

begins)

(Transcription

Oct. 22, 1942

Thursday morning.

Dear Douglas—

Clara and Ethel were at the house Tuesday night and are definitely coming down Saturday but Ethel cannot leave until the one o'clock train and Clara may decide to come on the bus the night before—but as it stands now they will both go to the hotel whenever they arrive and wait for you there altho (*sic*) if Clara goes early she will plan to see the parade and then return to the hotel.

Now the only disappointing thing is that Marilyn is not coming. Bill has an unexpected leave until Sunday night and as he won't be allowed home again until next April, you can't blame her for wanting to be home. She cannot get down to the Island to visit him as she has to go at nine o'clock on Saturday morning and there is no boat back until Monday. The bank is so short handed that they will not give her any time off. She and Bill certainly think the world of each other and I guess he is scheduled to be your future brother-in-law altho (*sic*) nothing has been said about it yet. As Marilyn says, if you hadn't been home so recently she would feel badly but she has just seen you and can plan to come on for another weekend later on.

Dad and I enjoyed our stay with you very much & had a very pleasant ride home on the bus. I have engaged a room for you and Tommie and one for the girls but Clara will write tonight to the hotel to change it from a three bed to a double room.

I know you will not be too disappointed about Marilyn and will understand the situation.

Lovingly

Mother. (Transcription ends)