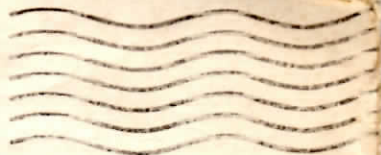


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Dearest Robert

I write so many letters & tear them up that I'm ashamed of myself. I make it hard to write you & I shouldn't. Did you get my other letter? Your mother said you could only write a limited number of letters & I have no hopes of being one you write you to. But if you can, please do.

[REDACTED] as it rained. In fact it has rained for 3 days now. He sure needed it too. Mom's potatoes and butter beans sure needed water. I think she has a radish too. She have a victory garden that you have to look at twice to see.

Was "Mink" Watson here when you were? I don't guess he was. Anyway he is a magician & entertains here & at Stamford once a week. He is a cutter & [REDACTED] think he is about it. He sure got one on me out at his Friday nite show. He framed up that before the show I'd take out his pocket book & then during the evening he go through the audience & pick pockets & have his stooge on the stage tell

what he'd picked. Of course there was a table on the stage (covered) and [redacted] under it with a hole in the front of it. He was telling the stooge what article Monk had. Then Monk picked up something that [redacted] couldn't see & he raised the cloth & yelled "Hey Monk I can't see". Of course [redacted] roared. Then Monk went back to the stage & I walked up & asked if that was his pocketbook. [redacted] laughed again as they thought I'd picked his pocket. Well, he said "yes & are these yours?" He pulled a pair of long pink cotton underwears out of his pocket. Looked like this . Boy I'll never take him up on another joke. They still kid me about it & he gets me on a million things. He is sure a card & good too. They have his shows in the gym or what is now an auditorium. [redacted]

[redacted] They called here & told us to be sure & shut ours in good & tight. Of course we're smart & already had ours in. Ha.

The went to a carnival in B'wood Saturday  
Night. I think I must have hurt my neck,  
as I can't turn it to the right. It could  
be soreness, but sure is bad to just be  
sore. I got on one of those whips & it  
fairly gave me a beating. Got my head  
back once at a corner & couldn't raise it  
again. He had fun tho. I went with a  
student officer & 2 other couples.

Some girls & myself were [redacted]  
today when a heavy rain came. He gulled off  
barefooted & ran back to the Administration  
Building. He'll never live it down either.  
They drug us in Mr Hammill's office &  
he sure got a laugh. He wore sights. No  
curl in our hair, wet dresses, and cold  
as heck. He dried out & went back to work.

It is more like a stampede than a  
pay formation.

Mr Hammill had his circus out  
at the school last Sunday. It was sure good  
& free [redacted] employees & their  
families. About a 3 hour show. Everyone  
sure seemed to enjoy it. Something different  
anyway.

I must close & get some needed

sleep. Beauty sleep of course.

I hope I can hear from you. I hope you are well & remembered. We think & pray for you. Until next time.

Love  
Ida