

Covallis Oregon
April 17, 1928

(Box 311 if you wish
& add to the address
above.)

Dear Mother and Ellen :-

I am enclosing some snap shots of Sylvia. She doesn't take very good pictures but these are better than some. She is the tall one of the two women, the other one is a girl who happened to be visiting for the day and who sang duets with me in Sylvia's choir last year. These pictures were taken on an auto trip of only the three of us last Saturday. It was a very romantic drive. We drove sixteen miles along the beach on the road and over a plank road and were twice ferried across rivers. The snap taken of the two of us aboard the ferry is just about as flattering to me as it is to Sylvia. It is her car in the back ground, a Chrysler four. One place we had to drive through a swift flowing little river ~~over~~ fifty yards wide with rolling boulder bottom. If we had stuck the tide would have risen right over the top of the car. That was the worst spot but the plank road through the hills when the beach was too rocky was bad - two planks for each wheel and no guide rail. We didn't meet a single car luckily though a caravan of eight had just come down the road. It would be much nicer with several cars

as one could rescue the other but we didn't know
of the bad things till we could hardly turn back. The
road was advertised along the highway as being feasible
so we tackled it. These are camping clothes pictures of course. My suit is
so wrinkled because I waded the river to find the best course.
It's wonderful to hear Mother is so much better.

I am writing around for jobs - perhaps in Ohio I may find
one. I am applying at Texas University (Austin) where
Sylvia's brother-in-law is, (he is one of the greatest geologists
of the U.S. - Dr. Seelbards). Her sister Anna has seen Dean
Fitzgerald about me and I have also written him. I knew
him at Ohio State.

I write Oberlin & Ohio State & Ohio Wesleyan and
and writing Pres. Parsons ^(What are his initials? wonder?) of Marietta again, etc. Each of these
places I know some one already. I write also to Harvey
Pick at Syracuse, am writing a friend at Muskingum
am writing Kansas State College where Sylvia was for several
years and so on. Would be glad to get any advice. You
might send this on to May.

Best of wishes & love

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