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Saturday Feb. 12.

1949

Dear Virginia: I have enjoyed wearing
the pretty scarf which you gave me
so much. I used it quite a little while
I was gone. I had a fine trip back
coming and going to G.R. The ^{ride} place
was a little rough near the lake
but aside from that it was just as
smooth as it could be. I didn't have
time to call you when I came in
last Thursday as I came to the bus
station at 5 to 4 and the bus left at
4:10 and there were too many people
using the booths - I came home at 6.
and found Daddy and the boys getting
ready to go to Rowlands for supper -
so I staid home, unpacked and
washed all of the soaking dishes -

There were three oatmeal/saus soaking
Talbots had invited them for dinner
Tues. night and Smith Wed. night
so they were really well taken
care of.

A week ago yesterday - Friday - we
went to Bay City for the bridal
dinner which Uncle Walt and
Auntie Cora gave - They had rooms
at the hotel so we staid there Fri
and Sat. night. The wedding was
beautiful - 5 bridesmaids and 6
ushers including the well known
foot-ball player Chappias. The
men wore striped trousers and
Coat away coats while the girls
wore mid-Victorian period
gowns in a soft blue with trains
and carried deep red carnations. They

also wore halo hats of the same material as the dresses. The maid of honor carried pink camellias Ruth - the bride - had a beautiful slipper satin with a shade of blue paven very long train and carried white camellias and an orchid in the center. We went to the Country Club for the reception which lasted until quite late then ~~back~~ back to the hotel where we talked until mid-night the next day after brunch around 11 we packed and left for Donia - That day was Carol's birthday - so she had a birthday supper at their place - I had but an elaborately decorated heart shape birthday cake which had

Happy birthday on it - Of course
Vicky and Chrissy were there too
so we had a gay time - All of the
boys were there except, of course, Hugh
and she got a blouse slips and
powder for gifts - Monday I've
went to Grand Rapids to get my
plane reservation for Tuesday
and to do some shopping. Tues.
I went to Lansing with Walter
and called on Lucille, held her
new baby, and saw Susan, Art
and Marnie came in for a
short time - Ned, Lacie and the
Kiddies came up for lunch and
we made doll blankets for Vicky's
Christmas doll and Valentines in
the afternoon for Vicky - and
that is the way the time went.

Yesterday I spent the day cleaning
and putting things away here in the
house and I washed and ironed -
Today I am doing some baking -

It is time to get at that so I
think I had better close. Daddy
had a letter from Martha - she comes
in Sat. ^{Feb 26} said she would get in
touch with you and you can
make plans with her about
meeting us after the concert.

Much love -

Mother .