

Edward Duncan to Janet Hennipman

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Ossion, Indiana  
Rural Route 2  
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Dear Janet,

I received your letter the other Saturday and was surprised to hear from you. The weather isn't so sweet up hear. It started raining Sunday morning while we was going to Fort Wayne to church, & was snowing before we got back home. And it is still on the ground.

How's old Avon, I bet it's just a old shanny town By now, good for nothing. Our school has singing services every Monday & Friday. From the 7th on up gets to sing in the assembly. It's quite quir. We saw in the Brownsburg Record where Avon got bet by [Brownsburg]. We have played five games & won every one of them. Bring Avon up & we'll show them how to play Basketball. The scores: 39 to 20, -37 to 31, -28 to 26, - 37 to 19, 37 to 29. That's what I call scores. I don't guess it would do you any good to tell you the names of the schools. I'll tell you a! yell! you start down there:

"Feed 'em sand,"

"Feed 'em gravel,"

"Yea team," "Lets travel."

Step on the starter

Shift it in low

Yea team let's go

We boys get to take manuel training every year, this year 2 periods a week & next year 2 periods every day, one half of the year.

Is your dad still juicing any cows. We are milking sixteen now. I guess we will beat you done sucking corn. Just have about 2 more days. I guess you know Leon isn' going to school this winter & is helping my dad. We got about 10 acres picked with a corn picker. When are you coming up???????? I guess that all I can think of.

Yours Truly  
Ed. Duncan

p.s.

I hope you a very Merry Xmas and a happy New Year.

P.S. My folks was down there over Thanksgiving & Dale. I guess Leon, my mother, & myself will be down the Xmas, if nothing happens.

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 4<sup>th</sup> of 5 sisters and lived near what is now the corner of 200N and Raceway Rd. She died June 14, 1938 of strep throat.

Edward William Duncan (1923 – 2013) was the son of Ivan (1897 - 1963) and Trula (Bibbee) Duncan (1899 - 1972). He was the 2nd of 3 boys and moved to Ossian, IN near Fort Wayne after 1935. He mentions his brother Leon F Duncan (1919 – 2007).