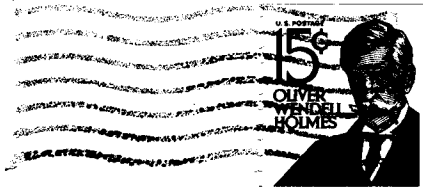


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Dear Babe;

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How are you doing? I miss you a lot and love you a lot. I hope you still feel close to me. You're probably very busy with school work now, after a week of classes. I'm praying for you that your classes will go good and you'll learn a lot. 'A wise man will hear and increase in learning and a man of understanding will acquire wise counsel': Proverbs 1:5. I know you are becoming wiser as you study His word.

Well, tonight Sherry + David came out and we had supper together. Around 11:00 or so, we'll go to the fair (you get in at 10:30 for free). Can you believe tomorrow night's the last day of the fair and I haven't even been there yet? Well, since you're not here, I have no one I want to go with. The people from work ~~went~~ went + asked me to go, but it just wouldn't have been the same. (nobody's as good as you are). Tomorrow after work, David and I are going to go out and play tennis. It's been awhile since I played.

My running is going good, coach. Yesterday I took a day off - mainly cause it poured rain all day. Also I was really tired. So today I ran and I felt really great. I think sometimes a day off is real good every once in a while. You'd be proud of me. Today I had started running and I saw this guy running - he was halfway around the park from where I was. That just gives me such

incentive to catch up to him and pass him and so I did. I didn't even feel like I sped up but I think I'll do O.K. in the marathon. I wish you had that you ~~could~~ could be here when I run. On Sunday or Monday - I plan to do 10 miles straight. I hope I do it - I better so I can write to you and tell you that I did do it. For this marathon, I'll definitely have to run my own pace cause even when I keep looking at my watch - it's bad cause I think I should be doing better - so if I see people passing me, I'll really get scared. I'm just concerned about finishing. I didn't hear from Mike yet. I hope I do though.

I was talking with Bob Brown on Wed. night and he thanks the Lord for you and your maturity. He said you have such a good way with children and they respect you. Of course - I agreed.

Hom, I just cannot wait till we can be together again. It will be so great. I think of it often! I have real neat dreams when you're in them.

Well I must go now. I do love your letters. May the Lord be with you & the fellowship of the Holy Spirit. Always.

"Weeping may last for the night, but a Revelation of joy comes in the morning." Psalm 30:5