Harbert, Michigan, USA - 1 A.M. 5-20,78 - After a party next door - pizza wine and rum cake for the group of students in Oil Painting I at the close of the Spring session

Dear Frankie:

As soon as I saw the envelope I said to myself, "She did it - she did it. She got it published!" And I was right. I sat down and read it right away and really enjoyed it. This evening a friend of mine stopped by before the party and she wants me to be sure and let her read it. My neighbor, too, who managed an apartment building in Chicago and had several Japanese tenants of whom she was very fond, wants to read it too. Both of these gals were in the Creative Writing class with me. I'll be having the editor of that little paper that published that thing of mine read it too when next I see her. So I am bragging about and showing off that second cousin of mine.

You know on Sunday I will be on my way to B.C. again, but this time I am going with a friend of mine from Crown Point, Indiana, and she has only two weeks vacation so we'll just tool on up stay for only about four days when it will be time to turn back. So will not see you this trip. So you'll just have to write and tell me about the painting and will there be more writing.

Also, write and tell me how you are feeling. I hope publication did for you what it did for me - made me feel younger and healthier. That is what painting does too. You know I am at it with the palette knife - really enjoy that and getting some quite good results. I'll send you some photos of the work I have done after I get back. I have to take them up to show Larry first. Show him what Mommy is doing.

I am really eager to see the new little tyke - he'll be almost two years old. Those first two years make such changes. I don't expect Samanthat to have changed that much - but the little guy will be much changed I am sure. He was such a loving little fellow. I hope he hasn't lost that quality.

It's been a long time since I've seen Irene. We talk on the phone quite often. Bob called me and invited me in for Mother's Day when he was taking most of the family to the Elk's Club for dinner. But, I knew my daughter wanted to take me out for dinner and besides my last class was to be on the Monday following the Day, so I declined the invitation. It seems, though, that they think the distance from Harbert to Chicago is shorter than the distance from Chicago to Harbert. So, it is always me that has to do the travelling. Oh well - c'est le vie.

Well, anyway, I wanted you to know that I got and enjoyed your article, and I had to let you know that before I took off for points west.

Love, Peruice

P.S. Have written David a couple of notes to let him know that I saw both his TV debut and his second appearance, and also sent him a clipping about the Free Street Theatre in which he was mentioned.

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