

March 25, 1938

Dear Aunt Rose and Uncle George:

From Uncle George's two last letters, we were very much pleased to learn that you both were gaining considerably, and hope that now you are very much improved. However, we were very much surprised to know that Aunt Rose had been ill with arthritis, too. Do hope she is very much better at this time.

Dad asked that I please acknowledge receipt of check with your last letter, which as always, was very much appreciated.

Right now, although we are still quite upset so far as living quarters are concerned, home has once again taken on its former domestic atmosphere, for our youngster and her mother left on the 14th, and everything is serene and peaceful again. Naomi could certainly keep things moving.

Aunt Lill is planning to come and remain with us the first week of April. In the meantime, we have papered our living rooms and dining room downstairs, and Dad and Harry are renovating the front bedroom which Aunt Lill will occupy. Also, just at present we are without a dining room set, as we sold ours last week. Aunt Lill felt that inasmuch as she would get but very little for her set, and as it is rather massive and she undoubtedly would have trouble in trying to dispose of it in New York, she would like us to have it. Then too, I suppose it will seem a bit more like her own home to have something of her own around her. Our set brought comparatively nothing, compared with what it cost, but second-hand furniture today is nil, although our set was in excellent condition.

A week ago Sunday Hazel and I drove down to Aunt Lill's and brought back a load of what she termed breakables, and last Sunday, the 20th, she and Bob drove to Beacon, bringing another load, but the dining room set will not come until the day Aunt Lill moves, when it will come through by truck. It won't be long now before everything will once again be in normal order.

This week we had a taste of real summer weather; the thermometer registered approximately 78 both Monday and Tuesday, with buds and foliage bursting forth. However, it has cooled off considerably and is more like regular spring weather. Our winter has been extremely mild this season.

Business conditions are none too good here yet. Our plant is running on regular schedule with just enough business to keep us from going on short time. Expect that this or next week will be Dad's last week in the power house. With the extra work he has been doing at home, he's just about all in. As Harry is without work, he has been able to help him considerably.

Aunt Kate and Uncle Dave, as well as Buddy, are well and, like us all, are looking forward to the good old summer time when a great deal of the time can be spent out in the open. It is quite some time since we have seen the folk up the river, but a letter from Laura the other day informed us they are all quite well.

Bob Finger is well, although a bit fatigued as well as Aunt Lill, for I believe it has been a very strenuous task to clean or rather clear out and pack and dispose of Aunt Lill's furnishings. Aunt Lill is really very thin. Bob has certainly been a wonderful help to her. And with so many floors, it has meant endless traveling up and down stairs. Bob has had wonderful experience packing and moving. For I understand he has moved two or three times himself. He informed us that Aunt Emma is getting along very nicely now.

As I am writing this at the office and have to get busy now, will sign off, with the hope that you both are very much improved and will continue so indefinitely.

Lovingly,