Friday -

Mum Darling!

I'm writing in bed on my lap - so just forgive the handwriting. The League annual dinner dance is tonight & I'm expected to go - so I'm resting.

We've been hectic again as usual - since I last wrote to you. May seems to have turned over a new leaf & been good as gold - She came back from her day off a changed person - & talks as tho nothing was ever said about her leaving - So for the present - if she

stays this way I'll keep my mouth shut. John goes to N.Y. the week after next & I wouldn't want to try out some one new then. If in the meantime she does leave I will probably go to Daddys - tho "Kenny" said she would come & stay with me.

Tuesday night Kitten coughed a lot & was very restless & she woke up on Wed - very feverish & sick - so I called the Doctor & by noon when he got here her temp. was 104 1/2 by mouth

& I was scared. He said it was virus & gave her penicillin & aureomicin & I put her in my bed with me. (John was in Vermont). She seemed so very sick all day & evening - & it was pouring buckets full of rain & very heavy wind outside - At about 10:30 the lights went out - & they came on again about 1:30. In the meantime the rain had changed to snow & the wind was howling like mad. When the lights went on - the furnace did not - so I went down & checked the

button - but nothing happened - The house was getting very cold. I called Jimmy Ferris (the man who put in your furnace) & he said he'd come right out. I woke Mary & had her go make a cup of coffee to give him when he came - He got stuck and had to walk from the Kimball house - & when he went in the cellar found we had 2½ feet of water in it - The furnace was full of water - so couldn't be fired 'til the cellar was pumped out - You can

imagine how I felt -
Well, I called Mr. Wilder
& he said that he was
sick in bed too - but
he finally said he could
send someone in the
morning - & Jimmy said
he'd send someone out
to fix the furnace as soon
as the water was gone.
I went back to bed -
It was then 3:30 & I
felt Kittens head & it
was cool - I just
thanked & thanked God.
She woke up & smiled -
& she was very cozy in
bed - so I felt so so
lucky - thank goodness
also for Electric blankets
In the morning I

kept both children
in bed under them -
with red wools on -
& an electric heater
on - The room was
damn cold - but they
weren't - Mr. Kimball
came & warmed the
kitchen - so Shrimp
looked up - Kitten was
feeling better - so I
just did not care
about anything!

It was 5° below
zero & a 30 mile
wind - what a day
we did have! At
3:30 yesterday afternoon
they fixed the furnace
& I cheered - and at
5 o'clock my Darling

husband came home -
and what a wonderful
evening! - Just to have
a warm house & the
children feeling well -
It was heaven & I went
to bed & slept - but
John says to please
rest today - so I am.

Its still very cold
outside so the cellar
can't fill up again -
thank goodness. I'm
sending you the clipping
from the papers so you'll
see - we weren't the
only ones in trouble.

Daddy just called
& said he'd had a letter
from him & that she
was having 24 for

dinner tomorrow night. She certainly is wonderful! She also said you'd be in Texas til the 23rd - & that Christy picture would be in life this week.

Mr. Kimball brought the puppies in for the children to play with this morning - & they are too adorable for words - so fat they can hardly walk - they really are so furry & precious they look like toys. I don't know how we'll ever get the kids to part with them.

I'm going to wear the rust colored velvet dress that you gave me tonight. (You remember the off shoulder one that was yours.) Katharine sent me a new white dinner dress - with a beaded top & full long skirt - but it has to be altered. It really is very pretty tho: She bought it at a thrift shop in Palm Beach - It was a very expensive dress originally - & looks as tho it had only been worn once. She was afraid I wouldn't like it - because it was second hand but you know how

much that bothers me.

We are really all once again on the mend & cozy & warm - So please remember it & don't worry over anything. Just thank God for us that all is well again!!!

Our very best love to Lyon & Bobs & family.

always,

Bet.