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Monday Dec - 12th
1949

Dear Jimmy: - Thanks for the birthday card & check -
I haven't decided what to do with it - we still
debating about the picture - every one who sees
it likes it - Thank you also for getting early
Candle light for me. I'm that Mrs Mc - would
enjoy that as much as anything - I went over
to Gales this morning and got it - Jane said
she had had a great time and enjoyed her visit
very much. Her mother said the baby was perfect
while she was gone - just as Dad used to tell me
that your children were better when I was gone
than when I was here.

My birthday was a funny day no one but
Mrs. Rane here all day. But my church went had
a good luck luncheon so I went to that and in
the morning Aunty Coile called. I opened a box
coming from Mich which I thought was my birth-
day gift and there were two boxes both saying
"Merry Christmas to Ned and Mervy Christmas
to Charles" so I went no further but that it
was a good joke on me - Because Dad didn't
think he would be home until late in
night I met Helen. Robell down town that
night at Dan March's and we stopped later -
I came home at 7:30 and Dad had been here
since 5 - was I disappointed! Well we had a special
steak as a celebration and that was all.

P.S. You should see the huge box Mrs. Mc has sent. P.M. says it's a 20 lb turkey & a ham.

Change called me but I fear her call didn't
end happily because I told her I was disappointed
that she was going to Florida. P.M. called later and
I that it was you. I told her I had just talked to
ll and she still was planning to go to Florida. All
P.M. said was "oh" then she said she wrote
her that she hoped she was giving up her
Florida trip.

Sat the Lungs and we had a dinner
at Mrs. Harris house for 20 people. She
served a delicious dinner, we there came
here for cards. Ned came in from P.F. down
at 10 o'clock.

Yesterday I was lazy didn't go to church
but went to a church program in the
P.M. and to hear the Viennese Choir of
Young boys in the evening. It was a Civic
Music number and my own Dad's his
ticket so he could go too.

This morning Ned and I shopped I
got Karen Bloom's top in her pattern -
I'll send it down with Chuck when he
comes down to meet C. Mr. Lynn Sen. and please
see that Karen gets it. I don't know whether
we will go down for the wedding. Make P.M.
Lynn will drive down with us. I will
send Dick's tie with Chuck & you say
give it to him - Thanks so much for the lovely
card. its sentiment was enough. ^{Love} ^{from} ^{mother}

Be strict C.M. will get on on the Road at 6:10 Sun evening