

BOYS REPUBLIC

Formerly FORD REPUBLIC
FARMINGTON, MICH.

CLYDE L. REED
Superintendent

TELEPHONE
Redford 1932

Dear Tommy, Well — here we are
in what we hope will be our home
for years to come — Capt board
and our minority position permitting.

The Ford is not Henry — no
relation. The institution — founded in
1904 — houses about 80 delinquent
boys who run their own affairs by
a Court held ^{see} once a week. Support:
private, non-sectarian, adequate.

It is 17 miles from Lawton town
Detroit — yes, we saw Hatchie
on the street car, quite by coincidence
within 10 minutes after our first
arrival in the city.

As to our position here - V. in the social workers and counsellor.

Salary \$500. Actual cash each mo. after rent, food, laundry is deducted, \$106.

We have a nice 3 room furnished place - 3 rooms, bath & porch - The food isn't bad - & we can get things like butter, bread, eggs, peanut butter, crackers - from the store room & eat at home when we please. In the summer I can even all I want to from the surplus on the 190 acre farm so we can have extra fruit & vegetables at home.

I am starting to work, afternoons & evenings, Mon. - part time recreation, newspapers, plays, parliamentary procedure. Have care for Terri arranged with family for afternoon

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He is quite happy³ here on the farm.
The place is well fenced & spacious.
There are trees & fields & pigs &
plenty of dogs, cats, & boys. He makes
friends for us among the boys who
are fond of him because of his
gregarious nature. When
announcements are made in the
dining hall & new volunteers are
needed to unload trucks & the
like - he waves his hand &
madesly with the rest.

In addition to a change of
scene & occupation, it seems
probable, only probable, that
I'm pregnant. I've passed my

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We are hunting up the FORD Friends Meetings here & hope soon to have friends here. And we are glad Hadri & you are here altho they plan to go back to the coast. Seems a shame to give up a Civil Service job these days.

Perhaps we can take a vacation summer after next & come to the coast & see you. I hope so. I'd hate to think that we wouldn't ever see you & our other friends there. The coast seems like a magic fairyland floating like an island far, far away to me now. It seems further away than it did before I was ever there.

We bought groceries with Henry especially in mind Sat. & Sun. before we left and invited him, Mr. Warren to sleep on our campsite — but no

Henri - as your letter explained
latter. Glad for you tho' I had
liked being

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As to the box - I'm going thru

a phase of having to discard all
my clothes. I've gained weight -
& that black dress shrank inches
when cleaned. Pass it on to
someone if you can't use it.

I often send this thing I outgrow,
but she's tall as I - Betty Goodman is
muchly pregnant - you were the only
smaller person I could think of.
The bear bag I stuck in for Pinky
so he wouldn't feel left out.

I'd love to see her now that she's
growing up. We have her pict. in our
baby book & everyone thinks she's
beautiful.

We have a roll of pictures of Ted &
the Republic at the drug store & V.
is doing photography with the boys

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Two nights a week - so - you
may get lots of pictures.

Pass the word on to Sherry that
we're here - will you & ask her
if she wants a job here. They have ^{women}
teachers & need more. Don't know salary.

Tell her to start collecting references.
Both Noble & Eleanor wrote
bad letters for V. in re: a school job
in Cincinnati. Tell her to be
careful who she uses.

Have Eleanor & Emil ever married?
Sherry ever find he has any
friends?

8.

V. is due home any minute to pick up shirts to take to the millage with him — only our house linen is laundered for us. I use a washing machine in one of the staff house basements every other Sat. tho. We had no laundry facilities at all in Chicago.

He's taking boys to a dental clinic now — just came in to say that Patton, the boy sheriff, who eats at our table is being impeached for taking part in an anti-negro demonstration. 10 of boys are negro. There is one negro social worker also.

The boys have their own aluminum money and are paid for everything — school, ball playing, cooking, farming, shop work, etc. Greetings to Henri & Pinky & everyone.
Love,
M.