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1325 Sherman St.

April 5 - Monday P. M.

Dear James;

Been some time since I have heard from you. I suppose you were at Minneapolis and are now back at school. Today had a letter from Harry. He sent me this clipping of Mrs. Lewis, which is a great blessing as her mind has been gone for several years. They kept her at home for a long time before sending her to Miss Chase's Convalescent Home!

Henry is home working in his yard and garden. The mill is on strike. Here a picket line. He says he can stand it as long as the others. His garden is coming nicely. Becky with her class are spending a few days visit to New York city. She wanted Jack to show her around, they go May 12 and that is the day Jack leaves to work in Boston for two weeks. Too bad for her as I suppose she would like to show Jack off to her class. He was home Sat. and Sun. He came from N. Y. by air to Syracuse, met his young lady there she goes to Syracuse University, they left Sunday at one o'clock by bus and he will fly from Syracuse to New York. For five years they have been

keeping company with many spats. Looks as if this make up is for good. The only thing Jack and Margaret had against their going together was she was Catholic. Yesterday, Sunday she informed Jack she would be ready for church with him, she had talked about it for some time, so it looks now she is ready to act and Jack and she went with Margaret and Karue. I have not been going all winter. My feet and legs are so swollen most the time I cannot get into shoes. I can do no walking.

Margaret is cleaning house. You cannot find any one who will clean, miss the colored help up here. Margaret heard of one person but when she called her on the phone, this woman commenced to tell her the many things she could not do - in fact there was not many things she could do.

Florence is gaining, and seems to be able to look after the house and cook for Mr. Young. She came out of the operation fairly good. Was to go back for a check up last Friday. Thought perhaps I would hear the results today but guess hardly time enough, any way, I didn't hear. Let do trust the doctor, found her improving well. Am anxious to hear how Bill is getting on in his studies. Love to all.
Mother.