

Letters from Los Alamos: 1943-1946

In December of 1943 William C. Elmore ("Bill") and his family (Barbara and Mary-Leigh) were asked to travel west to Los Alamos, New Mexico as part of the "war effort." They remained in Los Alamos until June of 1946. During that 2-1/2 year period, Barbara, and sometimes Bill, wrote home to let his mother, Grace Cronk Elmore, and sister, Eleanor, know what they were doing and to sometimes ask them to send household necessities that Bill and Barbara were having trouble finding in Albuquerque or Santa Fe.

Fortunately, many, if not all of those letters, were saved. It has been a pleasure to read through them to imagine the interesting life the family was leading as Bill slaved away on the bomb project and Barbara created a new home for them. Unfortunately because of censorship, little or nothing was said about the project itself. All letters that Bill and Barbara wrote during that time were given unsealed to a censor who read them over before mailing them. The first letter that Barbara wrote after reaching Los Alamos included an affidavit from that censor that Grace had to sign stating that she would not reveal anything about the family's whereabouts. (We see that here as she copied it in her own handwriting and sent it back to Bill and Barbara so that they would see what had been included with their letter.)

As I read through these I was struck by a number of things. The letters are frequent and lengthy. Both Barbara and Bill include many details and report being very busy. I was reminded of the weekly letters I used to get from Barbara and Bill before phone calls and email became the means of communication. The kind of written record included here is not going to be available in our generation which generally relies on emails, or worst yet, texts. Although it could, none of the richness of our lives comes through in electronic communication as it does in this correspondence.

Most of the copies are quite good, though readability is a bit limited by the quality of the paper used and Barbara's handwriting – it brought tears to my eyes to be reading her "scrawl" once again. At some point Barbara started to type her letters and to make carbon copies of them since she was saying much of the same things to Grace and Eleanor as she was to her own family.

I hope you will enjoy reading through this treasure trove.

Janet Fox Elmore Christmas, 2011

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312 North Princeton Avenue Swarthmore, Pennsylvania

Thursday, November 13, 1943

Dear Mother

I am so excited I can hardly think! What do you suppose had happened? A man from Harvard was down here today to see Bill and wants him to come immediately to work on an extremely important piece of war research, which is being done in complete secrecy out in New Mexico (I can't even tell you where). Everyone that is working on it is in this little community all by itself and the people can't go out or have visitors come in. It's high up about 7000 feet and in glorious country. I'm just thrilled to death about going. I think it's all settled in both our minds except for the chance that they can't find anyone to take Bill's place at the college.

This little community of about 300 families has its own doctors, hospital, schools, stores, movie theater and small 2 story apartments for all the families. It'll be the chance of a lifetime for Bill to get to know and work with all the famous scientists, and boy, what fun for me! There will be skiing, skating, riding and camping and fishing. We can go off on short trips and into the city to shop, I guess. I bet anything that the climate (dry and high) will do wonders for my asthma and hay fever. The apartments are furnished, though I imagine we'll take some of our furniture and store the rest. Also we'll take the Bendix and all my metal work stuff. Goodness we'll be right near a turquoise mine and I'll probably be able to get a lot of stones for setting, making them up myself.

We'll be able to drive out there too, and that'll be exciting in itself. You should have seen Bill beam from ear to ear when he came home tonight and said, "How would you like to go out west!!? Well, if we go, it'll probably be right after Xmas, so I'll have to do some hustling. House to be rented, furniture that we're taking to be crated and sent freight, and goodness all my canned stuff! Now, listen, If we go, it means we can't see any of you for the duration, so couldn't you plan to come down for Christmas, you and Eleanor and Aunty May? It may be three or four years before we see you again. Do think it over!

Bill's germ went into his back and he's been all crippled up with lumbago or some such, and cross as two sticks. However, we've been better the past couple of days and tonight he was so excited he almost forgot to groan! My hay fever and asthma have been terrible lately. I'm crazy to see if a new climate would help them any. Otherwise I'm feeling fine. If I get too stressed I feel kind of close up, but I've been trying to keep myself down!

I'll think hard about Xmas presents and write you again real soon. I just had to write about this tonight, I was so excited. I'd forgotten I'd told you about the mirror and I just sent to Mummy an adv. I saw in the Times for Lucite mirror, brush and

comb set that looked lovely, so look no longer for that! She'll probably find them for me. As for a magazine, I think for me I'd really like the Good Housekeeping best, instead of B H & G or Am. Home. Mummy usually sends her to me, but she won't be able to if we're out in New Mexico. I know Emily said she could get it from me for about half price, so if you do get it, get it and show her. I'll write you again about all this. By the way, what do you want, that would be really useful, small that I can get in Philly that you can't get in Elmira, and what about E. I doubt whether I get a chance to make anything this Xmas. Well, so long, Barbara

PS. Remember all this is very secret. Don't tell anyone anything except that Bill is to do war research somewhere out west. Don't mention New Mexico and don't mention how secret it is, and don't let it get into the paper Bill says.

PPS. Did you see the picture of Eli on pg. 40 of the Nov. 13 issue of the Post?

SWARTHMORE COLLEGE

DEPARTMENT OF PHYSICS

Dec 15, 1943

De r Hother:

I am sorry that you have been so laid up with the grippe, or flu, and hope that it is all over. Barbara had it last week end, but recovered after a couple of days. As a result of our all losing several days, on top of trying to get things arranged and packed for moving, we have not done very much for Shristmas, and are late in sending off presents. We are sending a box probably tomorrow, which won't get to you until after Christmas, but I know you wi 1 understand. One present which it will contain was made from old cherry boards which were in the chemistry dept. lab. I planed off the acid stains, and found good wood underneath. I made five of them, four for presents, and one for us. You can try guessing what it is, before it arrives.

The ration board has alloted me 160 gals for driving out, which is 2400 miles at 15 gals per mile. I hope we will not run out of gas before we get there. The actual distance is about 21000 mmiles, but we may not get 15 miles per gal. with the Buick.

Some freinds gave us a small Christmas tree which was cut down in preparation for more planting. We did not plan to have one, but it has pleased Mary-Leigh so much that I guess it is a good thing.

We don't know yet when our goods will go, but expect it will be next week some time. We shall leave shortly thereafter. I have bought some film, and hope to take some pictures, although I don't know whether comeras will be allowed at the Site. It will be a shame not to get pictures, particularly of the Indian peublos(?), etc., in New Mexico.

There are still many things to finish and to do before we leave, so I mustn't take too much time from work to write. Your letter came with the birth certificate - thanks very much for getting it. I am enclosing a check as a Christmas present. I haven't been near a store in ages.

MERRY CHRISTMAS TO YOU; AUNTIE MAY AND AUNTIE TISSIE.

Love,

Bill

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Postal Card Mrs. William Elmore, 312 North Princeton Avenue, Swarthmore, PA

Sunday (December 19, 1943)

Dear Mother. We are so sorry to hear you'd had this darn flue. Goodness, you shouldn't have bothered about hurrying with the presents for us. The box arrived several days ago, and in plenty of time. I do hope Aunty May has escaped the germ. Mary-Leigh is all well now except for a cough and stuffy nose, though she was certainly pretty sick for a day and two nights. I was up every 15 minutes with her those 2 nights, which is probably why I succumbed to the darn bug on Friday. I had a bad cold first and then my temp. rose to 103 degrees and all day Sat I had a terrific headache and the pain in my sinus and back and legs. I thought I'd never live through the day and night. However today I'm practically back to normal and hope to get busy on all the neglected packing tomorrow. We've all had the flu now and perhaps we'll stay well for a while. On presents, maybe kind of late as all this has held us up and several are still in the process of being made. Well, take care of yourself, Love Barbara.

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Dear Mother,

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I don't know exactly what they are working on there and won't know until I start work. My job will be more or less what I have been doing at the Bartol – electrical work. They got after me by virtue of the reports I had written in connection with the MIT projects. I know very little about it all and won't be able to say anything, I suppose, even as to how big the place is, who of our friends, if any, are there. It may be that outgoing mail will be censored although I imagine we will be told what mustn't be mentioned. At any rate don't mention to people or let it get in the paper where I am, even mentioning out west. If you must say anything, just mention I have left Swarthmore temporarily for war work.

The FBI are looking me up again and probably will visit Montour Falls for additional data. If they learned from anyone except family that New Mexico was my destination it might cause trouble.

They are trying to get someone to fill in my teaching at the college. I hate to leave when there is such a teacher shortage in the Physics Dept.

Mrs. Page has been down for a few days to see B and help get things packed in boxes, especially things which will be left behind. She left this afternoon.

We have been trying to get our furniture on its way before Christmas so it will be there when we arrive but I guess it won't go until after Christmas. It is certainly complicated to get all the details cleared up. We are renting the house to a new man in the Art Dept, who replaces a man recently drafted. The latter has two children, I believe, but he will go to Wash to be a Special Officer and use his "art" to advantage, instead of taking basic training. I shall be working up until a short while before we leave. It is too bad we won't get to see you, Auntie and E (Eleanor) before we leave, or for Christmas.

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Love Bill



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January 1944

Dear Mother-

We at last got off! I've never put in such a hectic two days in all my life. The Garretts had us over to breakfast and we left Sw (Swarthmore) at 10:30 AM and had lunch in the outskirts of Baltimore. We had been hoping to get to Staunton Va. by nite as there is a lovely place to stay there – but we couldn't get that far. We are now settled in a not very pretentious tourist home in Luray, Va. – home of the famous caverns. We went over the mountain just at sunset and they were lovely – with lots of snow. We decided that it would be foolish to go on the Skyline Drive as the road was unplowed. He got here at about 6:30 and are now ready to sleep after only 4 hours sleep last nite.

Love Barbie



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Post card from Lee's Tourist Court Sunday January 2, 1944

Dear Mother – you rate a letter – but I don't seem to have any paper so I'll write a couple of cards – It's poured all day and we ran into army maneuvers at Lebanon, Tenn. where we hoped to spend the night – However we have got the last cabin here, another 15 mi on toward Nashville. It's 7:30 Central war time and ML is practically asleep on her feet. She refuses to give in and go to sleep in the car. The cabin here is gorgeous – 2 rooms with bath, radio and all the conveniences. Garage too. Eli and I seem to have a case if diarrhea (?) which is too bad as the food is wonderful. I feel OK now but Eli looks as if he'd lost his last friend. Love B & B



DEAR MRS. POST CARD Mrs. Nellie Day Monton Falls New York IN VAAN THIS SIDE IS FOR THE ADDRESS



Duncan Hines Recommends: Jan 5 CACTUS MOTOR LODGE, one of New Mexico's outstanding courts. Located at the East entrance to TUCUMCARI, NEW MEXICO, at the foot of the famous Indian legendary Tucumcari mountain. Tile tub and shower baths, each with individual heating unit. Box springs and Seely mattresses. Double insulated walls. Carpeted floors. Steam heat. Car-by-door garages. Mrs. I. E. Perry, Manager. Phone 600. Р Dean M. - These are the anankies courts where staged in yet - nier than being home ! Town Hi is all by Acelfi The middle of the prairie and yet its got all the Wellue'00 modern conveniences be i Sante Fe' Tomonon afternoon and 180 mi left - Tody the count 1 shi Tomore got to hometer - The

Mus. Grace C. Elitore Montory Falls New York. Post Card from Santa Rosa, New Mexico to Grace C. Elmore, Montour Falls, New York January 5, 1944

Dear M. These are the swankiest courts we've stayed in yet. Nicer than being home! This town is all by itself in the middle of the prairie and yet its got all the modern conveniences. Well we'll be in Santa Fe tomorrow afternoon, only 180 miles left. Today the country was flat as a pancake from a hundred miles. Tomorrow we get into mountains. The next time I write we'll be there. B



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Post Card from Santa Rosa, New Mexico to Eleanor Elmore, Elizabethtown, New York January 6, 1944

Dear Tissie, we're almost there now. We'll be in Santa Fe by 3pm. The country is getting more interesting now, bright red earth and these funny buttes sticking up every so often. Yesterday we went for a hundred miles over practically flat country. Ugh! Everyone goes 50 or 60 miles/hr. out here. So we're making pretty good time. We've been staying in very swanky cabins. ML and Eli have been little angles. Love B.



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Post Card from Santa Rosa, New Mexico to May T. Elmore, Montour Falls, New York January 6, 1944

Dear Aunty May, We're now on the last lap of our trip. We'll be in Santa Fe this afternoon. The country is lovely now, lots of the buttes of bright red clay, or covered with snow. Bill says he can see some of the high mountains in the distance – in any case we will soon [be there]. We had rain for 2 days but now it's gorgeous weather. We've lucky to have missed the heavy snow 2 weeks ago. Love Barbara

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Saturday, January 8, 1944

Dear Mother,

Well, we got here early Thursday, and of course everything is just thrilling. I naturally can't tell you much of anything, but I'll keep a diary or something and when we're back home again I'll make up for lost time. We got into Santa Fe in time to eat lunch and look about a bit. It certainly is a fascinating place. I hope we get a chance to see more of it. Here we have a 2 bedroom apartment on the second floor. The houses are 2 story with 2 apartments on each floor. They are very efficiently planned. The kitchen has more cupboard space than I have at home, and a gorgeous new refrigerator. The stove however, is an old fashioned wood stove with an oil burner in it. They've given us a double electric plate, though, so we'll make out fine. The living room has a fireplace and two big windows (with the most gorgeous view you can imagine). The bedrooms are smaller with 3 closets in all and a big linen closet and drawers in the hall. The bathroom has no tub, only a shower. I suppose I'll have to get used to that. The only disappointing think is the heat. They use soft local coal and every chimney billows out quantities of black smoke, and the hot air ventilators in every room pour out black soot all over everything. I've spent most of yesterday and today scrubbing the woodwork and cupboards and floors. It futile to start on the walls as where ever you stop it leaves a black smudge and it would be a life job to do all of it. We all have to wash face and hands continually I hate to think of the laundry!

There's lots of snow. ML is heart broken that she has no sled, and evidently its practically impossible to get one around here. There's both skating and skiing near here too. It started to snow again soon after we got here and we certainly were glad to have got here when we did. (oops ..no ink) The roads up here are terrible. I only hope the van can get our furniture in. Speaking of furniture, everyone is very pessimistic about our getting it for some time. People here have had to wait weeks and weeks for theirs. We're quite comfortable tho, with 2 beds and 2 bureaus and borrowed china (chairs?). The apartment looks like roughly.

[Diagram of apartment]

Later

Everyone has been very nice to us here. We find we know only one couple, but I imagine we'll know everyone soon. ML won't be able to go to nursery school I guess as they are all full years and are only taking those whose mother's work. I imaging I'll jet a part time job sooner or later, about everyone does. There is a big problem of getting hardware and other odds and ends as Santa Fe is about sold out. I guess I'll have to send for some stuff from Montgomery Ward. Also I'd hoped to get some gay inexpensive Mexican cloth to make slip covers, but they say that Santa Fe doesn't have much in the way of material, or dishes either, I'd would like to get a breakfast set for everyday use.

ML has found several children to play with already. She was out in the snow all morning and walking with me all afternoon. It gets quite warm and the sky is so clear and the sun so dazzling that you can hardly see.

Well I see where we always eat in the kitchen; we have this little breakfast nook at the end of the kitchen. It'll be nice and convenient. At present we are using it for everything as we have no other furniture.

Eli is all recovered I guess he was just apprehensive on the trip. I think the altitude has helped my asthma (or perhaps it was just that I slept badly on the trip that I had more) tho this coal smoke may aggravate it even more. It certainly is hot tonight in here. We have to keep the windows open all the time to keep it cool All for now, love Barbie

Mrs. William Elmore

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PO Box 1663 Santa Fe, New Mexico Fri. Jan 14, 1944

Dear Mother and Aunty May,

I don't seem to have much of anything to do now that I've washed all the woodwork, etc,. So I might as well get lots of letters written, because when the furniture finally arrives I'll be kept plenty busy. Bill's off to a meeting – they have a couple a week – so I'm left alone to hold the fort. However, I don't feel as lonesome as I did the first few days. Everyone is very nice though they don't pay much attention to you at first as of course they are so many new ones coming in all the time. Almost everyone is young – with children and dogs galore. Bill's boss and his wife are very nice with the most adorable baby of 1 year you're ever set eyes on, also an older girl. I'll have to get to know all the first names ' as we can't mention last ones.

Last night I went to a pottery class that one of the wives is starting – it's going to be fascinating – there were only 3 or 4 of us there and we made some bowls like the Indians do. We're going down to see some of them make their pottery sometime. I'll have to get some people interested in Jewelry work soon. I guess I'll find plenty to do without a job. I wish we could go out more in the evening. They have square dances and regular dances all the time, and movies every night, but it's hard to get anyone to stay with your children here. A lot of people depend on the other people in the apartments to listen (and you can hear everything that goes on upstairs and down) but the people beneath us have no children, so I couldn't work out in reverse - so I kind of hate to ask). Anyway, Bill's going to be plenty busy. They work all the time here - even evenings. There are no special hours; just your own conscience and you know Bill! Well as soon as all my stuff comes I've got plenty of sewing to do and I want to do a little decorating to this apartment too. I think I'll paint some more of those Penna. Dutch designs on the kitchen cupboards, then there'll be curtains and slipcovers, etc. I have the place at least looking a little cleaner now. I tackled the windows the other day. The outsides were all smeared with putty – It was the devil and all to get to the outsides, as there are no pulleys on the windows. The pins that go through and hold them at a couple of different levels and also screens to cope with. I finally discovered that if you took off one molding you could pull the window out and clean it that way. I also cleaned out the stove. The people before us – and perhaps even before the stove was brought here, had used coal and wood in them and there were ashes way down on the farther side of the oven. I had to reach way down in and sort of ease them under – then reach in from a 2 x 4 inch slot in the bottom and pull them out. I was black soot up to my elbows on both arms. It's finally worn off today - though it's still black under my fingernails. However it was worth it. The potatoes baked in ³/₄ hr. tonight where as they took 1 $\frac{1}{2}$ hrs before. The oil shoots in from the back with a fan and is hot as the dickens. The only trouble is it heats up the room terrifically. I don't know what we'll do in the summer.

Poor Mary-Leigh was sick last week. She got another upset like the one a couple of months ago. Couldn't hold anything down – even water. The pediatrician here is very nice and came over several times and finally insisted that she go to the hospital to get some liqu8ids into her intravenously. She stayed 2 days though she seemed ok the second day. Now she is finally back to normal, though I guess it took some weight off her. I wish I knew what caused it. Was that the sort of thing Bill has when he was little? He says he had bilious attacks every month. She probably got over tired and over excited, and perhaps ate something that didn't agree with her. I'm going to keep better watch and see that it doesn't happen again.

I am definitely much better as far as the asthma and hay fevers goes. I'm do glad, goodness, I've slept all night several nights now, the first in months and months. Bill seems to feel fine, though we both feel sleepy a lot. I guess it's the altitude. The snow comes and goes, it's mostly mud in the daytime, with the most sparkling clear blue sky you've ever seen – then it freezes over at night. We have no problem of keeping warm though – it's so hot I have windows open all day.

We're beginning to wonder how everything is at home. It seems years since we left. We're anxious for letters. We had some bad news from Swarthmore a few days ago. A telegram came from Ruth Wright to say that Helen Carroll's baby had died. Remember she is the girl who lived diagonal across the street on the corner. Her baby came in September, a boy and they were thrilled. (They have 2 little girls. I felt just terrible for her. I certainly wish I could have been with her to help her. I sent a telegram off quickly and an airmail letter. I know no details yet as to why the baby died. He certainly was well when we left.

None of our magazines have been forwarded yet and I haven't finished the last installment of the Glencannon serial! We'll have forgotten what it's about when we get it. I'm reading a book on Mexico and 2 books on pottery right now. I see where we branch out on some reading for ML. These friends of ours, Grant and Florence, have quite a library of children's books and their little girl, Nancy, is 6 yrs old. Florence was a kindergarten teacher for some years and has always been deeply interested in children's books. They have a great many very good ones, and she says I may borrow all I want. I really should read to ML more. Now that she's past the stage of the babyish stories I will be more interested.

Boy the food is going to be wonderful here. The meat is marvelous and cheap as anything (Though often there is still the points). I got the most marvelous loin lamb chops yesterday for only 35 cents a lb. and a post roast that melted in your mouth. Also ice cream only 50 cents a qt. and as much as you want. Milk 14 cents and Kleenex 15 cents for a big box. All fruits etc are by the pound.

I spent a big order to Montgomery Ward yesterday and before I get the things, the thing that's impossible to get is an oven thermometer. I don't know what I'll do as I have no idea how hot the oven gets. If you hear of anyone who has one she doesn't want, do spend it to me. I remember that beauty we left at Cape Cod!

Well, I'd better sign off and give your eyes a rest. Let Eleanor know our news and I'll write her soon.

Love Barbie

Mrs. Wm. Elmore

P.O. Box 1663, Santa Fe N.M. Jan. 20, 1944. Dear mother-Bankara has described and trip and. We stayed in motor Courts, mostly, and if you pick and choose they are very good - much hetter them Torink Nomes, or Hatels for that matter. Our is penses ran about "100 for the 2200 mile trip - me dedict try to string. The meather in N.M. is peculiar. During The day everything in the sun melto and turns into dup mind - by 6 PM. - Mt. War Time its is mostly frozen again. Then men a couple of days of mow when me fint camesince they it has been heartifully clear. you have never seen such bright stars at might as there are here. Limb, pulling many along on a shall for about half he way. There is lots of mow in the words, but it was crusted where we walked, since some skillers had been along the road - woods - road - when The snow fill the previous meet. We have seen quite a bit of some friends me knew in new Haven. next Sunday me are going to see the festivites at on of the Indian Posseblos, driving the in an car. It should he very interesting. Barlina and I have

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PO Box 1663, Santa Fe, N.M. January 20, 1944

Dear Mother,

Barbara has described our trip out. We stayed in Motor Courts, mostly, and if you pick and choose, they are very good and much better than Tourist Houses, or Hotels for that matter. Our expenses ran about \$100 for the 2200 mile trip, we didn't try to skimp.

The weather is N.M. is peculiar. During the day everything in the sun melts and turns into deep mud, by 6pm Mt. War Time, it is mostly frozen again. There were a couple of days of snow when we first came, since then it has been beautifully clear. You have never seen such bright stars at night as there are here.

Last Sunday we went for a short climb, pulling Mary along on a sled for about half the way. There is lots of snow in the woods, but it was crusted where we walked, since some skiers had been along the road – woods – road when the snow fell the previous week.

We have seen quite a bit of some friends we knew in New Haven. Next Sunday we are going with them to see the festivities at one of the Indian Pueblos, driving there in our car. It should be very interesting. Barbara and I have been reading a book on N. M. and it is quite interesting to find out about the various Indians and the big contrast between the pueblo Indians and the Navaho's and Apaches, etc. The majority of the Pueblo Indians are within driving distance, in these times, of Santa Fe. The Navaho's are in the North West corner of the state.

Tonight Barbara is out making pottery with a small group. They use the same clay as do the Indians and hope soon to have a small kiln to bake their produce. We hope to get some stones, turquoise, petrified wood, etc and learn to polish it for jewelry making. Barbara probably will have a metal work class after we get settled. We brought her tools along for jewelry making, but not for bowls, etc. requiring molds.

My work is very interesting, and I am glad we came. Wish you could see this country – I don't recommend the flat part we came through – from the middle of Tenn. almost to Santa Fe. Many of the roads disappeared both frontwards and backwards as far as you could see, straight as a string. Love Bill

William C. Elmore

P.O. Box 1663 Santate, N.M. Stenday Jan 23 Dear Tessie, -I think I definated we you a little - the I tope moth too kept you i format of on We're both any about this arrival etc. place - and feel that we we be here for ages already. I find that I know know my way around to some extend and know a for people to a losser extend. There are so may reger oning all the the the sac page hand attents The cours - Arm there are so may new excel this to seed a that I don't mul case . We found two old friends for N.tt. - when you shall know hencefull as grent a Thrence . & a forme there are then the ve too heard of the are not the this know the touton Bill's working pretty hard - the attack i aroud 8:30 ng may (the then ar no set hours) and gis fre at 6:30 - with of come an hon of noon time - then he issuel you hady

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PO Box 1663 Santa Fe, N.M. Sunday, January 23, 1944

Dear Tissie,

I think I definitely owe you a letter, though I hope mother has kept you informed of our arrival etc. We're both crazy about this place and feel that we've been here for ages already. I find that I now know my way around to some extent and know a few people to a lesser extent. There are so many people coming all the time that no one pays much attention to new comers. However, there are so many new and exciting things to see and do that I don't much care. We found two old friends from N.H., whom you shall know henceforth as Grant and Florence, and of course there are others that we've heard of before, one or two that knew Thornton.

Bill's working pretty hard. He starts around 8:30 or 9 am (though there are so Sat hours) and gets home at 6:30, with of course an hour at noontime. Then he usually goes back in the evening, as he can't bring his stuff home to work on. I haven't much to do as yet as our furniture still hasn't come. We have a dinette table and benches that we use every minute, and they provided us with temporary beds and bureaus. Someone lent us a couple of camp chairs and a few dishes so we're really making out fine.

Today we had the grandest time. We took Grant and Florence and a young English couple down to a big festival at the San Ildefonso Indian Pueblo not far from here. They were all dressed in their costumes of blankets and long hair braided or bound up. The dresses were fascinating. One group wore buffalo hides and horns and deer antlers with paint all over their faces and chests. The other group wore the feather headdresses. The adobe houses are very interesting though I was surprised to see doors and windows with glass or painted trim.

We've just been reading a book on New Mexico. These Pueblo Indians have always lived here since way before the Spaniards came. They are very different from the nomadic Navaho Indians. But perhaps you know all this. The Pueblo Indians are the ones who make all the pottery. There is a girl here who is starting a group to do pottery work. It's mostly boiled down to me and her and we're going to have a swell time making pottery out of the Indian clay that they get around here. Bill's going to try and make me a potter's wheel. I've already made a few bowls the way the Indians do (they use no wheels). You twirl a little round bottomed shallow dish around and coil up the sides by rolling clay out.

I'm going to get a jewelry group started sometime. There's a turquoise mine somewhere not too far off and we'll probably be able to find some and polish them ourselves.

I see where I'll have plenty to keep me busy. I thought at first I'd get a job but I think I'll have more than enough interesting things to keep me occupied. To begin with its going to take me a lot more time to keep house as this place is lousy with soot – Shelves, woodwork, etc, have to be washed every few weeks, and we have this old fashioned wood stove too, which is fussy to work with. Though all in all the apartment is really very efficient and when summer comes I hope the dirt will stop. Though they say the dust starts then!

Monday evening

We're having a regular blizzard tonight. I'm glad, as a lot of the snow had melted leaving mud that oozes up to your ankles whenever you step on it. Whenever I having anything out of the line I have to be sure to get it out before the mud thaws out in the morning, and take it in after it freezes at night. Speaking of laundry I can't wait until my Bendix arrives. Everything gets dirty in three minutes. I have to wash ML's PJ's out every day! They have a central laundry with some washing machines and mangles. I used it on Saturday and washed 8 sheets.

We have a little radio here that someone lent us till ours arrives. It's amazing all the stations you can get, especially in the evening. They have a little broadcasting station here in the evening. They play records; it certainly is nice.

I'm dying to try the movies. They show them every night but Monday, with three changes a week. However it's quite a problem to find someone to stay with children at night. So we probably won't go much. They have dances every Sat. too. Barn dances every other week. We plan to go this Sat.

You'd love it here. I wish you and Mother could come. If we found a job for you, would you consider it? They have a nice school and I think they are always looking for teachers. The weather is too divine for words. If it weren't for this soot I'd want to live her forever.

Everyone has babies here. It's ideal, no doctors or hospital bills. I'll have to hurry up and get one started! The majority of the people are young and there are scads of children and babies and dogs all over. I haven't been house back riding yet, though hope I can soon. We plan to go off every Sunday on some kind of trip. There are endless places to go to see the sights and places to hike to. People always combine up on trips in the car to save gas. We came out ahead on our gas for the trip out.

How's everything in Elizabethtown? Write some time. We long for letter.

Lots of love, Barbie

Ps. I hope you can decipher this scribble.

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PO Box 1663 Santa Fe, New Mexico January 28, 1944

Dear Mother,

Both your letters and one from Eleanor arrived practically at once, and I certainly was glad to get them. I've felt kind of at loose ends in spite of all the friends we've made, because of this darn bare house with no sewing to do or not even clothes to wash for that matter; we brought so little with us in the car. I'm sorry the addresses got left out. I guess I thought Bill had given it to you in that last letter he wrote before we left.

There seem to be more things to do now that we are getting to know more people. We've been invited out a bit. Last week I went into Santa Fe with the K's (Grant and Florence). I couldn't find any of the things I wanted, but I did have a fine time looking in all the Indian and Mexican shops. One place you can actually watch the Indians at work making the jewelry. In one place I bought a lovely Indiana corn necklace of the most beautiful and coppery color. I see where I'm going to have fun around Christmas!

Last Sunday we took the K's and another young English couple down to the San Ildefonso Indian Pueblo to see their biggest festival of the year. The low adobe houses are fascinating, all built around a courtyard where they dances were given. The drummers come out first, then the dancers. This Pueblo had two distinct parts, the old part and the new. One side gave the animal dances. They all wore the heads and horns of buffalo and mountain sheep, painted their faces and torsos, after the dance they retire to the Kiva (ceremonial chamber and rest, then come out and do it all over again. While one side of the pueblo was resting the other side gave its dance. They wore the gorgeous colored costumes and blankets, with great feathered headdresses. It certainly was a sight. There were hundreds of spectators and many Indians from other Pueblos. The mud was ankle deep, but the dancers ignored it. Most of the domestic help here comes from this pueblo and one other, for 2 weeks before this festival they were all busy baking for their feasts, evidently they have to feed all the Indians that come from other pueblos, so people here were kind of short of help. There are also several famous potters at this pueblo and we hope to go down sometime and watch them. I joined a group here that are interested in pottery. We're having a good time.

I've seen a good bit of Ethel F., (Bill's bosses wife, the one with the adorable year old baby, Eva, that I told you about). She lives quite close and I borrow everything under the sun from her. She is having a tea tomorrow and had one last Saturday too. Everyone I've met is so nice. Sunday we're invited to dinner at the J's. They are Chinese food fanatics, and boy can they cook it! There are quite a bunch of them that get together and each brings one Chinese dish of food then they all stuff themselves to bursting! Tomorrow night we have actually found someone to stay with ML and are going to the square dance that they have every other week. There is also a Girl Scout dance the same night, and a darn good movie, but I guess we can't do everything! I haven't been to the movies yet. Bill goes back to a meeting or to work almost every night. Then I have my pottery on Thursday evenings, and there's always the job of finding someone to stay with ML.

Well, I guess I'd better go through your and Eleanor's letters and comment and answer questions. I just wrote E a couple of days ago, so perhaps you'll send this on to her too.

To begin with, don't bother to send the Saturday Evening Posts. I've written to Winthrop to make a bundle of all the accumulating magazines and send them out to us. I'm sure our subscription started ok. It's just the time it takes to have the addresses changed. I didn't have it changed sooner because Bill wouldn't let me till we got here. In any case, there are several people we know here who take it. I know them well enough now to ask to borrow it.

We laughed hard over the Jap concentration camp. How could that have even started? Especially as Bill isn't in uniform even! What you put in the paper sounds fine.

The altitude does not make ML sleep more, if anything she sleeps less drat her! She's had a little cold the past few days but doesn't feel badly. She's been awfully irritable lately. I think its because we're so disorganized with no furniture or toys or anything familiar. Don't you think she's rather young for a magazine? I haven't seen Florence since your letter came. I'll ask her what she likes. Maybe it would be just the think.

You speak of my stove and washing. I did clean the stove with my hands. Bill told me of the sort of thing you had to do it with, but there is no such thing here. However, it's done now and I don't intend to use wood or coal in it again so no more will accumulate. The oil is nice and clean. The stove really works fine. If only I knew how hot the over is!

They have a central laundry here with 4 machines and iron and mangle. I went over once and washed 7 sheets etc. They're just ordering washers though with electric wingers. I sure do miss my Bendix! The dirt comes out pretty quickly, though things certainly do get dirty fast. You should see the sheets that have been on the beds for a few days! And ML underwear after ½ hour wear!

I think Bill is enjoying his work here tremendously. I just wish I could tell you how exciting it all is. He and everyone else works pretty long hours and most evenings, but it is worth it. In the summer we'll take more time off and see things. Right now we'll probably do something every Sunday but not much on weekdays.

As I think I told you before, the food is grand compared to what we've been getting at home. Especially the meat. The vegetables are so so and plenty of birds eye ones, string beans of 19 cents a box! The eggs are the only disappointing thing, very doubtful as to freshness and pretty expensive too. The milk seems good though they say it's not too safe. Both ML and I have had typhoid shots. Bill's a sissy, though I expect to wear him down soon. We also are going to take tetanus shots (not the same as the ones you take after injury). All the food is very cheap, because it's government stuff I guess. Plenty of ice cream and such.

We have plenty of gas left over and as we don't use the car much here at all (luckily we were put in a house that's close to everything) we'll have plenty to use on trips next summer. There are no garages; the cars just sit out expensed to the weather. ML has not made many friends yet as she hasn't been out much. I think I'll put her in nursery school as soon as they have room for her and as soon as we are all settled down to routine life.

My money just came back from Montgomery Ward. They don't seem to have anything left. The stuff comes from Denver. I still have no shower curtain. If the last one I ordered doesn't come I'll have to give up and get Mummy to send me one. I'm getting so I loathe showers and I have to mop the whole bathroom after each one. However, the problem is solved with ML...she just fits in the laundry tub and its ever better than at home as I don't have to lean over!

We will probably have no garden because of the water problem. Everything is dreadfully dry in the summer and there's not enough water to sprinkle a garden with. However people who were here last summer say they are able to get tomatoes to can and peaches. I imagine the soil is pretty much clay too. The trees are beautiful here, tall pines with 8 or 9 inch needles in clumps. I don't know what kind they are. Lower down on are the Pinon Pines with edible nuts. We tasted some, they're wonderful.

Well, I'm getting kind of bleary eyed, so will retire. Bill is working tonight. I write letters practically every night. I've written hundreds! Probably when the furniture arrives you'll get only short notes!

Well, so long, and write lots, I love getting letters! Also pray for our furniture to come. Barbie

PS All I can think of is how much you'd love this place and all the surrounding country. Gosh couldn't you close the house and come out here to live with us? Or perhaps we could find a job for Eleanor and you could both come. You'd be nuts about it, both of you!

Mrs. W. C. Elmore

PO BOX 1663 Santa Fe, N. Mex. Feb. 6 1944

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PO Box 1663 Santa Fe, N. Mex Feb. 6 1944

Dear Mother

Today we drove to Bandelier National Monument with Grant and Florence and took a picnic. We cleared snow off the picnic table and fireplace and fried hamburgers and onion. It was quite warm in the sun. After eating we went with some other visitors and a guide to see the Indian ruins, which are described briefly in the enclosed pamphlet. The Tynonyi Ruin on the cover was photographed from up on the cliff where there are caves, last occupied, I believe, about 1600. They have a cliff house built the way they were then, blocks of stone built up in the adobe style with ladders and entrances in the roofs. The caves seem to form a back room in this structure. The upper part of the caves are black from the smoke of fires. Mary-Leigh enjoyed climbing in the caves, some of them being joined together with small openings. We picked up pottery fragments, which the guide identified as 1500. The central hole in the Tynonyi Ruin is the remains of a Kiva or ceremonial chamber. It was originally covered over with big logs, smaller rafters brush adobe and earth, with a central hole with a ladder for entrance. The present Indian pueblos have essentially the same sort of Kiva except it is built mostly above ground. On the drive in we passed miles and miles of reddish cliffs, which form the walls of the canyon opening towards the Rio Grande. Many of them appear to have caves at the top of the ???. We hope to explore them some time. The cliff dwellings all seem to be on the north wall of the canyons and get the warm winter sun.

There is trout fishing in this part of New Mexico and I am anxious to try my luck. Evidently it is almost impossible to buy fishing rods since the war, at least in Santa Fe. I am wondering whether you can find one in Montour falls or Watkins, or get one second hand. Maybe Mr. Walton could suggest a likely source. What I need is a fly rod, and reel and I guess one can get line and hooks here. I don't think it would be worth spending too much money on it. I don't know what is reasonable, rods used to come, so I am told, from \$4 to perhaps \$30 or more. If I could get a complete outfit for \$15 to \$20 it would be worthwhile. Ask Mr. Walton's advice; don't go to too much trouble, however. If you can find two, all the better.

Oh, I meant to tell you about Eli. He went along with us while looking at Indian ruins and when we went up a ladder into a particularly large cave fixed up for exhibit, Eli took a run and climbed right up the ladder about 8 runs long. At the top his hind feet slipped off the rungs and he hung there with his front feet over the top rung. I lifted him up and he lay down exhausted and took a snooze on the floor of the cave. We wondered how he would get down, but he solved that by running down the cliff, which had perhaps a 75-degree slope. Every Sunday we plan to take a trip somewhere and take a lunch if the weather is good. It certainly gets warm during the daytime but cools off rapidly as soon as the sun sets. There is snow in shady areas, which makes hiking impossible for a time.

Our furniture is due to show up Thursday or Friday, we hope. We have practically have been camping so far.

I hope you and Auntie May are well and that you have enough coal to keep warm! We are plenty warm enough here. We are all well now; in fact I haven't had a sing of a cold since early in Dec.

Love Bill

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William C. Elmore

Monday, Feb. 14th

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Mus. W. C. Elmore

Monday, February 14, 1944

Dear Mother,

Many happy returns! I've been hoping that our furniture would get here soon enough so that I could combine our trip to Santa Fe to get household items and also a present for you. There are so many things typical of this country that I know you'd like. So if you'll forgive me for not getting it to you on time, I'll surely get something in the mail by the end of the week. We're just disgusted with our furniture; they promised it for the 10th or 11th, and still no sign of it. I'm crazy to paint the walls over yet I don't dare to before I see the furniture and curtains etc, in the rooms that I can be sure of the color I want. And there will be so much sewing of curtains and slipcovers. I just hate to be wasting time.

We had another grand hike on Sunday. We took a young couple who have no car. He works in Bill's group. We drove along the road to Bandelier where we were last Sunday and stopped at one of the many cliffs along the road where we could see many holes and caves in the cliffs. Sure enough they were Indian ruins and most fascinating to explore. I don't think those had even been excavated which makes it all the more interesting. Some of them were 6-10 feet into the cliff and higher than our heads. The rounded ceiling all blackened from the smoke of fires many hundreds of years ago. Some of the ceilings were rectangular in shape, and all of them had little inner holes, say a foot square; we couldn't make out what they were used for. There were hundreds of caves, some in upper layer making second stories. Above them the cliff went almost straight up almost 100 feet. Matt [Matt Sands] and I scaled it somehow and got to the top. Loads of fun except that the rock is not too good for rock climbing; it is so soft and crumbly. When we got to the top we found the cliff out about 20 feet across the top. With another more gradual descent on the other side. Well, we got down again though it was harder than going up. All my muscles are lame today! ML and Eli are crazy about rock climbing. ML scrambles in to every cave and over the roughest ground with the greatest of joy. She complains and lags back when we're hiking across the flat ground but can rush around among the cliffs and boulders for hours without a sign of getting tired. In fact runs us ragged! Eli about went crazy when I started climbing the steep part of the cliff. He'd take a runny start and get up about 10 or 12 feet, then fall back. He could get up about any place we could and if he couldn't drove us wild until we helped him up. We hunted everywhere for signs of pottery or arrowheads. We found some a little further along when we stopped and ate our picnic. Little broken pieces of pottery, some of which even fitted together, and all with elaborate designs and crude glazes. All in all it was a wonderful trip. We all had a marvelous time. It was a cooler day than last week, but when the sun was out we were almost too hot. We were out in the open for 6 hours and I got definite sunburn. We were all pleasantly exhausted when we got back. It certainly is good for all of us to get these weekend outings.

I finally got to a movie last week. Though Bill didn't come. It was screamingly funny. Rosalind Russell in gosh I can't remember the title. The movies are only 15

cents, though I had to spend 50 cents for a girl to stay with ML. I think I may try taking ML with e next time I go and see if she'll sit still and be quiet. The first show is at 6:30 and is out at 8:30, and she never goes to sleep much before that anyway.

I went to a newcomer's tea on Friday. It was very nice though I can't remember many names. Today I went to see the obstetrician here and he has all kinds of tricks to try on me to see if I can't get started with another baby.

We went to another barn dance Saturday night. They are loads of fun. We come home utterly exhausted.

Did I tell you that ML can start kindergarten in March? She can even stay to lunch if I want her to. It might be a good thing for her appetite. I think if it all works out well, I may get a part time job after all, after I get all this painting and sewing done.

How's everything going with you? You seem so very far away, and normal living so peculiar. I feel as if we'd been here for ages and ages. Oh yes, I found out from Florence about the children magazines. She says her little girl gets "Value Wisdom" So it's probably the best. I think ML would like it, if you really want to give it to her. She has been pretty difficult the past few weeks, very contrary and weeping and gets on my nerves to exasperation. I'll be so thankful when all our things are here and everything seem more normal to her. Also, I think the kindergarten will be good for her. There is no place to play around here with all the mud, besides I think routine is good for ML, she's so excitable and nervous.

Well, I'm getting sleepy, still the effects of all that exercise yesterday. So good-bye for now and Happy Birthday, eat two pieces of cake for me!

Lots of love, Barbie

Mrs. W. C. Elmore

Wed. Feb. 23

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Mrs. W.C Elmore

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Love B.



Wednesday February 23, 1944

Dear Mother,

I am over whelmed with the two letters in two days! There's nothing I like better than getting mail. Well, our furniture finally got here last Saturday. You've no idea how wonderful it is to have all our things in place after two months of absolutely nothing but two beds and a dresser! The living room looks swell now, though we've been having a bit of a time getting our big beds etc into the bedroom. Yes, we did bring ML's furniture and it came through very well, only a few scratches. The bad thing is that two things were left out, probably left at the Chicago warehouse where all our stuff was stored waiting for a full load out here. Our nice ship picture and two cartons containing a lot of endive roods, parsnips and onions and Bill's tripod and my bead box, and probably some other things we can't remember. We've written and I hope they can find them for us. We worked all day Sunday unpacking the 30 odd boxes and cartons of endless tools and other junk. This is the way we've fixed everything. We'll probably rearrange everything a dozen times!

Diagram of apartment with furniture

The bedroom is only 10 x 13 feet and the living room is 13 x 17. I find that my living room curtains from home fit ok if I let down the hems. As there are only 2 windows here I'm going to sew two together and use 4 curtains at each window. Then I can draw them closed at night. Bill's going to take the day off tomorrow and we're going to Santa Fe to shop and see the sights. I guess it'll be mostly shopping as I have a list a mile long. I'm going to get paint and paint the walls and woodwork quick. Then I'll get busy and make more curtains and slipcovers and wax the floor.

A gorgeous Taylor oven thermometer came from Mummy today. I'll have to try baking a birthday cake tonite. I baked Gertrud's cake a couple of days ago with no thermometer and it was lighter than it's ever been before, and baked 20 minutes. I guess the atmospheric pressure has something to do with it. I can't wait to try your sponge cake. I'll probably go allover the pan. I do wish I had a pressure cooker too. One really needs one up here. The boiling point of water is so much lower that it takes forever to get things cooked. If I see a nice aluminum one I may get it. Before I left Swarthmore I found out that my old cracked one couldn't be fixed. Also they are going to fix some ground for victory gardens up here this summer. There is usually plenty of rain in the spring but none in late summer, so we ought to be able to grow some things. We have no catalogue yet and if we are going to grow tomato plants we ought to get them started soon. Perhaps you could send us a few Jubilee seeds to start now. We want all our tomatoes that kind this year.

Later

I baked a walnut butter cake; it came out pretty well, but cooked far too fast. Bill says it's because the top of the over reflects the heat down on the cake and browns the top too fast. You see most of the heat comes from the top instead of the bottom.

Lets see, I'd better answer some of your questions. Some friends lent us a small radio until our arrived with the furniture. I don't know what we'd have done without it. There are no good newspapers, only a couple of sheets of Denver Post, and an Albuquerque paper. I'm thinking of getting the Sunday NY Times sent to us. There are a lot of good stations that come in very well, especially at night, though it's queer getting all the programs 2 hours early. I haven't got used to it yet, so miss them all.

The mud is getting better as it's drying off. The few snow flurries we have disappear immediately, I suppose we'll wish we had the mud back later when it gets so dry you see mirages. The mud is worse when the ground has been filled. They are putting some gravel around so that ought to help. The roads are now oiled though I hear they weren't last year. There are no sidewalks.

I laughed and laughed over your description of Eleanor at the movies. I'm afraid that would be ML's reaction or worse, she'd want to know "why" about everything she saw!

I'm getting good eggs now. Some one has been going to a nearby village and getting real fresh ones and then delivering them to us. I get one dozen a week of those and fill in with the store ones for cooking. The milk seems ok to me, though some people gripe about it a lot, but then, some people gripe about everything! Of course it isn't as rich as what we had at home.

The weather has been more and more marvelous, in the afternoon if it's clear and windless, it's just like summer. In any case the cold isn't as cold here, because it's so dry I guess.

Dress materials are very hard to get here. Santa Fe seems to have practically nothing. If you happen to see any cute cotton prints or plain for summer work dresses for ML and me do get some for me. I wanted to make a long cotton square dance dress, right off and asked Mummy to look around for some material. I hope she finds something as we go every other week, and it's so much nicer to dance in a long dress. Another thing I 'm going to look for in Santa Fe tomorrow is pink or peach or apricot checked cotton for Kitchen curtains. I have my heart set on just that and nothing else as I want to paint the backs of the cupboards white with rough pink checks and flowers on the outsides of the cupboards like the peasant designs with the tulips in checks too. Think it would be cute? I decided it would be too much trouble to paint the whole kitchen, as there are so many cupboards. It's a pale apple green now. I thought in ML's room I'd paint the woodwork and halfway up the walls a blue gray semi gloss, then the rest of the it and the ceiling an off Kemtone. Then I can wash her endless fingerprints off the enamel. You can't get the smudges off the flat paint.

Several people around here have had Navaho blankets made for them. They're beautiful, around \$25 I think. I think we'll get one sometime. Would you like one for next Xmas? Or is it something you wouldn't use?

We can't take any pictures at the site except in our houses. Bill has taken a lot on our Sunday outings, and we can take pictures of ML inside. If he ever gets to do any printing he can send you some. I think I'll have a professional picture taken of ML in Santa Fe sometime. We have no good one of her.

You certainly have gone to a lot of trouble about fishing tackle. We'll see what there is to be had in Santa Fe. It seems dreadful to have it sent all the way from the East anyway. Perhaps I could write my Aunt Marie in Colorado Springs and have her look. There is fishing all year around here and Bill is itching to start.

We haven't decided where we'll go this Sunday. It's such fun to pack up a lunch and pick up a couple of people and go off any old place and climb and walk and picnic and explore. There are endless places to go within radius of 10 miles and even more within our boundaries. (We're allowed to go as far as Albuquerque in the south and Taos in the North.)

Well, I'd better stop and get a good nights rest. We'll want to be off as early as possible in the morning. ML will stay with some friends (those of the Chinese food). It will be a real birthday spree.

So long for now

Love Barbie

Mrs. W. C. Elmore

P.S. We were in Santa Fe today and spent gobs of money! One of the things I couldn't get was the material for my kitchen curtains. I was wondering if Aunty May is still in NY if perhaps she could get me some especially as I know exactly what I want. I want either cotton or seersucker lightweight white and peach check, preferably large checks (one inch) and pink could substitute the peach, small check would be ok. I don't want red as it doesn't go with this pale apple green in the woodwork, but any of the peach, apricot, rose, pink, salmon colors would be fine. There might even be something in Montour Falls. I need 7 ½ yards of 36 inch material, more if it's narrower.

A long time ago Eleanor spoke of your liking her Indian bracelet, so we looked at a lot of them today. However they were so much like the things that I could make and so expensive for something that you probably wouldn't use much, that we decided

to get something typical of the Indian work and something more practical. I'm sending it off tomorrow, so Happy Birthday a bit late.

As for my own birthday, I had a swell time in Santa Fe, and when we got back we broiled a steak on the fire in the fireplace and had ice cream with some maple sugar sauce and the cake I made last night. Some friends turned up and ate the latter with us. Tomorrow I start on the paint. What fun!

Love B

P.O. Box 1663 Souta FallM Feb. 27, 1944

Dear Mother your three letters in succession reached here almost in the same mail - I hope it hasit been too much trouble trying to find some fishing tackle - and now you have found an extra outfit. Barbara would like some too, so if you can get the pole, and E. the reel, me would appreciate having Them. I am enclosing a check for "12500, mont of was a birthday present, after paying for the tockle. Our apportment à quite suce nous, aut Barbara is going to start Kem - toning it tomorrow to try out some a deas for further application in Swarthmore some day. Fact Thursday we went on an all day shopping town in Santa Fe and got some hings - but I que B. has withen you about it. Today was have - Re first poor Sanday me have had. We put up hooks ate in the kitchen for pots + pairs + inhatmant - also for cups i the built in shelves. We took many to the movie tonight & it didn't work out too well - over her head I pretty tedious. She got pretty withers. I have work to do so all for moar. Will Write Go Barton (Tr. I assume) when reel arrives. Long

PO Box 1663 Santa Fe, NM February 27, 1944

Dear Mother,

Your three letters I succession reached her almost in the same mail. I hope it hasn't been too much trouble trying to find some fishing tackle and now you have found an extra outfit. Barbara would like some too, so if you can get the pole and E. the reel, we could appreciate having them. I am enclosing a check for \$125, most of it as a birthday present, after paying for the tackle.

Our apartment is quite nice now, but Barbara is going to start Kem-toning it tomorrow, to try out some ideas for further application in Swarthmore some day. Last Thursday we went out on an all day shopping tour in Santa Fe and got some things, but I guess B. has written you about it.

Today was hazy, the first poor Sunday we have had. We put up hooks etc, in the kitchen for pots and pans and whatnot, also for cups in the built in shelves.

We took Mary to the movie tonight and it didn't work out too well. Over her head and pretty tedious. She got pretty restless.

I have work to do, so all for now. Will write Go. Barton (Jr. I assume) when reel arrives. Thanks very much for all the trouble. Love Bill

Friday March 10 1944

Dear Mother -I gues there is been another long gap since my last letter - but a you have probably guessed, The been painting + serving centains etc - made - Istarted last monday with the painting + had it all finished (except the bathroom) by Wiled I had a tempi time mixing the colors I wanted - Die discovered that a puncher of blue will color a gellon of pains - while you have to put i a whole teacher of green! ML's row is white kentine on upper half I wells & certing - + a blick gray - mathe grayist blue a woodwork a half way up walls - ending in scollop. It got a little too blue - about on the pupplishinde - but looks bethe non the curtains are up-The curlains are notional color will the red check for valances & red check for elant emtain & bed spread - Itor might presore large constitut on the white will the red I pulled org the red check for fringe -

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Friday March 10, 1944

Dear Mother,

I guess there's been another long gap since my last letter, but as you have probably guessed, I've been painting and sewing curtains, etc, madly. I started last Monday with the painting and had it all finished (except the bathroom) by Wednesday. I had a terrific time mixing the colors I wanted. I've discovered that a pinhead of the blue will color a gallon of paint, while you have to put a whole tub of green! ML's room is white Kem-tone on upper half of walls and ceiling and a bluish gray or rather grayish blue on woodwork and half way up the walls ending in a scallop. It got a little too blue, almost on the purplish side, but looks better now the curtains are up. The curtains are natural color with the red check for valances and red check for closet curtains and bedspread. I thought I might put some large cross stitch on the white with the red I pulled out of the red check for fringe.

I had even more of a frantic time mixing the Kem-tone and oil paint for the living room and hall. I had brought a gallon of blue and quart of green in the Kem-tone. I should have reversed the quantities, as that much green didn't even affect the blue. We suddenly got the bright idea of using poster paints to color it with, used a whole jar of green and $\frac{1}{2}$ of one of yellow and it still was too blue! However it went on beautifully with the roller and I quite like it now. It's really a turquoise color. Well, when I started mixing the oil paint for the woodwork you can be sure I was careful of that blue! In fact I didn't put in any blue, only green and black and the paint got bluer and bluer. I'm still completely in the dark as to why, perhaps lamp black has a bluish tone, anyway I kept putting in more and more green to get it the same color as the walls, so it's now a lot darker and bluer, but now that its all done I rather like the contrast, and the flowered curtains help. They are hung on big wood rings on wood poles and look swell. The back of the bookcase I painted a pale pinky tan color. With my pewter plates and the lovely blue and green plate Aunty May gave us against it. And lots of philodendron. It all looks very restful and house like. I think. I'll have to get busy on the slipcovers next. Did I tell you that I got all these woven materials from a place in Itasca Texas. They're dreadfully cheap. If you ever need any material like that send for samples.

We haven't heard from the moving company about the lost picture and boxes. I'll have to write again and make even a bigger fuss.

I've been cooking more and learning to get along fine with the stove. We have all the dampers fixed ok, but even so there's more heat from the top of the over than from the sides or bottom, but it works fine if a cookie sheet is put on the rack above the cake to keep the hot reflections from browning it too fast. Cakes get much lighter than at home, but dry out quicker afterwards. Darn, my breadbox would be the one important thing that was lost! And Bill wouldn't let me bring my cake box, it is so big!

I'm having the F's and K's over to dinner next week, and tomorrow night before the square dance we're having Willie H who works with Bill and who plays for the dance on his "stomach Steinway" to dinner. He's very like Pete Cole keeps us in stitches.

I've been pouring over the new Sears, and Montgomery Ward Catalogues and sent off big orders tonight. The materials are very discouraging. I guess I'll have to give up and get red check for the kitchen. I love red but it doesn't seem to go so well with the awful apple green woodwork and white walls that we have in the kitchen. Maybe it'll look better than I think. It certainly is fun fixing everything up. I think I should have been an interior decorator.

We haven't done much of anything the past two Sundays, though we've had glorious spring weather all week. Both Sundays were cold and overcast. I had planned to go skiing both times with all my new equipment, no luck. I am getting fatalistic that I'll never get to use them this year. I hope we can get to do something this Sunday.

ML started in Kindergarten last Monday. It was all fine except that she got her first cold on Wednesday and has been home ever since! Darn it anyway! Her chief amusement these days is wearing a cat costume that Mummy gave her last time she was in Swarthmore. ML has it on for hours every day and calls herself Sukie after the black cat down stairs. The attitude has no effect on ML. You can't keep her down for one split second.

Bill's getting back to his old bad habits, working half the night and sleeping till 9 or later in the morning. He's over working every night, till 12 at least. I never get to see him except at meals and on Sunday. I go to sleep before he comes in and have to be on the go earlier in the morning because of ML and school. I hate it! But as I suppose you know, no one can change Bill! I did get him to go see "Madam Curie" last week. It was very well done, though a bit dramatic for a staid physicist's wife (I should know!) Greer Garson and Walter Pidgeon are both grand. You should see it.

I can't seem to think of anything else exciting, and I'm getting kind of bleary eyed. Oh, thanks a lot for the seeds. I'm going to plant them as soon as I get 2 seconds.

Bye for now

Barbie

MRS. WILLIAM ELMORE

P. O. BOX 1663, SANTA FE, NEW MEXICO

Dear Mother;

I never seem to get caught up with myself, - there's sho much to do I newer just run from one thing to another. I have to completely clean the house and mop the kitcheh floor 2 or 3 times a week as everything gets so dirty. These soft wood floors just soak up the wax, I waxed today for the second time in a month. However I'm having lots of fun fixing everthing up, and it <u>does</u> look so pretty with my painted walls and curtians up. Yes that is a closet of the living room, and boy are all the closets gull !

Wou've certianly been swell to go to all that trouble about the fishing stuff, and please don't do any more, wed'll get # along fine now. Hilda's pole came and it's a beauty. Thank her a lot for letting me have it. We'll think up something for a reel. I'm glad you liked the Indian bag and I hope you really use it a lot. Look one the other side of the map and you'll see the names of all these Indian ruins and pueblos we've been to see. We'r explored what I guess was Tsankawa ruins a couple of weekends ago and many others along the road to Bandelier.

I drove to Santa Fe last week with the **XX/S** K's and found some material for a square dance dress. I got it made the last couple of evenings and it turned out very nicely, - very wide eyelet embroidery around the neck and pulled up with a narrow short ribbon, full sleeves with more e.e. at cuff, sort of dirndle style with full skirt. It's getting it's debut tonite at the dance.

We have some new neighbors in the apartment on the same floor as us. They seem very nice so far, - they have a little

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baby about five months old, named Deborah. The apartment down stairs is due to be occupied soom too.

I had the K's and another couple over to dinner last week and I have 3 Couples invited for this Wednesday.

I finally got the tomatoes plented today, - kind of late but better than never I guess. They say we can start planting lettuce any time now tho I hate to waste Sundays on it. It's going to be interesting to see how it comes out.

Well the Bendix is atlast installed and I put through about 5 loads in one day and got caught up on all the mountains of washing. It's wonderful the way things dry here, - you can take things in in about one hour. I've had an Indian woman in to iron a couple of times, they wear their calored blankets and there hair bound up in a ribbon.

The doctor here is trying everything to get me started on another baby. I'm making a badal temperature chart and he's giving me some shots and a lot of thyroid which I think I have too much of already,- so I hope I get somewhere in a couple of months.

We had the grandest trip yesterday, - we took along 1/7 an anfully nice young couple, Mayne and Mary Ellen B. They are from Ithica, he's been teaching at Cornell. Well we went climbing and exploring along the Otowi ruing, and, oh, what a glorious day! It was warm and sunny with a perfectly clear blue sky. We had a swell picnic and came home with quinte a sunburn. M.L. is getting to be a fine little climber.

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Do you still have any of those long old fashioned petticoats in the attic? I think my square dance dress would look better with a full petticoat, but it's not essential. Please don't bother yourself about materials for me. I've given up the idea of peach checks. I'll wait till I hear whether you did find anything, then I'll get the first stuff I can locate. You've gone to so much trouble for me. So long for now, Barbie

P. O. BOX 1663, SANTA FE, NEW MEXICO

Friday, April 7th 1944

Dear Mother;

I feel very conscience stricken over all the trouble you've gone to about rods, reels, material, petticaats, etc. etc. and I guess I haven't been very good about acknowledging them. I'm especially horrified to think we never told you that the first rod and reel arrived. Didn't B ill mention them in his letter? I that was the reason he wtote it! Yes, all your letters have arrived o.k., I probably forgot about your mentioning "Mme Curie" or perhaps our letters prossed somewhere. Your Easter package arrived several days ago, and as usual we were completely taken by surprise, - I never expect presents for Laster. We couldn't wait til Easter so opened them at once. Bill's tie is a beauty, and the hankies and stockings are ofcourse just what I need, - I've never tried net stowkings before, they look very nice. Z/need Mary opened her package tonite and was in seventh heaven over the soap ducks. I let her open them now because we're going to Taos tomorrow afternoon and will stay in a cabin or hotel for the nite and site-see on Sunday. The K.'s are going with us, we're taking steaks to broil over a fire on the way home. I think it'll be fun! We'll hide some eggs for the kids (they have a little girl of 6) wherever we are for the nite.

Lot much has happened this week, - I've been recuperating from all those dinner parties 1 gave last week. We did have the grandest time last Sunday, - we had six adults and three children in the car and we went to the most extensive ruins we've seen so far. There was a path warn in to the rock a foot or more by those prehistoric Indians. Then on top of the mesa were the fuins of a pieblo and lower down on the cliff were some of the

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most marvelous caves with several rooms inside and pictures all over the walls. There was opdies of pottery fragments all over the ground, - Mary would get so excited and pick up the pieces as faist as she could, then they would all drop and she'd start all over again! It snowed for a while just when we started to eat, but stopped soon and got lot again.

I'm sorry I've given you the idea that hasn't been well, - I think we've all been exceptionally well since we've been here. The couple of colds she's had have only lasted a few days. I thin' the climate and work are agreeing with Bill very well. I'm so glad we can get off for a hike every Sunday. Its good for us to get the excercise.

Sinday

We've just come back from our trup to Taos, - we had such fun in spite of very poor weather. we didn't get off til after five but got there before dark and found some swell cabins with stoves and everything, - they even had horses which we rode in the morning (or a t least I did). We hid Easter eggs for the wids and had breakfast in the cabins. It was pretty overcast this morning so we didn't do much except visit the few curio shops that were open and the pueblo. I don't think the country is as lovely as around here tho there are lots of high mountians a ll around Taos. We started back a round one thinking we'd broil our steaks on the way home. However, it started to rain soon and by the time we got up here it was snowing so we finally are our picnic here and broiled our steaks over a fire in the fire place. We did stop on the way home at a Mexican shop where we spent about fourty dollars on Chimayo hlankets. The villiage of Chimayo is on that map I sentg- not gar from Espanola. It was originally an Indian vial age but was Hispanized long ago. They do all this beautiful

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