

Crystal Lake, Ill.
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This is going to be a busy week, both socially and otherwise. Tonite the Mens Club have a dinner at Church. Philip is going with Pop, and Rodney may go. They expect about 80 tomorrow. I am invited to a Garden Club meeting and in the evening I want to have Frank Miller here to play cards. He leaves for Florida on Thursday. We played twice lately. Wed. night is quarterly meeting at church. Thur. Ruth and I are going to a lunch at church. Friday morning Mary drives to Joliet to an all day teachers meeting and Sat. they will all be off to Purdue game. Hope you win Lyle. Pop and I would like to come too but they are having home coming here and its Philip's Sr. year so we may come to some game at M.S. later.

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Dad and I went to Arlington Heights and to the game at C.L. last year. Philip hurt his arm the first game and it isn't alright yet. The coach said he is not to practice this week and if it is no better will x-ray it. They are anxious to win next week. Warren is pretty good I guess. Philip has been making posters for homecoming, etc. I hope it won't be a cold day.

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Bob and Jean's new addition is a great improvement, house looks so nice from outside and their bedroom is something we all envy. Bobbie is a lovely baby and if Susan don't look out he will soon catch up with her. Jean says he is so hungry. I know Jean will tell you all about him in her letter.

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They all had such a good time at Booth's, and that they were such nice people. I think it was fine of them to take all that trouble. They are still talking about it. I am so glad we had a chance to meet them. Maybe they can come here sometime.

Most every one has drawn their name for Xmas. I will copy the list. You might like to know who got who. Mary Kientz put her name in yesterday.

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I have joined a class in Bible study, have to read the book of Mark this week, if I have time. I will make a batch of cookies to send you two. There was no room in laundry bag.

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Keep up the good work "Tuffy" for your alma mater!

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