

Friday 6:30

Dearest Lillian,

Every effort to reach you has failed - I can't get a souther phone - and roads are too slick to try to go down there. Am sorry as can be but everything is a mess anyway it seems.

Yesterday I worked on my reports and was finishing the last one, when Walter and Agnes drove in from town with orders for me to go back to work. Mrs. Buska had just gotten a phone message from Richmond to that effect - I've an idea Mrs. Edler that we'd go on to Danville today, but I'd written Dietrick, State Director, I wouldn't be there, on account of (as Poppy says) the office being closed. Anyway they said for me to come in yesterday eve but I had a splitting headache and didn't go. I did have all my Grange ducks in a row and looking forward to it, and the rain came up. I wasn't afraid of its raining me out, but felt sure no one except some of the two families would go and my head and back kept raging so I gave it out, too.

Papa fished the night before and was dead last night, tho' he wanted me to go on. I'd written J.P. a card, then of course invited Agnes and she spoke mightily favorably of their coming. Said J.P. had been interested since Rob mentioned it to him.

Let me hear how it all came out  
and if you didn't give your speeches -  
you and my Boy, just carry them  
over until next time and I'll have  
the program published. They can  
come here if they like and we'll  
have music in everything if possible  
We are going to have one program  
some place if I'm spared to get it  
up - so that's how I feel about it.  
Explain my absence to Cousin Minnie  
please - and tell her we aren't losing  
interest.

Sorry about the Store Mtn. trip -  
there's no telling when I can go now.  
I dread getting my hand in again,  
and these weeks of not having to  
rush so have surely spoiled me.  
I'll run by there some afternoons  
I guess will be about the best I  
can do. I rang everybody on the  
line yesterday P.M. and last night  
trying to get you - wanted T. G. to  
come on home with me from  
the Grange - let him come any time,  
now that he's out school any  
time is OK - and I don't have to leave  
so early these mornings. I was so  
sorry to have missed you in town  
but I was in the office nearly all  
day - except a solid hour in the  
restaurant - Mr Lounsbury came over to  
talk and kept talking - so I couldn't leave

He offered to take Peggy out to his place soon as his gang of "chaps" get home (that's how he said it) and let them use her, and then he wants me to ride her in the show on June 23rd. - I haven't decided yet. Of course I just couldn't practice her while in marking.

Mr. Peck and the Dr. came late Tues. and made the blood test of the three heifers - can't tell how it will come out until about Sunday, then if it be correct for them - otherwise they are still our cows. In case hoping they pass out O.K. - That leaves me a heifer and two cows to freshen in the next month or so - another cow and a little heifer - besides my little bull.

Can't you go to church and come back here to dinner Sunday? Phone me if possible this evening or night and call before 8:15 in the morning - then let me know so I can put your names in the pot. Be delighted to have you and wait do much.

Must run along and dress. Have to curl my hair even. Think I'll try to have Mazy wave it tomorrow.

Haven't heard from Frank - he may not be off Sunday - or I may hear today.

Don't know anything new about any man. 'Cause I haven't seen nor heard from any.

I couldn't enjoy the children yesterday because everything was happening so

but they looked so sweet, and  
to think I've got to be away all  
summer and miss little visits and  
so on! I beguile every day I don't see  
you and them - looks like I've worked  
hard enough not to have my nose to  
the grind stone so now - but I guess I'm  
just beginning. "Began" Maiden  
Voyage" last night - like it so far.  
Must go now - try to call me, and  
I'll get batteries soon as my money  
comes in. Best love for each of  
you and come Sunday.

Kiss each of 'em for me.

Devotedly,

Jw.

Please leave in next

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