

Miss Shirley Rice



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Mon night.

Dear Shirley

Received your letter. I am both
sorry and glad that you are homesick
& would hate to think that you
wouldn't be homesick at all but I
don't want you to be too much so

just be patient a few days and
you will get used to things and
become better acquainted and
everything will look different.
Yes it is a bad habit to be always
living in the future. One I have
always had to quite an extent.

It is so much better. It is well to
look forward hopefully but to get
the most out of the present. Thurs. night

I have canned quite a lot of stuff
for you. Will send with some one soon
Dad went to see Merrit today, he runs
a truck line to Kal, but he wasn't there
Cans are heavy to send by mail.

Have four pt. of soup or stew. Call it
what you will, it's thick, you can add a

a lot of water one day and call it soup
and less another time and have stew.
Lots of tricks to this cooking business.
Unless we get a chance to find a bu
of vegetables, you might as well get
them there, we have to buy cabbage
and potatoes now, will have potatoes
later, they seem to be getting cheaper.
Have canned lima beans and will
make succotash soon.

will make cookies to send in morning.
Havint much to do tomorrow.
Am going to wash some blankets
to send to Nina, Sun. wash the Hall
curtains (we are having a booster night
and fair next Wed. and I couldn't
stand the dirty curtains. Hope I can
get some one to help me wash the
windows, Hazel would if she was able.
Yesterday Eva and Lois were out and we
made chili sauce. Lois didn't help a
great lot. Today Dad and I went to their
house to dinner. Dad had some errands
in town and proposed we go in time
for dinner. She had boiled dinner with
a lovely fruit salad. Think will go again

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A long time since I had been there to eat
Lois was excited when we came in, she
explained to Dwain that it was her two
gamies, Elva, was going to P.T.H. as we
left, taking Lois. She was all thrilled
over going to school. Bob stayed with
the kids last night while the folks
went to Petersons to a party.

Saw Aunt Anna and she gave me
uncle George's sisters address. Said for
you to run in there some times or any
time. Said she would be glad to see
you. Her name is Mrs. Sheldon. I don't
know whether she has any children
left at home or not. It is 824 Normal
Place.

It seems such a short time ago
when Nina was looking ahead three
years and that was without very long
vacation either or much chance to get
home even for a day or two. You can
count on about a year of your time
in vacations, and soon you will know
lot of people. It seems so wonderful

to me for you to have the chance. It is not just what you learn out of books that is really the least of it, to my way of thinking. It is the many contacts with thinking people and the many things you will see and hear. It will help you all your life long. Look at the girls around here that havent gone on to school, the years slip along, they have worked at one thing and another but what have they gained, June, Barbara, Arlene, and etc. It doesnt look good to me.

I guess this is enough for tonight.
Love Mom.