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South Haven, Michigan
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Dear Eleanore,

I am glad to hear you are recovering from your illness. I have been going to write to you but I have been so busy I haven't had time. I suppose Janis told you about the Spelling Contest. Vernon Sill, Merck Wilkinson, and myself were the three from Casco township. Last Friday night we went to Bangor to spell against nine other contestants from Bangor, Laketown and Saugatuck townships. We never started spelling until nine o'clock and spelled for an hour and a half. A boy from Belknap School, a girl from Loomis school and I were the three winners. They spelled the boy down and then this other girl and I spelled back and forth for a half hour. Then it was so late they decided to call us the two winners. We didn't get any prizes but — next Friday night (Mar. 25) we three go to Wayland to compete in the finals. I wish you could go. Mrs. Barden has told me that just for going up to Wayland to spell we each get three dollars. If we are first we get fifteen dollars, second seven, and third five. I am pretty much excited over it. I wish I could win but I don't expect to. Mama has been pronouncing words to me every night.

We went to orchestra yesterday. Miss Fisher was supposed to get a new har after orchestra practice. I can hardly wait until Wednesday to see it. We are practicing pieces for our programs this spring. Miss Fisher and Miss Wilson are combining their two orchestras for Casco township graduation and Van Buren county graduation exercises at Bangor. I have been appointed to play a solo at Casco graduation. Our school is supposed to write the class song. I don't know what kind of a song it will be.

How is everybody over there? We are all fine. Donna has tonsillitis. She stayed home from school Friday. Tell Janis to write.

We ~~were~~ were over to Grandma's all afternoon today. Grandpa is about the same only failing. He is taking ^{morphine} ~~sedone~~ most of the time.

Last week at school we had our county achievement tests. I did pretty good but could have done better if I had you for a teacher. I was doing passing work in all. We get grade score. I did ninth grade work in Science, Reading, and Arithmetic and eighth grade work in History and English.

Mother said to tell you "Hello" and would like to see you. I am getting kind of anxious to see you, too.

Gordon has some maple trees tapped and is boiling down sap. We have had about a gallon of maple syrup.

Come over as soon as you are able. We miss you.

I guess I better sign off because you will probably have a headache after reading this.

With love,
Virginia

Write if you have time.