

LATE SEPT 43
Saturday Morn

My Dearest:-

Your letter of Tuesday evening came yesterday and I was busy up until church time so that I didn't get a letter off in the afternoon so that I could take it when I went to church last evening.

We had a nice service and a good sermon, just the group of Old Faithfuls were there with a few new converts which had come in since the meetings. Then their practice afterwards and by the time they got over the practice and then deciding about who was and who wasn't going to be in the choir it made it late getting home and then after I fooled around a little while here at home I noticed it was 11:45 before Bobby and I rolled in.

He is a case, this morning he had to sit on my lap at the table and have toast dipped in coffee. He is so sweet anyhow and knows what he can get by with but I don't mind. He had lettuce with salad dressing on it and some radishes for his supper last night. He sets down and whines until I bring his quilt and put it in either his bed or the rocking chair for him, and then pouts until I go over and cover him.

The tire company did not call me yesterday that the tire was in and they may call today and then it may be longer than they expect but I suppose I will just have to wait and freeze to death in the meantime. I feel like just closing everything up and starting out right away. I asked if Delbert could bring me a jag of coal but he can't even take orders for two weeks he is just run to death delivering. I guess I will have to drive up to Myers coal yard and get a few chunks in the car from time to time to do.

That was sure nice of the station man to sell the gas to Morris wasn't it? Be sure and be quite about it because someone in Kentwood may get jealous. I have spoken for the washing machine and Nera is getting the Ottumwa Mill and Construction Co to make the wooden piece for the caster that was broke in shipping. She ordered it from Sears but the clerk made a mistake in the order or didn't even send it in because the duplicate could not even be found in the records at the store, so she just decided to get it made here in town. Leemis came over to see my tire which I bought and we measured and planned how the machine would fit in the car best and we found by turning the back seat up on end against the back of the back seat that the fruit would sit in between the front and back seat and the boxes of jars would come just as high as the seat rest and the machine would sit on top of them and the seat ~~xxxxx~~ rest leaving plenty of room for the legs to stick ~~xxxx~~ up in the top of the car. Then in the trunk I can put my suitcase and bedding which I will have to bring.

It is cold and cloudy this morning and I think I will have to go and use my last bit of coal to make the house liveable today. The trees sure are turning yellow fast and the leaves are beginning to fall.

I went down and started a fire and then called up the coal yard but not a lump of coal can I get, so there. The tire shop just called and the tire is in so Bobby and I will go and get it. I cannot get any coal from Myers until the middle of next week. So I am going to be plenty cooled off by then.

Vernon signed the release for the check so now all remains is a matter of time to get it and of course I cannot get it until the 5th of Nov when it matures but I am sure it can be mailed to me in the regular manner but I will see about that before I leave town here.

I hope you have enough money to get by until the next pay day and in the meantime don't worry about me because with what you send me and my allotment which comes the first of Oct I will be very careful and make it do. The Lord is good to us and I don't want to complain. I think you did all right by getting the pea coat and don't you think that you have sherted me any by getting it, not for one minute because I want my darling to have everything he needs.

The church fees look nice and I am so glad that they did it. I will be very happy when you can see it. I hope that will be when I come back next spring.

I am sure taking all the care in the land of your little dog. He means so much to me in more ways than one. This old ribbon is just shot and that is all. I will have to get a new one today. It is all full of holes and is raveling along the edges so ~~xx~~ bad that it won't go thre the machine.

I get your letter of Thursday today and see that you went to McComb to see about your bleed for Mrs. Carruth. I'm glad you did, wish I was there I would do the same thing. It don't sound tee good for her does it? I would feel nest sad if anything should happen to her.

So you went to that book store, wish I could have been with you as it has com to my mind what I wanted to see there, the book that gives the stories of Kims and their writers. I think it helps one to sing or play them in their true meaning.

The russians are sure making the German's hike aren't they? Our boys are not slow either, Italy will belong to the Allies before long. The planes sure do fly around here now and I think it is fear of the fliers who have been killed here so far. The one which was burned up in his crash the other night left a wife and a little 3 day old daughter. They go so high and then dive and roll and spin and turn ever and all these things. I can see then high in the air doing these stunts.

Well now Bobby and I will be en our way to do our errands and to ~~xxxx~~ mail this letter to you. It is now after ten and it will take some time to get the tire changed and turn the ether frent and in for recapping. So by by now and remember that I am just as anxious to be with you as you could ever be to have me there. I just can't hardly wait until I can get started. ~~Kxx~~ I love my little boy more than all else in this world and than God that He has made it possible for you to still be in the U. S and possible that we can be together. It is all a part of his great Love.

Love from Mother & Bobby

Give Mrs Carruth my love. for I do love her she has been so kind to us