

Kokomo, Indiana

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Dear Elma:

Received your dear letter with great pleasure when I got home from work tonight your letter was waiting for me in your place at my room to greet me with all that love and those kisses of yours, Elma I had to read it right away couldn't wait till I ate supper, I wanted to get those kisses first, for I feels a little "anxious" myself when I got here because we was a half hour late arriving in on account of the test board holding us up on a job where I was okaying a telephone about 6 miles out in the country that darn fool of the test board I was guess was crazy didn't hear what he wanted or didn't know what he was doing, so our time was fooled away for northing, well Elma it didn't look so pleasant out this morning when I got out of bed I see there was a little snow on the ground but the streets were wet where the snow melted as it hit, so it was a little nasty to start out but before we left town this morning I bought me a pari of Rubbers, paid a \$1.19 for them, they seem to be very good they are heavy enough and so I put them on and wore them all day. I thought it would be best to get them because I had a little cold and I didn't want to get wet feet by all means and make that cold worse for I want to get "shut" of it in a hurry. I don't want anything like that at all while am away from home. It keeps a person to much worried to have a cold nowadays and I don't want to get sick here by myself, so I am still very good only liked I told you in the other letter, a little sniffle and I guess I will get that kicked in the head before long so don't worry Elma I will let you know in time if there is anything not quite the way it should be, and I will take the best care of myself so there won't anything get a chance to be wrong. Well Elma we charged or got some more farmers satisfied, O Elma I have something I stole and if I get a chance I will send it to you some time but I won't tell you what it is now I want you to be surprised when you get it, I still have it in my grip or tool bag I forgot to bring it home tonight. Elma we was at a real place today you would be surprised to know Elma we changed a telephone out in the woods today it is a big dance hall or club house it is called "Keelfalfa Park", well it is a pretty nice place for a park it is back off of the road a piece, honest Elma we didn't know wether we would get shot as we drove in the park or not so we got real bold and went our way, Elma just think how you would feel if you drove up in front of a park and at the entrance was a big sign positively private members only and looking ahead you see the big hall and on the top of the roof way in the forest of the hall you see a big red cross almost twelf fee high all set with electric light, O I forgot at the gate it also was printed in big letters Klu Klux Klan of KoKoMo, O boy don't you think Elma wouldn't that make you shaky in the knees to see all such stuff and think you have to go in there to work, well Elma that all is alright but we went right in and changed our telephone and there was nobody there but an old woman, her husband had gone to town so we didn't have to worry, while were in there I seen I dont know now wether, he is senator or what he is but it was Robinsons's picture hanging on the wall all decorated right in the K.K.K hall, Elma I just had to stop and sneeze a few times and the old man Ernie and knocked on my door and gave me the Vicks Vapor Rub bottle and said here try some of this, boy they worry a whole lots about me the way it looks, but it ain't near as bad as they make it, well I have to say they are real good to me they at least try to make everything pleasant for me

as much as they can, well Elma I guess I will take another shot of my dope for a cold and use a litta vicks so they can smell it on me any way otherwise they might think it ain't good enough for me to use there stuff so Elma I will write again soon and hope you are yet in good health as I am as good can be expected, so I am sending you all my kisses and love and a real sweet kiss for a Good night kiss, Elma x

Al x