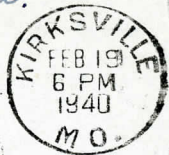


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Sat. night 8 o'clock

Dear Mildred,

I don't feel like studying so I thought I would write instead. I'm with Ila Mae in her room, listening to the Hit Parade. Jo went to Rebecca's. Katherine went with Suzanne Boliver (or something like it) to a basketball game, they're playing Rolla. Suzanne (I don't know if that's spelled right or not) moved in today. She works for her board someplace on the other end of town and she and the children there are sick. I believe she's going to stay here about 3 weeks. She's a good friend of Mary's, I knew her since the first of school. She lives in St. Louis and has ridden on the bus with us. She has the front bedroom.

I got a valentine from Corinne Paul and a great big valentine from Grace and Eleanor and a small one from "Booby." I sure was surprised because I didn't expect one from them. Also got a letter from Verna H.

Thursday night Mrs. Davis, Katherine, Helen, and I went to the opera. It was pretty good, a comic opera, but I didn't think the singing was so hot. Ila Mae and Jo said it wasn't nearly as good as last year. Mary, Roland H., and George F. were in it, I believe I told you. George F. sang a song or two by himself, he had one of the main parts. Stephen Blackhurst and Warren Hueseman ^(of St. Charles) were in it too but I don't think them otherwise. There was a red-headed boy at school that I saw quite often and I knew I had seen

him before but couldn't remember where. I asked Katherine once whether she knew who he was and she said he was Paul Ward of St. Charles. Then I remembered I had seen him at Weldon Springs Conference the other fall. He was a delegate from St. Charles church. I can't remember but I think he was at F. O. too, I'm not sure. Or that was last September, then he couldn't have either if he was going to school. I don't remember (if he was at F. O. or not).

Tuesday afternoon Katherine + I went to club meeting at Miss Pattinson's apartment. Read children's stories and poems. Served jells and cookies. I guess you'll have to come next time because I have to serve. ha! Katherine, two Foster sisters, and I. I believe we get money out of the treasury for eats. We also had our picture taken for the Echo.

Monday noon I ran into Mr. Harry Stroup! I was going home at 12 and he just came out of the Junior High. He started getting into his car and I ran to catch him. He didn't remember me at first but when I told him who I was he said "Eunice Becker, Oh, sure I remember" and shook hands. He asked all about Augusta, seemed rather interested. We talked for awhile and he said I should drop in some afternoon and he wanted to talk. He teaches in the Junior High + also has an office in the Court-House. He had seen Gertrude M. but not Anna M. He also said something about

one of the Griffin girls going here, they live at Moberly now. I don't think she's going now, though.

Yesterday (Friday) afternoon Aileen and I went to see Mr. Schott again. Aileen has a chance of getting a school and is getting rather interested and wanted to find out some things. I must have misunderstood him the other time because I asked him again about teaching in another county and he said I could. In that case I can teach in Warren County if I send my grades there. Now I don't know what to do. I'd have a better chance of knowing of vacancies in St. Charles county than in Warren County but I guess there are fewer first class schools in the later. ~~It~~ I believe I'd rather deal with Eli Mittler than "old" Jolly. Katherine wrote to Jolly 3 or 4 times for her certificate, which she was supposed to have had last year, and she hasn't gotten it yet. I believe Mittler would attend to his business more & answer if I wrote ^{to} him. Tell me which county you'd take and if Warren County, do you think I should write to Mittler ^{& tell him my intention} before I take teacher's exams and my grades are sent to him? Miss Pattenion says never to apply for a school unless you know there is a vacancy.

You have to have an average of 80 for a 3rd grade Co. certificate & no ^{single} grade below 60. Mr. Schott said my 4 exam grades will be averaged with my grades at school in the other subjects. ~~In that case~~ at school an M equals 85 and if I get a few S's my average should

be 80 even if I get below 80 on my teacher's exams.
(22nd) I have two finals this week Thursday
in Current Affairs and Org. + Mgt. Miss Peterson
is going to an N.E. A. convention at St. Louis over the
week-end before finals and won't be back in time
for Tuesday when we're supposed to have it. So we're
having it the week before on Thurs. and will be through
with the course. Have History ^{finals} Tuesday morning (27th)
at 8 till 10. Wednesday I have Hygiene + English. Have
to make a final speech, reading and ^{take a} written exam in
English. Also have a speech Monday and one Tuesday (my
8th + 9th one) Mr. Collins said a lot of the grade you
got in speech was the attitude you took toward your
work. A lot of kids cut class to avoid some speeches.
Only a few of us made 7 which ~~is~~ was ~~supposed to be~~ the
maximum. Yesterday he told each of us our difficulties.
He's always saying something about me having a stiff
upper lip but he told the others that because I was one
of the few who had made 7 speeches I had the right
attitude.

Never found out yet what I got in the Org.
& Mgt. test last Monday but I thought it was very
easy. I guess I'll get a low grade because I'm expecting
a good grade. No more tests in History. Have a few
more chapters but Mr. Clure said he wouldn't have time
to grade them all + average them. Made a 100 and a 90
on my last two tests and raised my average to 81 1/2

which ought to be good for an S. Katherine's average is 60 something and she said it was less last quarter and she got an M out of the course then.

Wednesday morning Dr. Green didn't show up after 10 minutes of the class period was over so we all beat it home. ha!

The 14th, 15th, & 16th of March they're having some big Rural Educational meeting here and the Rural Leadership Club and the C. C. E. (Elementary club) ~~are~~ members are to act as guides and show the delegates around. Delegates from ~~two~~ four states - over a 1000 delegates Miss Pattinson thought.

Well, I hope your beer keels O. K. ha!
Ila Mae said the truck was probably the Dennis from Olathe (or ~~what~~ something like it) because she said there was a Dennis trucker there. Herdad does trucking though. He goes down several times a week. His name was E. L. I believe she said and address - Clifton Hills, Mo. on the Truck.

I would have liked to have seen Neal look at that dog - I'll bet he looked funny. Be sure & send his pictures. Is Homer still on his diet?

I'm not sorry I went to Kirksville - I don't think. Now that I'm used to it, it seems a lot like going to High School. I told Hilien that you had asked whether I would rather have gone to Warrenton. She said, "Oh, no! you ought to be glad you came up here." I sure like Hilien.

she sure is nice and not a bit stuck up. She always treats me swell and already ~~told~~^{asked} me to be her room-mate again next year if I came back by any chance. She left the other place because she didn't like the way the girls acted there.

Yes, I have decided Am. History was easier by correspondence. Katherine isn't going to take her 3rd quarter here either and Helen is going to take her's by correspondence next summer because she never has anything to do in summer, she says. I don't know if you can take dramatics if you have a full course or not. I wouldn't be any good, anyway. I want to play Tennis next summer & also want to use your racket if I had to have my own. Katherine thought we could rent them. I wish I could take archery this Spring or when it's offered.

I think I'll be home the 24th ^{of May} (26th is on Sunday) because the week preceding is Convocation Week and end of the quarter. I think I'll quit tonight & see what I know tomorrow. Sun. night - This has been the penkest week-end I ever saw. I couldn't study for anything in the world. Had a speech written and that's about all. Katherine & I went to S. D. & Church this morning. Mary, Bert, and Suzanne went to the Baptist church. Fla Mad & Jo are going tonite - they're getting ready now. Laid around all afternoon and didn't get anything done. I'll be home the 26th and could be home maybe by the Thursday preceding if I had my exams on Tues & Wed. like I do this quarter but Fla Mad & Jo said that at the end of the spring quarter they usually didn't give the finals until Thurs. & Fri. Well I guess I'll quit now and see if I can get some studying done now - 7 o'clock.

Love, Sis, Eevie.