

"Monday eve:"

Feb 2, 1942

Dearest Home folks:

I should say I was very glad to hear from you all after so long a time, but was sorry to learn that Dennerd was still not well, I hope this will find you all well. I am still about the same with my bad cold.

mama; I don't see why some of you all can't write me more often. I sent you some stamps, but I will send some post cards so you all can write me a card and a letter or two cards a week. I use to get at least (4) four cards and letters a week, but I do good to get two (2) letters a week now. I still write a good many but they have quite writing to me. I have not heard from Della since Xmas, but I have wrote her and I just got one card from Alford

since Xmas. Ellis you and Denny
 Could write me sometime anyway.
 Oh yes, I just got a letter from Emma
 Dean ~~you~~ last Saturday, she said
 Lillie went back to work last Wednesday
 Jan 28th. Altho you may have heard from
 them by now. Emma Dean said she was
 O.K. her-self; sure glad to learn that
 you all were having pretty weather. we
 are still having fine weather, but we
 got a little rain one night last week
 but not enough for any-thing, it
 was the first we had in over two
 months. I am afraid we will have
 more tuff weather yet as the sun
 shine all day up here to-day; this
 "ground-hog day;" did the sun-shine
 down there?

well; I sure hope you all come
 out good with tomatoes, but I am
 afraid you might not do so well with
 them as you have had no experience
 with them. I sure would plant enough
 cotton to make a bale or too any-
 way as it is a good price

now and I think it will be a
 better price this year; you see it
 is about 18¢ a pound now. I
 would plant (4) four or (5) five acres
 any-way. I think I can help you
 out on that much anyway. Say
 Ellis if you can find you another
 mule or horse that you can trade
 one of my cows on one; it will be
 O.K. with me, you know you need another
 horse to plow pretty bad if your mare
 brings another Colt.

Say Ellis; I think I carried
 your mare up to Mr Whitsons on
 or about the 24th of May. you can
 count it up; you know the Colt
 was 28 days old when I carried her
 up there and the Colt will be a year
 old the 26 of April I think.

I do not think that there was
 anything said about us paying for
 that Colt that your mare has now.
 I don't remember anything being said
 about it when you traded for the mare

As he already had his "He Horse." and he didn't have to pay anything to "Breed" her. I sure don't think he should be claiming that you owe him anything on that, but we owe him five \$500 when she brings another Colt. If he keeps saying that you owe him for the Colt you have now; I will pay it my-self and save having any trouble about it, but I don't think that was in the trade at all.

I sure do thank you for those peanuts and papers; I don't hardly ever read any newspapers now, but I sure do read my Bible you gave me for Xmas. The Times is the only paper I care anything about reading, but I sure am always glad to get to read it. I wish you had paid your poll-tax as I think the election will be pretty interesting. Did you get your receipt for a free vote Ellis? I hope you did so you can vote. I got your card with the peanuts and papers this evening, I was glad to learn that you all were O.K. sure wish I could

be there and help you with those tomatoes, they sure are going to be a big job for you all. It sure did take lots of Cloth for the Cover. I was sorry to learn that you all got another big rain. Hope you get your Government Check soon. I am sending some money for you to use where it is needed most, you know I am going to help you all I can, I would send more but I want to keep enough to come home on in case you were to call me. I am sending it to Ellis as if they were to try to get Ellis in the Army; mama you could tell them that I was not sending you any money. You can use it on the tapes or too buy dry goods and groceries. Say Ellis; where are you going to have your tomato patch? are there going to be many tomatoes planted this year? I guess they will be as it is pretty hard to raise Cotton, but I believe this will be a pretty good year for Cotton. They ~~are~~ are giving three (3) day passes to the boys up here now. I am going to try to get a pass to come home pretty soon, you all take care of yourself and please answer this the day you get this letter. Love, Lenard.