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3248 Burton Ave., Lynwood, Cal. May 2nd, 1928.

Dearest Mother -

Your letter that you dictated to Ellen is before me. I wish I could say right off that Coral and I could and would come to Oberlin for the coming year. We would like to for many reasons you are the principal reason of course. We would like tery much to be with you.

The suggestions you make as to Horace sending me East would never be done tho . The Brake Testing Machine that I started at selling when you were here is now nearly done as far as Horace is concerned . He had a license to build a certain number under patents by paying a royalty and the license has now almost run out. However we are now starting to market a new kind of Power Brake as accessory for automobiles and it is going fine. If I can arrange any way to get East I will certainly do so because I want to very much, but as things are now I can not make any plans at all . Horace has no money to develop new fields , and if I go far from here it would have to be on my own initiative. I have been working on commission only and the last few months business has not been anything to boast about!

So many people of all types come to California to make a visit and then stay, when they intended returning that the state is over-run with people looking for jobs, and most of them willing to work at any price, just so that they can stay here. This makes it almost impossible for a salesman to get a job on a salary, because so many salesmen are willing/to aready and waiting to try out anything at any commission. One of the mechanics in the shop gets about \$42.00 a week working for Horace. He came to California on a leave of absence vacation about three years ago from Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania, where he was Superintendent of Service in a large garage at a salary of \$475.00 per month. He liked the climate and country here in Southern California so well that he intends to stay here permanently now, and yet he is making nearly three hundred dollars a month less here than in Pittsburgh.

I wish I could plan with you now to be in Oberlin with you for the coming year. If it can be made possible at all we will certainly try to arrange some way. Just at present the way matters stand I can not see the way clear. I wish you and Mary both could be here in California with us. We have an extra room and two extra beds now. Besides we have a larger, more comfortable car, and then, think of our wonderful climate !! I wish you could see Teddy too.

Teddy took a few steps today across the room for the first time. He will be a year old next Friday the 11th of May. He is so healthy and full of life - everyone remarks about it. He has never had a sickness. He weighs 22 pounds. His hair is so curly and pretty that Coral is of course very glad of this. People on the street remark to each other about what an exceptionally pretty baby Teddy is. I wish you could see him. On his year old birthday next week we intend to take another movie reel of him to save for him when he grows up. The one we took at his six month

Lots of love Mother from us all, including your only BELDEN grandson.

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Last week?we had a visit with Miss Margaret Warner of Scranton, who is the sunt of the Mrs. Alice Adell that you and Gertrude went to call on in Long Beach. She was making a short visit in California. We had her here at the house over one night, and drove her back to her friends in Hoblywood the second evening. She told us about a lot of our mutual relations. She is like you in knowing alot of relatives and their history. I would like to hear more about our relatives from you some time.

the very first copies just as spon as we get them . I am glad you like to get them. There are so more coming in a few days.

We are so glad to hear about you being so much better all the time Mother dear. Ellen is so good to write to us all so much about you. We are all so thankful. I do wish I were nearer. I send on letters to will and he sends on letters to us. Will writes to us every once in a while. From the tone of his letters he must be much happier in his work and life than he has ever been before. We are all glad of this. We have not heard about whether he intends to rethin for the summer. Bo you know?

birthday we have never seen on the screen yet. Some day we will borrow a prejector and put on our little show... Do you suppose any of Ellen's friends have a small movie projector that they could lend to her? She could rent one from the Kodak store surely anyway. If so, we can send you the two reels of Teddy the one taken at aix months and the one we intend to take next week and then you could actually SEE Teddy as he is to take next are each of us in a small part of the films - enough so that later on Teddy can see what we looked like at this age too. Don't you think this is a ggod idea?

I am sure I would certainly enjoy seeing a moving picture now of you and my Father taken with me when I was a Little baby, so I presume Teddy will enjoy it some day. The films and everything. I should think Hilen and Evelina would kike to do this asme thing with their husbands and children. I borrow the little asme thing with their husbands and children. I borrow the little asme thing with their husbands and children. I borrow the little asme thing with their kodak atore where I used to buy supplies.











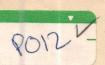
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