

december 1, 1942

Dear Johnny...

Did you kids get turkey for Thanksgiving? I hear that they got plenty at the other camps...As for me, I had quite a week-end...In the first place, I was expecting a lousy thanksgiving, but the landlady, Mrs. Hanff, invited all of us over although only a few ~~xxxx~~ eat here regularly; it was pretty nice of her...Then I went to a show that afternoon after washing my clothes...Friday morning I went to school to work; however, only a few of the pictures for a new exhibit had arrived so I didn't have much to do; I just placed them around the room, trying to arrange them decently...Then I went over to the library where I met a guy who told me that Rev. Drew was looking for me; so I went over to the Wesley Foundation to discover that he wanted to invite me over to his place that evening for a pheasant dinner...The son of one of his neighbors had gone hunting, and he got one of the birds...Of course, I didn't refuse; I went home to change my clothes, went downtown and picked up a record to add to his collection then rode over to Rev. Drew's place in his car...There was also a kid from Brazil there...The pheasant was really delicious; better than any chicken I've tasted...After that, another kid with quite a few records came, bringing ~~xx~~ a couple of his albums over so we listened to records and chewed the fat until 1:30 in the morning...Saturday, I went to school again, but the rest of the pictures hadn't arrived yet so I hung the ones I had (exhibit opened ~~xxxxxxx~~ Sunday)...Then I hopped a bus for Crete and went to see Kiku Fukuyama...We had dinner and then went to a corny ol' show (they have only two theaters in that hick town)...Doane College campus is pretty nice; much prettier than U. N...Has a lot of hills and a couple of creeks and ~~xx~~ ponds...It was dark when I got there so I couldn't see much...Oh yeah, we had a pretty big snowstorm that afternoon so it was really pretty though cold...As Yosh had gone to Omaha that afternoon, I was able to sleep at his place in the men's dorm...It's really a swell set-up that they have there...Sunday, Kik was supposed to go to Lincoln and then to Omaha to speak at some church so ~~x~~ she came back with me; Miss Hanford who is ~~xxx~~ assistant superintendant of the Nebraska Congregational conference was at the train to meet us...or rather to meet Kik as she didn't know I was along...and she took me home to drop off my bag after which we went to church...then ~~xxxx~~ after church, I found myself invited over to her sister's place for lunch...Didn't do a bit of studying, but I really enjoyed myself over the holidays.

There's an opening for a dishwasher at the Cornerib (fountain at school) so if I can fit it into my program, I think I'll take the job...They give you fourteen meals a week for 15 hours of work...Pop thinks that I don't want to take you guys' dough because I think it's ki-no-doku for you...But more than that, it's ki-no-doku for Mr. Hyland...After all, he's giving Pop the dough because he wants Pop to ~~xx~~ live comfortably...At my age, I can't ~~bx~~ be considered a dependent...I think that I'll be carrying too heavy a program next year to do much work outside so I'm trying to get as much work in this year as I can...I don't seem to do much studying and am behind in a few of my courses, but I'm pulling down better grades than I did back home so don't worry.

It's plenty cold these days...California gloves and overcoat aren't worth a darn in this chilly weather...I'd get the overcoat lined if it were in better shape...And if I wear heavy underwear, I start sweating in the classrooms so the only way I can keep warm outside is

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to walk like a bat outa hell...

They're taking pledges at church now...Should I pledge? And, if so, how much? Please let me know right away.

I started keeping track of expenditures on the 10th of last month, and this is what it looks like:

Nov	<del>XXXXXX</del> Income	Expense	Balance
<del>xx</del> -10:	Balance as of date		26.00
	Meal ticket	5.00	
	Soap	.19	
	Lunch	.35	
	Bus tokens	.25	
	Room rent	6.25	13.96
11:	Breakfast	.30	
	Lunch	.30	
	Book	.75	12.61
13:	Stamps	.10	12.51
14:	Lunch	.35	
	Coat	9.75	2.41
	Paycheck for October		5.21
		2.80	
15:	Stamps	.21	
	Lunch	.45	
	Dinner	.45	4.10
16:	Bread	.11	
	Apple	.06	3.93
17:	Borrowed fr. John S.		13.93
		10.00	
18:	Envelopes	.41	
	Candy	.15	
	insoles for shoes	.25	13.12
19:	Lunch and dinner	.88	12.24
20:	Lunch	.35	11.89
21:	Breakfast (25), Lunch (35), Dinner (35)	.95	10.94
	To balance bks	.02	10.92
22:	Lunch	.35	
	Offering	.15	
	Supper	.45	9.97
	Snacks	.27	9.82
23:	Snacks	.27	
	Stamps	.57	
	Laundry and drycleaning	1.21	7
	Hair slop	.10	<del>10.67</del>
	Rec'd Johnny for thanksgiving	3.00	10.67
24:	Meal ticket	3.00	
	Outline of Engl lit	.75	
	Coffee	.05	
	Lunch	.35	
	Haircut	.50	6.02
25:	Book	.75	
	Pencil	.05	
	Postcards	.10	
	bond typing paper	1.25	
	Stationery	.10	
	Doughnuts	.20	
	Popcorn	.10	3.57
	Cashed money order		13.57
		10.00	
	Paid John S. part back(owe 7.00)	3.00	10.57
26:	Show	.44	10.13
	carried forward		10.13

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nov	Income	Expense	Balance
26:	Brought forward		10.13
	Dinner	1.05	
	Popcorn	.10	
	Pop and hotdog	.15	8.83
	To balance books	.16	8.99
27:	Light bill	<del>x#x</del> .47	
	Record	1.05	7.47
28:	Fare to Crete (bus)	.47	
	Candy	1.90	
	Dinner	1.80	
	Show	.50	2.80
29:	Fare from Crete (train)	.52	
	Offering	.10	2.18
30:	Stamps	.25	
	Stationery	.59	
	Paper	.10	
	Bread	.11	
	File case	.15	
	Phone call	.05	.93
	To balance books	.13	1.06

By the way...I guess Roy is worried about school expenses too so you might show him this...Tell him this is just about the minimum with not more than 2 or 3 dollars off...I spent quite a bit over the holidays, but I more than made up for it by spending not more and 60 or 65 cents for two meals (no breakfast) several days... The starred item on the first day indicates that I paid cash for my lunch...I eat at a little hold called Joe's Coffee Shop with my meal ticket, but once in awhile I eat elsewhere...The expenditures for lunch, breakfast and dinner that I have written in are similar cases.

I guess this is all for tonight...I'm sorry it's such a sloppy letter...I suppose I don't give a darn how I write to you, you being my brother...Anyway, take care of yourself and Pop...and give my regards to dickie, fuzzy, hank and everybody else around there...I got a letter from Mas Yamaguchi, but ~~xx~~ I haven't answered it yet, and he'll probably be back in camp before I get around to it so tell him thanks...

yours...

Joe.

P. S. By all means send your checks...I guess it'll be cheaper that way than by money order...

Joe.

Tell Pop I'll write him ~~letter~~ later, just his letter yesterday — Joe