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Dear Len:

Well I have a few moments of time so thought I'd drop you a line.

We have been having some rotten weather this week and a little nice and some fair to middlen. Today was cloudy but not cold (about 48°)

Harold started out this morning to put on the new tail pipe and it ended by me crawling under and doing it.

Thought it was going to be a snap, but I knew what he would be up against with rusted screws & everything, well it is finished any way. so what matter.

Was down in the basement today and got a start at making a pair of Horses (no buns) for we will need them at the lake to paint the boat on and general utility work.

Harold Lofquist is probably going out tomorrow to try and finish his kitchen. I still cannot see why he doesn't pay somebody to do it for him. Hedra said Leona was telling her that Harold was fitting it up good and driving each piece up tight. Well

I don't blame ⁽²⁾ him for trying to do his job right, but think he is rather inconsistent, by going out and buying lumber at the very cheapest figure and in small lots. am afraid after a season he will find the cracks big enough to throw a cat thru. You know cheap lumber is seldom kiln dried properly and good right when it dries out.

Ph says Fred Egert wanted to know where whiskers was tonight when Hal and I were out there. told me he was saving the telescopic lens for you. we met Bot out there too. ask him if he had seen Bishop lately and he had been in the afternoon. I told him I hadn't seen him in a couple of week and Fred said he is all taken up in flying. After we came home from there brother & Hal went to 525 Woodward ave to see a model train show. Harold wanted me to go but really I am not so interested in it. That is a hobby that is expensive.

Well we have some very sad news for you. You know McLeod's eldest daughter? well she was operated on one day this week for appendix and

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Complications set in and she died
~~this~~ Friday P.M. It sure is a darn
shame and it makes a person wonder
what this thing called life is all
about. You know how those folks
felt about their children.

Mother has fallen heir to taking
up a collection for flower so must
go out in the morning to raise some
money. Quite an undertaking for
her birthday isn't it. but then what
could she do but accept. and we
feel so badly for them.

Mother received yours truly this
A.M. and will acknowledge it in
due time. too bad you cannot be
home too. I doubt very much if
you realize how much we really
miss you. and do you know everything
that goes screwy around here, ashes etc
why I have to be the fall guy.

We are expecting Grand Ma. over
tomorrow for Mother's birthday, but I
am a bit doubtful because they
haven't called up for us to come & get
her as yet. maybe in the morning eh.

Do you remember Len if you paid
anything for my birth certificate

and did you get it at the County Hldg? ⁽¹⁴⁾
Well it comes in handy now. every
man at the shop has to show his
naturalization papers or birth certificate
& do not know if it is because we are
doing government work or if the U.S.
is lining up different places all over
the Country, so if in the event of War
they will know where they stand. They
told us at the shop the Government
demanded it. Anyway looking over
the aforesaid certificate it brought to
me ^{the} realization that I am damn close
to the 1/2 century mark and may be
that is why I have all the kicks I have.
or as one of the fellows at the shop
said. (stiff in a different place).

Well Lin when + if you get back
here ~~well~~ we will be able to do some
clear thinking of what to do at 1/2 moon
you must not think that we are going
to worry too much and spoil or recreation
out there but as you know Mother &
are not getting any younger and if
we wish to go in for that kind of
recreation we will have to start soon.

Joanie is O.K. and the same little mischief
she always was. Kept me company until
10³⁰ P.M. last night. The show hounds
we in the run again and we nurse
reaid. I don't mind if she is good.
So long Lin - lets hear from you. Dad.