

Rockenbach Round Robin Letter

From: Esther [Rockenbach] Mills Date: September 27, 1936
Location: Libertyville, Illinois

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Dear Family,

This is Shirley M. writing. How is everybody. Say "hello" to your mama, Carol Lou, [*youngest daughter of Esther and Lewis Mills*] by the way this is Station R.R.R. Rockenbach Round Robin. This is the Lewis A. Mills family broadcasting. Do I like highschool? Yes. What am I taking? Latin, Biology, English, Algebra and orchestra. I am playing violi [sic] in the orchestra. It is something like a violin. I like biology. We are making a tree book including shrubs and evergreens. I have about 60 specimens. I am shellacing [sic] them to-day. Last Friday was our first football game. We lost 6-0 to Woodstock. I heard that Crystal Lake lost to Deerfield 18 to 0. Boy! what a team you've got. Did you make up the whole team last year, Jim? [*Jim (Rodney) Rockenbach*] or whats'wrong? Is 15 min. the limit for broad-casting, Lizzie & Mary, for the R.R.R.? Then I'll sign off because Mon [sic] wants to say something too.

Dear family-

Well I'm a day late getting this letter off, but I had to get the specified paper. Everyone is fine. The children are all back in school. Shirley is quite interested in high school. We don't get much Hawthorn news now that Shirley isn't there. The girls are starting dramatic lessons Tuesday. Nancy is practicing music a little better now, as she wants to learn to play a banjo, she says. Jimmie creeps all over the house. Carol Lou is learning to say a few words. She was all dressed up to day in her new outfit, coat, leggings and hat, rose colored. She was quite proud of herself. We went over to see Aunt Viola and Irene [*Almon Rockenbach's sisters*] and Plaggies [sic] [Ella (Rockenbach) Plagge, [*Almon Rockenbach's sister*]]. They all seem fine. Nancy and Jean were invited to nine o'clock breakfast this morning at Countryside to a little friend, who have [sic] a butler and 2 maids. I guess it was quite a change to have to wipe dishes to-night.

Lewis bought a car load of hogs from Kansas City. They were pretty good. He is putting up two new silos, the four men who put them up stay here, so that makes ten extra men for the next week, only nineteen in the family. I guess it is the same outfit that put up the silo on the farm. I canned 100 qts. of corn.

I went into the city one day last week. I bought Shirley a rose colored tailored velveteen dress, buttons all the way down the front and material for a skirt to go with her suit as an extra one. I bought a rust colored crepe dress, with saw [?] edge trimming. The boys had better leave this paragraph out if it doesn't interest them.

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We haven't started to fill silo yet. I guess Lewis has to buy a new filler this year. Farmer's Institute is this week at Lake Zurich. D. Hubbard of Park Ridge is one of the speakers.

Ruth and George Whitcomb were here and got some apples one day several weeks ago.

Lewis sold 1800 bushels of barley Friday @ 1.27 a bushel which was a pretty good price.

We haven't been any place in particular lately. Shirley is going on a trip to Chicago next Saturday with her biology class. They have their first afternoon dance next Wednesday.

Betty Rouse is at Normal. Bob and Dora drove down to see her last Sunday.

We might send these letters to Dorothy. I haven't written to her in so long.

Aunt Viola said Aunt Elma wrote and said Beulah's husband had bought a new house \$40,000, I believe. Well I can't think of any more news.

Love, Esther