

2420 Channingway
Berkeley, Calif
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Dear Pa:

Ma tells me that you need some data about me - probably for use on the papers, land deeds, and such like. So, here goes:

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AUGUST 20, 1917.

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I hope that this gives you all the dope that you need. However, let me know if it isn't enough.

There isn't an awful lot to tell you about myself excepting a lot of chatter. I've been living somewhat a normal life - excepting that I haven't been working the past two months. Instead I have been painting, sometimes furiously and sometimes in a half-hearted manner. But the Gods have been smiling upon me as I managed, as Ma must have told you, to win a \$1000 scholarship at the U of C. This scholarship is not restricted in any way excepting that I have to paint like hell for the coming year.

I'm going back east this summer, sometime in June, thru the south western part of the U.S. to New Orleans, and from there

up to a small town in Vermont called Plainfield. Am going to stay there for a year, waiting for Jane Pitkin my fiancée to finish her last year at a small progressive college near that town - (called Goddard College). Hope to see Len + Grace on my way down. We are all excited here as Henry Wallace is going to speak in Oakland Wednesday eve (May 21), and also he's going to speak this Thursday just outside of the campus in Berkeley. I'm frightfully disgusted, as is a large segment of the student body that the Administration, meaning R. Sproul and the money that controls him, didn't have the gumption, nor courtesy to allow him to speak on campus. Also saw a movie made in Spain during the so-called civil war called "Man's Hope" - very fine. I suppose that you've read that the progressive people, especially the Unions of Berkeley + Oakland have done a good job on the city councils and got some good liberal people in. I am very happy over this. Now we'd have to do a job on the State administration as well as the US Senate + Congress. I am of the belief that most people are tired of Tenney committees, and Rankin committees et al and not to forget Taft and his anti-labor bills - Taft is a millionaire with large holdings in Cincinnati, Ohio - did you know?

Just read a very interesting bk by Stuart Chase called "Rich hand, poor hand" - slightly outdated (1936) but still very easy, informative and interesting reading.

Best to you all

hope to see you all before I leave for the east.

Tom

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