

mild red  
Fred wife married

Shelbyville Dec 10 - 1923

Dear Sister:

I dont know how long since  
I wrote you last - but guess it  
doesnt matter - as you've  
heard any news from here  
which was worth while.

I had a letter commenced  
to you "four pages" last week, but  
just could not seem to get a  
chance to finish it - so I con-  
signed it to the flames, and  
now goes again. I hav'nt been  
worth a feather since since  
you were home and after the  
trouble with my stomach etc  
"especially the etc" my back has  
been knocked out, then my  
head & nerves, "worse yet" so I  
just dont seem to get any  
where. Well when I get ac-  
customed to conditions maybe  
I'll amount to more. Its hard  
enough for all of us but Tony  
and I realize it most for me



are here alone a good deal.  
No I don't mean to put the  
dog ahead of D & the children  
as far as feeling bad over Mil-  
dred's going - but she certainly  
does act as if she felt awfully  
bad, - yet she has always made  
a great fuss when M- has been  
away at the same time she  
seems worse now and I believe  
she gets the vibration that Mil-  
dred will not come home to  
stay any more. As M- has  
written Dorothy I presume you  
know Fred took us unexpectedly,  
just as he was taken. When  
M- refused to get married  
in Sept- he put in an appli-  
cation for a few days lay off  
at Thanksgiving time. He was  
not informed that he could  
have it until the 24th. Sat-  
"next" the came up Sun P.M.  
Told M- he could have 4 days  
beginning with Tues. but it was a  
hustling time - as she had at



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~~as she had~~ gotten her suit.  
She had in a way given up getting  
married until spring thinking  
that "as Fred said" there was hard-  
ly a ghost of a chance for an  
other lay-off before then consider-  
ing he had the two weeks in Sept.

And then I think too she was  
anxious to wait on account of a  
trip they had planned.

But Fred says they'll go just the  
same when ever she wants him  
& have his vacation next sum-  
mer - They "the operators" have their  
choice of what time they wish  
to lay off. I told her I hoped they  
would go, but there was many  
a slip between the cup  
& the lip, by that time she  
might be on her way to Boston  
instead of Yellowstone or Washing-  
ton D.C. To go back to the suit -  
She spent Tuesday in Kal - nothing  
there, Wed. forenoon in G.R.  
same result, came home at  
noon, Fred had arrived at 10 A.M.  
They left at 2 P.M. for Allega.



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After getting the license - went  
to Kol. Tried to get minister of  
Peoples Church - but was disap-  
pointed so a Presbyterian S.S.  
tied the knot. Of course you  
knew they called on Hannah  
and Ethel. Came back here  
that night - and returned to  
Palesburg Thurs. eve. Leaving here  
at 7 o'clock in a pouring rain.  
Staying with them until Fri. P.M.  
went to Kol. and Mildred came  
home on 4 P.M. car. and  
staid until Sat. eve. when Fr-  
came after her. She came  
home again Wed. noon  
the coming of Fri. eve. with  
car. They packed it full + re-  
turned to Kol. that eve. Had  
outlet three furnished rooms.  
bed room size of hers here at home  
dining room about size of ours  
+ kitchenette. \$49.00 month.  
On east Lovell St. pleasant place  
clean + nice. but not enough  
room. She phoned Lebone yester-  
day they had a new place 1024



M. Edwards 5: four rooms.  
living, dining, bedroom, kitchen.  
furnished, & as they can  
accommodate - guests over  
night - She wants Floyd & Leonard  
& come down to tomorrow  
Sat. - "The Covered Wagon" is over.  
Floyd is going will stay over  
night - M. may come home  
with him as she has planned  
to come Fri. any way and  
stay until Sat. Doc, La D. &  
girls may go to see the show  
too. He has to go to Kol. to get sup-  
plies for the lodge "masaic"  
and the kids are going to make  
the most of the opportunity.  
M. says they'll not furnish  
a home yet - She is going to take  
time to look around and find  
out what she wants so long  
as she can as well as not -  
Then she will come home  
once a week for a day or two  
and I would not wonder if they  
do light house keeping all winter.



You know Jim<sup>6</sup> has been quite  
rich, I've been down to see  
him twice - La Verne told me  
he was up at Winnie's yester-  
day so he must be improving  
fast - as I called Sat. eve.  
The girls and I - and he was  
so weak could hardly walk.  
He certainly looks bad -  
I can't imagine his going to  
work very soon.

Walter + Dorothy come  
home every eve. Walter to do  
the chores night + morning -  
They have to hustle some in  
the morning as he has to be back  
to station to go on duty at 7 o'clock  
I saw Helen's letter - tell her I  
think she does fine - I should think  
you must be considerable better  
will he ever be so he can come  
home - I) he wants to go badly -  
I should think it would do them  
good to come just for a few  
days. Think the candy business  
is growing fast. Please remem-  
ber + drop D or I a card. - D 29ms.



to let him know if Bessie has  
rec'd his letter, also if she has  
called on the Co, to pay <sup>sugar</sup> away  
and whether the agent has been  
to see them about it. I wrote  
her several days ago, thinks  
perhaps she did not get letter.  
Let him know soon as possible  
so he'll know how it is before  
the agent comes again.

This letter should have gone  
Wed. P.M. but Edith Thomas Stephens  
"Lucas friend" came from Allegan  
<sup>at noon</sup> to stay over until last eve.  
and I had no time to finish  
this. my knee hurts me so by  
night I can hardly walk so I  
make slow work of house work,  
and keep more than busy anyway  
if some one is here to visit every  
minute. Lab. comes every morning  
and helps me a lot, don't know  
what I'd do with out her then she  
or one of the girls if not all three  
are here every eve. until last  
night - I said for them to stay at  
home as Lucas was coming home  
early. Floyd went to Col. Wed.  
noon. M. sent for him - The three



