



June 17, 1926.

Dear Mother:

In order that you may be able to decipher my writing with greater ease I am attempting to pick out a letter on this new instrument. There will be therefore many errors which in absence of my efficient stenographer will have to exist. The machine is certainly a fine example of American workmanship and does all that I shall require of it especially with respect to the typing of complex equations.

Miss E. sent to me a souvenir of the Philadelphia exposition, a copy of the Declaration of Independence. I have written suggesting that I go to New York over the week end of June 26. That seems to be the only available time before the first of July. She plans to sail soon after that date for California via the Canal. Bea writes of Sunday excursions from Springfield for three dollars round trip. Perhaps we will go this Sunday if Hanna will entertain.

Our return trip on Sunday last was made in surprising short time considering the day. For some reason or other there was little traffic on the road and as usual the car purred reasonably good. This week end I am planning to do a bit of repair work on the engine in the form of taking up two bearings, if you know what that means.

Work here in the laboratory progresses. This morning I have a conference with Dr. Cady, to go over that which I have done in an effort to secure some new or confirming data. The whole situation here is surely delightful and to be awakened in the morning by the tunes of warblers, wood peewees, song sparrows and the like is so far different from the tunes of Westland Avenue that it is truly joyous.

Everyone around here is preparing for commencement. The grounds are being decorated with electric lights of all colors strung from the several trees round about. I understand that on Saturday night the whole college gathers on the lawn to sing the songs of Wesleyan. Two new buildings are in the process of construction. The corner stone of the library will be laid as soon as commencement is over. The chemistry building is well along and will probably be ready in the fall.

Faculty club closes on commencement day so that from then on my eating will be down town a la Boston style. It has been much to my advantage to have been able to meet the men through this medium. Many of them are going abroad this summer taking advantage of the favorable exchange (from the Americans point of view).

This month is moving rapidly and before I know it my month's stay will be over. In the mean time I will make the most of it.

My love to the "bootleggers, gamblers, dirty politicians";  
Boost the town nevertheless,

*William*

P.S. The radio set is suffering extensive repairs and a bit of experimenting. I have ordered some new apparatus similar to that with which I did the experimenting. A test carried out a night past gave fine results with a new detector tube in operation.

Wm.