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Sat. morn.
Feb. 1st.

Dear Dow,

Here we are in Feb. already. Soo got to be thinking about clearing house pretty soon — just about the time you get your terminal leave. O.K.? We had some spring weather the middle of the week — rained hard all day Thurs. and then snowed yesterday. Didn't get so very cold tho. and the snow all disappeared by evening. I see by the rudio that Minnesota has plenty of snow. did Betty tell you about going up to Lake Arrowhead to see some snow and when they got there people were wading in the lake & running around in their shirt sleeves? Hank played in the sand instead of snow she said.

Well, Dad & I did a washing last night to see if the new Easy worked alright or if we could run it. We had a good time. It sure is slick. no wringer mind you — that is the big feature of it to me. There is a cylinder that spins round real fast & dries (partly) the clothes. Did them fighting wringers thank goodness! It even has a timer on & the bell rings when the clothes are ready to come out. It does nearly every thing but hang 'em up; so send your laundry up — I'll be glad to do it. I want to take in washings now but Dad says no:

As I opened the side door to throw a bone out for Blackie yesterday P.M. Dick Hadnot was coming along & came in & we talked for about an hour — (just like he used to, to you) - I nearly froze & had I known Dick have asked him in - finally his dad came along in the car and stopped or I guess Dick have been there yet. — It was the first time I'd really talked to him since he was home. He said he was waiting for an answer to his letter to you. This loafing around is getting on his nerves & he doesn't want to start to school till next Fall as he doesn't know what he wants to take up so he can help work in the mill awhile but his dad doesn't want him to come into his department because - the others may think - Bill favors him, etc etc. He's still on terminal leave but he thinks it's up tomorrow now.

The pics arrived & are very interesting — that's a heck of a big place - that rec. hall & a heck of a lot of fellows there - you certainly have plenty of company and I guess you can be thankful. Yours is only eczema such as we detest the stuff - I see some cases in the pictures and I know there's some worse

2/ than that. The black boy in the wheel chair next to the gal sure is showing his pearly teeth. Did you take those pictures? - I see cameras all around in the pictures so I suppose there was lots of them taken. There must have been quite a few stars there but this one Guy Kibbee we can't figure out. Grandma + I are sure we read in the Mirror that he died - are we wrong or is this an impersonator or what the heck? The pic looks like him as much as I can see. The "triplets" fooled me for a minute but I take it they've been ~~sure~~ Super-imposed (is that the same for h.?) one on the other. Nice work if you can do it. Could you super-impose (?) a pic of Bing Crosby on one of me so it looks like he's singing to me personally?

Bing (the bird) is singing a gay roundelay to me as I write. He's a darling + I don't think I'll give him back now. The sparrows are chirping outside the window so I guess he's showing off for them.

Just called Ted to see how the games with North Jackson came out + he says Poland ran away with them. Varsity score was 72 - 23 - + Reserve 27-19.

So now for Lowellville — &
Springfield — oh boy!
Bye for now — good luck? neverything
Lots o' love Mom.

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Wed. P.M.

Dear Don,

How's the San Antone weather? We're having some sub-zero temp. again! Really rough yesterday and today but it never lasts more than a couple days so maybe it'll ease off now. It's snowing now. Gene was an hour late getting home this morning. (on night turn) Dad keeps kidding him about his de Soto starting right off & Gene's won't, so this morning Gene was disgusted enough to say he guessed he'd have to drive the de Soto to work. He gave even has "guaranteed starting" whatever that means — they're supposed to come get you if your car doesn't start but I guess they really don't do it or else Gene doesn't ask them to. Yesterday he was a man! 21. He didn't do any celebrating as he slept all day & it was too cold to go anywhere last night. He called his gal & talked to her on the phone so he wouldn't have to go out. He's telling her Poland will take over Lowellville Friday nite. I told him I hope he doesn't have to eat his words. In case you haven't heard yet — guess who

Poland drew for the first tourn. game — Feb. 15th — Yeah! Springfield! Aint that the — —!! Well I there is a chance — oh! What am I saying? yet — Lowellville beat them last Sat. nite and N. Lima beat Lowellville & we beat N. Lima. Now — that's really de-ducting — isn't it? Any thing for a ray of hope! Dogone I have a party or for that night & wont get to see the game.

We got the other pics yesterday or Mon. I guess Gary Cooper really is alive isn't he? That's an impersonator! Grandma says she guesses she was thinking of Donald Meek. We saw Wally Beery in "The Mighty Mc Guirk" mon. P.M. & it's really good. Did you see it? Song of the S. Edge is here now but Razor's isn't been here yet but I don't care if I see it or not but I do want to see "Best years of our lives."

I guess Bob made out o.k. on his exams, at least he's started on his second semester. Dave went down & got his cuz last week-end to use for his two dances. The Sat. nite one the girls footed the bill and his

2/ girl sent him a corsage of a pack of Chesterfields surrounded by matches & pipe cleaners!! I guess she couldn't provide transportation, tho'. Which one of these queens would you pick?

By the way, speaking of queens are you still hearing from Indiana (?) and New Jersey? Just thot I'd better check again.

Oh! oh! the fire whistle — hope someone didn't fire up too much this cold day — I was just thinking of going down & digging mine up — now I'm afraid to...

I must go to Grandma's — if I can get there in this blizzard so till I have something more interesting to write about I'll say Bye now

With lots of love

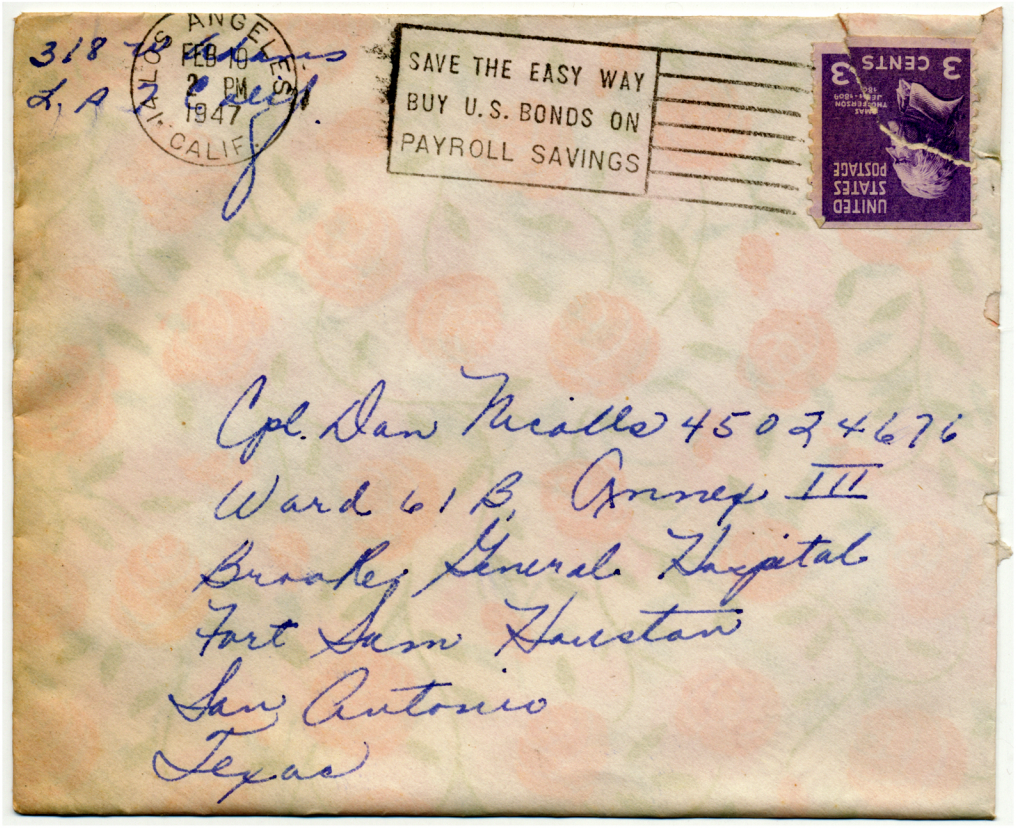
Mom.

How's the eez?

# QUEEN PICKING TIME IS WITH US AGAIN



**FRESHMEN ALL**—One of these coeds will become queen of the freshmen at Ohio State University, to reign over the "Winter Wonderland" dance Feb. 15 at the Men's Gymnasium. Left to right: Sally Charlton, 2278 Cambridge Blvd.; Susan Manion, 2001 Merryhill Dr.; Daryce Ann Vanden Bosch, Dayton; Rosemary Bitzer, 343 W. Second Ave.; Betty Lou Evans, 16½ W. California Ave., and Evelyn Kennedy, Deer Park, O.—Journal Photo.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Sun. P.M.

Dear Buck,

Guess what kind of weather we're having in good old Calif. - Rainy. And this is supposed to be the land of sunshine. We've really had some hot weather the last few weeks though. I'm getting a little of my tan back.

As far as I know now I guess we'll go home but don't tell Mama in case we change our minds. They want us to come home so bad & we would if we were sure of a place to live & if I could get a good Dr. I

I don't want to go to Dr. Stewart 'cause he doesn't believe in giving shots. I'm scared. Silly, huh? I like youngers Doctors. A hem!

I'm writing this in shifts. Hank is a busy little bee tonight. Since I started writing this he's knocked over the wastepaper basket twice, pulled everything off the stand & tho'd the peanutbutter, mustard etc out of the cupboard. He's a terror all the time any more & gets into everything. He's so tall he doesn't miss much.

I got a letter from Dad

yesterday. I like to hear from him 'cause he gives me all the news. He said he told you about the new car. Sounds nice huh? I wish I could drive. Not in this town though. People are maniacs out here & would just as soon run over you as look at you.

Did I tell you we went to Lake Arrowhead again last Sunday & saw some real live snow. Golly, did it look good. We got some pictures of Hank setting in the snow. He didn't like it very well. It was too cold for him.

4/. Neither Dunk nor I liked "Swell Guy". It was too odd & anyhow I didn't like Sunny Gifts in that part. That's the last show we've seen.

Hank just bumped his head so guess I'll have to go baby him. What a guy!

Bye now. Hope we see you in Ohio. If not we'll still be here so come see us.

Love,
Betty

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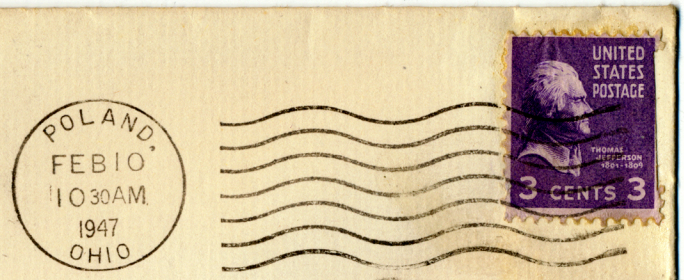


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Mon. morn
Feb. 10th

Dear Don,

Don't you know Richard don't have to open the door now, the guy found his key? That's what they tell me, anyhow. I sure hope so anyway 'cause it's too doggone cold to be standing out waiting for someone to open the door. Our winter is still with us. We've had a solid week of it now + they tell us to expect the same for 3 or more days yet. I can take it but I don't know if Dad + Gene + Grandma can. They'd sure fed up with it. I don't like it to be zero but it's just right the morning — about 14° showing some + not too hard to get around altho there's ice + snow on the roads in places. And then we get a letter from Betty and she starts out "It's really hot today. It was 83° yesterday + seems warmer today!" Oh, boy! She had finally got to see some snow this up at Lake Arrow head there was lots of it she said the last time. Before. She said Hank made a face when they put him down in it.

I can't remember when I wrote you last but it wasn't since the big news broke at O State was it? What do you think of it? Be sure to read Frank Ward's Sun. article about it. I'm also wondering what Phil Heim's comments are, too. I guess he'd want Fessler tho' as most everyone does, it seems. And I s'pose he'll take it. I hope they get some thing settled soon & can work together toward a good team this year.

I don't want to be pessimistic but I think you can count Poland off the slate for the tournament right now. When they meet Spr. it'll be murder & I mean that literally. The account in Sun. Paper doesn't give you any idea of what a game that was at Spr. Sat. nite. The Reserves played very good & were ahead Poland the time. Some of the outstanding players on that team are Williams and Bob Hoch and Don Lewis. Ted doesn't play very much for some reason. Lynch has been playing some. Jimmy plays all the time & gets the ball down the floor good but then doesn't know what to do with it once he's down

2/ there. This Williams Kid is going to be O.K. next year, we think. The game began getting pretty rough toward the end but nothing happened until the varsity game. It was a Knock down-drag-out-game all the way thru with Spr. about 20 pts. ahead all the way so I see no reason for them being so tough but Ritzler was out to murder us, I guess. In the last quarter Myers claimed Jones "Kneed" him so Myers grabbed Jones as he was sent off the floor on 5 fouls & Jones was ready to let him have it but they held him off but — half the stands were down on the floor in 2 seconds — some Spr. spectator took a poke at Stockholm & his dad threatened to file suit on him — they had 3 policemen right there (they must have expected something to happen) and they finally got them all settled down enough to finish the game but when it was over everyone crowded around again waiting for someone to start a fight. Dad & Gene were right in the midst of it & I finally got hold of them both & told them we were going home. They've been

teasing me about it ever since. Dad says "Boy! wait till next Sat. night — Le & Gene will wear their fighting clothes." I can't go cause I'm going to a party so I told them I was glad of it. I hate to see games like that. Now I sure hope Lowellville dumps them but good. It will probably end up with those 2, for the County Champs.

I guess the weather & basket-ball is all I have to report today so till there's something new around here Sis say Bye Now & good luck in anything you may do such as getting discharged pretty soon.

There's some cookies on the way — for "my Valentine".

Lots Love, Mom.

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February 11, 1947

Dear Don,

I got your letter the other day so I'll answer it this evening before going to bed. I'm going to let your schedule ride until you are certain that you'll enter Spring quarter. Here's the story— Spring quarter schedules were turned in two weeks ago and since I didn't know about you I didn't enter one for you. If you do get out soon and want to start back Spring quarter you have until about the 25th of March to enter your schedule and register. I grant you — you won't get your choice of hours but anyone seldom does these days. At least you'll be back in school and if you are out for spring football they'll probably give you some consideration. The courses you want are only taught thru the day anyhow so you won't have to worry about night classes. Hope this is satisfactory with you and if you can come back next quarter I'll assist you in every way possible.

School is going fine and I'm busy as a bunch of beavers with school, activities, and fraternity. I was formally initiated into the

fraternity last Friday and am now and active member. Guess you know the set-up. You have to be a pledge so long and have a 2.3 or better etc before you can go active — then hell week!!

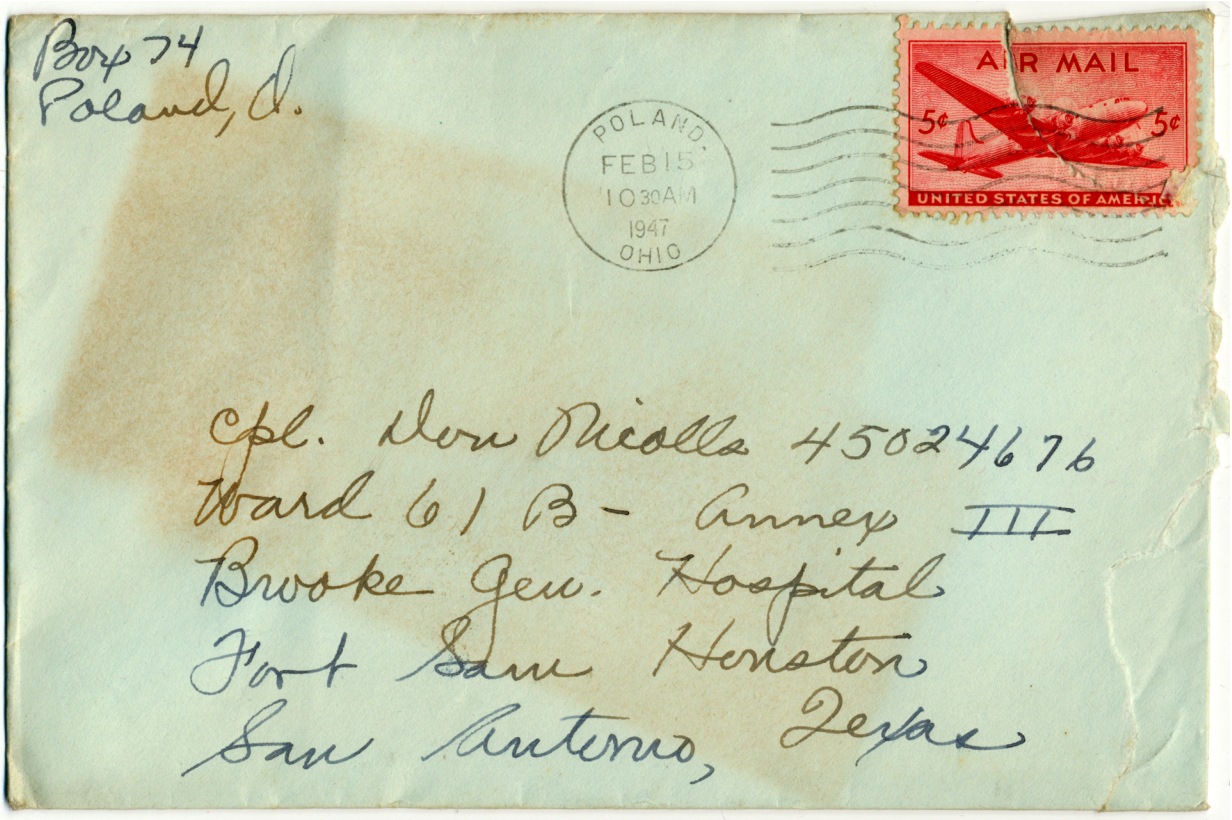
Mom sent me a bunch of pictures you took — mighty nice gals huh? We had a surprise here over the weekend. One of the fellows informed us that he married Michael O'Shea's (movie actor) daughter last August. He's kept it a secret all this time.

Was down to see Bob a few weeks ago and he's getting along fine I guess.

Guess this is all for now Buck. Let me know if I can do anything for you as far as school goes. So long for now — hope you're out soon.

Your brother
Dave

P.S. Richard put the key in the mail box!!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Dear Don,

Sat. Feb 15

As Grandma would say - another week of our winter gone. Some day she'll suddenly decide it's going to be Spring and she'll be out "digging" again and forget how she hates winter for a while anyhow. That's what I like about this climate - always something different to look forward to and never being sure when it's coming - keeps life interesting.

Is Mardi Gras time again. Would you like to be there again this year? Just for the Mardi Gras maybe, huh? And the pretty girls. Sounds like your time is pretty well taken up as it is and that's good. Makes the time go faster doesn't it? Since when did Vince give up tennis for golf? He must feel he's getting too old for strenuous exercise.

2/ Brackenridge Park is a zoo park? or is it a park with a zoo? Everytime I think of a zoo I can see crazy people everywhere like the day we went to Aricem. Zoo. That was awful! None of them really acted too unusual. Just that sort of vacant look on their faces or rather childish look, for they laughed like children at the apes doing tricks. It was sad to see hundreds of them all at once — sorta of got you! So I hope they don't bring any into Brackenridge if you go there again.

After your review of the Pan American countries which do you prefer to visit? Brazil? So you don't like coffee and according to the song you'd get arrested for drinking orange juices.

3/ Did you see the Jolson Story? Everyone says it's very good. You probably don't get the eve. radio programs but on the Pot-of-Gold Thurs. nite the M.C. — Happy Felton gave the best rendition of Open the ☐ Richard I've heard yet. Dad can't remember the name of it — he says "O I D, Charlie." Wouldn't you like to be getting the royalties on that song? I'd even settle for the Pot of Gold some night. It was $1900 last week. They couldn't call Yo. now, tho' 'cause those danged operators are all out on strike again!

I spose you've got the news on Ohio State's Coach by now, haven't you? Last night Harry Wismer announced at 10 P.M. that Fesler had signed a 5 year contract. He wanted a 10 yr., he said.

4 I'll bet Dick Fisher will go down now, too. Looks like a good deal.

I think Mogus went to Clev. last year. Just a case of more money and probably that's why he went on to Toronto. I didn't know where he was now. No. hasn't a good team this year.

Hope you had good luck in your B.B. this week. And I hope, I hope our boys have plenty of luck tonite — otherwise goodbye B.B. for Poland for this year.

I spect Davis all keyed up today getting ready for his big dance tonight. Another month & I'll be home again for awhile. Seems a long time and yet the quarters gone fast to it seems.

5/ One of his frat brothers called me Sat. & said Dave told him to call & say "Hello" & then he went on telling me what a great guy Dave was, nice personality, had a good job down there in Tres. activities & everyone liked him fine etc. etc. etc. I wondered if that is a frat line they hand out for each other — but, seriously I think he was honest about it all. Dave called them Mon. nite to see if Ruth & Gene were coming down for the dance but they couldn't see it. They're two tied up around here. Gene sent Kitty "One dozen Roses" for Val. Day & I'm beginning to think he "put his heart in beside them"

6/1 as the song goes.

I don't think there's any more news around here this week- End so I'll say Bye for now with bushels of love, Mom.

P.S. O, yes, you can come home any time - I promise I won't make you clean house, except wash windows, wash the Kitchen & bathroom & scrub the porch and - - just come home any time.

P.S. #2. send the cartoons back for my scrap books. Dave was trying to show Gene how to tie a bow tie when he was home & this one reminded me of it & the Kid doing dishes reminded my of faithful you for so many years.

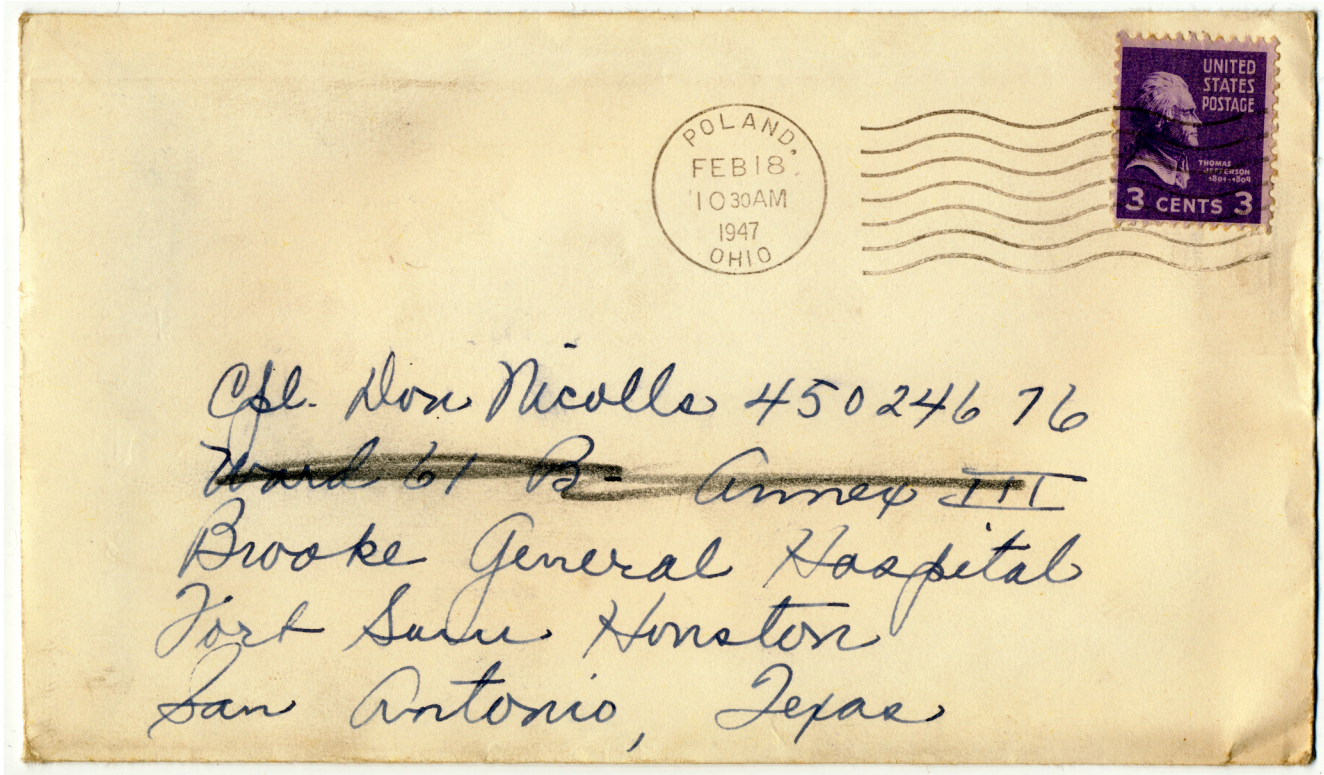
P.S. #3. no mail from Betty all week. I'd better get something today. Some weeks its 3 & 4 letters so its hard to not get any. I figure she's trying to make up her mind what to do & doesn't know what to write.

P.S. #4. Bye now.

mom.

P.S. #5. According to my records I haven't written you since Mon. so I'll put an airmail on this one tho I hope you don't think it's important mail — just the usual.

P.S. #6. Bye now.

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Tues - Feb. 18th

Dear Don,

Some style, huh? I thot I'd get something besides "5 & 10" stationery for a change.

It's a dark, uncertain morning in Poland. Some snow on the ground, not too cold, but something brewing by the looks of the sky. We've had some milder weather again altho' Sunday morning when we got up everything was white & clean again. Some of last month's snow is still piled up in places.

You're probably noted by now that Poland is thru with B.B. for this year. They suffered a very definite defeat at the hands of Springfield, last Sat. night. 70 to 49 I think it was. The first quarter ended 28 to 27. I think they tired me, so they started out strong. I guess it will end up Spr. & Lowell. Sat. nite. I hope Lowellville can dump them but don't expect it.

Glad to hear your team is doing so well. How long do you keep playing? Is that a "championship" game for Corpus? — (you know where you don't catch me:)

I wish you would have gotten to Fort Sheridan cause maybe you could have written out your own discharge papers & sneaked out when they weren't looking. maybe you can do it legitimately one of these days. Glad to hear some improvement in the ecz. What treatment are you getting now, if any — lights & salves?

Dad & I saw The Jolson Story last night. I didn't think he'd like it but he said he did. I liked it real well. That Larry Parks sure can sing. Dad don't think they got the real Jolson to do the singing for the picture & then just shorded L. Parks singing. He doesn't think some one else could sound that much like him. I'll bet Jolson himself couldn't sing like that now. I didn't like the way it ended tho:

2.

Mrs. Carl E. Nicolls
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I'm glad to hear N. Jersey and Indiana haven't forgotten you. Ruth got the saddest letter from Pete yesterday. She wanted me to read it & I actually cried over it & I hope she feels a little that way for I feel awfully sorry for him. She never writes to him & he says he's tried to forget her but he went to a movie & saw Tex Beneke & it brought back all his memories of the fun they'd had together, etc. Booher is out here again practically all the time & — I definitely can not see that guy. Muff said!

I'm almost afraid to say it but I don't think you'll need to ~~say~~ take that trip to Calif. to see Hank & Babe. Maybe they'll be here when you get home. Her letters are very encouraging now & we've started planning in spite of ourselves. If we only could find an apt. I think they'd be here right away but I think they hate to stay with us but surely they can for awhile.

I must get that U.S. students clothes ironed & on the way to him so he can keep up appearances. We haven't heard yet about his big dance came off.

Bye now & keep Smilin'

Lotsa Love, two

Mom.

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Wed. P.M.

Dear Buck,

You ask for it so here 'til - two pictures of the "Grover Bomber". How do you like that strut? He sure thinks he's someone since he started walking. That's Doris reading about the murder & her sister beside Hank in the other picture. I've done everything the book suggests but can't make Hank mind. He's so tough that there's no use spanking him cause it hurts my hand more than his —. You know what. He's a terror all right. So far today he's torn a picture of himself in half, knocked over his little chest of drawers & spilled everything & then broke a bottle of his oil. If we go home I'll let Mom & Dad take over.

What do you think of Dad's getting a record slayer radio? I wrote & told Mom he's really getting hep in his old age. He's even

2/ having a radio put in the new car. I can't believe it! We won't know the "Old Homestead" when we get home.

Hank's reading the "Coronet" now. He'll pretend he's reading it 'til I quit watching him then he'll tear it apart.

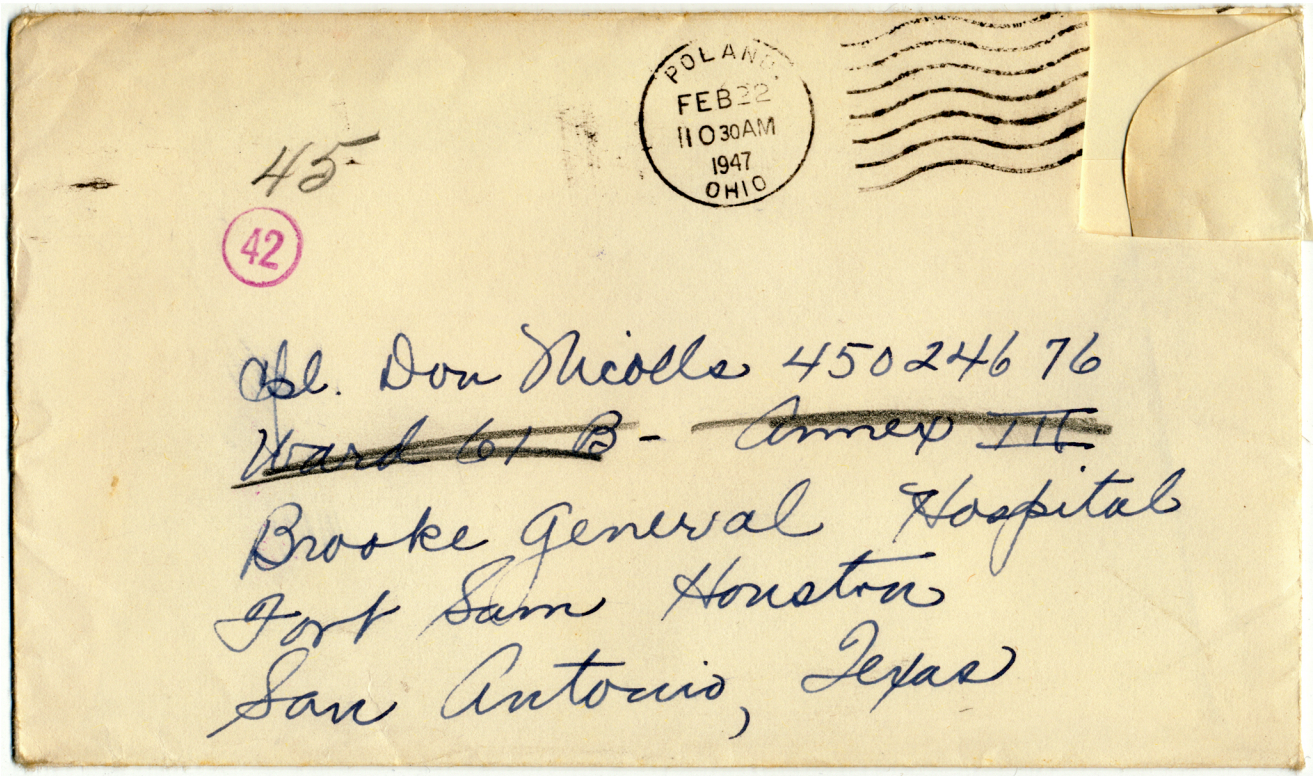
We haven't seen any shows since "Swell Guy". Mom said "Til the Clouds Roll By" was real good. If we come home every night I'm going to leave Hank with some one & get caught up on my night life. I'll soon be getting up at 200 A again — oh! unhappy day. Don't ever get married if you like to sleep nights.

As far as I know we're coming home around the last of March. I sure hope we can get a place to live there.

Hank just pulled his nipple of his bottle & poured the milk all over his playpen so if you hear some yelling you'll know what its for.

Bye now.

Love
Betty



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Geo. Wash. Birthday
Sat.

Dear Dow,

According to the letter we got yesterday you were probably playing B.B. last night ah C.C. while we were watching N.L. + Low. + Ditch + Spr. battle it out. The first game was ah very exciting after the first quarter - L. won easily even tho they didn't play too well tho Swartz acted like he was sick. He has a bad ankle + that seemed to bother him and he couldn't hit ah all ah seemed. But, the L. - Spr. game was a real game. Ditch almost took them + would never have been happy if they had! The first quarter ended 5 - 1 - Ditch's favor. I think at the half it was 11 - 12 - Ditch. Any way, Ditch was ahead more than Spr. was. But in the last quarter they (Spr.) got about a 6 pt. lead + held it till about the last 2 min. + Ditch put in 2 or 3 more which made it exciting right up to the final buzzer. It ended 32 - 36 Spr. So I hope Low. picks up + plays

better tonight and — maybe they can upset Spr. That I'd love to see!

Ralph Brown, the triple amputee was at the game last night. They had him down on the floor in his wheel chair. The place was jam-packed. and they have about 500 extra seats down on the floor now, too.

I hate to always be talking about the weather but just so you'll know what you're missing we have about 3 in. of nice, fresh white, clean snow now again & it's still snowing a little this morning. It's not too cold, tho. "Just the way I like it", as I told Dad when we came out from the game last night & the snow sparkled like diamonds — he just groaned. Dad says if you can't get started in the spring term at school now he hopes they keep you there ~~till this~~ in that lovely climate till this awful weather here is over. ~~As~~ He just can't see any one coming north now. As Betty says after 87° temp. she sure would hug the register if she was here now.

2/

Mrs. Carl E. Nicolls
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Poland, Ohio

I think you could take it tho if you got a chance, don't you?

Ted Maurice broke a bone in his foot playing B.B. at school Wed. noon. Anyway he has it in a cast & is getting around on crutches. Went thru the whole season without a scratch, then this.

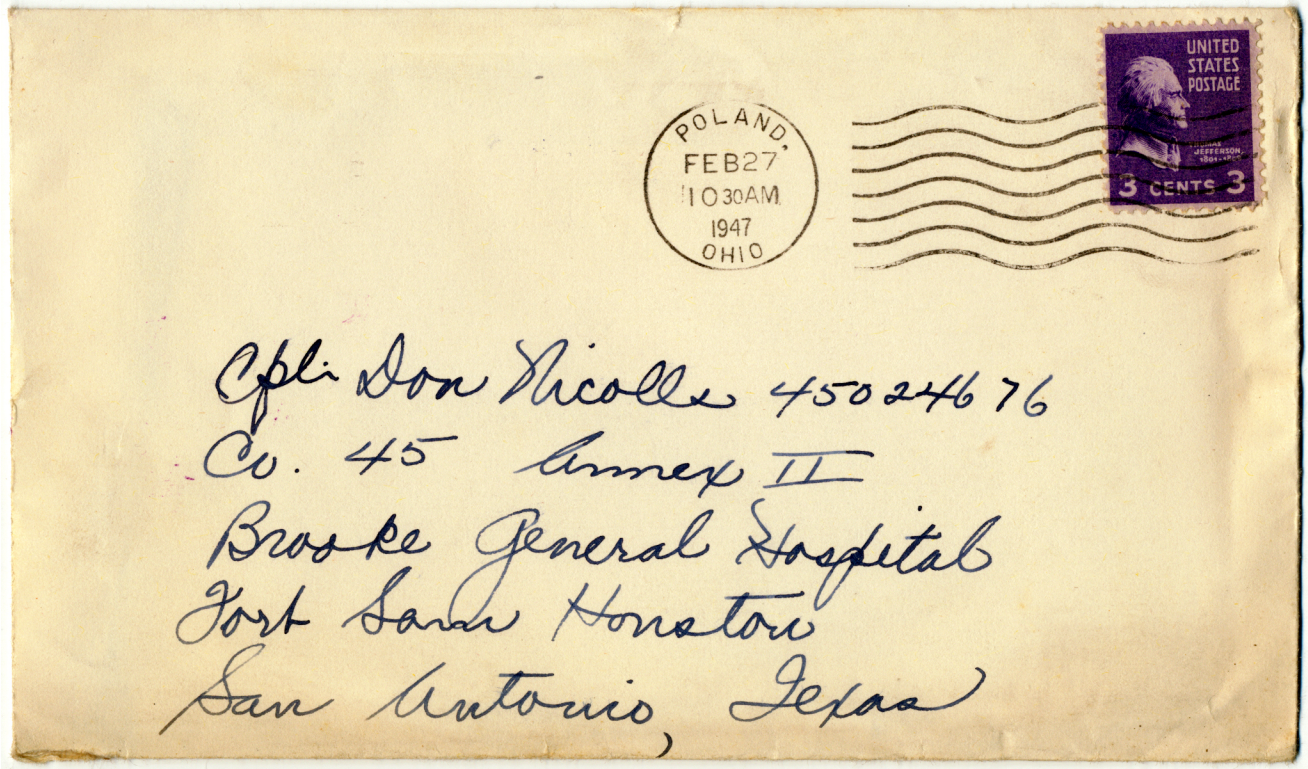
How come you said "But Godfrey will stay" at U. S.? Hoyt you know? Don't you like him? Did you see who the staff is then? It was in the paper a couple nights ago. Dave is glad Fisher's there 'cause he's a great Chi Phi man. I s'pose you won't dare go back to U. S. unless you become a Chi Phi or Dave will die-won't you. He's sure wrapped up in it. Just so he keeps up his studies too & I guess he will.

Did you see "The Jolson Story"? I've forgotten if you did but anyway Dad & I were arguing as to who sang the songs for it. I said

Larry Parks did — he played the part of Jolson + Dad said none sounded sing like that much like Al so I wrote to Fred Childress the movie editor of The Windy and asked him to please settle the argument + I got an answer right back — I was wrong. He said Al sang + made recordings for the picture. Al was on Jack Allen's program the other night + after hearing him sing I began to wonder if I was right for he can sing as good as ever. I hadn't heard much about him lately so that maybe he was a has-been — but not in as far as singing is concerned.

Gotta go now — good luck — Love + all that —

P.S. Isn't "Donghy" getting big? moon.

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Thurs. the 27th
8 a. m.

Dear Don,

We got your card & picture folder from C. Chr. Mon. & have been waiting to hear more about the trip — I spect we'll get a letter today. We had a big mail day Mon. — heard from everyone & so haven't had any mail since. I hope you won your game, but at least the trip would be something anyway. You really have taken in a good bit of Texas, so I spose if you ever do get home you'll want to go back there to settle down for life. Well, Denny Wagner did, you know. at least for now — he's still there. Wherever Fort Bliss is or was he's living in that town, I think 'cause that's where he was in service so went back there when he got out. We're also waiting to see what this conval. area deal is — could it be you're on your way out of that place? And — well, we'll wait & see.

The enclosed folder shows how far we've got to date in B'elimination. We saw the games last night. The only good one was the Fitch — Low. one. Mach. took Liberty easily & we left at the first quarter of Spr. game as it was Sp. 14 to 4 then. Fitch started off hot but cooled off at half time.

The half ended with Lowellville 6 pts. behind but Johnson must have given them a good pep talk at half time for they sure went good after that & ended up way ahead. Ernest De Lisio was the star last night & they brot him up from the reserve. He looked like Jimmy Hall used to on the floor. By the way, ~~also~~ have I told you J. Hall is teaching at Low. this year & coaching the reserves? You remember him, don't you or was that before your B.B. time?
Ted Maurice has a cast on his foot from his toes up above the ankle & is on crutches of course. His mom takes him back & forth to school as it's pretty hard traveling with crutches on this ice & snow. The only place there isn't any is on the main roads. (thank goodness for that.) It snowed lightly all day yesterday with the sun trying to shine part of the time. The temp. was only about 30, tho' so it wasn't bad and I hope ~~it gets~~ we have it all at once now & then have it over with. To think one more day & March is here.

Bob writes that his semester grades were good so I guess he's making out already. Dave's starting to study up for finals again. Seems tho' this quarter has gone fast, too. He had a big

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time last weekend again. They had their big fraternity (all of them) doings & Chief Justice Weggandt, Harry Wismer, Gov. Herbert several college presidents etc, were there. Says Wes Fesler got the biggest hand of all of them. Betty wrote us that they had a caller a couple weeks ago a Renzy Pounders who was a room-mate of Fesler's at Ohio State for 4 years. He told them Fesler would be a good coach if he just isn't too easy on the guys. Well I guess his had enough experience now that he won't be easy on them. I haven't had a notice on your vindi yet & doesn't it run out mch. 1st. or is it the 9th?

Well, I have to do the Ohio State laundry today. It came Tues. P.M. just after I'd finished ours. He can't seem to get it thru on time like you did.

O yes, Betty said they were just 2 miles from that explosion in L.A. a week ago & it shook the house so bad the door flew open & they looked out and saw the big cloud of smoke that looked

like pictures of the A Bomb explosion. Thank goodness they weren't any closer. I guess they're coming back here for sure but so far haven't made any definite plans as to when, etc.

Bye for now & lotsa love and good luck as to you know what!

— Mom.

# OFFICIAL PROGRAM
## — 1947 —
# 17th ANNUAL NORTHEASTERN OHIO SECTIONAL "B" BASKETBALL TOURNAMENT

**FEBRUARY 24 - 26 - 27 - 28**
**SOUTH HIGH FIELD HOUSE**
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## BRISTOL

Won Lost

Coach — R. E. Thornton

| Jersey Nos. — | Light | Dark |
|---|---|---|
| Seemann, Bill | 11 | 11 |
| Mellott, Ellis | 4 | 4 |
| Mills, Dick | 12 | 12 |
| List, Joe | 8 | 8 |
| Lyman, Tom | 9 | 9 |
| Sutliff, Donald | 3 | 3 |
| Sutliff, Fred | 6 | 6 |
| Wertz, Dick | 10 | 10 |
| Smith, James | 5 | 5 |
| Zeruba, Fred | 7 | 7 |

## CHAMPION

Won 18 Lost 7

Coach — Ray Sweeney

| Jersey Nos. — | Light | Dark |
|---|---|---|
| Detre, Richard | 41 | 41 |
| Flickinger, Jack | 43 | 43 |
| Green, Eugene | 50 | 50 |
| Hoffman, Kenneth | 49 | 49 |
| Lenney, Leon | 46 | 46 |
| Letson, William | 48 | 48 |
| Mitchell, John | 40 | 40 |
| Navarrete, Frank | 37 | 37 |
| Rapp, Richard | 39 | 39 |
| Sharick, Joe | 47 | 47 |

## COLUMBIANA

Won 15 Lost 1

Coach — John Cabas

| Jersey Nos. — | Light | Dark |
|---|---|---|
| Berryman, Rich | 32 | 32 |
| Thomas, Lee | 26 | 26 |
| Perkins, Dick | 25 | 25 |
| Essenwein, Don | 31 | 31 |
| Reinehr, Rich | 30 | 30 |
| Prizant, Sam | 27 | 27 |
| Urschler, Wayne | 34 | 34 |
| McBride, Harry | 33 | 33 |
| Peters, Bob | 29 | 29 |
| Hum, Russell | 28 | 28 |

## FITCH

Won 14 Lost 3

Coach — T. A. Hood

| Jersey Nos. — | Light | Dark |
|---|---|---|
| Cline, Paul | 25 | 12 |
| Conger, Robert | 22 | 14 |
| Holdash, Irvin | 29 | 18 |
| Husic, Robert | 30 | 13 |
| Lamb, Charles | 26 | 16 |
| McPhillamy, Edward | 31 | 19 |
| Schnurrenberger, Don | 27 | 11 |
| Schnurrenberger, John | 28 | 17 |
| Schuller, Henry | 24 | 15 |
| Toporcher, Steve | 21 | 10 |

## HOWLAND

Won Lost

Coach — Heistand

| Jersey Nos. — | Light | Dark |
|---|---|---|
| Prokop | 5 | 5 |
| Larson | 11 | 11 |
| Shafer | 3 | 3 |
| Donley | 10 | 10 |
| Seekins | 13 | 13 |
| Root | 6 | 6 |
| Keefner | 9 | 9 |
| Kovacs | 7 | 7 |
| Thomas | 8 | 8 |
| Hake | 4 | 4 |

## LEAVITTSBURG

Won 12 Lost 10

Coach — D. R. Savelle

| Jersey Nos. — | Light | Dark |
|---|---|---|
| Pringle, Daniel | 20 | 3 |
| Culp, Dallas | 23 | 4 |
| Gintert, James | 19 | 5 |
| Manning, Ken | 24 | 6 |
| Trask, Ben | 22 | 7 |
| Klein, Albert | 25 | 8 |
| Tricker, Frank | 21 | 9 |
| Yuhas, Bob | 18 | 10 |
| Nicholas, Bill | 8 | 11 |
| Frost, Paul | 16 | 12 |

## LEETONIA

Won 6 Lost 9

Coach — Joe Fortunato

| Jersey Nos. — | Light | Dark |
|---|---|---|
| White, Jack | 12 | 12 |
| Duco, George | 2 | 2 |
| Rutsky, Ernest | 5 | 6 |
| Holt, Bob | 7 | 7 |
| Sullivan, Ed | 11 | 11 |
| Stumpo, Sam | 8 | 8 |
| Mercure, Al | 3 | 3 |
| Roller, W. | 4 | 4 |
| DeLucia, John | 10 | 10 |
| Stouffer, D. | 5 | 9 |

## LIBERTY

Won 12 Lost 5

Coach — Wayne L. Griffith

| Jersey Nos. — | Light | Dark |
|---|---|---|
| Luther, Everett | 0 | 0 |
| Welk, Robert | 1 | 1 |
| Fedorchak, Daniel | 2 | 2 |
| Wollitz, Herman | 3 | 3 |
| Pratt, Robert | 4 | 4 |
| Sostaric, Herman | 5 | 5 |
| Faiver, Richard | 6 | 6 |
| Mapes, James | 7 | 7 |
| Sostaric, Nick | 8 | 8 |
| Schlosser, Arthur | 9 | 9 |

## LOWELLVILLE

Won 16 Lost 3

Coach — P. V. Johnson

| Jersey Nos. — | Light | Dark |
|---|---|---|
| Crocetti, John | 9 | 22 |
| DeLisio, Ernest | 3 | 26 |
| DeLisio, Michael | 8 | 25 |
| Esarco, John | 10 | 23 |
| Fanto, Joseph | 11 | 21 |
| Faraglia, Daniel | 6 | 24 |
| Grist, Lawrence | 13 | 28 |
| Mangine, Samuel | 12 | 29 |
| Stephenson, Joseph | 14 | 27 |
| Williams, Richard | 7 | 20 |

## McDONALD

Won 13 Lost 8

Coach — Andy Golubic

| Jersey Nos. — | Light | Dark |
|---|---|---|
| White, James | 30 | 30 |
| Wilkes, Arthur | 31 | 31 |
| Grant, George | 38 | 38 |
| Gardiner, Alex | 39 | 39 |
| Kaercher, Donald | 33 | 33 |
| Hughes, Donald | 32 | 32 |
| Geho, Travis | 35 | 35 |
| Altoffer, Charles | 34 | 34 |
| Woods, Gilbert | 37 | 37 |
| Harryhill, Joseph | 36 | 36 |

## SALINEVILLE

Won 8 Lost 10

Coach — J. F. Baker

| Jersey Nos. — | Light | Dark |
|---|---|---|
| Smith, Jim | 3 | 3 |
| Bettis, Kenny | 4 | 4 |
| Lindesmith, Don | 5 | 5 |
| Hanley, Jim | 6 | 6 |
| McCord, Don | 7 | 7 |
| Newhouse, Jack | 8 | 8 |
| Marra, Joe | 9 | 9 |
| McLaughlin, Jim | 10 | 10 |
| Girone, Al | 21 | 13 |
| Madison, Alden | 22 | 14 |

## SEBRING

Won 6 Lost 9

Coach — Ray Schaefer

| Jersey Nos. — | Light | Dark |
|---|---|---|
| Watson, Clarence | 38 | 8 |
| King, Jack | 37 | 7 |
| Wuthrick, Leroy | 39 | 9 |
| Davies, Lou | 33 | 3 |
| Mohr, Dale | 35 | 5 |
| Mullett, Dave | 36 | 6 |
| Rockwell, Bob | 40 | 12 |
| Albert, Wes | 30 | 10 |
| Steve, Theophan | 31 | 11 |
| Alcorn, Earl | 32 | — |
| Buehler, Ed | 34 | 4 |

## SPRINGFIELD TOWNSHIP

Won 20 Lost 4

Coach — Howard Ritzler

| Jersey Nos. — | Light | Dark |
|---|---|---|
| Baun, Howard | 99 | 99 |
| Burkey, Ted | 66 | 66 |
| Goist, Leonard | 33 | 33 |
| Kennedy, John | 88 | 88 |
| Linhart, Robert | 44 | 44 |
| Lipp, Park | 00 | 00 |
| Maley, Stanford | 77 | 77 |
| Mesmer, Ted | 11 | 11 |
| Myers, Harry | 22 | 22 |
| Razo, Robert | 55 | 55 |

## ST. MARY'S — WARREN, OHIO

Won 4 Lost 14

Coach — Andrew Mruzik

| Jersey Nos. — | Light | Dark |
|---|---|---|
| Thomas, Mark | 16 | 2 |
| O'Connor, Paul | 19 | 3 |
| Haberstroh, Al | 24 | 4 |
| Nagle, James | 21 | 6 |
| Moran, Martin | 18 | 7 |
| Dershaw, David | 15 | 8 |
| Mrofchak, Paul | 20 | 10 |
| Obertots, Richard | 22 | 9 |
| Hughes, Robert | 23 | 11 |

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|---|---|
| 1923 | Plattsburg |
| 1924 | Bellpoint-Delaware |
| 1925 | Bellpoint-Delaware |
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| 1929 | Akron St. Mary's |
| 1930 | Lancaster St. Mary's |
| 1931 | Austintown Fitch |
| 1932 | Castalia |
| 1933 | Springfield Lawrenceville |
| 1934 | Waterloo |
| 1935 | Waterloo |
| 1936 | Sandusky St. Mary's |
| 1937 | Upper Arlington |
| 1938 | Canal Fulton |
| 1939 | North Canton |
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WED., FEB. 26 - 8 P.M.
Lowellville

McDonald
Lowellville
FRI., FEB. 28 - 7 P.M.
TO KENT

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Springfield Twp.
WED., FEB. 26 - 9 P.M.
~~Howland~~

Bristol
THUR., FEB. 27 - 7 P.M.
Champion

Springfield
FRI., FEB. 28 - 8 P.M.
TO KENT

Columbiana
Sebring
Bye
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Bye
Warren St. Marys
Leetonia

Columbiana
THUR., FEB. 27 - 8 P.M.
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Leavittsburg
THUR., FEB. 27 - 9 P.M.
Warren

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