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Dear, Wak;

Well, Everything goes pretty well here. I have been shifted from ever other day in the kitchen to once a month. But you see I go in the other week in the laundry instead. I get a chance to wash my own clothes etc. Etc is the house sheets, towel, kitchen to wels, and linen. You have a whole lot more time in the laundry. I do go into some-ones room and read for the odd time that you have doing the washing. I even mangle. It is all right. Only this week when I am supposed to do the laundry, they happen to be busy outside on the construction, and I am out instead of in. I do better than most of the fellows outside.---even though I say it myself. I will at least complete the work with out any supervision and don't let any small problem stop me; I go ahead on my own initiative. So far everything is all right on that score. Many of the fellows are on the drafting schedule and I go ahead with a lot of things. Knocj on wood but its the sort of decision and work progress that I havea always been doing We built scaffold and then nailed metal laths for the plastered. I haven't done any of it before but I learn once from the carpenter friend and now go ahead with some of the fellows coming to me and asking what to do next. I kind of laugh to myself, thinking how the thin things started when I first came here and how some of the fellow took advantage of the fact that I could and would work well. I am more sure of myself and am more myself now and am doing a lot of the carpentry work that I always wanted to do. At least I can drive spikes in better than most of the fellows. There is one carpenter's son and I get along pret y well with him. I have learned lot of practical things both from him and his father. The professional people like that are the only one that can think of ideas better and quicker than I can for the construction work. I hope you understand in what vein I write this. I don't think I am being too conceited. I don't talk like this or write like this to any one who wouldn't. Gosh it is awful to find your level in a totally strange place with so many strange people. I haven't found out how to go into a strange place and getting the level that you should be in right away. It took me over a month and a half here. Gosh, just think if I were going to look for a position. I certainly would undersell myself. I got ge set some standard or rather don't let anything annoy me but just push along being myself. Nich wrote me a letter but he didn't mention much of the family. He did write that Haywar had a very hot weather, the hottest in maybe thirty years.

You know Wak, it is a funny thing when you are with a group of fellows that appreciate good music. I want to study and draw for myself in the evenings. Well, I work pretty hard during the day and after supper, i go into some of the fellows room wae-have where they have music and ly down to listen. Gosh I am really getting to enjoy it. I calls it a waste of time in a way because I haven't anything to show for it, but I get quite a bit of enjoyment out of it. In the living room at Hillside, we have a piano tuned up again. I think I will try to practice again. I tried the scales again and they were not half bad. One of the fellows have a book on 'Pinac for the adults' and I think I will barrow it.

I haven't joined the chorus before because I was too busy, but last Sunday in the living room Mr. Wright gave me a very high compliment. He told me that I should join the chorus because I had a wonderful voi

voice. He not only said that once but several times. I guess he heard me singing some times when I was at work and felt like yelling. Well we have a men's chorus now and I am singing Bass in it. Just think. Having a lot of fun doing it too although I am often flat. I don't care if I am. I sing loud anyhow. If anybody say anything, I got something to say to them too. I am singing first bass, which is the one after second tenor.

I have something a round seventy Dollars saved yet from working in the East. I am trying to conserve as much of it as possible, so that I will have enough to come home on. One can live next to nothing here. Only thing I get very hungry often. I don't really get the hearty meals that I am accustomed to. I spend money on food. Some of the fellows who are really broke wonder where I get all the money. Well, I don't think I shall give any for tuition here. I really work well and conscientiously. I think Mr. Wright realizes it too.

Mr. Wright went to Washington, D.C. to get the F.H.A loans on his houses. all of them that were to go up was refused because they didn't meet with the F.H.A. regulation. Now that all is allright, there might be a building boom here. I may not be able to go out on any because being, up to this date, the latest comer,.

I haven't made my room yet. I am doing a perspective of it now. Tonight I am going to get a hamburger. We didn't have enough. I would like a dish of spaghetti but there is no place around here that serves any of that delicious dish. Before I forget, If you have time, could you send to me by the cheapest way possible;

1. 'T' square the large one with the double head
2. 'T' square the smaller size one.
3. 60 degree triangle large size
4. 60 and 45 degree triangle small size.
5. protractor celluloid
6. erasing shield.
7. sumi stick I have the base
8. 'fude' (pop brush)

drafting instruments are not necessary. I bought one in New York

These are all in the box marked as such in the closet at the little house at the nursery

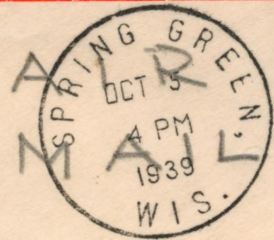
Can you send me that leather 'happy coat' that was hanging on the rack out side of the office at the nuresery?

Is papa and the rest of the family in good condition? And you especially, are you pretty tired? Well, pretty soon I can do your laundry for you.

Until later .

Ran

P.S. I had a letter from Suk before but I didn't get it until a couple of weeks ago. It was sent to M. Y.



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