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Woods Langon Camp

Aug 13, 1935

Dear Mother + Dad,

I am glad to hear you had such a nice trip to Danville and no trouble. Don't spend any more money on the Ford than you just have to because Paul can do a lot that you will have to pay for at a garage.

I got a nice letter from Aunt Louise and she also told me about the trip. I am going to write to Ruth today.

Bill and I had a fine time up here last week. We went down to the ranch Sunday for a chicken dinner and Paul, Gordy and Alfred came back with us. We have three horses up here now and Paul, Bill and Alfred have just left to take a trip over to Daisy Langon about 10 miles from here. Gordy and I are going over there tomorrow.

Right now we have a big pan of beans baking and they sure smell good. We had macaroni + cheese yesterday which was also very good. Gordy is making some apricot + pineapple jam now. We had some at the ranch so we thought we would make some.

I asked Paul why we hadn't had any meat for so long. He took his gun and was gone about fifteen minutes and came back with two young ground hogs. They were pretty good but the dog got most of them. Paul found an old deer head and got a good pair of antlers which he will bring home.

Bill and I saw a beautiful buck deer the other night not far from our camp. I only wish we had had a camera because he sure would have made a swell picture. He stood still for a long time and we walked up to within 100 ft of him.

I got an old mattress down at the ranch and I sure have a swell bed now. It is as wide as my bed ~~at~~ home and is just as comfortable. I have plenty of room to roam around in now. Before I had comforts folded under me and it was only about as wide as a cot.

We got all the pictures Mr. M'Uakman had yesterday and we now have about 40 pretty good pictures. We are going to get more film and take a lot in the park. Bill took a picture of me on a horse and it turned out good, the best picture I have seen of me I think.

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I am enclosing a map showing the way we will come home. It is different than the way we came out and about 100 miles shorter. Beil got a map with the shortest and best route marked for him by the Continental Oil Co at Denver. They also sent a lot of other good information for our trip. They enclosed a card and said if he ever took another trip to tell where he was going and they would send a complete ^{set of} marked maps. I took this card and sent it in saying I was going to the west coast to New Orleans then to Chicago. I got about 20 maps of the central and western states sent free.

We are going to ship the two suit cases, two cots and the tent. That will only leave us our blankets and a few small things. I believe we will make the trip home O.K. We will probably have some flat tires until we get on paved roads but we have one spare tire and two extra tubes. These rocks out here are sure sharp and plenty hard on tires.

I am sure glad dad is getting some nice orders
and hope he can continue.

If nothing comes up we do not expect this
trip won't cost over \$50. It will only cost me about
\$35 because Mr McWorkman is paying $1\frac{1}{2}$ a mile. It
will cost me more but \$35 is all I will put out
now not counting wear on the car. To date we have
gone 2841 miles and by the time we get home
it will be about 5000. Not a bad summer for
\$35.

Say hello to everyone for me and tell Marjorie
and Virginia I will try to write to them some
time. We only have a little over two more weeks
here.

Your loving son
Fred.