

341 Tusculum Ave  
Cincinnati

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Dear Mom -

We haven't heard from your direction lately - thought you might wonder how far the river is from our door. So far, we're high and dry - and unless something like a week or so of steady rain swells the river much more than the forecasters are predicting, it won't do more than block a few highways and creep into a few basements. We must be at least 30 or 40 feet higher here than we were on Eastern Avenue - so there's nothing at all for us to worry about at the present. It's supposed to reach a crest

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of 55 feet by Wednesday - that is 24.9 feet below the bad one of 1937. I think it has to go 60 feet or higher before it blocks my route to work, although 53 feet will bring it to our parking lots and yard at the truck plant where I work.

Hou's Russell making out in the Knoxville flood - guess he's "high on Highland" - erf-erf-!

Hou's John? Hope he's OK -

Hey - I got another slight increase in pay - all salaried employees of the Texas Company get a 5% increase on their base salary. That makes mine \$202.<sup>30</sup> before deductions - which are small.

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A small increase, another exemption, slightly lower rent, and a drop in the cost of living all are encouraging events in the course of a slim family budget.

Dorothy was out for a short visit Saturday - she had to leave early and practice a solo she was to sing at the <sup>Methodist</sup> Trinity Church Downtown Sunday. I wanted to go and hear her song but we forgot to set the alarm and I slept 'til 9:30. I could have rushed and made it but the boys were up and hollering for breakfast - and Ann was sleeping so good I just

couldn't wake her. She goes  
hard all week and I figured  
she was entitled to some extra  
sleep. { Received also in the mail today a  
pair of shoes for Billy - from Jewell.

See Bob, Blanche and Billy  
hello for us - that we're awfully  
sorry we didn't write and thank  
them for the nice big ham they  
sent. I'll do that yet -

We get some more things  
for the baby today - from  
Clarence Albertson - a nice big  
blanket and a little electrical  
device for warming the bottles.  
It's really quite clever - just put  
a spoonful of water in it, plug  
it in, and it "steam-heats" it in  
a matter of seconds. By the way,  
Billy is doing fine - getting fat now -  
see everybody hello - Love - Bill