

weeks in early May (pictures of dogwood + azaleas enclosed, with wisteria just beginning - you've got to be here next spring) ^{It's been} ~~It's been~~ raining ever since.

Then the graduations began & we had a huge luncheon after one here before we flew to Schenectady to see Kenneth get his B.A. at Union - All three boys were here for two weeks, then scattered - John to Cambridge to write for the Lampoon till end-July when he goes (for his 21st birthday present) to England + Scotland for six weeks - he's truly serious about the stage and wants to see, among other things, what his chances might be of getting into the Royal Academy after graduation next year -

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Sunday

Dearest Cousin Laura,

How ashamed I am for not having written - we've only had a chance to use the charcoal starter twice because of the incredible rains, but it really makes all the difference in the master chef's timing - thank heaven, no more 11 P.M. - still - waiting - for - the - charcoal - to - get - right - Thank you so much -

May + June have been so crammed that I can only give you the highlights - two lovely

We feel that he must give it a try + Kay put it in a nutshell when he said (1) "I hope you're a great success" or (2) "I hope you're a total failure" - The awful in-between is probably worse in the theatre than anywhere - Kenneth hopes to be able to work in some way for the Democratic party through the election, then go to Europe after Christmas where he is pretty well assured of a job in France, + go to Hopkins International Studies school next year - Tommy has been at the rock-climbing North Carolina Outward Bound + hopefully will survive to come home Friday afternoon - Then he

+ a friend are going to use their last year's construction money to drive west + undoubtedly descend on you - he's the one who is really interested in working for the American School + he's nice, we think + I'm pretty sure you will too -

Kay is fine, + I'm the only dumb one - Heaved some bricks around in the cellar about six weeks ago, thought the back would go away, but it didn't so I've been X-rayed from top to toe - not a disc, muscle spasms in a bad way - + I now have many pills + an enormous corset which makes me have fantastic posture + hopefully it'll stop hurting soon - So much love,
Lucy