

Athens, Tennessee  
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Dear Mama -

I told you in the other letter I didn't need any money but everything came at once - loaned a boy 30¢ - need paper, soap, pencils, haircut, shirt washed. I bought a tie <sup>last week</sup> that I could have done without & wouldn't have bought it if I had known this. After I mail this I'll have 7¢. I'm sorry but I'll try to do better next time.

I have some more exams ~~so~~ week after next. Maybe I can pass them all this time. After dropping the band I still have several more hours than most of the boys. If I don't pass law this 6 wks. period I think I'll talk to the Dean about dropping it. What do you think about it?

The President & the Dean kept us after chapel this morning & gave us a lecture - all the boys, not just Petty - Some of the boys had been yelling profanely in front of one of the girls dormitories. Mr. Robb said he would expel the boys who did it. He talked pretty straight. I heard it but couldn't tell who it was - I believe I would be a tattler once if I did know.

The boy just brought the paper ~~that~~ that is another expense - 10¢ a week. If I can't do better I think I'll quit taking it. One of my room mates helps me pay it once in a while.

but the other never does. Paul is the one who helps - I sure do like him better than I do Oscar. Oscar is all right but there's something about Paul I like better for some reason. To tell you the truth - I don't believe Oscar was supposed to be a preacher. He fusses about the preacher here - he doesn't like the S.S. class - he doesn't like the singing - always finding fault.

Do you remember me telling you of a young preacher - 16 yrs. old - who was in school here? He borrowed a dollar from a boy here and left. He didn't tell anybody he was leaving except his sister and I think she won't talk much. At least I haven't heard anything about him.

I am still making it OK except for my hair, which is about to cover my ears. I don't mind tho - some of the other boys are in worse shape than I.

Hope everybody is well. See you Xmas

Love  
Bill