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I went to the bank with Howard. Fred doesn't have well enough to like it but I'm teaching him now. It was the last date I had with Howard. He asked me to the Senior Prom. ~~at~~ this week he has to interview for a job. Anyway, it looks like I'm going steady now. When he goes I'm going to see anyone I want to but right now we don't want to waste Monday, June 1, 1942 anytime! It's a wonderful feeling to be settled down at last.

Monday, June 1, 1942

Dear Mother and Daddy,

Two finals out of the way and two more to go. I just finished Chem. about half an hour ago. I did it in 1 1/2 hours instead of two. I had English this morning and did it in 45 minutes, instead of two hours. That's pretty good. I have 2 A's and a B- on my lecture tests so ~~it~~ if I get a good grade in my final I should get an A out of the course. The final was almost entirely on "Babbitt" and I finished reading ~~it~~ last night at 2 a.m.

Don't know what I'll get out of Chem. or journalism. I'm not supposed to be working for another 6 hours of A because I have my 12 credits already. I'm sorry I let them talk me into taking things easy this quarter because I'd like another 6 hours of A. I was supposed to stop working so hard and get some rest but as it turned out I didn't so now I wish I had the grade. However, I'll get at least 4 hours of B.

I don't like to speculate about my grades so I won't talk about it anymore. I'm afraid I can't make it home and I'm so disappointed. I am going to ask Dr. Nickell if I can move in later in the week and ~~save~~ spend a day sleeping. I have simply got to get some rest. I look terrible and feel worse. I'll get some material and patterns and send them home the latter part of the week.

I had dinner with Hazel and Edward Saturday night and she gave me some good pointers on my job. ~~Some~~ Fred and ~~some~~ to Des Moines Saturday p.m. and saw "Fantasia," the new Walt Disney musical production and it was simply wonderful. If they can get ~~xxxx~~ it to St. Cloud don't miss it.

The first of last week the administration suddenly moved final exams ~~to~~ to begin on ~~Thursday~~ last ~~Friday~~ Friday instead of today and that created some study problems for students who suddenly found that they had to take their exams a whole ~~2~~ week early. However, the move ~~did~~ didn't affect me except that I didn't have to take a big ~~xxxxxx~~ practical exam in Foods which was scheduled for ~~xxxxxx~~ Friday. I have another test tomorrow and one Wednesday and then I'm through.

will be
My new address ~~of~~ 2105 Country Club, Ames, Iowa, after Friday, for sure.

I had a card from Jeanne and she is so thrilled at going to see her fellow. My room mate is ~~xxxx~~ going to Chanute Field at Rantoul, Ill., to see the man she's engaged to this week. I ~~xxxxxx~~ can't help but wonder what will become of us, eventually. Fred's draft number seems to be drawing nearer and nearer and I had ~~xxxx~~ a cold feeling in the bottom of my stomach--like facing danger or sudden death. He registered Feb. 16 and the Iowa

That newspaper clipping was from the J.C. publicity review. One of my favorite writers writes that news & journalism papers (in Iowa) about "prominent" students let your letter so he writes me one, too.

The description of my dress which I sent you was my old mustard colored print formal. I wore it to the Military Ball because I'd worn my new one the week before at the Bonoball.

Can you get me some needles from Mrs. Hall's?

draft boards received orders last week to begin grafting men this week who registered at that time. He also ~~xxxx~~ can't go to summer school and may not be able to come back to school the fall quarter---no money. ~~xxxxxx~~ and the job prospects aren't good here in Ames. So he'll be working all over the state.

I'll let you know later on about money for summer school tuition.

A girl is coming over here ~~to~~ and ~~it's~~ she's going to pay me to do some typing for ~~xxxx~~ her so I must close.

Love,

Virginia

I want to get some a production present to don't argue with me? What would she like to and don't already have?

Where is Louis May now? I haven't written here for quite a while. Is she going to summer school? Or is she in Omaha? and is her Omaha address the same? Please answer.

Fred just went downtown and got himself a full-time job with the Ames Tribune. So he'll be in town this summer if not in school. I'm so glad!! Of course, there's still the worry. I dreamed last night that we came home for a few days. That's what we should have done right now instead of taking a chance on September. I'm afraid he won't be here then and you'll never get a chance to meet him. Could you possibly drive down before ~~July~~? It would have been perfectly all right for you to come next week-end. I have my Sunday practically free and my afternoons and evenings free except for dinners, of course. Couldn't you drive down sometime this month?

Mother, are you all right now? I hope you're better. I do want to see you so much.