

Sunday Oct 4/53

Dear Sam

Got your postal card - re Chiefs
Trip - he had spoken about it himself
about 2 weeks ago to ask if he had
to go formal - I said sure he did and
that was all there was to it - so I know
he'll be formal - today he even said
don't ~~use~~ loose that card of Fair's.
About Joe he said he wouldn't have
much use for a meter mixer but would
rather use the money towards a new
winter uniform he needs.

Tomorrow (Monday) I'll close out your
account and mail you a check.

Now about who is coming - I guess
by now Leona has the acknowledgements
from the D's and the Kampefs and Hills.
Can you or will you have time to
make reservations at the nearest place
to Lynn for all of us or for whoever
Leona will be unable to put up -
Marilyn said as near to Lynn as possible
for her folks as we would have

to pick them up Sat morning before the mass.
I think I told you the Rumpfs want to
leave around 2 PM on Friday. We haven't
contacted the Hills yet to see what time they
can get away but Joe says he can't leave
till after work which would mean 4 or
5 o'clock - knowing Joe he may at the last
minute get the day or a few hours off - at
least I know the D's will have to go with
him. Sorry we won't know till the last
minute on account of his working nights - also
Saturdays - if he can make it he'll have to go
by train -

Right now we're all at the explosive point
Vee has been here since Bob left Sept 26 and was
going home tomorrow but about 3 hrs ago
Nicky disappeared and of course everyone
is blaming someone else and we're all ready
for fight. I'm sick with worry. If he got lost at
Levellon's I wouldn't care - but I feel more
responsible when he was here - It's pitch dark
and Vee & Ron haven't come back, and Tony
and Betty are out on foot looking for him -
Chief had let him loose in the yd but was
too busy helping Joe with the Chrysler
to watch him - I do hope we get him back -
your probably saying "I got my own worries"
without hearing about this damn dog -
Vee just came back - no dog - Will finish this
tomorrow after I go to bank.

Well Fan its now 10 P.M. and about an hour ago The cops phoned to say they had a dog in a restaurant on Fifth Ave that answered our description. Vee and Chief went up and sure enough it was Mickey. He had wandered in and they had benn feeding him turkey all afternoon. Lucky Mickey, but what it did to the Shields tempers. Of course now the atmosphere has cleared and all is serene once more. Think I told you Gladys and I were going to night school for typing. I want to get the touch system to rythm, so I will be able to look for another job. Gladys I think wants to go to work also. We only go go school two nights a week for an hour and half period, its interesting and fun both. The techer is a very capable one and by the time school is over we should be good typists. His name is Levy. Maybe next term we will try taking sten. or Spanish. Nothing like being foolish in your old age. You should see all the elderly folks who go to night school. We've both rented typewriters but I haven't had much time to practice as Vee has been here and we've been shopping for her and Betty's dresses for the wedding. Betty is going to be here for another half week as she has to have a tooth extracted on Tuesday and the Dr. has been giving her K shots on account of the way she bled the last time she went to the dentist. Five days in all before they got the bleeding under control, that was last year and Shay said he wouldn't do any work this time till she had an OK from the Dr. Six shots in all is costing her 30.00 without the dental bill. The Dr. also told her she will have to have a series of them about ~~xxxx~~ two weeks before the baby is due. Outside of this everyone is fine. Last week Chief and Joe put on the new porch. One more job finished, wonder what will crop up next. If you and Leona ever buy a house be sure its all brick so there wont be so many repairs, or by that

time maybe they will have invented something that will withstand wear and weather permanently. Lets hope so.

Fan when I sent that check to Leona I had meant to write a note to say that I rather you selected your own wedding gift and in that way I knew you would get something that you really needed or could use, but as usual there was a crowd around watching television and I forgot till after the mail was gone. Incidentally will you tell Leona Ron, Marilyn and Vee are going to get ~~max~~ the Community Silver that Rose told them she would like. It wont be sent they will bringni it with them. Do hope no one else has beat them to it. ~~is~~ I'd love ~~it~~ to be at Leona's for the next two weeks for all the excitement. Thats the best part of weddings all the excitemnt that goeswith the preparations. Oh' well I guess I should just be thankfull that I'm finally getting rid of my bachelor boy. Don't get me wrong, you were never any trouble but we sure hated to see you facing life alone, as for a while there it looked as though thats what you were headed for. ~~IM~~ I'm still praying for you both that God will bless your married life together.

Chief and Joe ~~guy~~ ~~goy~~ one job on the Chrysler fixed and now they find theres something else to be done, not new break linings but something of that nature, and as for the Reo it has conked out complete; and is parked in the gutter here. Tony is having the armature rewound and there ~~is~~ is still several other jobs it still needs/ In the meantime he is traveling in a car pool which takes him two hours to get to work. They've both really got their noses to the grind stone and I only hope that some day they can come out on top. In the meantime all one can do is pray. Boy! all the prayers I said for that dam Mickey today.

Guess I'll hafta sign off till the 17th.

In the meantime love and prayers for you both. Love from Mom.

P.B. Don't forget to let us know our hotel arrangements.

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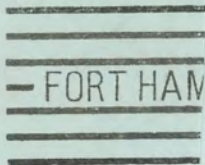
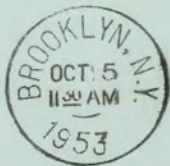
Will you send me one of those pencil sketches of Lynn proper like the one you put me for vacation - He hasn't got his - and if we leave ahead of him will be lost when we get into Lynn proper. Don't forget to let us know what the reservations are and where.

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