

Grace:

I know you will be put out that I did not answer your letter right away, but I just could not, it was here when I came from Mrs. Krous' luncheon. Then I had to get supper and go to this other meeting which was scheduled before your letter came. Yesterday all my time was taken getting ready for the company which was also invited before I knew I would get this urgent letter from you, and right now is the first minute I have had today when I could really concentrate. Grandmother just came in to tell me it was lonesome out there, so I am not too sure just how well I can concentrate. I am sorry that you did not get my last letter on Sat. as I surely thought you would. The mail is surely slowed up. I have noticed such a difference in the time it takes to get Ruth's letters. By the way, in her last one, she said it looked like Lindy's trip east would not be before fall, so she said she may come home soon for a month. Wouldn't that be swell? Now you say I did not say any thing different in my letter. I guess I do not know just what you mean. I thought I presented some very good points. I wonder if you passed over them. I smiled too when you said that Bob said that I sounded just like his Mother. Isn't that strange? You say you do not think that we can decide what is the best thing for you to do. Then you say that you will never forgive us if we do not give our approval, etc. You seem to forget that we have never even met Bob. You say you want to know if I am trying to say nix or what. Honestly Grace you sound like you are out of your head. I'll say it is not satisfactory to discuss such things in letters. I keep thinking that there are some things about which you have not thought. If you and Bob are meant for each other, and can stand the test for several years as it may be, well and good. Here is the thing which you have to face. I take it that Bob will soon be in the army, and you will not even see each other. The most optimistic reports are that the war will not be over before 1945, at the very earliest. So where does that leave you? After Bob is home from that, then he has to get into some thing. If he then expects to go with his plans for being a Dr. That will mean some more time. So it seemed to me as I said before that you have lots of time to announce your engagement. I still think that you are laying too much emphasis on the fact that this all has to be seen to before school is out. Now I know that this is very important to you, and that is perfectly all right, still you are trying to get ~~our~~ our consent to some thing about which we do not know much, can you not see that? You say that Bob went home and got his Polk's approval. What do you mean, approval to what? It is just too bad to try to discuss this in letters. Can't you wait patiently until you have been home? Can't you see the spot on which you are trying to put us. What luck would I have trying to sell you on some thing which you had never seen? Try just as hard as you can to see this thing from our view point. And try to be just as reasonable as you can. And most of all please remember that we love you and are very anxious for you to be happy as your sisters are. So we will all have to think this thing thru just as sensibly as we can. As I have ~~said~~ said before, every thing you have said about Bob sounds most interesting, and sounds like he was a fine fellow, and that is the kind that I think you deserve. I can not think of any thing else that I might add. I hope you will not be disappointed in this. Try and see the spot you are putting us in.

Much love to you and Bob,

*Mother*