

Dallas, Texas

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Dear Mama, Ellis, and Leonard.

This leaves us o.k. Hope you all are the same. Got the dress and shoes this morning and thanks for sending them. Leonard only stayed a few minutes; at least, he stayed from about 3 to 5:20.

As I was at the show. I didn't even get to see him. He went in the show and looked for me but never did find me. I hated it but if he had come to the house first I more than likely would have been here. But he always goes to the station or the Chicken Shack first and stays a while so there you are.

I was over to see a woman yesterday about taking care of her house and a 19 month old baby for \$5.00 a week and my room and board. Then Lillie said she would take me down to Hoslworths where she worked some. We are going Thursday and maybe I can get to work there.

Went to Church again last

Sunday. I will have met some nice <sup>people</sup>. They live right around the corner from here and pick me up on their way to Church and bring me back. Their name is Mr. and Mrs. Hitcher.

I saw Melba last Wednesday and again today. She bought her a pair of shoes today and I got a dress with the money Lillie gave me for my birthday. She paid a Cool \$5.50 for her shoes. But couldn't if Lola Mpe did not send it to her.

I got a letter from Dorothy one day this week also a Card from Leonard saying he got home all right. Or back to Camp. Have you written to Aaron? I wrote him once.

How do the tomatoes look? If it is still raining down there as it is up here it is probably too wet for them. Has any more of your little chickens died? Hope not. Why don't you turn those two Colts in on the front yard there. Then you would not have to mow it. Leonard said they were really pretty. Glad you liked the dress but you didn't say whether it fit or Dorothy said she thought it was pretty too. Did you really like it? Lillie didn't like it because you <sup>not</sup>.

it was a solid color. The dress I got this evening is a pretty old rose back ground with white flowers. Real large print but I surely do like it.

How did you like the handkerchief? I tried to find one that had "Mother" written in pink on it but they didn't have it.

They have an unusual show window up here at one of the stores. It is a woman sitting in a rocker with a pretty white dress on and her children all around her. It is all artificial but she is rocking and

music is playing. It  
looks real.

Leonard said you all  
didn't get any sugar  
rationing books. I got  
my book of ~~them~~ <sup>them</sup> or Lillie  
did for me.

Have made that dress  
you sent me except for the  
hem. I have white organdie  
belt and collar & cuffs with  
green buttons. <sup>It looks</sup> Sure looks  
cool and summery. I thought  
the collar and cuff set so  
I could wear them on my  
black dress too. Just gave 29¢

Our flowers we planted are  
living pretty good. Maybe they  
will soon bloom.

Answer real soon.  
Lots of Love,  
Emmie Dean