

Willow Springs Mo.

Sept 3rd, 1916

My dear Sister & Hubert

Was glad to receive
yours of July 16. and know
you were both well, when I
don't hear about every month
I get anxious and am

just 'dwearying for you'
oh! how I wish you could
drop in for Sunday and 'week
end' with the crowd on the
farm, today we are celebrating
our 32nd Wedding Anniversary
and we had plenty, and plenty
of room for both of you, and
how we would have welcomed
you - you should have feasted
on Wild Turkey and Roast Beef
and Yorkshiro pudding, which
Mama made for my benefit.

32 years ago we were married at
Mama's brothers who had a farm
about 12 miles from Sedalia
and since then it hasn't been
all smooth sailing but I could
fill a book with the good times
we have had for we have never
let our troubles come between
us but have faced them together
really we have had little but
smooth sailing for I've always
had plenty to do and plenty
to do with, and the last few
years on the farm together
has been one long day of
happiness. So we are rejoicing
today for we both feel young
and free from the aches &
pains of old age. We had
letters from the absent ones
of the family full of love
and good wishes for many

more years of happiness
together and I know we have
yours. Thank you.

Jo and Jane are still here,
Infantile Paralysis is so
prevalent at Detroit that Jo
is afraid to take Jane back,
we also have the School Teacher
boarding with us, it was our
turn but we tried to beg off
for Mama has had a house
full since May and the cooking
and work is heavy in such
hot weather, however we had
to take the Teacher and will
have her on our hands for
six months anyway. She's
a nice girl and we like to
have her company, when Jo's
gone she will be company
for us. we like young
people. she is 19. I know

her father well. he's a commis-
sion Merchant in Willow Spgs.

That is a good picture of Hubert
at the testing machine. many
Thanks. The boys said when they
looked at it. "If he wears such
good clothes at work I'd like to
see him dressed up?" - Ha!
we work in rough clothing,
just overalls on the farm.
I think he looks well &
heartly. but he's in the Professor
class while we are Pioneers
but I wish he could join
us for a years vacation. I
believe he would enjoy this
life for awhile but not to
stay with it. that couldn't
be expected.

Aunt Polly is good to send
her kind remembrances. but
as she is one of the family

I think it ought to be love
We send our love to her and
I believe she means love
anyhow so I'll just change
it to that. — for I remember
the time when I thought her
the bonniest sweetest girl
in Chesterfield and I bet
she's a nice plump smooth
little woman about like
Mama, and if so she's
perfect.

I dare not say "War" for
the Censors are growing so
strict, had a letter from
Ethel at Scarborough and
she said something objection-
able so the Censor swiped
his paint brush over it
I wanted to swipe him
I've got his number and

am going to hunt him up
when I come over. Ha! —
every letter is opened now
it looks like.

We were just 60 days
without rain then we got
a shower but too late to
do crops any good just
imagine 60 days of 100°
temperature in shade and
no rain or even dew. you can
see where fires have swept across
whole farms & burnt stacks
& crops & fences. as you ride
along the road, we had to con-
tend with forest fires where the
dry grass & weeds caught fire.

Goodbye. Fondest love
hope you are well & safe. we
are O.K. —
Bro Dan.