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Dear Folks:

It has been a long time since I have heard anything from you, but no doubt it is my turn to write, at least that is what I will assume.

I hope all is going is well for you, that you are busy and healthy. Illinois is enjoying the most beautiful fall, I can remember. It has been absolutely super, the trees have been beautiful, a picture no artist could ever paint. No doubt the cold weather will come, but up until now it has been very good.

Bob has been in the hospital again. Was in for two weeks, came home this past Tuesday. Had prostate surgery, but came along real well, no problems. Is home recuperating now, and will probably be home until after Thanksgiving. Another repair job, and he has had quite a few, but each time he gets back going pretty fast. Now he is home repairing clocks. People hear that he repairs them, so he has quite a backlog.

We get interesting letters from Mary. She is doing fine. Is lonesome naturally, but is getting a tremendous education. Ann is planning to go down to see her, leaving December 30 and coming back January 7. They are both very excited about the trip.

We expect Dave and and Paul both home for Christmas. Dave is going to fly home this year, the weather is usually unpredictable for such a long drive. They were all home for a few days in August before Mary left, so we have seen them quite recently.

We are busy here at the office. It has been an extremely busy year. Also very busy with our church, have a new Pastor. A fine young man. I am president of our ladies group, and that keeps me going a good part of the time.

We are looking forward to seeing Helen and Jim and their new little girl and Chad. What a nice family. The last I heard they were expecting to be home for Christmas. Lovina was fair the last I talked to her. Elsa is fine. I talk to her once in a while, but rarely see her. She is working part time, I believe, and there are lots of people that depend on her for rides, so she too has her time well occupied.

Take care. Let us hear from you, and tell your family hello for us.

*Lorraine*