

Shreveport, La.
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Dear Hews:

Well we were surely surprised to hear that you are going to have another addition to the family, my that will make twice as many children as I had, I know you want it to be a boy but I suppose it will be another girl, I believe girl babies are better behaved though, mother says you and Bobbie were very good children and I think she took issue with me when I took up for the girl babies.

Cile always did say she would have five and it looks like she might make her statement come true, well it takes children to really make a home and while there are many heartaches along the road still that is what makes life worth living, it gives the parents the will to do and carry on under all conditions and circumstances.

I have been real busy as usual with my work at the Std. and all of my singing and trumpet playing, I think my music has been good for me thru the years, it is really relaxation from my office work and I do not think it hurts my health any, I have been blessed with very good health which I hope will continue on thru my remaining years.

Have you and Cile been getting your packages regularly, you should almost average a package a week, we had one package returned with a can of syrup spilled all over the contents, we will not attempt to send that item any more unless it is sealed tight.

Mother is leaving tomorrow morning for N. O. she is getting a free ride with Harold Sumrell, a young man who sings at St. Marks, she will leave monday morning and I will ~~going~~ join them friday and come back sunday, this will make a nice trip for mother as Bobbie will be out of school that week before starting his summer course, he is due to graduate a year from this coming June.

How are you doing in your schooling, I hope things are breaking O.K. with you, it seems such a long time since you left but it reality it will not be a year until next August, two more years to go and then all aboard for the U. S. A. we will really have to celebrate when you get home, I will have to kill the fatted calf.

We are still in the midst of inflation in this country, things are terribly high, our new governor Earl Long is putting more taxes on us, the major ones being, sales tax doubled to 2%, 2¢ added to gasoline which will make it sell for 32¢ a new high for that item, increases on our severance tax which is already the highest in the nation, but the last tax is the one I like 5¢ on every bottle of beer to pay for bonus of La. veterans, \$250.00 for those that served overseas which of course you and Bobbie would receive, I think this bonus will have to be approved by a vote of the people next November.

It has been some time since we heard from you, I suppose you are very busy house hunting, hope you have found something suitable by this time, there are so many homes going up here, you would hardly recognize the place and my the prices, \$10,000.00 and up.

Love Dad