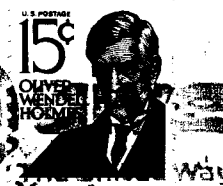
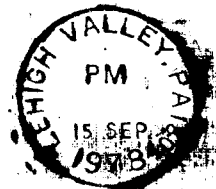


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Wednesday

Dear Hen,

Haven't seen you in a con's age. I really miss you a lot. Thanks for your phone calls. It's always great to hear your voice. Only 23 days till you'll be home in my arms. I'm so anxious for that time we can spend together. When I talked with Tom, I'm sure I must invited to the rehearsal - but I'll take you there and wait in the car for you - also while you go to the dinner. I don't care if it takes all night - I'll wait in the car till I can be with you. Babe - won't it be great?! Just think, I haven't seen you since about 3 1/2 wks ago. The Lord has surely been good to see us through

What's going on there? Well Heidi's doing good. She's really great. You'd like her - she's so pretty and friendly. She's a wild woman though.

My mom + dad are good. Getting ready for Oct 21 missionary conference capsule (mini-conference) for the banquet, instead of having a big meal - we're having 1 bowl of soup per person and then asking for donations for 'World Relief' - because we have so much and other people in the world are starving. Guess who's idea that is for the banquet?

Beth is doing alright. She's now working at Hess's at the Oasis (Hess's South). She just went to see 'Yes' last night at the spectrum

Ricky's busy with school band + piano lessons. She has a new piano teacher who is really strict

Audrey's coming home this weekend cause she forgot some stuff here. She's really got

a lot of work this semester.

Sherry + David are good. David's birthday was on Monday. He liked the shirt I bought him. They're both praying for you.

At church tonight, a lot of people asked about you they always do. So many people are praying for you. In fact - tonight on the prayer sheets we got, your name was on it for prayer + your school. So, if you have an extra great week - it's cause so many are praying for you.

Prayer meeting has been really terrific. We sing a song and then have a short word from Pastor Dave, then split up into prayer groups (about 4 per group) We each go to a different part of the church and we have about 45 minutes for prayer. It's now prayer meeting and you're real close to those you pray with. By the way, how's your prayer-time with your roommate coming along? That's such a significant time. You grow so close. I long to be able to pray with you soon, Henry.

Something I've started to do, is during my morning prayer time to have your schedule right there with me and pray about each class you'll be going to that day. Thanks for sending that - I feel I can pray more intellectually. I really believe that prayer is so good. It quiets me and brings me close with Him and better able

to put my total trust in him.

I talked with Rosey Kemble tonight and she's doing much better now. She looks real good.

Thursday 9/14/78

Hello, Babe. Hope all is well with you today. I'm doing fine. It's a real nice night here - real cool and the clouds are really nice - all different kinds. I sure do wish you could be here to see them. I love you. It's a full moon tonight, too. I just washed my hair with Suave Wild Strawberry Shampoo - wow, is it wild. Tonight, mom + daddy went to see Jaws II - can you believe it?! Beth starts her first art class at Baum art school tonight - drawing class. Ticky's playing the piano now - she plays for hours + hours. I called Hackman's tonight and asked if they had 'morning has broken' and also music by John Focker, so I guess on Sat. I'll go on and pick something out for Ticky + I to do on ~~Sat~~ next Sunday night at church.

Cindy was able to observe total knee surgery. They're using a new total knee prosthesis now (the part 2 patients) - they can bear wt sooner and they are almost completely pain free. She said it was real interesting - she said she never realized how 'crude' orthopaedic surgery was. It really is. They had some complications getting the prosthesis to fit with the correct angles and all because the pt is so arthritic.

The surgery was ~~meant~~ to take 2 hours, but it took 5 hours. She said it was a tense atmosphere - Bro'Brien was getting disgusted with everyone because of the problems they had.

Well, I'm going to go watch The Waltons now. I'll write later. Till then - Bye.

Later:

No new news since I last wrote! I'm so excited to hear about all your classes and what you do all day, sounds so interesting what I heard so far. I think I will go now, The Waltons was sad and now I feel tired. Next time I write will be 9.8 miles later. Let you know how I did. Hope you'll still love me if I come in last. I love you, a lot.

"...I have not ceased to pray for you and to ask that you may be filled with <sup>my</sup> knowledge of His will in all spiritual wisdom and understanding, so that you may walk in a manner worthy of the Lord, to please Him in all respects, bearing fruit in every good work and increasing in the knowledge of God, strengthened with all power, according to His glorious might, for the attaining of all steadfastness and patience, joyously giving thanks to the Father..." Colossians 1: 9-12

This is my prayer for you.

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