

Baguio, June 27.

Dear Gramma Ream and Ida,

I have just read your letter enclosed with that of Beulah's. I will work on that request for your genealogy book. Why work on the past? When the present and future are so exciting, and there is so much Now. You see I am like Fabian-- a realist.

Well Beulah and Sam are established in their Baguio home and I guess Lee is becoming resigned, to living up here. He always seemed to thrive in the lowlands, more than most children. Beulah's house is fixed beautifully. She has some lovely things and has arranged them well. Sam is also interested in helping. Still I think my place is more interesting, with nothing I couldn't go off and leave without regrets. I suppose because my house is my workshop is why it means more than a house full of beautiful things.

Now we are having school vacation just like in the states. Nora starts music lessons from another teacher. Kate is teaching herself music and is doing well and I teach Sally. John is finishing up his first grade work. We all help to teach him. He had his vacation when the Diehls were up here. He wanted to be out of doors all the time. John is a horse man ~~is~~ runs out in wild winds and rains with just bathing trunks on. I am going to teach him his second grade too so he isn't confined in a schoolroom. He will be seven in November. John has brown eyes

and is the lean wiry type.

Sally was nine this month and is in grade four in September. She has a keen sense and feeling for music. Like me it will be a big emotional influence in her life. She wants to be an actress and she really has something. But she is both dynamic and lazy so what?

Kate wants to be a farmer and housewife.

At present she is baking the bread. She bakes cake nicely too. It would be good if we had no servants. Then they would have to really do for themselves. At that my having enough leisure gives me time to show them how to do a lot of things a busy mother doesn't bother with. Kate will be 12 in December. She is in grade 7 with all marks in the 90's and apparently not much work to it.

Nora will be in second year high. She is 14

and is a pretty swell person according to everyone. She loses her temper once in a while and gets close to tears but I hope she will grow out of that. She wants to be a vet. She is like Fabian, a scientific and mathematical mind. She plays the piano nicely because she loves it. Nora and John look much alike. Kate is the blondest then Sally. Both have blue eyes. Kate has a long face some what like Jean.

I let Nora go to the school dances. She has three long dresses for those occasions. I will also take her with Fabian and me to the singing dinners at the Pines hotel, One

Saturday a month. There are about 60 of us whites that attend this dinner, a regular song fest. Nora has so many interests she hasn't much time to be romantic tho there are a number of boys she likes in a sort of wholesome way.

Bertram, my boarder is eleven but small. He will be in the fifth grade. It has increased the geographical scope by having him here. His dad is in Shanghai and we experience some of the difficulties connected with the exchange of money, passports etc. His specialty is the mouth organ. He practices an hour a day

Today is a big day The black hen is giving birth. All take care of the chickens and are proud the days we get 100% eggs. I have had to get some literature on the facts of life? so as to give good scientific explanations to the questions that arise in this farming. They have an insatiable curiosity and why not? What is more important than the beginning? how we are made etc.

Well it is my turn to practice now so will cease my ravings Love to all

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