

Dear Evelyn: from Will Budge  
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Received your letter  
at the Y.M.C.A. but I  
am only home one time or  
two a week if  
that. I spent Thursday  
in Paw Paw and Friday  
in South Haven and Sat  
afternoon in Kalamazoo  
and may be home one night.

If I drive the gas, oil  
come to about the same  
as one night's room  
rent at Benton Harbor,  
but if I go on the bus

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fare is about twice that.  
Since laundry, meals  
etc are also important  
and time at home and  
wear out ~~our~~ tears on  
the road and my eyes  
are also factors I  
never know what plans  
for the next day will be.

We are quite torn  
up in our planning.  
Don't know what to do.  
I might get transferred  
to Holmgren or to  
Bottle Creek both close

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to have or in fact I  
might lose my job before  
6 months, treasure up.

At present my income is  
pay doesn't quite equal  
added expenses but the  
job is more satisfactory.  
Of course Civil Service  
is fought by many interests  
and while the C. S. Commission  
fights for recognition  
a lot of other factors  
hinder it. We are part  
of the older Engl. Service  
which was filled by potage

Our own U. C. division  
 is about 3/4 earlier political  
 appointees who of course  
 passed within the Exams.  
 which they had been working  
 on for 6 months to 2 years  
 so are qualified. They  
 have the better positions  
 ever with low ~~with~~ rating.  
 But even a start of Civil  
 Service is good. Of of  
 course promotion and  
 rating depends on present  
 rating every two months  
 by immediate superiors.

However I believe very much  
 in this work, <sup>and</sup> especially  
 interested in one clause  
 in the act (pertaining to changes  
 to Michigan) which empowers  
 the Commission to study  
unemployment and to take  
 such measures as would  
 reduce unemployment. I have  
 a wild idea that unemployment  
 can be conquered and a vigorous  
 plan in mind. I discussed  
 it through the mail somewhat  
 with the man in charge of our  
 Benefits section - a keen  
 mind but very busy man

with details. I've tried  
a dozen times to get this

written into an article

but there is so much to  
say and it is so hard to  
know the really important

that I get side tracked and  
have to stop & ponder  
again and again on

what I didn't really intend  
in the first place to  
take up at all. However

if I live some time this will  
come out. It has been in  
the back of my mind for years  
and each time I write

very soon to meet it.

We have tried to refinance the place but have not yet been successful. It may be that we will have to sell out in full soon, but the house is up for sale for some time. Also we should find some other way of cancelling our debt soon but do not see it just yet.

Hope you can visit us soon. Love Sylvia joins in inviting you  
Katie

and <sup>6</sup> can't of no receipt  
can a little closer to  
expressing my real wishes  
We are very busy on  
this job.

We are so glad to hear  
from you and family,  
although your statement is  
not very definite. We have  
so much admiration  
for both of you and appreciate  
it.

We feel the burden of our  
debt to you and will  
try to work out a plan



from me  
with Becken  
in his job,  
have etc,  
a full letter  
hand & way

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