

Mary Frances Parsons to Janet Hennipman

May 6, 1937

Thursday Eve.
Plainfield, Indiana

Dear Janet;

Well how are you ??? I suppose you are working hard as you always say you are. Well of course you know I always work hard.

I can't write as Buddy is trying to read everything I write. Some I would not want me to read.

Well you have nothing on me as Flossy came over the day she got her watch. I found on the back it said 10K gold. I suppose by that it's a pretty good one.

Well tonight I am all alone. Ninnie has gone to the hospital to see Earl Blair with Randall. She been gone four nites straight now I wonder how many more. Buddy is still sick and I can't do any thing at all. Poor me.

I would have liked to gone to the hospital myself tonite but æ they took Mary Smith's sister so I didn't want to go.

Well, I another great love affair has fallen on the rock. This is the one Tub & Bert. I don't know what the cause was and I won't ask him, but please keep this under your hat & Don't (don't) tell Mary Ann.

That just reminds me of something more. Imogene comes over but she goes around with Ninnie. She treats me O.K. but I have nothing to do with her. We speak and talk & play together but thats all.

Well, I went to the show last nite. It sure was good. I saw Will Rogers in in Doctor Bull.

I am going to 4-H tomorrow and æuss then my fun will begin.

I wouldn't have written you if Daddy hadn't got a supply of stamps so I won't have to pay for it myself. Well, he got twenty five.

Me, Mother, Ninnie, and Randall went mushroom hunting this afternoon. We sure did have fun most of the time fighting.

I will now tell you another great releif to me. Tub told me today that as yet Davis does not have his contract.

They are † now dipping gravel. Tub is working here. Every time I go down there I have to help him carry 8 gallon of water up a big hill from the creek. The tractor leaks all the time thats why he has to carry so much. He doesn't have to do much work but he makes good pay.

He The Walton kids & us kids went on a hike last week and waded in the creek but don't tell anybody as if they found this out it would be too tight for us.

Well, I wish you would come down as I have a lot to tell you to much to tell you in a letter.

Please try to get your Dad to bring you down some day soon.

A very true pal forever.

Jake

P.S. Please excuse this horrible writing. Please try & come down soon. If not then write (Let nobody read this)

Historical Notes:

Janet Pauline Hennipman (1923 – 1938) was daughter of Dutch immigrants John (1887 – 1968) and Elsie (Van Dyke) Hennipman (1891 – 1992). Janet was the 4th of 5 sisters and lived near what is now the corner of 200N and Raceway Rd. She died June 14, 1938 of strep throat.

Francis "Frank" Hanson Parsons (1926 – 1995) was the brother of Mary Frances Parsons and was referred to as "Buddy" in letters. Frank graduated from Avon High School in 1943.

Florence "Flossy" Lillian Broyles (1923 – 2015) was the daughter of Luther Cornelius (1896 – 1978) and Hazel Ruth (Seymour) Broyles (1896 – 1975). Florence had 2 older brothers and lived about 7 miles away from Janet. She graduated from Avon High School in 1941.

Virginia Miller Parsons (1921 – 2018) was the sister of Mary Frances Parsons and was referred to as "Ninnie" in letters. Virginia graduated from Avon High School in 1939.

Earl H Blair (1891 – 17 May 1937) was the son of Edward Sr. (1865 – 1940) and Mary Jane "Jennie" (Barker) Blair (1868 – 1935). Earl H. was great uncle to Earl Davis Blair '36, Merred "Tub" Blair '38, and Lewis "Randall" Blair '40.

Lewis Randall "Randall" Blair (1922 – 1992) was the son of Eddie Eldo (1894 – 1937) and Mary Mills (Davis) Blair (1898 –). Randall lived with Lawrence & Ruth Roach after his father died and graduated from Avon High School in 1940.

Mary Smith's sister is unknown.

Merred Allen "Tub" Blair (1919 – 1944) was the son of Eddie Eldo (1894 – 1937) and Mary Mills (Davis) Blair (1898 –). Tub lived with his estranged mother after his father died and graduated from Avon High School in 1938.

Alberta "Bert" DeGroot (1921 – 2020) was the daughter of Dutch immigrants Donald John (1896 – 1986) and Alice (VanDyke) DeGroot (1898 – 1997). Alberta was the eldest of 6 children and lived near Janet Hennipman. She graduated from Avon High School in 1939.

Mary Ann Beeler (1924 – 2017) was the daughter of Raymond Taylor (1899 – 1974) and Bertha Leota (Sullivan) Beeler (1899 – 1983). Mary Ann lived within a mile of Janet Hennipman and graduated from Avon High School in 1942.

Martha Imogene "Imogene" Walton (1923 – 2020) was the daughter of Paul (1903 – 1946) and Mary Jane (Wear) Walton (1901 – 1996). Imogene was the oldest of 3 children and lived about a mile from Mary Frances Parsons. She graduated from Avon High School in 1942.

Arthur Feeney Davis (1902 – 1993) was teacher at Avon High School for 36 years retiring in 1968. He coached Avon basketball from 1930 – 1948. Teacher's contracts were renewed annually.

Walton kids are Martha Imogene "Imogene" Walton (1923 – 2020), Marjorie Elene Walton (1925 – 2002), and Billie H Walton (1928 -).

Mary Frances "Jake" Parsons (1923 – 1996) was the daughter of Chester Adrian (1887 – 1977) and Hazel (Miller) Parsons (1896 – 1983). Mary was the 2nd of three children and lived near what is now the corner of County Road 625 S and 100S, about 7 miles from Janet. She graduated from Avon High School in 1941.