

Hilliard, Ohio
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Dear Mom--

Ann said that while I had a typewriter in work-order that I should write to you. And of course I should anyway, so here I am.

This is a new Olivetti Electric, not much larger than a portable, but still a full size typewriter, made for office or home, and sells for \$295.00, plus taxes. Dorothy and I have had the idea that we might try to get a typewriter for you, but we have not been able to get our hands on a good used electric, which we think you should have. When I approached the Underwood man with our problem, he brought one of these out to the office. I have also seen this machine advertised in the Morgan County News, by some firm in Harriman. You may have wondered why the Underwood man is showing an Olivetti -- Olivetti is a European company, and bought out the Underwood Corp. a year or so ago. Anyway, the Salesman told me that if we wanted to buy one of these, he would give us 30 - 60 - 90 - day terms. But I thought \$295.00 was probably more than we could stand. I do think, though, that you would get along pretty good with this one.

We're looking forward to your visit in June. Billy graduates on June 10. The school has announced that if weather is rainy, each family of a graduate will be limited to 5 tickets. This would mean that not quite all of us could go if Caroline is with you. And we are assuming she will be. Of course, if weather is good, there is nothing to worry about as it will be held outdoors, with no problem on seating.

Ann said she would like to have the picture of her Dad out of your copy of the Morgan County paper if you don't want it, so you can mail it or just bring it along with you when you come in June.

I have now succeeded in getting the entire family enthused about the trip to California. We have written to all the States through which we will drive and got literature on all their State Parks where we may be able to pitch our tent. Also we have been raking and saving dimes and pennies to help in the financing -- I think, though, that we will probably have to borrow a few bucks. I still have to get some things done to the car to make it "tripworthy". Anyway, we've told so many people we're going now that I fear we'll have to go whether we want to or not, just to save face. I guess if Lyndon B. can do that for us in Viet Nam, I can do the same on a measley little trip to California.

When Jewell heard of our plans, she immediately fired off two letters to us, giving us bits of advice ... like "take plenty of water along when you cross the desert ... and you can hold wet cloths on your head to help stay cool" ... it almost scared us out of trying. Sure sounds hot. But, really she is trying to be helpful ... and I am sure she is anxious to see somebody from this side of the country. She has promised to help us make visits to Hollywood and Disneyland. I must write to her and keep her posted on our preparations. She might think of a lot of things we need to know before setting out on such a long journey. Come to think of it, you are quite a "wayfarer" yourself ... you could probably come up with some good tips, too.

We're pretty busy with Church work. Ann had a call today from one of the women who wants her to take a month's tour of duty in the Nursery. I was on the Music and Worship Committee until the Chairman got transferred to Iowa ... so now I'm Chairman, and I have my hands full. I'll talk to you about that when you're here ... if I start on that now I will be forever getting this done.

I don't know if Ann has told you about Billy trying to get employment with the FBI or not ... anyway, he had an application in, but he has learned that after one year with them, he will still have to leave them and go into the military, so I think he has about decided to go into the Navy or Coast Guard with one of his friends.

We're all well here, except that David and Ann has had Flu or something. They are both just now coming out of the kinks. It is after 9 PM right now, and I should get a letter, even if a short one, off to Jewell while I have this gadget handy.

Things are warm and green here now ... but hardly any leaves out yet ... they're just beginning. We have one little ~~one~~ tulip ... I think the cold weather damaged them some. We will have more later I'm sure, but it seems they are awfully slow.

Take care, Mom. Say hello to Caroline for us. And to Russell and his family if you talk to them. Has Johnny and Burneice been down lately? I haven't heard anything from them for some time.

Love,

Bill