

Owen Wis. Ground Hog Day. 1943

Dear Viv., Harlan & Kiddies:

Just a few lines to let you know Pop is thinking about you. Mom and I are just a little upset about Nancy, and I can just imagine the way you and Harlan feel. You ought to see Mother makeing plans, she would like to cut herself in two ~~and~~ so she could go to Helens and Nancy at the same time, and right away.

I suppose you have Mothers letter and have the line up on her plans. We were down town yesterday and the rationing board gave me the 30 gallons of gas to go to Helens so we are all set to go Friday morning when I get in.

I am going to do a little talking behind Mothers back.

When I got her the coat I knew it ment new hand bag to match, and maybe some shoes, but I didnt say any thing right away.

When I got home yesterday morning she showed me how she had shined up that old brown bag she have had for the last 5 or 10 years and started telling me she could get along with that, but she would like a pair of brown shoes to go with the coat, I told her maybe it wouldnt cost very much to get a new bag, but she was afraid it would be pretty expensive, I didnt say any more till we had bought the shoes and some stockings, then I asked her where the bag counter was. (Daytons)

It didnt take her long to find it for me, we started in looking at sale bags and working the way up to some thing worth while and when we got that far she thought we aught to go to Alexanders (I guess thats it) on 7th St. any way it is a bag shop. So away we went and ended up with getting the bag there. Mom thought we were spending a lot of money but it sure was pretty nice, I am going to let her tell you the rest, she maybe writeing to you right now, here is another good one. she was more careful than usual crossing intersections I asked what the idea was, she said believe me I am not taking any chances getting banged up so she wouldnt be able to get to the kids.

Now back to Nancy. Viv! you mentioned maybe God wants her, dont get discouraged, if all our relationship to God were as real and as sweet as hers is, we would be wonderful workers for His cause here on earth. Her natural matter of fact Jesus attitude sure woke me up to my short commings last time you were at our house. Christ said if we dont come to Him as little children we could not inter the Kingdom of Heaven. God maybe using her as a missionary to help bring the rest of us on His side of the fence we have been strattling. Any way things like this sure brings us to our knees to do some earnest praying.

I feel sorry for Helen, I am afraid she is facing a real ordeal, It will be a releaf when it is all over, we will be calling you from Richland Center and let you know how every thing turns out.

I could write a lot more but it is my bed time and I am going to mail this at Owen so you will get it soon, and I will be looking for someting from you when I get home in the morning, so nite nite to all of you and God bless and comfort you.

As ever your Daddy.