

30. Barbara to Theona End, April 18, 1918

Envelope:

Mrs. Theona End  
Verona, Wis

R. F. P #3

Elmore, Minnesota  
Thursday eve.

Dear Aunt Theona & all:

5 I have been going to write to  
you for some time, but never seem to  
get around to it. I have so many  
letters waiting to be answered. Ioah  
and I were to Minneapolis last week  
visiting Nettie, we had a nice visit,  
10 & papa & Mr. Butterworth got along  
nicely while I was gone. Mr. But-  
terworth left today, I guess he in-  
tends to be gone all summer, so papa  
& I are here alone now. We rec'd  
15 a letter from Walter stating that  
he has enlisted in the Merchant  
Marine Corp, so he won't be home  
this summer. It seems strange  
not to plan on his coming home for  
20 vacation.

We have been having a strong  
nasty wind for the past few  
days, & yesterday it started to rain

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25 about noon, but luckily my washing  
had already dried, so I brot  
the clothes in and ironed them  
all the same day. Today I baked  
two kinds of bread, oat-meal &  
white.-had fine luck with both.  
30 We like the oat meal bread so  
well, and it takes so little time to  
make it.

We have 10 hens sitting, four to  
come off next week. Papa sent

35 Aunt Mable the eggs she wanted while  
I was gone. He says that I should  
tell you we have a Red Cross  
hen in our flock now, so maybe there  
will be a few "off-chickens"- Our  
40 hens have done splendid. We found  
over a hundred several times- now,  
of course they are setting and we  
don't get so many eggs,- I got 60  
tonite. I want to put in some  
45 garden soon, and finish cleaning  
up the yard. \_ This wind scattered

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everything again.

Mrs. Sohn comes over every day.  
& I am giving Rosie music lessons.  
50 The Sohn's send their best regards.  
I rec'd a letter from Ruth, after  
she rec'd that yoke I made for her,  
saying that the yoke was much  
too large, and can't possibly use it.  
55 It doesn't seem possible, as it fit  
me all right.

I suppose you folks are all busy  
with the spring work as every  
one else. Papa has started plowing.  
60 and is testing his seed corn.

I wonder if you know that Nettie  
has moved. Yes, that park bought  
out all those lots where they lived.  
so they are living at 2628 Ulyssus St. now

65 Well, I shall have to cut all  
my letters short tonight, so as to  
git them all written. Hoping this  
finds you all well. I close with  
best regards from us both.

70 Barbara