

Athens, Tenn.

Jan 31, '40

Dear Alice-

I ~~so~~ am sorry you didn't get your letter - you see, I didn't mail it because I was afraid it would get lost, and I hadn't told you everything I wanted to. I intended to write another, but forgot I told you to look for a letter. I got your letter just a few minutes ago. It was indeed a surprise. I got two yesterday (one from Rex and one from a boy in Greenville who quit school) and another today from you. Pretty good isn't it? I owe Mama one too, so I'll be pretty busy writing letters for a while.

Please excuse this scribbling - I have to go to the kitchen to work in a minute or two. I am working in Elrod's place - he has been sick. He told me this morning he may

quit school for a job with a newspaper (making pictures). If he does quit, I should get a regular job.

How do you like the snow?  
I read in the paper that the mercury went to 30 below at Sun-bright and 23 below at Lansing. Did it really get that cold?

I haven't heard Lum and Abner any but I always listen to Fibber McGee and Molly - they come on at 8:30 every Tues. night. They are really funny. I guess you are generally in bed by that time aren't you?

(Time out for dinner - will finish this p.m.)

Now that dinner is over and I have more time, I'll try to write a little plainer. (A good choir is singing "Mighty Like a Rose" on the radio)

Rhea and I buy our typing paper together. He has gone to class and taken all the paper with him so I will have to write on the back.

A small group of boys on the top floor tried to "initiate" the other boys here into a sort of a "club." They were using some rough tactics so the other boys organized and broke it up with some "rough-stuff" in return last night. The Coach gave us a lecture in the dining hall right after dinner today and said he was backing the boys who were "busting" the racket.

The weather is warming up now, making a mushy mess of the snow. I sure do appreciate my rubbers. I got a pretty good pair for \$1. The hole in the top of my shoe keeps getting bigger, though, — I'll have to have a pair before long.

Looks like Lum has a big job on his hands, doesn't it? You just watch him, though, and see if he doesn't work himself out of it.

I hope you are still feeling as well as you were when you wrote — you seemed to be in a pretty good mood, except you were sleepy. Take good care of yourself. Love,  
Bill

Bill Scott  
Petty Wankers Hall  
Athens, Tenn.



Miss Alice Scott  
Lancing, Tennessee