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Dear Joe,

I went to the show last night and the night before. Last night I saw "Holiday Inn" with Fred Astaire, Markie Reynolds, Bing Crosby and others. I sure didn't enjoy this picture. Very stale & boring. The night before I saw "Occasion Giveth" with George Montgomery, Ann Rutherford, Cesar Romero, Carl Lamela, Mary Bell Hughes, Lynn Barre and Glen Miller. I liked this picture much better. The night when they showed ~~Occasion Giveth~~ Orchestra Wives we had some trouble. Amy's sister and me were at the show sitting very pleasantly when all of a sudden some crazy old fella's come and sit right in back of us with real low chairs. Before you could say A.B.C. they started to gossip that we were too tall. Of course we were there before them so we got the great place. Before you could do anything, their lady started to cha, cha, cha (blabbing.) when she had a good place to sit at and she can already see. Her blabbing got louder and louder and before you could do anything she started to broadcast station K.R.K.D. Boy it was getting bad so we decided that we would sit off of the wall and go sit on the blanket. Boy it sure was embarrassing. After we sat on the blanket our legs & rears began to get real sore and we kept wiggling all through the show. Boy, I'll never forget that. Amy's sister and I were all hoping that we would never bump into that old hag. (K.R.K.D.) Tonight there will be a good education picture. Tomorrow night there will be a real good picture that we saw about 5 years ago. It will be "In Old Chicago." I hope I enjoy it without any peeps like station K.R.K.D. Joe, I'm really surprised at the Japanese people. Here, I thought that they were good and had no bad parts but I've made a terrible big mistake.

Thank you for the post cards that come so often. The cards are always helpful to me when I lose my temper. Tom is just a lazy bone but this week is the last day of school for him and I guess he has to study pretty hard on his final exams. This morning he got up real early and started to study but when the school is over he will be pretty lucky. I wish I graduated school already. Don't forget to answer my letter about school. I just have 3 more weeks of summer vacation and then I'll be finished with my lazy bones so I'll have to put up and show the B's that I'm pretty brainy. (I hope) They will be mixed in with the A's because they are shipping so I'll have to use my brains and study real hard. Don't forget to write and tell me if I should take a College Preparatory.

The weather is wonderful in the mornings. It's always 47° in the mornings around 9:00. In the evening it's very hot but cools down. It's sure cooled up about 7:00 when I get up at 6:30. It feels better when the sun isn't up so early and it makes you feel fresh. Before the sun used to come up at around 6:15 so winter is coming pretty fast. In fact there is hardly any snow left on the Sierras. I've taken care too.

The photos of the boys in the camp are so nice. I hope you have some to keep. I hope you have some to keep. I hope you have some to keep.

Breakfast was a meal of cantaloupe, ^{tomatoes} cucumbers, ^{potatoes} + ^{beans}. I'm always the first girl in the mess hall. Falls funny to be eating with a lot of the bachelors but I have to clean the house and ^{the} wash so it gives me a better deal. ^(mom says till) 7:00

Well, I don't know what to say about the Koolaid situation because you are always telling us different subjects. Best when you said "the Koolaid ought to arrive any day," I thought you meant here. Poor me I don't know just what to say except just wait until it does come into your store.

Yikes! Infantile Paralysis, Boy that's terrible. Gee what a nut and be sure you take good care of yourself. When you drink milk it keeps you from getting more thirsty than water.

Maybe you might keep that job forever because of the poor wages hey. But I sure do pity you. Especially having to wash 500 things. Boy, what I see you at home I can tell you that to wash you need 500 things. For example, remember dishes, 5 forks, 5 knives, 5 soap sponges, and some pans and cups, well just think by what you're doing now. It sure makes me laugh. Reminds me what you told us about the elephants on your upper floor. Just think of how when you need to yell to us to turn the radio down when you were upstairs. Well those kinds of things are really good experiences. But I think Lawrence will never make a good school boy like you because he never makes his bed, never straightens up his desk, always dirty towels & etc. but at least at home you made your own bed and helped a little with the dishes.

Today was the last article on Bob Hope, "They Got me Covered" so after I let Mack read it I'll send it up to you but just one thing. I couldn't get 1 clipping & that was Sunday because they only have 3 examiners on Sunday so we didn't get it but I think that you won't miss just that 1 clipping. The reason why I'm sending you this bunch of clippings by Bob Hope is because you need to enjoy his program very much. So the clippings will remind you of the good old days.

See it's been 1 hr. & I've only written this much. Gosh I thought I was going to write some more but I guess this is about all. Boy you ought to see the victory gardens. Now these vegetables really look good and delicious.

Well, signing off until - masked