

Dad has not realized how hard it is to pack boxes so yesterday I asked him to help me. He was ready to give up mighty quick - getting things to fit in and having space fillers is really something - He suggested that we try to send a box with only milk - another with another item and so on and see how that system would work - We are going to investigate the weight and size of unbroken cases and see if that can be done - so much for that -

Papa is full of his trip to Lyndall Field and his visit with Charles and Naomi - Naomi was so sweet to Papa and tried to show him the sights of their sections of Florida - Papa met all of Naomi's people and liked them very much - They are quite prominent in their

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Dear Cecile: Monday morning and all of my good resolutions gone to the four winds - (Later) As I was saying - - - The morning is nearly gone and I have done nothing as planned. First Mrs Schaefer came over and we had a big plant exchange etc - Next the phone has kept me busy - Next Papa came over and visited about an hour -

About now, if plans had gone as schedule - letters to you and Hews, Margaret and Bob - Charles and Naomi would have been written and I might have been on my way to the Post Office with a package to you - Oh my such is life -

Speaking of packages - Friday afternoon the Parcel Post man came to the door with a big

their town of Port St. Joe -

Grace Preston called this morning for her usual phone visit - She and Johnnie are planning to have their house painted and papered and she is busily interviewing painters and paper hangers. Labor is so high now and material is high. They estimate it will take at least \$1,000.00 to repair two window sills - the back porch add a small cabinet in the kitchen and paper and paint.

By the way, I never did tell you about our new front steps. We have beautiful cement steps now - They are the kind that are made at the plant and when they install them they are ready for immediate use -

Have Margaret and Bobby written you folks? Margaret works half a day and Bob is so busy with his studies just wonder if they

package and I thought it had a very familiar appearance to me - It was your package that I had mailed May 8th returned because of improper packing for over seas shipping - You have no idea how carefully I pack - trying to have no waste space etc - but the trouble with this was a bucket of syrup. Every drop of the syrup had leaked out and saturated the other packages. You know how securely syrup bucket lids fit - I thought they would be tight for shipping but with the one you received and this one I now know better - It made me sick to think you would miss that package. I salvaged some things and put them in a package yesterday. This will make the May shipping greatly reduced which makes me heart sick - Are things now plentiful now? Have fresh vegetables started coming in yet?

have taken time to write you - Bob lets Margaret do all of the writing to us - He has had a stiff course this spring and has had to study very hard.

He had part of his examinations last week and will have the rest this week. Margaret said his hardest ones are this week. I do hope he makes his grade alright as he is so determined to get his Degree a year from this May.

Well the Shreveport delegation of fifteen leave this week for their tour of Europe. Among them are Dr. and Mrs. Ford of Centenary - Mr. and Mrs. Hofman (he is Principal of Byrd High) and Mr. and Mrs. E. L. Moody and Mr. and Mrs. H. H. Bain - Mr. Bain told Dad he wanted Henry's address so he could look him up in Paris - I have been thinking

of giving his address to Mr. Hofman to, however doubt that either would take time to see him, don't you?

It seems to me I never find time to set my mind on letters to the children - Perhaps this week I will get them written. It takes me so long to write their letters because I have to search for things of interest to them - I do love them so and wish to see all of you so much -

Since others are expecting letters to must close and get them written -

Love
Mother.