

May 14, 1961

Dear Dad,

I hope this gets to you in time for your birthday. I almost forgot it. Enclosed is a card.

We had a pair of wood thrushes (birds) in the back yard, but last last night Smokey that big persian cat came along and killed one or both, anyway they aren't around anymore. They had the prettiest song, almost ^{like} that of a canary. I shot him in the side with my slingshot and phoned Blanchards & told them. Barb Blanchard said that he had been a little sick lately and that about 3 yrs ago he went on ^{killing} a spree & acted about the same as he does now. ^{They were very understanding. They like} If he comes back to get the others (birds) I'll kill him if I catch him. We have 2 pairs of Cardinal & a pair of Catbird along with a couple of doves & a dozen robins. Of course we have sparrow & blackbirds. My robin egg hasn't hatched yet, but it will soon, I hope.

I have Jimmy Bell's lawn to do. It wasn't mowed for about a month so I almost did it twice. Boy the new mower whizzed right through it. In some places the grass was about 6" & up & it was wet in a few places. I made about \$10.00 Sat.

Blanchards, too.

Friday nite I mowed most of Hall's lawn Sat.
I finished Hall's, mowed Turners, Carrs, & our yard,
washed the side porch, brought down the porch furniture
& did my paper route. Oh, he watched most of the
ball game The Indians lost to Baltimore 4-1. Cleveland
is in 3rd or 4th place. Johnny Temple has batted 400
until this week when he broke a 20 game hitting
streak. Today the Indians won the 1st game of a
double header 1-0 in the 15th inning Perry worked
8 innings & a rookie, Frank Funk went the next 7.
The second game went into extra innings but
I'll tell you what the score was when it comes
over the radio. The first game started around
1:30 & the second game got over at 9:30 approx.
So say WEOL. Cleveland won 2nd game 6-4 extra inning

Uncle Jack & Auntie Marge, Uncle Ford & Auntie Reg,
& everyone else who lives at 276 Forest was celebrating
Mother's Day. I gave mom \$5.00 for her birthday
& your \$5.00 to her today since we didn't go out
for lunch.

I'm going to attempt to make wild
flower garden in the back yard under the
buckeye tree. Also - I found a maple tree
about 6'-7' high in the back hedge. Can you
think of a place to put it. There's also a
3'-4' ~~maple~~ ~~maple~~ maple right next to the
south-east corner of the house

Have to run now,
Love
John