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## Friday the 12<sup>th</sup>

## Dear Dad:

Following quite nobly in the footsteps of my cousin, I have managed to have the Ford wrecked, though on a much smaller scale. Otto Wittmann was driving it, and had a small accident which mashed up the rear fender the right running boad and back wheel. This was last night and I have not had it fixed yet An estimate by one garage man said about \$15 for straightening and perhaps a new wheel of \$5 or \$6. So it is nothing serious. Poor Otto went to jail for driving without a license ^ \$50 bail and will have to plead in court this morning, meaning a \$10-25 fine I suppose. He expected to leave today, too.

I have not ownership certificate, registry or do I know the insurance co. or what kind of [insurance] I have on the car. Don't you think it's high time to get that long cost acquisition card (or another)

^and have it in the car just in case a good wreck should come off. I don't know why they didn't have to have registry license yesterday. Anyway if there is insurance for our car in an accident, I shall have the garage give me a bill, and Otto will write out the incident for their approval.

Exams are all over, and I am seriously afraid of a D in history C1 [??]. I never did catch on to that course and spent more time on it than any other. My Eng. exam was a terror but my average will

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C in German

come out a C I hope. Fine Arts was not bad at all, I guess that will be my only B this year. I feel a bit cheap with Al getting a "cum" all ths time, and my saying, this year I'll make dean's list.

Well so much for this morning – it is 630 and I am at the Hutchins. I leave for Intervale today, driving Herb Sise a freshman here with me, for he is to be at the Lakes with me. We shall go via Groton and see Laury Graduate.

Love Cog address: Pinkham Notch Camps Gorham NH

Otto Wittmann
1025 Huntington Rd.
Kansas City

Chalmers follow-up questions

- 1.Did Gramps or Granny ever have an auto accident?
- 2. I did not realize Collis had a car at Harvard., Did you at Bryn Mawr?
- 3. Reference cousin accident. Did Larry Nichols have one?
- 4. Otto I assume a Kansas City chum.
- 5. Lowry at Groton? Lowry of Lowry Hill?

## Maisie response

When we were young Larry Nichols was always called Laurie or Lawry (however you would spell it). We think Cog and Herb Sise were going to Laurie's graduation from Groton. In May of 1931 MBNH & CMH drove the Ford from Mpls.to BMC for Al {Alice Lee Hardenbergh].(She had a Cum Laude as did I, Esther graduated Magna Cum Laude) No one had a car at college; it would have to be at Hawkeyes, or Hutchins while waiting to be driven elsewhere. That Ford was headed for Intervale for summer use. (I wonder if it was the same car that Larry, MBNH, and other kids drove west across the dirt praries to Canadian Rockies for the big 1930 HPN birthday climbs and later Mpls celebration with presentation of those bound memory books). It probably stayed momentarily at the Hutchins before Collis drove it to Concordia. Herbert Sise came to Concordia from the Huts as a summer visitor in 1931. Evarts Loomis, (of the Brown house) was Head Hutman at Lakes that summer. MBNH celebrated b'day at Lakes of Clouds Hut. Don't know about accidents, didn't know Otto of K.C.. Love M. 20.Jan.09