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NEWARK, OHIO

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Janie has been quite busy with her school work and I am sure that she has more than enough to keep her busy until the close.

Sarah and I have worked at the farm the last two Sundays and want to go down this evening to do some planting. We had the old paper torn off the kitchen, that is what was left of the paper, and had it painted and it looks much better. We will try to fix the loose paper in the dining room so it will be in better shape.

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Frank Hall fell and broke his hip, he is 83 and I doubt if he gets out again. If you think of it send him a card as he always asks about you.

Please write as often as you can and give us all of the news possible. I am going to send this air mail to see how it goes through. Let me know.

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> Mr.William L.Krieg, American Vice Consul, c/o American Consulate, Milan,Italy.





