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Dear Hews:

I dont know whether you will get this letter or not but I am writing it anyway, I thought perhaps you might be on that trip you wrote you might take before coming home.

Mother and I were so thrilled to hear that you are coming home, of course it is a disappointment to you not to be able to complete your course but I think you are wise to come back to the U.S.A. especially with another addition to the family coming on and being uable to find a home for them.

I got a big thrill last night listening to the Joe Louis-Joe Walcott fight on the radio, Louis was trailing on points till the eleventh round when Louis knocked him out, ~~that just meant~~ it was his 25th victory and he announced he would retire.

We are still anxious to know just when you will leave for home, be sure and let us know, we do not want to try and influence you on where to go to get work, of course we would like to have you locate in ~~S'port~~

S'port but I know the opportunities ~~are~~ as good here as in a larger place, but it will be such a relief to know that you are at least in the U. S. A.

I am still going thru the same old routine, our office work is still pretty hard but I manage to get along very well, good office, good fair officials and a Company that is very fair to its employees.

I will sing thru the summer at the Synagogue with only two voices and we will only sing the friday night service, this will give me my saturdays for which I am truly thankful.

We are to have a new Organist and Choir director at St. Marks beginning Sept. 1st he comes highly reccommended, I was told he would have an audition for his paid singers so I will be on the spot, perhaps I will get my walking papers, but I am always ready and willing to stand or fall on my merits, it is remarkable that I can sing as well as I do at my age, I do not think I have slipped very much, it is very difficult to find bass singers ~~xx~~ that know the Episcopal service.

Be sure and let us know when you leave, we can hardly wait for the time to come

Love  
Dad

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third to the eleventh. I am sure that two trips East will be out of the question but as I have said we will wait until your plans are definite before ours are made - It goes without saying that Dad and I are looking forward to seeing and being with all of you soon.

Ann is in New Orleans this week end. She is staying with Bob and Margaret while there to consult a doctor about her face. She thinks her face is drawing more and the Doctor here told her it is, said her facial muscles are drawing and he sent her to see this lady Doctor in N.O. who treats Polio cases. Surely hope she can be helped.

Jean and Forest have had a time. All Spring Forest has been working in the oil fields where wells were being drilled. It seems to be a part of his on the job training - Jean tried to go with him as long as she could but she was so nauseated when she became pregnant and eating in any place they came to did not agree with her. She went to Houston and stayed with Forests Aunt a while and came home a few days - They have been in charge since she returned but in some way or for some reason they had AIR MAIL suitcase with most of their clothes in it

in their car and some one stole it -  
All of her dresses that Ruth had tried  
to fix so she could wear them a while  
and a new suit of Forests -

The girls next door have gone on  
a Caribbean cruise. Bob and Margaret  
were at the boat to see them off. When  
they return this week they plan to be  
with them for some fun in N.C.

Bob and Margaret are driving down  
to Panama City Fla. over the Fourth of  
July to be with Charles and Naomi. They  
will have a good time I am sure as  
they will be at the Gulf and can  
swim etc.

I have been busy canning beans  
and making jelly - Very satisfying  
from a housewife's point of view -

Dad has no tomatoes this year and  
we miss not having them - Plan  
to buy a bushel and can them  
though.

Herbert has been writing three and  
four letters a week lately. Tottie is so  
pleased as is Hub and she calls to tell me  
everything he writes. Their every  
thought is centered on Herbert.

If you find blots on this letter  
you may know it is drops of perspiration.  
My face is dripping -  
All for today -

Love  
Mother



June 27. 1948

Dear Son: Dad has a letter ready to send you so I thought my little list should go along with his.

We have both been sleeping and listening to the radio this hot Sunday afternoon. The clouds have encouraged us into thinking rain might fall on our dry flowers today. We need rain so badly - and it has rained all around us the past few days. Our city water system is not adequate to pump enough water to provide the amount needed for outside watering so every one is on a rationing program. No watering at all on Sunday and odd numbered houses alternate days with even numbered houses during the week and hours for watering are from eight to twelve in the evenings. On our days we sort of fudge on the time as it is not possible to get all around our yard in the given time for one thing and another thing we are seldom here at that time.

Wish you could see our lovely bouquet <sup>AIR MAIL</sup> of gladiolas - We have a specimen white

one that is especially beautiful.

Mias Jim Martin called me Friday and asked me to work for her two or three days next <sup>(this)</sup> week. I will report tomorrow morning - It is to check property tax rolls of North Caddo for a coming school election - The pay is so poor (\$5.00 per day) but I will find use for the money no doubt - I am so ambitious to get started making some things for our new babies - So far this summer my sewing has been for grown ups - Expect you and Cecile will not have much time or opportunity to get every thing needed so I want to have a few things ready to help out. Have an idea the girls are quite excited and happy looking forward to the babies arrival.

Now you know I will be with you if it is possible however every thing is still indefinite as to where you will be and so on, so I will wait until nearer time to make definite plans -

Dad has the month of October off and his first remark was that your coming was at the right time for him as he would be off - He has Synagogue services for the holy celebration during that month and I think he thought we would have an opportunity to be with you all to - We plan to be with Bobby and Margaret for their babies arrival which is to be anywhere from October