

Spirit Lake Iowa 6-26-1942

Dear Jessie: We are all well. Dad is looking fine. And are we not happy to know you are on the way home. Cable us anywhere if you need money. And when you get ~~home~~ let us know, but every place is welcoming you to stay, Sara's, Ruth's, St. Co. The old cottage by the lake, etc. The Brown children are all away from home now, the boys in Palmer school at Iowa City, Marjorie teaching. So Sara is alone. Ronald lives at St. Charles Ill, works in Chicago at a defense job they expect a baby in Aug. Dorothy is beginning to walk again after her infantile paralysis and has the cutest boy 2 yrs. old you ever saw, so independent and good natured. I suppose you will want to visit with various friends on your way from N.Y. Everyone inquires about your welfare. Ruth has such a big house, you'll be surprised. 19 Summit place isn't so big but big enough for you to find a nook. I'd work on a job at Sycamore Bluff Ia: near Sioux City. There is some sort of encampment there.

VIA AIR MAIL

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MOSEBY

Crossa and Harry Jr. live at
Montaguer. Frank + Jennie
are at Hallowell. I have been
at their cottage several
times since I got home but
only here for short stays.
The Ohio people are well
and will want to see you.

VIA AIR MAIL

Dear Jennie I await your
coming with pleasure. Will be
very glad to see you again - Dad's
Dad beats me daily in our
game of checker - check.
Muth is a very busy Dr.
Grace is the efficient office
girl, Shirley is our fine little
cook and housekeeper and
Wood + I are extras. I'm busy
cleaning the cottage + yard.
But the weather is too cold
and wet to stay out there yet.
Dad thinks he wants to spend
some time at the cottage but
maybe will change his mind. We
the three come but we won't be
there when you get here.
We'll meet at the depot.

Dear Jennie: Hope you
aren't sick - or if you have been
are on your way to health. - We want
what you want so make your own
plans. - You are welcome at all our
various places. You decide the order.
You'll come to visit us. - Love Paul
+ Best love, Clara

P.S. The P.O. says I can
put in more. So I continue
we have a great big lawn
that Shirley mows but with
her housework and taking
Alg. & short type writing on
the side doesn't give her
time to do. So I say that
but you know my inefficiency
I've been reading a book
a wk since I came home.
Dad didn't get up till 11 today
didn't sleep well last night
Shirley threw out his oatmeal
and he was disappointed.
He had grape fruit, coffee
& bread & butter. He doesn't
care for toast with his coffee
as most do. Ruth has a
patient in the hospital
at Astherwell and has been
letting me ride over with
her every morning. I read
Cross Creek by Mary Kay Rawlings
while I wait for her. It is
a lovely book to read if you
are nervous. Read something
went wrong by Louis Fischer
also. It is such an unusual book.

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T.S. (2) Correll will be happy to see you. She is having a time paying for her new house as she lives beyond her means regularly. Now that debts are required to be paid she is squirming. I would be safe to lend her money as she never could pay it. She is too generous but if she borrows a dollar she never pays it back. I believe a stingy person is more appreciated.

I'm so glad to still stay on at 19 Summit, home of my roots have been torn up, a new Benton new house at Spirit Lake. New grove near St Jo. Almost a new every thing. I love the old familiar landscape even as I drive toward Spirit Lake. Do you feel that way about it. Dad is over well really, mentally good for 87. Everyone (just the people who know you & us) will be excited about your coming. But don't cut out visiting people you know in the east to hurry home. Rail travel is somewhat restricted. A Big Welcome to us all.

Return to:
Miss Clara Wolcott
Spirit Lake, Iowa
United States of
America



VIA AIR MAIL

Miss Jessie Wolcott
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Portuguese, East Africa

