

Monday, March 9, 1942

Dear Mother and Daddy,

Sorry to be so long but I've been engaged in all out effort to pass Chemistry, as usual. No one could possibly be as busy as I've been the past week---no two people could possibly do half the things I've had pile up. Had to finish my dress for sewing, write an article for the Homemaker which didn't material-ize eventually, work on copy for the souvenir program book for Veishea of which I am copy editor. Everything is so hazy I can't even remember half the things now. I spent all Saturday afternoon in Chem. Lab and all Sat. evening sewing. Recreation nope. Sleep? Huh!

This week is devoted to the study for finals and its really piling up. And I have to get out assignment sheets for the Eagle Grove Eagle. I have 10 stories, each 1 to 2 pages in length, to take up there with me when I go a week from Friday. We are putting out a 26 page special edition with a 16 page tabloid as supplement. And that takes about 60 galley's of copy and we'll all have to work our heads off. The 16 page supplement has to be ready to go to press Sunday and we arrive Thursday or Friday, I'm not sure which as yet. And that is going to take some scrambling around. Most of the copy can be written here, fortunately. We'll use bulletins from the extension service and material from home ec dep't for my department. The theme of the supplement is "Food for Defense" and most of my stuff will go into that. But I'll still have a Women's Page and the Society Page for the big edition besides being general reporter and ad salesman and everything else rolled into one.

I'd like to have you write me. In care of the Eagle Grove Eagle, Eagle Grove, Iowa. I don't know where we'll stay and don't know much about the trip. They just announced the names of the reporters today. There are only 4 besides the editorial staff of 4 so you can see we'll all be working like slaves.

And on top of that your letters come this morning and you are disappointed because I have 14 hours on my program for the spring quarter. Well, I don't know think it will do much good to write the dean because we've already gone through my schedule with a fine tooth comb and if there were any loopholes we wouldn't have missed them. My original idea was to carry 19 hours.

I thought I explained everything to you. How on earth can I go to both sessions for S.S. and do my home cooking project also? Where would I do it? And how? Listen, I have to do that before I can take Meal Planning and I have to take Meal Planning before I can take Home Management and before I can take my next sequence of journalism courses beginning next fall quarter and if you I don't start out in journalism next fall quarter I'll have to wait another year which is out, naturally. Maybe you've got the answer or maybe the dean has. I always open to suggestion but I think its impossible. , Incidentally there is no such thing as a Dean of the Senior College. In senior college there is a dean of each division and that's all.

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There has been no word from the dean but I'll let you know if and when anything happens.

Tomorrow I'll know more about the trip to Eagle Grove. The 16 page supplement will be - [listed?] to "Food for Defense" and will carry many valuable stories on food shortages and how to cook with substitutes. And I heard that next year this time there won't be any canned goods available at all. So can everything in right this summer.

Thank you so very much for the money for the suit. I think I was lucky to get wool. And I really did like this one better. I sent a money order to the store so I should have it to take with me to Eagle Grove. We have to wear hose and heels all the time. Can you get me some stockings? I'm trying to get a pair of shoes. I go right straight through one pair after another. I need a good looking semi-dress shoe with medium size heel to wear for everything from interviews to teas. Does H + S have anything? They have my size. Will write later-

Love, Virginia

P.S. Important!! At Christmas I left part of the [vest?] of my new brown winter coat at home on the shelf in the clothes closet- the 2 tier for in from... Can you please [send it to me?]