

No. 54.

Wheaton College
Tuesday, 8-10-48

My only Darling,

Today, Sweetheart, you
are exactly twenty years + one
month old. Don't you think
we should have a celebration?

I'm so glad your suffering
is over. They won't have to give
you any more of those examinations,
will they? My poor little
Darling! How I wish I could
take your place. What do all
those names mean? Can you
explain to me what is wrong
with you? I looked them

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Wheaton College
8-10-8

My dear Darling

My dear Darling, I am so sorry to hear that you are not well. I hope you will get better soon. I am thinking of you all the time. I wish I could be there to take care of you. I am sure you will get well soon. I love you so much. I am your devoted husband, John.

The college library for a Swedish dictionary; but all I could find was a Swedish grammar & it didn't include such technical medical terms. So please tell me all about it. I'll not be able to rest until I know.

Gee, that needle scares me. You mean they really stuck it into you! Ow! I think I'd rather be sick than have them do that to me. Darling, may the Lord bless you in your time of suffering. Oh on top of everything your tummy is sore! That won't last very long, will it?

How often do you get those
tummy aches, Darling?

I'll tell you something
funny. In High-school I was
president of a Bible club. The
secretary of the club was a
pretty little girl. This girl
worked hard for the club
& was always present except
about once a month. At first
I wondered why she stayed
home. But then little Bernie
got wise. So in my billfold
I had a calendar. Whenever
our secretary was absent there-
after I put an "X" on the date.

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I am married, after a time of
a few months, I found she
stayed home every night
I discovered that I was
to myself & she was
I became more friendly
about these questions, but
there all of you mind. Some
are more & some are
I am sure she would not
them. I sent them more or
like them anything. He, I
hardly want to see the
I am & I am sure. I'll
I am sure & I am sure
I would have enjoyed
I am sure (I am sure)

Sure enough, after a time of a few months, I found she ^{home} stayed on every fifth week. Discovering this, I smiled to myself + decided that Berone was pretty smart.

About those pictures, keep them all if you wish. Some are mine + some are Mom's. I am sure she will not miss them. I sent them more as a joke than anything. Ho, I can hardly wait to see the picture of you + Royas babies. I'd bet you look a sight. I wish I could have changed your dippers (there I go again!).

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No. 53-5.

Yes, I'll tell Claire. She had some trouble finding the right dress. Any dress can be found in Chicago; but it takes time to find them. Then too, Claire has been kept very busy in summer school + with her vocal training. However, do send your sizes to me. Be sure that sometime I'll want to buy some little thing for my darling wife. Honey, your shoes have been mailed. You won't pay for this pair + neither will I. The folks said that you seem like such a sweet little

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I have been thinking about
 writing you for some time
 but have been so busy
 that I could not find time
 to do so. I am sure you
 are well and hope you
 are enjoying your work.
 I have been thinking about
 writing you for some time
 but have been so busy
 that I could not find time
 to do so. I am sure you
 are well and hope you
 are enjoying your work.

6/ girl that they wanted to give
 them to you. If you have time
 + care to, you might send
 a "thank-you" to the folks.
 Mom's name is Mrs. John (Beth)
 Holmgren. Ok?

Don't worry about your
 husband's preaching. He is a
 very, very good speaker (ah-ha).
 And I don't speak over a half
 hour. This is because I can tell
 all I know in that time!

So you are worried about
 my being too fat. I got on the
 scale today + found I was up
 to 225 pounds. Believe me? Ha,
 ha, boy am I a good liar.

address: 11342 Church St.

Remember, Sweetheart, I love you, I love you, I love you.

Sincerely yours,
your hubbie,
Bernie

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No. 53-7.

No, I'm not fat. What weight I do have is well distributed. As soon as possible I'll send a picture to prove it.

So you think I'm "so good." Darling, you know, you're so right! I'm very proud of myself (broke my arm that time patting myself on the back).

Darling, I believe Roy should hurry in applying for admission to the U.S. It takes time, you know, to get in.

Say, that prescription you sent sounds wonderful - love, kisses, + hugs. There is something else I'd like to do to you

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... I am not for. What might
... at least in each of the
... as soon as possible. It would
... the way to grow it.
... think it is
... the way of
... (I don't know) that
... (I don't know) that
... in
... that
... in

+ you to me; but we'll have to
wait until the preacher says,
"I now pronounce you man
and wife." Darling, what
do you suppose that some-
thing is?

By the way, I have been
worrying what you will
think of my last letter. I
heartily ~~was~~ ^{was} sending it today,
wondering if I should have
asked those questions. Yet, we
must be honest with each
other + do away with any
doubts. Darling, I love you.

In a couple of weeks I'll be
out of school (week + a half). You
had better send the rest of
my mail to my Chicago

No. 52-9.

The things this letter is
 sufficiently long. The 11:15 PM
 (23:12) + still not done
 devotions + work-time. Can
 you go to court in with
 me tonight? + tonight am
 tonight in the library
 Harold + Bob + Barbara
 persuaded me to go for a
 walk with them. So we
 went to walk a half-hour.
 I heard so much for home
 when we stopped at a store +
 watched a television set
 showing a wrestling match.
 When we went to hear the
 Houston band concert. What

to send more cookies. I got
 the second box today. Also
 today I sent the picture of
 the ape. Tomorrow I expect
 to go home; but don't know
 whether I'll be safe if
 I do. I'll probably throw
 pots + pans + what-not at
 me. And I don't think I'll
 believe an ape can be my room-
 mate. Dostoy, speaking of
 room-mates, can you tell me
 what unborn twins are called?
 They are "womb-mates." Ho,
 ha, kind of cute, huh?

to send more copies to
 the several bookstores at
 today to send the pictures of
 the safe tomorrow. I hope it
 to go down but don't know
 whether it will probably
 to have + more + stop
 me. Don't think I will
 believe in any more
 matter. Looking forward
 on the way, can you tell me
 what number you called?
 "What are your - number" -
 the kind of cut, huh?

Me thinks this letter is
 sufficiently long. Its 11:15 PM
 (23:15) + still my shower,
 devotions + sack-time. Are
 you going to crawl in with
 me tonight?

Tonight in the library
 Harold + Bob Reinbold
 persuaded me to go for a
 walk with them. So we
 went to watch a ball-game.
 I cheered so much for horse.
 Then we stopped by a store +
 watched a television set
 showing a wrestling match.
 Then we went to hear the
 Wheaton band concert. What