

# Park Hotel

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150 ROOMS - 150 BATHS

"A Hotel You Will Like"

510 WALNUT STREET

Knoxville - Tennessee

Van Camp Ranch  
June 22, 1935

Dear Mother + Dad,

I don't think you had to buy a new battery because Paul just bought one a few months ago. I am glad to hear you are getting along with the car so well. Be careful and don't wreck it.

I am feeling fine now and my face and arms are sun tan. I have been working up at our camp in the hot sun for the past 5 days. We have camp almost ready and we are going up to stay Monday. We have built a log frame for our tent about like the ones they have at Scout Camp. This idea gives us a lot more room inside our tent. The ridge pole is  $9\frac{1}{2}$  feet from the ground and at the wall up to where the tent starts to angle for the roof it is  $5\frac{1}{2}$  feet. I have my bed fixed up using the springs I got from Shideler's and it is going to work well. Gordy has fixed his springs much like I have mine. Our tent is pitched right next to some small pine trees and from our front door we can see a pine covered mountain

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right in front of us and pine trees protruding from high rocky peaks on the right of our camp. It is the best place for a camp I have ever seen. Our camp is 5 miles from the ranch and we have to open and close 14 gates between the ranch and camp. We saw bear tracks around the spring where we get our water. The woods is full of deer and elk. Paul has seen some coyotes and he has had a lot of fun shooting ground hogs and gophers. There are all kinds of wild flowers in the mountains and it makes the whole woods fragrant. There is one place I have seen so far in the cañon that looks a lot like Turkey Run. The sunsets out here are sure pretty and you can see the different colors in the rainbow reflecting on the snow capped mountains.

We are going on a picnic up to Spring Creek tomorrow. That is where Bill's grandmother's place is. We are also going to a ranch to watch them shear sheep tomorrow.

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They don't have any sheep at this ranch now but they are getting some this fall. I haven't ridden any for two days but it sure is a lot of fun. We don't take any chances on the horses. I have a lot to learn about riding but maybe by the end of the summer I will be a little better.

I lost a little weight while I was sick but I have put on weight in the past few days. I feel swell and this outdoor life is going to help me a lot physically.

What did Uncle Dave have to say about the trip? I am glad you got the check and 19.25 is right. I am surprised he brought it out. I am going to write to him and Aunt Clara some time soon.

It is 8<sup>30</sup> now and it is very light yet. I haven't used a light to go to bed by yet. Paul is reading the magazines you sent. You can see if they will read the Collins out here, I would like to get it if I could.

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You wouldn't have far to go to make a rock garden out here. There are flat rocks and all kinds every where.

We had 6 flats on my car and one on Mrs. Mack's. I had to buy one new tire because the tire casing was breaking. I got one at a Standard station and I traded in my old tire + tube on the new one. It cost \$9.00.

The weather has been pretty good but we have had quite a few thunder showers. The past two days have been swell and the nights are fine to sleep. Paul wants to tell you a few things. Give Virginia + Margorie a big kiss for me and tell them not to cry too much. Keep me informed of all the things that happen at home.

your loving son  
Paul

Dear Boss

I am glad that the Ford runs O.K. now + that the family is all well + happy. Tell Harry to sell the gun for \$3.00, if he can get any more, he can keep it.

# We are going to the mts, Mon. the 24. yesterday, Friday, I counted 15 hogs on the way up to the mts. I don't think I will run out of anything to do with all of those hogs running around. I will write again sometime soon.

your most dearest dearest loving son  
Paul

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