laugh as loud and as much as when we saw it?

That John William sure has a habit of borrowing things I mean things. Bad yegg I mean bad egg.

You remember Footy (wicker) (bond from Salem) She went with Gene (Salem). She was suppose to have his baby and got rid of it. remember.

Well, they ran off and got married in NY last thursday. Big news - Big news.

Remember the girl (brunette) that ran around with Footy

4.

Ji-ya Uav. I didn't know whether you could find your way over to this page or not but I've got hopes for you really I have. really I have.

By the way have you written to Mable, and have you heard from her?

Cedar Point is swell. Just an island in Lake Erie. Everything in the line of entertain-ment you can imagine. Lots of fun. Lots of hugs. I never had all my life such so many darn hugs.

No I didn't hear the light as Dick took the radio. But I read the papers the next day. It seemed as it was a "put on" job and they are trying to see Mike Jacobs the coroner. So they say. So they say.

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Nosey
B A G

etc.
etc.
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F JUNIOR I



F JUNIOR II

1.

July 12, 1946

Dear Vera,

I received your letter today at noon. It was about twelve o'clock and I was getting ready to go to Muzzys and along comes pokey Burrenburg with the mail. Today was a swell day for swimming. I have acquired a tax. Believe it or not. I still sunbath though and then a couple days afterwards tax. (California tax-^{to}) There were quite a few people there and I believe I'll go again Sunday if its nice.

As for Randall and Nichal they aren't married yet - that I know of. Johnny Brakes + Marguete were suppose to be married the same day as Pinky but-- they split up. She gave his

ring back. Rumors are that
he wouldn't get a job and
she always had the car and
took him places. She got tired
of it. I don't blame her do you?
Haven't been skating lately
its too hot.

Hope you get to see Mable.
I bet she will be glad to
see you (an old married bag
of 2 months). Is your secret
that Mable is going to have
a baby. Norma Lee told
me but she didn't say
how she found out. Is that
your secret - huh - is it - huh
is it?

Johnny didn't lose his wallet
he just lost his money in a
crap game. Aren't these hus-
bands awful? I warned my
husband about gambling.

7.
Mon just around the clock
so I guess its time to go
to bed. Its only twenty
after eleven tho.....
Guess I'll have to stop.
I can't think of anything
else.

Bye for now.
Lots of love, Dee,
Etoyle.

P.S. How's Junior?

P.S. Dusty loves me

P.S. HAROLD loves me

P.S. I love Dusty

P.S. I love HAROLD

P.S. Dusty + Etoyle = Boing

P.S. Great life (over)

Well, dearie do you miss me
any at all? Well you ole
weenie even if you don't
miss me - I miss that terrible
por of yours somewhat
awful. (good, downright
english no. no.)

See zowie to think I that
I ~~by~~ liked Edington. He's
not even a pinch of o ---
Mr. Channell is tops. Mrs.
Harold Channell is tops too.
Sounds good. So good. Well
Well - Maybe its true. If
you only knew. ---

All I can think of to write
is just a bunch of nonsense.
Nonsense that is. Howdy
doody todie Youdie fruitie

my husband - that is yipe
I wouldn't trade my husband
for any other person in
the whole world of U.S.
of North America etc. !!!

Big yake - popped a corney....
Bob Kearns got home today
I guess he's out now. I hope
I talked to him yet....

No news yet. The Whites
baby is not here yet. Will
notify you when it arrives
That is all. That is all...

Next Thursday (18th) Mrs
Kearns and I are giving
Ethel Mae a shower (at Kearns)
Forty people are invited.
Will let you know in the
meantime how it turns
out. Kearns & I will have
to shower you (with rotten to-
matos & bad eggs) when you

come back. 4. How about
that? huh? that is huh?

Mater is sitting here reading
a romance book and switching
sheets at the same time.
Big business - big catch - high
prices - no customers - no bus-
ness - Sorry out to lunch - ha.

Well, Peter sue how are
the bears and you making
out? I sure pity J.W.H.
if he sleeps with you after
you eat bears. I bet you
stink him out of bed. Ha
big stinker! Big Big Big
stinker! or does he put a
clothespin on his nose so
he can't smell them. ???
And while I'm on the stinker
business hows those rotten
feet of yours. Are they improving
any?

5. The Gray Fair starts Sunday.
I don't know whether Dusty +
I are going or not. Last year
it was a week after the
Lubana Fair.

I'm got a ~~secret~~ (can't spell)
secret.....
Dusty is the bestest fellow
in the world. So there too.
Phooey on that old J.W.H.
Wednesday Dusty and I didn't
do anything only ride around.
It sure was pretty out big
moon lots of stars. We
went to Springfield and
got some hot dogs and
root beer. My mom's crazy
about that stuff. Root beer
that is.
Last Sunday we saw "Janie Geto
married". Have you seen
it? Sure good. Show that to.

330 E. Ward St.
Urbana, Ohio



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hasn't he got ⁴ caught?
So Mable is going to have
a baby. I bet she sure is
happy about it. Glad she
got such a nice husband.
Smitty (in Druggstore) says he
misses you & can't sleep at
nights. Ha.

Oh yes Ellis is engaged to
Phyllis Buntain. Could hardly
believe it. I mean ^{that} he'd ever
get interested in a girl.

Well I guess I'll put this
letter short and write more
the next time.

Bye for now.

Love to Vera
Clyde

Aug 8, 1946

Dear Vera,

Hope you and Johnny are okay.
I'm doing fine. Especially
good.

Petty is home and she looks
good. What a sunset. Brother
Ed's as brown as a berry.
How's your sunset.

As you know the big county
fair is this week. Rusty and
I have been going but it
just doesn't seem like the
Urban fair. Maybe it's be-
cause you aren't here with
me to flirt with all the
handsome men. Big times
no - ?

We have been talking to
real estate dealers about a

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His name is Herman Hickman. Dusty says he's a swell guy.

Me my man and I are doing fine. Especially so. I haven't been with Garry since last Friday. He's coming in a little while. We're suppose to go to the fair but I don't know whether we will or not. How am I doing? Okay but I'm still not married yet and I know the reason why. Maybe I'll tell you sometimes. Would you like to know nosy?

Have they put that old married man of yours in the pen for stealing yet or

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house and I guess we'll have to buy one and a new one for host. Won't that be nice?

Kearns is getting along fine as far as I know. I seldom ever see her.

Did you know (of course you couldn't) that I'm to be an aunt!! Dorothy is to have a baby next January some time.

Pinky Anderson's wife (Dorothy) is going to have a baby (last week).

Johnny Brookes hasn't even gotten a job. Margwite is going with another guy.

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Sept 2, 1946

Dear Vera,

I got your letter this evening when I got home from work. Work! Work, yes I guess I didn't mention it, but I am working down at the Plastic Research. I have been there for several weeks now. Not missed any or been late. Reformed & is that is reformed. I didn't say deformed either dearie.

Sept 7-

Well, here I am again. I guess I had a little relapse on this letter writing business. Big business!

Joann Nichols and Harold Randall had their big wedding last Friday. Big church wedding whoopee! Invitations to 5. They really played her up big in the SA - Assisi column. Have you read it yet?

We have been freezing all week and today it was hotter than hell's fire. Kids went

swimming. Its a wonder they didn't catch their death of drowness.

We didn't stay all nite at the state fair. I guess his dad went off Saturday. We left early Sunday morning and stayed all day and most of the nite. I never have seen a fair like it. Tusty bout walked me to death, but I didn't mind - until the next day at work I was so tired. They have all their exhibits in buildings livestock & all. They had plenty of rides too. I had a swell time - - - of course

Coq leaves for Purdue tomorrow Dick got a new car today. 41 5 passenger coupe - Chevy - black. Its a nice one it is. I wish Harold (1st time I ever called him that) would get his new car.

Mother made apple jilly and grape jelly. Also, I see we have some grape. I mean grape juice to drink or some kind of winter evening. We have a glass. . . .

The new skating rink in Springfield opens Friday 20th. They are moving the old one to Arizona.

Norma Lee works at the same place I do. I asked her the other day why she didn't write to you and she said she couldn't think of anything to say.

This pen is about worn out. It sure is scratchy. It sure is.

Roger didn't want to win the golf tournament so he let the other boys win. ha.

Yes yes a cedar chest. my hopeless chest. Yes I would

like something to put in it. Is there gold in them dar hills. That's what I want. Sure do. Sure do.

Drop err. Grab some suspic and a scalloped ~~potato~~ ^{lettuce} and mayonnaise) sandwich from that garbage collector I'm hungry.

Popular with the boys. Why Vera you always knew I was the cream of the crop I mean crop. Oh you mean my arry Aunt. brother. being. She really has the coming and going. I'll tell you all about it when I have more time.

You're always cracking up one way or the other. Just don't know what to tell you. Just don't I guess.

Granddad hasn't come yet but the way your mother talked I guess he's coming soon. Why Vera don't you remember

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URBANA, OHIO

what you told me! I mean about having a baby. My my such a what memory. The little one might inherit such stuff.

You should see Dick Whites wife since she had her baby. Her butt (period) is bigger than yours + mine put together. Big butt! big business. Oh gads just ~~that~~ a big business. hoo.

I never see Kearns. Her mother say or said that she and Bob fight all the time then kiss and make up. They got tempers both of them. Oh this wonder ful heavenly marriage business. To be in love in vain - my my. Just give me five minutes more please. I love you.

I guess they just forgot to put it in about the shower. Too bad cause I would have

made the column.

Dusty and I went to banknote last nite. As we were coming out so was J. Adams. That's the second time I have seen him. He said he got a letter from you a couple of weeks ago. That about all cause we were going the other direction. Still as handsome as ever. ~~None~~ more so.

Now I don't want to be free from Dusty. He's so sweet like. He's so handsome. Oh how I envy you being a married lady. Sure do sure would like it. Sure would. Yes just crazy about him. Wonderful stuff this love of mine.

Have to leave you for now so write to me soon dearie
Love + stuff,
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Miss Taylor

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330 EAST WARD STREET

URBANA, OHIO

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Greetings (that is to you)

I received your most charming letter today. So you see I'm being very good and answering right away.

Can't imagine Harold Randall married either. He must have ~~given~~ ^{given} her a little different line ~~than~~ the other ones he used. Margaret Connolly said his brother is marrying Louise Dunlavy. She very pretty and has red hair. She went skating I think you know her.

Dusty has a pontiac ordered. He doesn't know when he'll ever get it. Now Vera you know Dusty isn't horrible and I know you want me to be happy and I wouldn't unless he was with me so I guess I'll have to stay in Ohio unless I can take him with me to California. Can I? Hmm - can I - please Vera?

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URBANA, OHIO

I haven't seen your family for a heck of a long time. They must be hibernating. It is rather cool here nowadays - you know.

When your sister was staying over on Boyce she stayed by herself - no? Well I guess she got to running around with the Irish. Sexton, Egan, Parrigon, Ryan, Jr. Kearns and that gang. I guess Mary Ann was dating Parrigon and Egan pretty steadily (in August this was). You know darn well those boys are too old for her and also they drink like "soaks" all the time. Some girl from the burg had a date with one of those guys a couple of times but most of the times Mary Ann was the only one. I guess she had some high parties over there. The way I know is Joyce and Mary Ann were kinda chummy last month and Mary Ann wanted Joyce to come to one of these parties over at your grandmother's.

Joyce wouldn't go cause she knows what kind that gang is but I guess you couldn't tell Mary Ann that anyway Joyce said Mary Ann was drunk that nite and so were those boys. I don't know whether that is so but I imagine Mary Ann said something to her about the party. Anyway about the last of the month (must have been a Sun day afternoon) Norma Lee went over after a dress (Mary Ann had borrowed and there was whole mt. beer + wine bottles and glasses all over the place and Norma Lee said the boys were running all over the house. Norma Lee said she no sooner got there when your mom + dad drove up. I guess the boys screamed out the front door and Mary Ann grabs the dress (N.L.'s) and told her to come on (Norma Lee) and she told your mother she was coming over here. Will you can

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imagine what your mom & dad
thought when they saw all that
mess of bottles and glasses. So
they come over here after Mary
Ann and made her get in the
car. Your dad told Norma Lee
to stop her drinking in the Palm
Grill. So you see your dad that
Norma Lee made all that mess.
If he hadn't been so mad he
would have realized N.L. would
n't have used that many glasses
& bottles. and I bet M. Ann
never told him different. So
I guess they made her go to the
farm to stay. She wanted to
stay & go to school here, but
her dad must have changed
her mind for her. Joyce said
Mary Ann smokes all the time
so I guess the farm is the best
place for her & I bet your dad
don't know about those boys
being there and those parties.
N. Lee didn't say anything

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when your dad hauled her out so you see she's perfectly innocent of the whole mess. And if I know Mary Ann she would n't tell your dad different. It's a good thing he found that mess or she would have wound up in trouble you know that bunch is no nerves then hell and that drinking too. Mary Ann should have more sense. Don't you say anything about it either cause they'll know how you found out.

Your granddad came to see me when he was here. He said he would come back before he left but so far he hasn't been here. So I don't know whether he went back to Illinois or is still here.

Kearns is married and I love not and I like to do my courtin alone. ha. We'll make it over to see her yet. She got operated on last week. Had a tumor as big as grape fruit in her - weighed 2 lbs.

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She also had one of her ovaries and appendix taken out. She'll be in Gray hospital for a couple of weeks yet. I guess the tumor was what made her stomach big. Her mother said she got rid of that now & is Ethel glad.

Dusty and I saw "Right In Line - blanch" the day before I got your letter. It was on at the state. I laughed especially when they were fighting that duel.

I stay at home except when I'm with my honey. Can you imagine that? Well I do! Glad to hear you found a better place. We have n't found one yet.

Ask Johnny if they got "Mido" automatic watches at ship service. & how much are they?

That picture is a scream. You can sure tell you have lost the weight. Don't married life

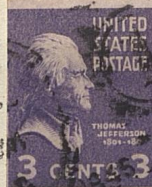
agree with you. Well dearie
 I weigh exactly 130 lbs. Boy
 I'm glad. I don't eat hardly
 anything. I'm going to make
 125 or bust. Judge weighs
 125. Everyone says I don't
 look good as I did but they
 are crazy. Fifteen pounds
 isn't so much. I did weigh
 145 hurrah for 130. ha

Well I guess I'll sign off
 for now (as I have to make
 myself beautiful (?) for
 my darling is coming & were
 going to the ^{the} missing matches.

A hug for how honey Chile.
 Write soon.

Love
 P. Taylor

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~~MRS. PETER~~

COLBERT

330 EAST WARD STREET

URBANA, OHIO

1. Oct. 15, 1946

Greetings Greuesome,

Mighty, mighty proud to get a letter from you today. Sure was, sure was. Still alive I am and my wings are still flappin.

Am I in love? Why I era you should know better than to ask that question. You should take it for granted (granite, cement^{ly}) that of course I ----- am.

The howling league is on Wednesday nites. Norma Lee said they only have two girls teams. Besides I'm too good for them and I wouldn't pass up a chance to be with my darlink to howl.

So your ole man is carpenter. I bet that old book case falls to pieces when you put that first book on it. So your old man was a carpenter...

Now let me think? Beings I weigh 130 and I am 5 ft 6 ³/₄ in. I'm going down pretty fast. They say I look like hell so if I look that bad and you always did look worse than I, say now you're in a hell of a shape. What's the matter with you doesn't married life agree with you, I guess it doesn't. The way I'm losing mine is by not eating much. I got those gorgeous hips of mine from 42 to 39 inches (not feet ha) I'll get them down to 37 yet. Well how are you doing with that big rear end of yours? Any deductions on it yet? Dusty likes me just the way I am. Hoing.

No, that's the first I've heard about her baby. Mable has a seven month baby or else something is screwy - no?

I saw your Cousin Dean & his wife not so long ago. It looks as though she's to have a baby soon.

You ought to see the newhounds strutting up & down the street. They live some where on East Ward. Mrs. ^{and} Mrs. James Ellis that is. Some pits.

That watch is a man's watch (nada automatic). Rog has one. Sure sharp. Sure is.

I'll have to send the cat a floy mouse or maybe a real one. A sick calf (did you say). Its just cause I'm so host lost without you.

Mary & Dick live on Light Street where Dennis used to live.

Dennis got married again. This time to Marion Grimes.

My hands are so cold I can hardly write. Ought to have Dusty here to keep me warm.

Will I hope you're satisfied with the ball game since St. Louis won. Me I don't care as I hate baseball.

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URBANA, OHIO

Alongo Carleton & Agnes marriage
license was in the paper tonight. Her
marrying Geraldine Bailey from
N. Lewisburg. I know he's been
going with her since he got home
but I didn't know he had
marriage in mine. That goes
to show you. You lucky married
people you. #

October 16 - 46
one day later

Well you old married hag, I got
froze out yesterday. Its warmer here
today so I will try my luck again
in finishing this letter.

Did you get that pumpkin pie
made? I bet it was like mush.
Did you ever make doughnuts
from that recipe I sent. How were
they? Where are you stealing your
shortening? We can't even buy potatoes
(and onions) let alone bake. You can't
get lard or spray or any kind of
shortening for anything here. Hope
just kind find any. Just can't!

Some colored fellow killed his step-father here the other day. I guess the step-father had been drunk. He started molesting his invalid wife and the boy beat up his step-father. Dull here isn't it.

Gracie Spain (Gibson) is supposed to have her baby next month. Catherine Clewens had a baby girl.

Oh yes Ethel, that little short girl from Pa, that works for old Miss Burton, got engaged. That was in tonight's "Daily Bugle".

Dorothy Donahue got her engagement ring from Robson about two weeks ago. They haven't set the date as far as I know.

Yes I heard Roy was home. Dusty + I saw him about two weeks ago at the new rink in Springfield. He came over + said hi. He lost all the weight he gained so he looks like the same old Roy. He has been

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trying to date Joyce ever since he
got home but Joyce wouldn't
go. I guess he's given up hope.
Kulo also wants a date sometime
with Joyce. Big popular girl!!
Oh yes! Rog said he still has
the identification bracelet we
girls gave him.

Well, yes at last I'm getting
my teeth fixed. Put a knock
down for Etyle, Deer. I've
had two teeth pulled (jaw teeth)
and now I have to have four
filled and then cleaned. Not so
bad as I thought it was going
to be.

That granddod of yours come to
see me when he first got home.
He said he would come back
before he left and the stinker
never showed up. He told
my mother she was better
looking than I. I lirtin' again
I guess we'll just have to
tell Mandy on him, won't we?

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My honey and I are suppose to go away tonite. I know not when. John Channell should be getting home this week sometime. I bet Thelma Pearson is glad. They're supposed to get married. I don't know how soon tho' the lucky birds.

Well I guess I'll close this darn letter for now as its about time for Dusty to be here.

Take care of yourself + write
Dear.

Lords + loads + loads of your know
what

Cheryl

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Stoyle

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Joyce said she saw Mary Ann and she said that Mary Ann has been sick. I guess she has to ~~take~~ ^{have} her tonsils taken out.

I raked leaves today what a mess. It sure popped me out? Guess I'll have to eat some vitamins now.

Oh yes Wanda and Chnee have Cutest twin calves. Sure are cute sure are. They have a pretty big farm. Its close to two hundred acres. I had a swell time out there Sunday. Sure did. Lot of cows too. Bunch of Cows. Cows - cows - cows and more cows. Oh yes a pretty horse I saw.

I don't know about the logs. Didn't see any.

1. Oct. 29, 1946

Howdy Vera,

Have some spare time so I guess I'll write a few lines. Its about time for me to hear from you again so I'll wait until I do to send this.

Are Mr. and Mrs. Helfrich in California yet? I heard they left.

I do hope you find out about those watches as I want to get busy one for Christmas.

Some halloweeners just opened some body's car across the street and stuck the horn. Its still blowing. She probably hasn't got sense enough to come out and stop it. I take it all back - the blowing stopped.

They are having a halloween party at Little again this

How's that ugly husband of yours? I thought maybe they had caught him stealing and locked him up? Any such luck yet?

Well I suppose you've read the football scores in the paper. Urbana is as bad as Mechanicsburg was a season or two ago. They haven't won a game this season and they have only two games left. Thursday they play Osborn and then the next week Mechanicsburg. I guess the league is doing a little better than Urbana. They've won two games. Every one says both teams are rotten so I suppose the Urbana & Mechanicsburg game will be plenty rotten, no.

about married life and how happy she is. I'm all set and home soon. What do you think? huh?

Sunday I went out to Wanda and Charles Perrow for a dinner that was given for John Channell. There were Lotty's six relatives there - all the Channell relatives and their kids - ha. When I saw all of the food I thought of you. Best baked beans and noodles I ever ate. Everything imaginable to eat and six birthday cakes. Pasty, John, Thelma, and Mrs. and Mrs. Channell came after me about eleven Sunday and we were the first ones there. We stayed until nine o'clock Sunday nite then John and Thelma and Pasty and I took the ford and went to the

show here in Urbana. Wanda
used to be Wanda Bush. You
know her don't you? Her
husband is a streamer. He
tried all day to get me to
manicure like finger nails.
I feel like one of the family
now after meeting the Churchill
family & relations. It's
good so many people.
Of course we had our
pictures taken. I hope the
ones of Dusty and me turn
out okay. They probably
won't though.

How do you like this
paper? It's all I could
find.

Well Vera, are you going
to come home for Christmas
like you said you were
huh? or you had?

you and Dusty and I and
Thelma and John are going
tomorrow night.

Oh yes John got home last
Wednesday morning. Looks just
the same as ever and is glad
to be home - So he says. I
think Thelma put a lot of
that marrying business on
'cause John doesn't mentioned
it or even acts like he
wants to get married yet. She
said he ask her before he went
overseas if she would marry
him. He she hasn't got any-
thing on me. But I don't mind.
I tell her nothing 'cause she
blows everything. I think John
is very loathful. He is about
Dusty and me - that is what Thelma
is with him. Of course Dusty
and I aren't loathful. What
are we, Vera?

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he is twenty-four and good looking.

I got a new dress at Alhanna's Saturday nite. It's a dressy dress. It is black wool with gray stripes in the sleeves and gray belt. It has a high neckline and plain skirt. The sleeves are these new full sleeves you push up and blouse. Dorothy loves me and the press (w). So do I.

Kearns was over at her house last Sunday. Boy, she looks swell. She sure looks different and a lot nicer without that big stomach. I went over to see her. I talked to her and what she says

4.
So our dear Eleanor Jane Stultz got married. She got married last week in the Baptist Church. Big Church wedding and no bridesmaids. That's screwy - isn't it.

Dorothy Dorschner, and your wife are having a baby shower for Dorothy Colbert next Monday at Gora Gales. Dorothy's baby is supposed to be born about the second week in January so she hasn't any long now.

My dear Mother said she loved you ever though tears are expensive. Any message over?

Saturday I got my front teeth filled. Well I'd be glad when I get my teeth fixed. I'm sick of the dentist even tho'

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Nov. 2, 1946

Howdy Lena - Pyers,

Long time - no hear. Ah yes that dear Mr. Bunnell brought me a letter from dear sweet you - finally. . . . Your letter cheered me tremendously as I had to go the dentist this afternoon at three. I got my front tooth filled and it didn't hurt a bit. Just a lot of noise. I go the 23rd to have two more filled and teeth cleaned then I'm through. Oh happy day the 23rd. What gave me the courage to do all this - well - I knew I better so - I dood it!

What do you mean there won't be anyone here when you get back I'll still be here only with a couple of brats hanging on my apron strings and a tall, dark, handsome

man beside me ^{10.} I hope.

You can't get Sprey nor Crisco here. Very seldom can you get lard. Hold-up aren't we?

I don't know when Dorothy Donahue is getting married I don't think she knows for sure yet.

Well nossey what do you think we would be doing at Springfield skating rink if we were? How'd you guess. No we haven't gone there to skate yet. We just stopped in after a show. It sure is snazzy. They have their own parking lot. They have a beginners rink in the other room. In the beginners room is a snack bar, and skee ball machines etc. Pretty nice, no?

I only saw Roger once and if I see him again I'll ask him about the wallet and jacket. I'll tell him you said to write too.

Your granddad has too many wrinkles you mean. That's why Mandy threw him over for Kilroy. By the way do you read Kilroy? Kilroy is a big ^{joke} here.

Selfriks didn't stay very long huh, I guess I can't blame them with that sort of yours you'd even scare me!!!
I send all the drops you want dear. Might be able to use them... So

Now we haven't found a place yet, but we are still looking. We are staying here till March then Mr. Pearson is to build us a house.

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MRS. PETER S. COLBERT

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URBANA, OHIO

Well, Vera I guess I've wrote
all the stuff & nonsense I
can think. Dusty is coming
so I'll have to make my-
self beautiful for him. Oh
what a life. Oh you kid.

Guess I'll close for now
so be good & write right
away.

Lovend interested
stay^{be}

Kilroy WAS here!

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Urbana, Ohio



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MRS. PETER S. COLBERT

330 EAST WARD STREET

URBANA, OHIO

Dec. 9, 1946

Dearest Vera,

Whatcha know - I got a letter from you today and I haven't even answered the last one. Bad character I am. No I haven't got married. I just been having a load on my mind (what mind?) and slipped up on the writing business. Now that I'm forgiven guess I'll try to write a few lines.

Well, I guess by the time you get this you and Johnny will be married seven months and no divorce will ever, I must say you're slipping.

I haven't seen or heard from Kearns since the shower.

Don't worry about me getting married if I did I'd be sure to let you know right away. My my shame on you to think you thought I wouldn't let you know. Why Vera. I'm surprised at you.

No, we haven't got a Christmas tree yet. They are scarce here so far. I haven't seen a one yet.

How did Johnny and the basket-ball game come out? I suppose the team Kelfrick was on lost.

Heisey and the howling team. I don't know, but I think she still howls.

Heisey and Picklesimer are running married men. Bob Sanders is the latest one. I don't pay any attention to her. Her reputation is pure a hot one. Everyone around here says she's a drunk, and more. Homer Zerkle told about a few pleasures he had with her. All the boys in town talk about her like that so she must be that kind. No wonder she always knew so much about "life". She sure is rotten now, I guess. I avoid her so she won't come near me.

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MRS. PETER S. COLBERT

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URBANA, OHIO

We got laid off in September at the Plastic because of a strike in Cleveland where the Plastic got their bakelite. No materials - no work. So got a job at W. B. Marvins. They pay good. Start you out at 61 cents. Well, I got laid off Wednesday on account of the damn coal strike. Now that its over I hope to be called back before Christmas. I was going to send you the money I owe you but since I got laid off I can't. You've already waited a year you might as well wait a little longer. Ha.

Mr. Helfricks new place is supposed to open this week or next I don't know which. I didn't even know he was going to run the place. I thought he was still with the grocery.

I don't think I know Ralph Blackburn from Springfield. What does he look like? Did he used to skate at Britts?

4.

MRS. PETER S. COLBERT

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Thanksgiving Day John and Thelma, and Dusty and I went hunting. More fun. I had beggars here all over me. Boy do they ever stick. Oh yes my dear one helped me clear them off. Sigh. No pheasants - just rabbits. That's what we got. In the morning we hunted on one the farms that Dusty rents. Then at noon we went to the tip-top and ate turkey dinner. Then we went back and hunted on the Chennell farm till 5:30. More fun. My legs sure were sore the next day. Lots of walking for such a little girl like me. The first barb-wire fence we went over I tore my overhauls. ha. Not in the seat but on the leg near my ankle ha again.

You don't have to worry about the watches I found one in Pat Coan's for seventy - dollars. So you see that's

that's where all my money went. It's
a Green. very nice. Boy I bet he'll
sure pitch a mean one for me buying
it. But I couldn't think of anything
else. That's the only thing he has. I
got. I want a diamond for
Christmas but if I don't get one I
won't act like I'm disappointed.
Even though I will be. He thinks
cause he didn't have to go to the army
he owes it to John. You know help-
ing him get started. He said the
other day if we had a house we
would get married. Someone is
living in the place he farms & some-
one is in John's place too. Thelma
and John haven't been hitting it off
too good this last week or so. John
changed a lot since he got ^{home} from the army
and I guess she's disappointed cause
they aren't married. I don't see how

they could though. He probably doesn't have much money. I guess that's why Dusty thinks he ought to help John get started. Boy this thing sure has got to come to an understanding one way or another. I'm about to go nuts waiting around. Dusty and I get along good together. We always have a good time, but this waiting around sure is getting on our nerves. I hope we get married whether we have anything or not. I just want to get married. Dusty said he wouldn't get married and live with his folks. Nothing doing he says. I wouldn't like that either. Boy he sure treats me nice, Vera. If we ever get married I bet he would be one swell guy. That's speaking of the man I love. Well if I don't get him, I don't want anyone else. I really mean it. Boy you & Johnny sure are lucky to be married. Here I go again wishing I was married, oh well I do that all the time.

Well Sharon Crabill is going to have a baby and Bill Cailynick has to marry her. Boy this Urbana is one rotten hole.

Have you heard from Mable? How's she doing? What did she name her baby?

I have a new black winter shorty. Sure is sharp. Size 11. Just your size maybe? Too bad you aren't here to help me wear it. Dusty likes it (too).

There's nothing much doing here that I know of. Just Dusty. That's all I know about and think about. So if you want to know anything I'll just have to talk about the bestest and handsomest guy in the world (and I don't mean John Hellfrick) I mean Harold Francis "Dusty" Channell. So there too!!

Write soon + I'll be sure to answer right away. Am I forgiven dear one?
Love + spitballs + stuff
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get home I feel like dropping,
but no can do as this is always
the dirty house and washing and
ironing to do. You know Joyce,
not much help out of her.

Car Ruth works beside me and
she sure is nuts. She asks about
you sometimes. W. S.'s is a good
place to work. Cal you likes Johnny
Welch - he's a swell boss. My
raise is due next month. I should be
making sixty-six. Pretty good
know?

Marquise Yezall and Herman
Wickman got married last Saturday.
Lain Cutz stood up with them.
Oh, these lucky married people!!

It's been raining like fury
the last two days. It also is very
windy & Spfd. had a cyclone yesterday.

January 30, 1947

Dear Vera,

I suppose you thought you
would never get an answer to
your letter. I got it two weeks
ago, but have been so much to
do, so busy so tired I honestly
haven't had much time.

Well, Vera I am at last an
Aunt! I'm so so thrilled I feel
as if it were almost my child.
Having a baby in the family has
just thrilled all of us. Granddad
and Grandmother Calvert are very
happy and Bob and Dorothy are
very proud. Gary Lee was born
Friday the 24th at 12:27 a. m.
Dorothy got along swell and she
walked down the hall the day

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Did the doctor say what caused all of this? Or do you think I'm too noisy?

Donna Keam had her baby three days before Dot. Donna had a terrible time. She and the baby both just about died. Donna's pelvis bone is straight instead of being curved as it is supposed to be and it wouldn't give. The doctor had to take the baby and it still has cuts and bruises on its face. I guess both are okay now. They called him Jerry Miles.

I got called back to take W. S. is the first of this month. I work in the assembly line now, and I have to stand all day. They really work the ass off of me. I'm so darn tired when I

after Gary was born. She came home on the third day, so you must know she got along okay. Most babies are from fourteen to sixteen inches long when born. Gary is 21 inches! He is a very long baby. I guess he's going to be a tall man. He has black hair and dark complexion like Bob. Very, very long fingers (piano player or doctor) and feet like Dot's. He also has blue eyes like Dorothy. Everyone of us are crazy about him. Vera, he's so darn cute!

It's too bad about your baby, Vera, I know you would have loved it, if it had of lived. I hope you are okay and feeling better since you are home.

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been really running himself ragged trying to get what he wants. I'm sure he'll get one. The house on Dusty's place has seeds and seeds of them. I think I would like to get married (both of us do) in late fall when farming is done) so we can have a nice honeymoon and also time to travel in our new car. But if he gets his car and finds the house he wants will get married maybe a little earlier than fall June. maybe. I'm so excited I can hardly wait. I wish it were tomorrow. Maybe we'll get to Florida or California yet this year. We're going to a warm climate for our trip. I guess this'll be for now. Will answer sooner the next time. Take care of yourself & John St. Oyle

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Have you seen Robert Walker in "Till the Clouds Roll By"? It's wonderful. Also Gallant Journey with Elena Ford is superb.
Have not found my Kelly dress yet but have gotten two new white blouses. One is just-up sleeves the other short-sleeved with a round (cut openings) neck. They are very pretty. Two new all round bleached shirts - black and the other aqua. Both very pretty also. Have a new white slip, two sheets, four pillow cases, and two crocheted pot holders. Mother bought me an aluminum cooker. New loafers and black plastic high heels. New what scarf and Ladora. ha. I'm

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put a thing in my head.

I see where Mary Ann is going with Charles Fraley. Coa Pator said he got some girl in the burg in trouble. You know her but I just can't seem to think of the girls name right now. So far he hasn't married her. Don't it awful? I have gone to with Dasty a year and six months the 9 of Feb and he has always treated me swell. I just can't understand it, Vera, these kids around here really better. Someone always pregnant here. They ought to do something about it.

Will Dasty sold some more hogs Monday. He now has \$1000 dollars. He wants his car first and has

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busy buying clothes and filling my cedar chest for future use. I wonder why.

Encygar around here seems to be engaged or married.

York Gale, Dob, and I are having a shower for D'robae this Sunday night. He gets married the eighth.

Well, well I had to go the doctor I was ailing. aha. No not pregnant (darn it) frostbitten ear. Its was sure sore and is just about well now. Grogan gave me some blue medicine for it. It was all inflamed and swollen. It also cracked deep on the outer edge and that medicine burned like hades. I guess I just got it cold walking to work with

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