Dear Douglas. Whereas the 28th rolls around - I know the time is one month near your coming home for Daryl's birthday (monthly) and annual last home and now she is 17 mos. She gets into the cupboard very chance she can & today we caught her right in the act so Marilyn went & looked at her very severely without saying a word. Daryl looked like a startled fawn for a minute & then started to laugh a most infectious laugh so that Marilyn couldn't help but join in & then Daryl laughed harder than ever! She knows where I keep the brown sugar & if I forget to shut that door she is there like a flash looking up in my face & saying "Ee, case!" in a most beginning way. She is generally out doors when God desires it & same to meet him calling "Basta."

We have had your most recent letter #22 dated Aug 14 & received by us Aug 22. Very good time. I'm so glad that your mind is beginning to come time again & that the maple sugar finally arrived. I'll try again, must time with a larger amount.

You're right about our having such fine friends. We have had our share or many a good time together & what good times here are ahead for when you come home there will be all the old things to try again - baking, breakfasts, wreaths, game nights, square dancing, good theater, evening of great talking & reading by the fire place.

Even if you're not seeing real girls, you are still getting quite an eyeful via your large calendar. I happened to see a copy when I visited Barbara Langbein's last Wednesday. No I saw a car miniature that the October beauty is wearing (as if that mattered!)

I had a lovely time going down to the wedding. Uncle Harley Harvey, Aunt Marion & I went down on the noon bus & uncle Harley said that all women didn't stop wagging our tongues the whole way! Aunt Hazel had a buffet supper for us, Dick Whipple was there to be an usher & his girl, Betty reddington comes from New York. The wedding was at 7:30, dinner one of the lovely lunches across on the green (Congregational) and the Baptist minister (formerly from M. Atkinson) performed the ceremony. Cousin little girl Elizabeth and Steward's baby were the two little flower clad flower girls (were training Daryl to be one year!) cousin's five year old David said when he heard his cousin's were to perform as flower girls said "I guess I would be a tree too!" Hazel forever & Douglas may will have a few days in...
It was lots of fun being down at the Longdale for Aunt Hazel's birthday party. Besides her teaching and book writing, she does a daily column for the New Haven Register, and the telephone is constantly ringing with people coming in with news items. Aunt Marion and Uncle Harry left the next day for New York and we answered them with left-overs convinces as they looked on the train. It is their first vacation for quite a long time and they really looked very broad, grown and happy! Grandma and I came home by train the next day after that. It is still quite a sight to see the long trains of military freight rushing along.

So glad you have a real swim since we left.

Don't bother to return more photos - just throw them away as we always order duplicates, too.

(Now just re-read your letter and evidently I am mistaken about your receiving the maple sugar. Let me know if you ever do get it, until I hear I'll not try to send that or it may be useless and I'll send it.)

Marilyn is out in the kitchen typing envelopes and cards for the church of the transfiguration, giving many canvases.

The last few days we have had the kind of weather you like, crisp and cool in the morning with a very blue sky, field of fluffy white clouds, then the day warmer, sunny but snappy enough to sleep well at night.

We hope we expect to spend at least so that the men who are doing things here can have work unimpeded.

This week Thursday, Dad + I were invited for the day on Douglas Young's cruise "Sea Horse". Because of the gas restriction we will not go too far, but Dad seems to think we will have a lobster dinner at the Lobster Pot in Bristol.

I have not heard from the Buffum's since I went to New Haven + as they do not answer the telephone, the bank tells the rest. But Buffum is not in each day I have called, I think possibly they have gone to Wavecrest for a few days.

I'll be writing again soon, I have bought a V-rod pad and I will try to get in a game once we are back. But I do not think for one minute that I intend to let them take the place of my weekly letter with you. They will merely be extras.

All our love + prayers

Mother