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Letter from Wesley Russell Updike to John Updike, October 4, 1950

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The old bank is making good.
05/4/01

Dear John,

I have just returned from the Alleghenyville auction. Grandpop has been gathering chestnuts so I took 12 qts. of them to sell. I told them to send the check to Grandpop and I hope it will make him happy. I have 5 bn. of pears picked with about 3 bn. to go. Next week I'll take the best pears to the auction.

Mother and I are worried about your suit. She ordered it sent to you last Wednesday. I'll call up to-morrow and send you a postal card to tell you the results. We hope you have it by this time.

We admire your attitude about everything and ^{also} your determination to be a Lampooner. We hope you are happy in

Don't forget the Banknote or Wagon coming yesterday and learn some business things. All is well here

Still everybody how much you like Howard.

whatever you undertake.

When I was a sophomore in college as childish as I was and have been before and since, I accepted Peg Hurlitz's advice, work for an A and if you get a C, you can be satisfied you did your best. Don't worry too much about the \$500 stipend because your health means more.

If those boys keep you from studying, find yourself a study nook in one of the town libraries or quiet missions in Boston.

I told Jack in my letter stating my objective that I would:

- ① Keep quiet in my classes, home room and study halls.
- ② Keep my voice more under control.
- ③ Visit another math teacher once a week.
- ④ Review children in their recognized weaknesses.

So far, I have been good as my word. I am happy this way and want you to know that you are only expected to do your best,
Love Pop

I if you ever feel like coming home before Xmas get a round trip on the Greyhound bus to all town and come on home. I took the bus to New York and enjoyed it very much.

Many, many people wish to remember you.