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Wednesday

Dear Kathleen:

We were all terribly shocked upon reading the morning paper yesterday to find that Johnny Lazia had been murdered. He was shot while getting out of his car in front of the Park Central. It was very much of a surprise because everything had been running real smoothly. I went to the hospital as soon as I had read the paper and stayed until he died which was about 2 P. M. He had five of the best doctors in town but they couldn't save him. He had three blood transfusions but it didn't help much because he was so badly shot up. Sister Alberta was running around in circles as the whole second floor was filled with his friends and when she tried to move them downstairs or out on the porch they wouldn't pay any attention to her. His wife carried on something terrible when he died and Dr. Nigro finally had to give her a shot to quiet her. I am mailing you in another envelope a part of the paper which will give you the details.

Calla Taylor is in town. Her father died on the 4th of July and was buried Saturday. I was out of town and didn't know anything about it. He had a stroke and she was notified but did not get here until about two hours after he died.

She called the house yesterday while I was at home changing my clothes getting ready to go to Marshall. I stopped and talked to her a few minutes. She doesn't know just how long she can stay and she had left Guy under the care of the man next door whose wife had died a couple of weeks ago. She seems very much discouraged about Guy as his spells of improvement are all very temporary.

I met lots of your friends at Marshall and Truman had a very fine meeting. They seem to think that he will carry Saline County.

I went to the Bourk funeral this morning and tomorrow I am going over to Paris which is in Monroe County over in the eastern part of the State. The Lazia funeral will be held Friday morning. He was conscious about 6 o'clock that morning and went to confession and received the last rites.

Lots of love to you and the children.

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