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Dear Cecile: Believe it or not we are having perfectly delightful weather. The past few days have been sunny and quite warm - yesterday the high was 75°. The birds are singing their throats out this morning and I am feeling very garden spirited. When I got up this morning my plan was to get in the yard as quickly as possible - but, as most of my plans seem to go had to get other things done. I first called to talk with Florence and thought we might plan something for later in the day and Papa answered - He told me that Charles and his bride came in last night and planned to be here only today - Well naturally expecting a call from them I pitched in and cleaned my house from front to back - Had to make a good impression - Am through inside and still would like to get in the yard but as sure as I get all steamed up out there my visitors will arrive -

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President Signs Bill Raising GI Benefits

Special to The New York Times
WASHINGTON, Feb. 14— President Truman signed today the bill increasing benefits of Veterans attending school, effective April 1, at an estimated cost to the Government of \$217,000,000 annually.

Under the measure the monthly subsistence allowance for veterans without dependents is raised from \$65 to \$75, with one dependent from \$80 to \$105, and those with two or more dependents from \$90 to \$120.

Mrs. M^cConnell as a house warming gift (she has a new house you know) and every time I looked at myself in windows or mirrors I hardly recognized myself. By the time I got home I was thoroughly discouraged. This morning, in a most quavering voice, I called the clerk who sold it to me and told her how unhappy I was and she told me to bring the hat back and she would exchange it. Whee - what a relief.

Dad and I plan to visit Margaret and Bobby this week end. Dad will have a holiday Monday so it seemed a good time to make the trip.

Charles and Naomi were in New Orleans Sunday and they had supper with Margaret and Bobby and spent the evening with them.

Tomorrow is little Cecile's birthday - My how I would like to be there to help celebrate - Please give her a special kiss for me and tell her that Papa and Grammy love her very much - Surely hope her birthday package arrives in time. It

yesterday was PVA Founders Day and, as usual, all past presidents were honor guests for lunch at the Hotel. I dread the annual affair as I am so out of touch with the present workers and their projects - it was nice and quite pleasant with the exception of having to get up before everyone and light a candle on the cake - Oh my, maybe next year I will carry out my resolution and not attend - Who cares about old has been anyway -

Well, not having a hat fit to wear I thought a new one was essential for yesterdays affair and future use so I shopped all morning - The hats are sort of queer or at least they looked that way on me - I don't know just what prompts clerks to tell one that every hat she places on your head is so very becoming - I surely do not agree with them - My goodness I frightened myself in some of them - Finally at Goldings a black sailor with many colored ribbon bow in front seemed to look fairly passable so I went to the luncheon with it on - After the lunch Bernice Fuller and I went shopping for a gift to give

was sent as registered mail so if it does not get there soon let me know and I will report it at the Post Office - From the way the postal clerks acted my package must have been the first one they had handled for foreign delivery. They had to read through the books of regulations and were still doubtful when I left it -

By the way, have any of the food boxes received contained cheese? I have sent it a few times and am anxious to know if it keeps - I had better not send it again - La Rue declares it spoils quickly, especially the processed - The market men say it does not spoil quickly so I am wondering which is right!

All for today -

Love

Mom