

May 17-1948

Dear Cecile: This tiny paper sort of sifts my empty head. I always have so many things in mind to write you but, for some unexplained reason, can't seem to remember them when I start writing -

I have just returned from our last church circle meeting of the year. We met at the country home of one of our members and had a most pleasant time. Every time I go to the country and see a lovely place like that I get enthused and decide the country would be fairyland. However when given time to think of the weeds to cut and other draw backs I am sure city life is ideal - It is just as well that we do not have

the money to gratify my varied and changing whims.

Louise and Carl Wilkes have moved to their new home on the Merrivether Road. It is nice and can be made in to a beautiful place but oh my, the work it will take. Pae Grace and I went out to see them last Friday afternoon and they were beginning to feel rather overwhelmed by the bigness of the task ahead. Next day) your good letter of May 11<sup>th</sup> just came. You ask about letters and if I am busy. Well whether I am to busy or whether I just think I am so busy I don't quite know. However the days get by and I do not get letters written. During the winter I devoted much time to writing letters. They were not so good and surely did not justify the time spent on them - since Spring there seems to be so

much in the yard that calls for attention and I am also trying to get my sewing done before the real hot weather sets in - Mrs. Crofoot plans to visit us soon and that pushes me to finish my sewing also.

Speaking of sewing, I have made four dresses - two cottons and two wash silks - Have material for a white dress and two white slips - After those are finished I have promised to help Grace Brock make two cotton dresses and one for Florence.

Right now Charles and Naomi are here and so far this week have not looked at the machine. They sleep over here and then spend the days with Florence and Papa but they make me go with them every time they start out any place. Last night we went to the ball game -

This evening they are eating

supper here and we are going to the ball game again -

Dad is busy every night this week and he only gets in on the tail end of things - I will be so glad when the rush of going to rehearsals and choirs is eased up a bit for Dad. He drives himself so hard and is looking so worn out. This summer will bring some rest for him in that respect. However he has the Holiday services and strains of getting his quartet trained for that during the summer. He is taking his month's vacation in October so he will be free from the office for the Holiday services. So you see he doesn't even let up at vacation time.

Well our St. Marks choir party turned out very well. We had thirty two guests and the gift from the choir to Mrs. Moore was quite nice - It was a silver covered vegetable dish and pair of silver candle holders to match.

and an orchid corsage. Mrs. Moore was simply delighted. We had an old time singing bee and contest games. Every one seemed to have a good time.

next day - It is quite cool this morning

Last night at the Ball game we got so chilly that Charles had to get his army jacket from the car to put around Naomi and I.

This morning Charles went off to fish and Florence, Naomi and I are going to town and plan to eat lunch at the Hotel.

Jean is at home with Roy and Ruth for a while. you know I wrote about her expecting in December - and she has been so nauseated - Forrest is being sent from one oil drilling location to another and she is not quite up to the strain in her present condition.

Oh yes another bit of news. Charles and Naomi are expecting sometime in January. They are so pleased. Naomi is so different from Adelaide and we like her very much. By

the way, I learned yesterday that Adelaide has married again. She is living some where in Texas - (Kad)

I have not had an opportunity to get the childrens letters read but will see Florence today and she can interpret for me. They both have improved so much in their writing and their letters are so neat and pretty. Please tell them how pleased I am over their nice letters - I will surely not put off writing them much longer. I love them so much and think of them every day.

It is good to know that Annette received her doll alright. Bless her heart she had a real test in patience, didn't she? Did she get my letter that I sent at the time the doll was mailed telling about why the little girl doll was sent instead of a baby doll?

Oh yes! I believe I have never written that Clarks children Frances and Buddy have sent

the children a box of money-  
ways - Cecile please see that  
all three of them write letters  
acknowledging the candy when  
it arrives - Frances is so anxious  
to have letters from the children  
as she has studied several foreign  
lands in her Geography.

My how interesting the baby  
christening sounds. Surely do  
hope Gene gets good pictures of it.  
We shall be interested in your  
description of the occasion and  
also whether Annette and Cecile  
were included in the following  
festivities -

Have you heard anything from  
Mlle. Beausant since her return to  
France? I received one letter from  
her which was written on board  
ship and Marie Therese has still  
not heard from her. Marie Therese  
was so good to her and surely  
was the means of her meeting  
so many people and showing  
her around. Her sister was not

able to do much for her because  
of having little children and a new  
baby.

Bobby writes that he has had so  
much library research work this  
year and has had so many long  
written things to prepare that he  
has had to work way into the night  
rather consistently this term - He  
is trying hard to attain his goal  
of a degree by next June (1949). He  
plans to take two accounting courses  
this summer. He and Margaret have  
little time for play but they are  
so happy together and it has surely  
been good for both of them to have  
their own home life - Charles, Naomi  
and Papa stopped by to see them on  
the way here and found them  
getting along fine -

That squip is so much heavier than  
the other things in the box and may  
be the reason it jostled open - Sorry  
it did not get there in usable condition.

Will must close and press my  
dress for the days activities -

Please have a good round of  
'Granny' kissing - I love all  
of you so very, very much -  
Mother -