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345 W. River St
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Post John P. Bell
78th Sig Co. A.P.O. 78
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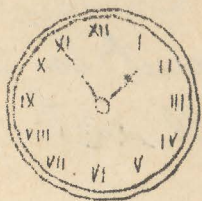
May 10,

I'm still excited from hearing your sweet voice yesterday. It certainly gives me a swell feeling. I just didn't know what to say to you. But just to hear your voice was good enough for me. I'll bet you enjoyed yourself yesterday.

How do you like my fancy stationery. I'm writing this at work. I forgot to bring some this morning so I guess this will just have to do. You see, I'm going to see if I can find me a dress to wear Wed. night. You know, I told our club is going into Cleveland. So I have to get a dress to match the rest of my outfit. I have everything else. So I won't have time to write when I get home. But this evening I shall get a chance to write you a nice letter, I hope. Every time I plan on doing something, something always comes up.

I forgot to tell you that I have to have the brakes adjusted on the car. They pull a little to one side. But Bill says they all do that until they are adjusted right. Anyway I'm glad to have it done before I go into Cleveland. I don't like to drive through Cleveland with bad brakes.

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IT'S TIME TO

ORGANIZE

HERE ARE SOME OF THE THINGS THE CIO WILL DO FOR YOU:

1. The CIO will stop the Company from cutting your piece-work earnings.
2. The CIO will see that women are paid the same rates as men for doing the same work.
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Below is printed an application blank. Fill it in and mail it to the STEELWORKERS OFFICE, 1700 East 28th Street, Lorain, Ohio.

I hereby request and accept membership in the UNITED STEELWORKERS OF AMERICA (CIO), and of my own free will hereby authorize the United Steelworkers of America, its agents or representatives, to act for me as a collective bargaining agency in all matters pertaining to rates of pay, wages, hours of employment, or other conditions of employment.

Date _____ Signature _____

Address _____

Department _____

THE UNITED STEELWORKERS OF AMERICA

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and I'd always say, in just a minute.
But now, by golly, it seems as though
I can't get to bed quick enough to
suit me. now I can understand why
you were always so sleepy. That's one
thing I shall promise you. When
you want to go to sleep I won't bother you
then. There was only one time that
I bothered you when you were asleep
and you didn't wake up, Remember,
all the rest of the times you'd get just
as wide awake as could be.

Well, Baby, time for all good little
girls to go back to work.

Please pay no attention to the other
side of the paper, I'm not.

So long to my darling husband who
means the world and all to me.

your own

Frank

ATTENTION

WESTERN AUTOMATIC WORKERS:

In this day and age of Organizations—organizations of Nations, States, Employers, and Workers—where do you stand?

Unorganized, you are unable to voice your opinions regarding working conditions. You are helpless. Arbitrary rulings are forced upon you without your consent. Favoritism runs rampant throughout the plant. The caprices and whims of supervision you must endure in your present unorganized state.

Abolish all of this by organizing.

Join the M.E.S.A. Elect your representatives, have a voice in your daily working conditions. All this is possible under the laws of our country.

But all of you must pull together so that collective action can be taken.

Attend the first general meeting for all workers at this plant.

DAY SHIFT

Thursday, April 15 - 8 p.m.

308 Depot St. - Upstairs



Signed M.E.S.A. ORGANIZING COM.

[JACK P. BELL CORRESPONDENCE - EVABEL COLLECTION APRIL 1943 – MAY 1943 #18]

[Page 1 – Front of Envelope]

MRS. J. P. Bell

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