

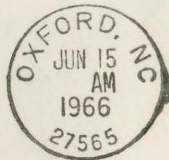
*Efra Lattis*

AFTER FIVE DAYS RETURN TO

**Oxford Orphanage**

**OXFORD, N. C. 27565**

Pupils' Correspondence



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Tuesday Night  
June 14

Dear Estelle.

I have been thinking a lot about you. I wanted to write sooner, but since school is out it sure is making it hard on me.

I sent Bobby a card I hope he got it. I got his address out of the telephone book. I brought one with me when I come. It sure has been a help to me.

I was sorry to hear about Miss Hayman's death. I know it must have been a shock to all of you. We just had to take these things. I never did worry about any body dying. If they were ready to go. I always felt they were so much better off than we are. It's sure is no pain here on earth. And it's getting worse. I try to take every day as it comes and try not to worry about tomorrow.

Mary Lou told me about Era coming. I would have liked to have been home. It sure has been a lot to die, since I left. I get the Mt Airy paper. I can keep up with the news. I don't look at J. V. any more.

Are you still working? If I was in your place. I wouldn't strike at a snake. I would give any thing to have a home. You can't realize it till it's broken up. And since I have been down here. I see

the children from broken homes - I'm so glad that I made a home for them & that they got growned. We didn't have a happy home, but we stayed together. I hope Bill gets what's coming to him

I wish you could come down here some time. It sure is a pretty place to look at. I can't say I like to live here. But it looks like I had better stay for a while. I have learned a lot. In a lot of ways. I hope I can come closer to home some time, and get a better job. It sure isn't what I thought it would be like - I have gone through the worse part of it. I can't be like I would like to be. I had to be strict. You can't just give them a spanking - I had to whoop them pretty hard some times. They will lie & steal every thing they gets there hands on. They have a lot more than most children - and don't take care of a thing.

I had better get to bed.

Answer soon

Love

Joel