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M. S. C. H.

Monday night
(1938)

Dear mother,

I feel unusually good tonight. There's nothing like being in good spirits. I probably won't feel so gay when I start studying for the night, and find out what all I have to do. It must be the pretty weather that puts me in such a good humour and makes me feel so good. I was so glad to get your very long interesting letter. Of course, I'm happy to know that Daddy is improving, and I hope you are well, too.

We had guests tonight - Dr. Brooks and Miss Berryman. As you know, I'm assistant cook, (after tomorrow, I'll be head cook) and I made the tomato salad and the dessert, which was straw berry shortcake. Miss Berryman asked who made the cake. She said she wanted the recipe. That made me feel very important. Sunday, I made Ice cream and some Cored vegetable salad. I have also made some apricot whip, cookies, and other things of minor importance. I've just learned that when I get to be head cook I have to cook soy beans in a pressure cooker. I hope it doesn't blow up.

Saturday night, Lennax Lewis, his brother, and one of Christine's pupils came by to see me. They were over

to get some white faced calves which they were going to carry back in a trailer. They didn't stay very long, but I thought it was nice of them to come by. I think Kennet feels his importance. I've got to get up a program that I would use when I'm conducting a rally day at a 4H-Club rally. He told me he would fix me up a program and send it too if he possibly had time. He also told me that if I had a chance to go to see Chris, he would just be glad to meet me in Meridian. I wondered at the time how much he would charge.

Saturday when I was going to town, I almost got picked up. A man from Alabama drove by as I was walking down the street. On second thought he decided to stop. He insisted that he let him drive me up town. I told him that I was sorry that I had promised to meet a girl on the corner. He looked at me rather doubtfully and drove on.

Last night I had a date with a boy who is doing post graduate work at State. He finished at South Western last year. He was very nice. I made him help me cook some prunes while he was over here.

We had supper in the back yard last night. It was so pleasant outside, and we enjoyed our meal very much. We had tomato-bacon sandwiches and stuffed celery & french fried potatoes. I dropped the potatoes on the floor when I started

to sit down in the places but I just picked them up, and no one
thought the play was good. I had a good play here Thursday night.
It was the "Dolls House" by Ibsen. I think it
was one of the best I've ever seen up here.
The girls really play the boys parts quite
well.

You asked me how much longer I
would be over here. We will move out
three weeks from today. I wish you could
come up and see just how every thing
is carried on before we move out. I've
really enjoyed being over here, but
it will be a sort of relief to get out.
I hardly have time to study over here;
so naturally my grades are going down.

I tell you what I wish you would
do if it isn't too much trouble. Send me
my gray suit and rust dress. While we
are over here we can go out of uniforms
to dinner. I would like to get some wear
out of them while it is still cool. If
it's a great deal of trouble - don't bother.

I hope Daddy continues to improve
and that all of you are feeling fine.
Does Aunt Allie keep pretty close to
you? Give my love to her.

Love,

Martha