

5 PM Sunday
8-27-44

Dear Family

This has been my annual "hell week" so there isn't a lot to write about.

I began last Sunday by coming out on the 10:30 AM bus and working at the office 11:45 - 1:15, 3-6:15 and 7:30-9:30.

School started more smoothly than I had expected and I think will have quite a satisfactory year.

I have spent nearly all my time doing program changes. I worked from 6:30 to 9:30 Monday night. Mergie helped me and we accomplished a lot.

Tuesday was extra full. I had to hold a house meeting at 6:30 to elect a delegate to the Community Council — I drew the duty work. Then at 7 we had a meeting to plan the meliorbrammis which will be given at the Gay Nineties Ball this Friday. By 8 I was down at school to work some more. I stayed till 10 and then

came home with Miss Dite who was also working.

Wednesday I hadn't planned to work long but I got down about 7 and things worked out so beautifully that I couldn't leave them and I stayed till nearly 11. Then I was too wound up to sleep for a couple of hours after I got to bed.

Thursday night I didn't have to work. However we had a rehearsal of our play. It should be good. I was in bed at 9:45 and slept through till 10 Sunday morning. I decided I was legitimate sick leave.

Friday evening at 8 a bus load of Army Reservists left for active duty. One of my proteges was among them so I went out to the pond off at the gate. Those are impressive. Afterwards there was a back to school mixer at school but it flopped completely. There were many contributing factors but the five faculty couples didn't feel much happier for knowing them. We hung around till 10 and then came home. Paul Hiyama brought

of me home (his my Kalamazoo college boy) and we talked till midnight. He's a mighty fine kid.

Yesterday I worked all day and then went to town for a farewell dinner for Marguerite Aiken. There were 10 of us who had been on the faculty since the fall of 1942 (including Dr. Fogarty and Mrs. Cobill - the home ec teacher's husband). It was very pleasant. Afterwards we all went to see Uncertain Glory. It's a splendid picture. The previews are all so good I'll want to see every change of picture for two weeks.

Today, in addition to church and Sunday school I've washed nearly 2 weeks' worth of clothes, had a bath, and seen a baseball game. There is a tournament today with some 20 outside teams plus several Hunt teams. The Wileys and I saw the preliminary between the Sun Valley navy team and one made up largely of Hunt H.S. boys. We won 6-4 in a really good ball game.

At 6:30 there is a committee meeting on Friday night's entertainment. Then at 7 I'm going to the final game.

Before I forget it, I want to ask you to
make a special effort to look up one of
our boys who left for New York Thursday.
He will be at the Brooklyn Hostel for
the first few days and can be located
from there if he has moved. I gave
him your address (in case he contacts
you first). His name is Kenneth
Kikuchi. I am especially anxious
to have you extend him your friend-
ship because he is such a courageous
kid. He is the only one in his family
who is ~~not~~ really pro-American —
they tried to get him to request repatriation
and refuse to serve in the army, etc.
From being a shy and retiring kid —
quite introverted — he decided to
strike out for himself, so he is very
much away from his family. However,
there has not been an open breach. I
wouldn't mention all this to him,
but I thought you'd appreciate him
more if you knew. He is one of
Elmer's proteges. I'm sure he can
give you some interesting insights
into camp life and problems.

3/ It'd be delighted if Daddy would offer to show him some of New York or invite him out to Bloomfield or something. He'll be starting school as a junior in h.p. soon, so it might be well to catch him early.

If you don't know how to contact the Brooklyn Hostel, you can get their address from the W.R.A. office in N.Y. I do hope you'll get in touch with Ken soon!

This coming week looks very busy. Tomorrow night is a community meeting and a rehearsal.

Tuesday probably a rehearsal.

Wednesday committee meeting

Thursday dress rehearsal.

Friday party.

In addition there will undoubtedly be a party of some sort for Eugene who leaves for U. of Utah Thursday. Also, I should go to a dentist one evening this week and Evelyn and I want to see Betty Davis in ~~bring my wa~~ Mr. Saffington.

I guess that's all the news for
now.

Love,

Helene

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4/ and I always have lots to discuss when we get together and I find him completely charming. He is a big help to me in lots of ways, too.

Will be I am in a delightful corner room at the Park Hotel. I've never stayed here before and like it much better than its "parent" the Regency. There are lots of trees and lawn around it, and it's quiet, although only 2 blocks from town. It used to be a maternity hospital!

Last night I rested for about an hour and a half, then saw The Uninvited. It's not as good as the book.

Today I've slept from midnight till 1 P.M. and from 5:30 till 6:30. I was lucky enough to call the beauty shop and get an appointment someone else had missed. I indulged myself to the extent of buying a nice gray flannel suit and white tailored blouse for school.

I expect the next two weeks to be hectic. Some time after that Mrs. etc and I plan a weekend in Salt Lake City and in October I want a week or 10 days in California. I shall feel much like going I'm sure. Our new Community Mgt. Chief is a

complete success. Even Mr. Klunkoff
is responding to pressure and taking
a liberal and progressive point of view!
The whole atmosphere is changing. Mr.
Huberman is vindicating "the angels"
(as we call ourselves privately!) very
forcefully!

As for teaching staff, on paper we
have all but two, but they won't be here,
many of them, for a couple of weeks.
Marguerite Ashew is leaving for
Great Falls, Mont. the 30th and Bob
plans to resign in October. And so will
pass an era! I think I'll be content to
stay this year, however.

More anon,

Love,

Allen

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