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Dear Mom -

Please forgive me for not writing to you - also for overlooking your birthday. Ann usually remembers everybody's birthday. Anyway, we sure hope you had a happy one, and next year we'll send you two cards.

I'm glad you've decided to let Hale have the car - although I was thinking of suggesting that you have the two of them make you an offer and sell it to the highest bidder.

I know you've enjoyed having Johnny at home with you - and of course I'm glad for him that he has had some work, even though it's never good to be away from wife and fireside. Say hi to him for me if

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he's still there - and tell him I'm still holding that shot gun, awaiting his visit. If he winds up his work at Oakdale soon, and returns home to loaf around a little while, he can just load the family and do some of it up here. No excuse for not coming, now.

Did the Election suit you pretty good? We did all right in Ohio, putting mostly all Republicans in office. Wish we had a few more of 'em in Washington. I notice young Mr. Taft was elected Congressman at Large - (he's from Cincy you know, and son of "Mr. Republican" the late Robert A. Taft) - Maybe we can get him on the Presidential ticket one of these days.

We've been having real pretty weather - sunny and warm, with temperatures up to high 50's - going to 62 and 65 in next couple of days, says the weatherman. Indian Summer I guess.

We're all OK here except Ann ain't feeling too good. She's going to the Doc tomorrow - I'll have to take off from work and have her downtown by 3 P.M.

Since no names were drawn for an exchange of Christmas presents - I wish you wouldn't try to buy something for all your grandchildren - there are too many of them - and anyway we always buy more for the kids than they need.

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Sure wish we could all get together at Christmastime - but guess we're all too busy and too far apart. What a time we could all have singing carols around Alice's big new organ. Have you heard her play it? Tell her to make me a tape sometime and mail it to me. Right now my recorder's on the blink but I hope to get it repaired soon.

Judy and David were very happy that you mentioned them in your letter - and said to tell you hi!

They're a couple of good kids - and sure do respond quickly to a little attention. Of course I can't slight Billy - I guess he's going to make Honor Roll all year long - He is on already at end of the first term. Sure is lazy

here at home, though.
Could he be he's a chip off
the old block, eh?

Has Johnny said anything
about going into business
for himself? I've always
figured he could make
pretty good just repairing
radios - and of course sell
them, too. He could have
a line of electrical appliances,
besides radios. And I'm
sure he could also repair
TV sets better than most
people in the business. I'd
like to talk to him about
it. Maybe he and I could
go into a "joint" venture
of some kind at Oak Ridge
or Harriman or some place
where there are several
people, and other businesses.
I believe that the whole
East Tennessee area is going

to grow a lot in the next 10 to 15 years. A lot of big companies are putting plants in the South because of cheaper labor and lower taxes. The resources are there for the factories - rail transportation - water - and low cost electricity. Highways are being improved, but Tennessee's lagging some. Oh well, just a pipe dream I guess - but I'd still like to talk to him about a little business of some kind.

Where are you spending Christmas? Why don't you get a pass and come up here - Then we could have Johnny and Burnice - and Dorothy and Eddy, drive up Christmas Day and just have a gay old time. We're going to have a Christmas

Even Service at Church that I'm sure you would enjoy. Haven't heard much about it yet, but the choir will perform, and I'm in that!

In another envelope I'm mailing you a story about the old Bababatchie at Oakdale that I found in an old Railroad magazine. I had an idea that Buster might like to use the story in the News. I've already gotten permission from the publisher - it's with the story on a post card. Tell him to return the clipping to me when he's through as I'd like to keep it. There are a lot of people mentioned in the story that most old timers

around Oakdale will remember. I remember one of them, myself. I think the J. D. Burton mentioned on Page 115 is the same Mr. Burton I can remember. There is a Morgan Crane mentioned, and I wonder if he is any relation to the late Mr. Homer Crane. If Buster does use this material, have him send me two issues of the paper, instead of my usual one, so I can send clippings to Mr. Hubbard as requested on the card. - He can bill me for them. Incidentally, be sure to hang on to the card, too. I'd also like for Johnny to have a chance to read it - so if he isn't there now

mail it to him next, after Buster has used, and he can return to me. I think it would make an interesting "serial" type story for his paper. And if he would put some advance notice in his paper for two or three issues before it starts, I believe it would sell a big bunch of papers for him.

Well - time to quit!
Guess I kept you off your feet for a few minutes didn't I? One of these days, Mom, I'm going to buy a typewriter - then I can pound out a long letter to you a lot quicker. Maybe then I'll write more often.

Take good care of yourself,
say hello to Caroline - and
you don't have to write
one this long when you
answer. But if you do,
I'll read it!

Love + Kisses,
Bill

P.S. - Decided I could get it
all in one envelope -
So ~~there~~ here's the
whole works -

No. 2 P.S.

Judy got school pictures
before I got this mailed
and wanted to send you
one -