

Jan 3.

Dearest Gram.

Just got your letter - am on my way to class - at last I got so far at the desk and living room, but still have 10 minutes before the time to leave. We have to go over to the Scott Clinic for Child Development. Maybe you've heard of some of his workings - ^(George Gesell) He's really a wonderful man in my estimation. Just sitting in one of his classes given me a definite thrill because he is so well known and having such an opportunity is rare. We also do all of our Nursery School training in his clinic. "Nuff sleep talk!!"

I so hoped you'd get my birthday wish on your birthday. I got it during my first few hours in New York and carried it through my travels. They were fun!! Christmas night it was raining so Jimmy and I decided we wouldn't go to the big city if it were raining the next day. But when the alarm went off at 6:00 and before I got out of bed I hoped that it would be raining since I was so sleepy - But!! the stars were shining. At 8:05 we boarded the "Banham Special" and arrived at Grand Central Station at 9:25. From there we went to the Women's Service Club gata room for the night and at the club we got some tickets to a movie and radio broadcast. Then we were off!!!!

We did take Fifth Ave from top to bottom had lunch went to hear & see the Sing Along Program. Then we went see the top of Rockefeller Center - My but it's big - We saw everything from the sub-basement to the whole city of New York from it very top. After dinner we went to the movie and it was here that I wrote & addressed your card after getting it at 5:00 early in the am - We had money for millions and

Tommy Dancy and band were on the stage - After that we went on to the radio studio (11 PM) to hear the West Coast broadcast of the Chesterfield hour - getting out of there at 12:00 we found a cute little place & had Ham & Eggs - hot suet & honey - The Ham & Eggs were served right in the frying pan - Hopped the madison Ave bus to 69th & was in bed by 1:30 after a hot bath!! The best bed I was ever in! We were so tired.

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To go on with the story.

We were up and off by 9:30 the next am. - We wanted to go to the Radio City Music Hall and see their famous Christmas show. The line was more than long if went clear around the block!! & the blocks are big. So we went back to the club - Ate breakfast then went into entertainment dept to get some tickets to something - So and behold we got free tickets to Radio City - From there we went clear across Broadway and marched up to the ticket window and ask for tickets to see Oklahoma And we got them. Back across town to the Music Hall. Grrrr I wish you could have seen it. The effect with the lights was marvelous. They told the whole story of Christ from the moment they started into the city. Descriptions are inadequate but when the curtains came up the lights came on around the edge and the people going in to Jerusalem were passed around the sides on these broad steps that lead down to the stage. And slowly they started to move down onto the stage. Then came Mary ~~enter~~ and and then everything faded out but Mary and the light came from behind all the people were gone and she was in the stable with many animals around. When that faded out a huge star appeared

and the lights came up. The three wise men on real camels were there. The halo around the heads of Mary and the baby. It was wonderful!

The rest of the show was nice. The Kachelles did a dance - each had a costume like a little Xmas tree and when they turned around with backs to the audience they lit up with Xmas tree lights. As a back ground they had a huge group of presents. Their little lights all flicked out and when they came back on the girls had climbed up on the pyramid of Xmas boxes - hence they had a big tree, all lit.

The Xmas window decoration in each of the stores was nice. we went from top to bottom in a great many. During the afternoon
At 7:00 PM we went back to the Chesterfield Broadcasting studio and got some tickets & went to their Broadcast again. At eight we went over and saw Oklahoma which lived up to all expectations and publicity. After the theatre we had pecan pie & maple syrup. and then came home. It was raining and cold - we got in about 3:15^{PM}. Had lots of mail - my Xmas presents from home - so I went to sleep - very happy and didn't even stir until 1:00 PM.

Next day we went on our first 8 hour duty. Since then we've programmed mighty fast - This Saturday another girl ^(from my class) and I will be in charge of the whole ward from 7-11 PM. Always something new - exciting and different. Guff about me and my duty. I'm glad Aunt Ika is feeling well again you're about the only source of information that I have. Oh yes I get the Bear Lake Paper once a week - but I much prefer letters.

The little tick toward Spanish is growing shorter each day. I follow it now by word

over the radio and then I get some first
hand information from my favorite
staff sergeant. He's written quite often and
casually mentions the battles and etc.
Lots hope they can get there soon and that
the folks get covered through.

Don't have
to go to work until 11:00 then work until 7:30
It's mighty cold here. The snow is blowing
and — it's just cold.

Better say bye for now - before
I wear you out completely -

Lots of love

Jim

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