

Midland

Dec. 20<sup>th</sup>, 1942

Dear Folks:-

Arthur & Maurine done just gone to the High School to sing where the [?] to be given at 3 o'clock, so I will try to write you a little. I am thinking that V. is home & that you are all happy together once more. I am hoping that she was able to make the journey safely, it is, or will be tomorrow, just a week since I came here and since Mary left for N.Y. still nothing has happened there as far as we know. The Mt. Pleasant college [?] on Friday & Hal – it seems – wants to get to N.Y. and finds he can only get a [vacation?] for Christmas. Also a letter has come to Lucile inviting her to visit Bob's parents with him. I think I wrote you that he planned to go home for Christmas. His father is a former living near Champlaign, Ill. Of course she wants to go. Of course it upsets all Christmas plans for the day for us. Maurine has asked to have the festivities here. Maurine & A. are planning to go to Bad Axe for Christmas day. Her brother has been drafted & must leave soon. So you see how it is. Mary hoped to be home for Christmas. Now how long she will feel she ought to stay in N.Y. is quite uncertain. Hal's train leaves Saginaw about midnight so they could manage to have the dinner, distribute the gifts Christmas Eve & he could get to S. in time to catch his train; also Bob & Lucile could leave at once for it seems he is expecting to have to drive all night I must stop. I am afraid you won't be able to read this.

Love from Mother

P.S. Later Monday:- Still I find it hard to write but I must tell you that Dorotha has a little son. Hal [?] this [?]. [?] has had heard in night. It has been described to have Christmas [???

Good by Mother