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#77 1-22-45 after supper and all
the family at home
for Douglas!

Dear Douglas - There is plenty of snow on the ground & tonight more is falling but it is expected to stop before long & we do not anticipate another real storm for awhile. Daryl enjoys being pulled along on her little sled & her Aunt Marge takes her down their hilly street which gives her quite a thrill. Marilyn has been trying to get her to say "Aunt" Marge & all of a sudden she comes out triumphantly with "Aunt Marge - Aunt Daddy, Aunt Unc Doug!" She can't courtesy [sic] and tries to sing with the radio.

Wednesday night Mrs. Jones entertained the Ex. Committee of the CYMBC and Helen Hard and I helped her with the refreshments and had time for a round of Bridge. They have re-done their back bedroom into another living-room (remember when we had a "social" room?) and Leland & Everett have their things upstairs.

Thursday night Dad had to attend a banquet for Mayor Lark--he said he had a good time but it meant that he was out every night last week except Saturday! I told you, I think of the returning eruption on his hands. It was a much lighter attack but still he lost every bit of skin again! Otherwise than that he has been & looked real well all winter.

Saturday night I had Mr. And Mrs. Schmid, Aunt Eleanor, Uncle Hartley, Aunt Marion & Uncle Harvey for a bean supper. I thought it about time the rest of our family met Marilyn's in-laws. Sunday morning Dad slept & I went to church with the Hards. This coming week we are to have an opportunity of meeting our new prospective pastor, Rev. August M. Hintz of Sioux Falls, S.D.

He is very highly recommended, comes from a larger church than ours and we are quite anxious to meet & hear him. Friday night the Donles entertain him & his wife & Dr. and Mrs. Erbe at dinner & then a few of us will drop in later in the evening. Monday afternoon the ladies are giving a big tea for Mrs. Hintz (I am on the com. for that) and Monday night there is to be a dinner for him to meet the various officials of the church organization. More about him in my next.

Mrs. Buffum tells me that she & Mr. Buffum went to New York last week to speed Tommie on his way--how we hope that you two will meet!

Dad & I are enjoying both the Naval Procedure and the Bureau of Naval Personnel Information Bulletin. Do you see both of these magazines? The latter has many items interesting to me, particularly the [indecipherable]. Can you tell me where your jg rank started, so I'll recognize the date for your next grade?

Did I tell you that Pixie visited us the other day? Strange to say, he was sitting on our veranda when I got up the other morning and I brought him in but he was so unhappy with Chip & Daryl at his heels every minute that I had to let him out in about five

minutes.

I think I'll turn in early tonight for a change--we always sit up for the eleven o'clock news flash & then Dad & Marilyn have cocoa, so its nearer twelve when we turn in & Daryl is an early riser!

Lots & Lots of love from us all.

Mother [Transcription ends]