

Holland Mich

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Dear Mama + Papa: It is still raining and I am wet from a chase after nameless who got loose but was not loose 2 minutes before she was caught.

Everything is all right as yet. This morning there was only 8 Hen hawks around but very wild and they stayed out of gun range and stayed up high in the air and circled round and round but did not come down

Last night I had a headache  
and did not feel good but  
today I am all right and  
well, tomorrow is Farmers  
picnic but Dickie + I will  
not attend it for it held at  
Macatawa park. the round  
trip fare being 10. cents. It  
doesent seem possible that  
in 5 days I will be 14 years  
old, of course a birthday with  
out you will count much  
but never mind have a  
good time and do not hurry  
home but stay + enjoy  
yourselves while you can  
Mrs E an De Werge + atties

ministers wife and her little  
boy Hilbert were down to see  
Hattie, & he wood chuck at  
uncle Bens got in all of the  
traps but pulled out. & Uncle  
Ben set them for muskrats  
and has caught one.

We are having a good  
time.

Your son

Albertus