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Dear Thom -

I sure hope you're feeling OK by now, but I know that even if there's little pain you must feel pretty helpless with an inactive right arm. And it worries me that you're not wearing a cast, for fear you'll hurt it all over again. But I suppose the doctor knows best.

I suppose that, ^{sing} hardly any of us kids have suffered broken bones, you must be nominated to the punishment for our sake - but I wish it were not so!

I'm sure it is comforting to have Russ ^{ee} at a time like this - Good old Russ. Seems to be always available when you are needed. But of course he can't stay until your arm is completely well again. Dorothy told me today that she can't come down until after Dec. 10th. I will plan on calling you or Alice during the weekend to find out what arrangement is being made to see you thru to recovery - and if I am needed I could probably get a couple of days off.

I hope Alice will keep us advised of your progress - if only an occasional card. Perhaps she could type a brief note once a week and make carbon copies for us all. Of course I know she's a busy teacher and may not have time.

Billy will be leaving us Sunday or Monday - we expect him back for a brief visit at Christmas - then we'll have to do without him for about a year I guess. I'm sure Ann has enjoyed having him home this week. Mom, I don't know how I ever managed to come by such a fine boy - he must have a good portion of Clark in him! I have some other good ones - but Billy is exceptional.

I had a good visit (for about a half-hour) with Johnny at the depot - also talked to Herbert Honeycutt and Harold Drey. Harold showed us the "little steam engine" on his big control board. It was a few miles north of Lancing. It was running behind schedule. He said it stopped at Rock Creek bridge so passengers could take pictures.

Take good care, Mom - and I'll call you soon.
All my love,
Bill

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