

[postmarked 26 Feb 1923]

Dear Mother, Father, and Pete:

The debate squads are announced. 37 people tried out, not including myself. Debate has come up in the world! I tried out so successfully, [in the Infirm] that I am on both the league team and the team for the Penn and Williams debate. I am the only one who is on both. The league debate is on gov't ownership and control of the Coal Mines. I haven't read a word yet and am up for practice for tomorrow afternoon. We are only going to have six practices, thank goodness. Not having read a word I know which side I want--negative, because it goes to Smith. I want to go away. Wellesley comes here. The Penn and Williams debates, in April, are on prohibition.

From now on, particularly till Friday, my letters will be brief, as I must do some debate reading and also must do a lot of Ec Sem before Friday when i report.

I spent the entire day writing my drama makeup paper. That is a terrible course to get behind in. I just finished it--seven hours.

Father, I asked the girl about your endow-ment fund check. She received it all right, but said they are very slow about depositing them in the New York office, where all ours are sent. If anyone has any dope on the coal mines, kindly speak up, from now until March 17.

I made out this schedule to send to you before I went to the Infirm.

I also made out one for myself to live on from tomorrow till Friday. It is the only efficient way of getting my work done.

The pneumonia girl is getting better, Mother.

I felt quite pepless this morning, but felt fine this afternoon, and didn't have to take a nap at all. I am going to bed at nine

tonight. I also went for a short walk, and it didn't tire me as much as yesterday.

My cold is practically gone.

I forgot to mention that six of the debaters are seniors. Last year one was!

You know [what subject] you will hear from now on, so you might just as well make the best of it!

I will need a white sweater for the debate. I wrote to Marse to ask him if he will be in N. Y. at his factory in the near future. If not, could you see if they have any nice ones when you are in Horne's or McCreery's, Mother,

wherever you get yours? I'd like a tuxedo that buttons down the front, and nice soft wool if possible. Otherwise, a slipover, if that can't be gotten. It must be all white. Don't go specially, and ask [Marse?] first if he can get it, or is going to. And if it's any trouble at all I can go to an exhibit and order one, probably. I borrowed Jane's last year, but I prefer not to borrow.

[RSVP]

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Did you read the [demo] article in the Mag section of the Times on VC?