Dear William:

With the rapidly moving current of recent events we hope that this note will reach you in Milan as soon as possible to tell you that we are well, happy, & thinking about you. We enjoyed the news of the recent week-end and are anticipating the happenings of your trip to Rome over Memorial Day

Melody has finished her year at N. H. S. with an A record and is doing Biology in Summer School with "Peppy" Barnes, as they call him. As soon as this unpleasant task is finished she will go to Washington for the rest of the summer to be with Carl until the bell rings in September.

They (Board of Educ.) have asked me to teach next year as a substitute for the man who took my position & has gone to serve his time with the army. I accepted. Your papa is prone to remind

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they would never rehire me here & could replace me with far better teachers, so you can imagine that the motivation to return was welcome salve to my pride – of which quality I perhaps have too much as well as being too sensitive. I have to review my Spanish this summer and have to teach French, German, and Spanish.

We have a garden in Hanover as well as Coshocton – quite pretentious with potatoes, cabbage, tomatoes, sweet corn, beets, carrots, and flowers. It has helped take 6 pounds off in the last 10 days. Gardening is not one of my strong points & I do it rather to be in the air and sunshine than from love of the work.

Mrs. Ned Wright is in a very serious condition as a result of a broken hip. Infection has set in and there is very little hope for her recovery. The accident has definitely affected her attitude toward life and living. She feels that she does not want to live, which is very bad.

Thomas Norpell (Det Edmiston's child) has been awarded a scholarship at the Fletcher School. However, he may not be able to sidestep the draft. His ambition is to follow in your footsteps.

Take the best care of yourself and write to us very soon. Love from us all

Sarah

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