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Noted

May 29, 1945

Dear Mrs. Cruickshank:

Miss Thompson gave me your letter and I think if I were you I would take the adtice of the high school principal who knows Jeanne. I do not know what she has done so I do not feel competent to give any advice. Ordinarily I would say that it was advisable to have a high school diploma, but under the circumstances I think the decision has to be made with the help of the school people.

I hope your x-ray will come out all right and I enclose my check for the first of the month.

Very sincerely yours,

Board for Anne thru July 5th
$40.00 -

ALBANY, N. Y., May 15 1916

ALBANY HOME FOR CHILDREN

RECEIVED OF Mrs Jessie Cruickshanks

Twenty four and 00/100 — DOLLARS

IN PAYMENT OF Board for Anne thru June 1st

$24.00/100 BY Nancy S. Turner

ALBANY, N. Y., April 9 19 A

ALBANY HOME FOR CHILDREN

RECEIVED OF Mrs Jessie Carrickshanks

Thirty any 00/100 — DOLLARS

IN PAYMENT OF Annie's Board thru May 4th

$30.00/100 BY Nancy S. Turner

Albany Home For Children
NEW SCOTLAND AND SOUTH LAKE AVENUES
ALBANY, NEW YORK

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JOHN F. McPHERSON, SUPERINTENDENT
ELIZABETH B. CAMPBELL, SOCIAL WORKER

April 16, 1945.

Mrs. Jessie Cruickshanks
2 A So. Hawk St.
Albany, 6, New York

Dear Mrs. Cruickshanks:

As you probably have learned from the newspapers, it has been necessary for us to increase the board rate in order to meet our-rent expenses, each of which we feel is necessary to maintain.a good standard for your children. The board rate has been increased twice since the rate which you now are paying was made. If you can possible arrange it, I would appreciate it if you could increase the rate of payments for Anne's board from $6 to $8 per week.

We do not wish to place an undue burden on you for we know that wages have not increased, but I am sure you will understand that finances are difficult for all of us in these time.

Sincerely yours,

John F. McPherson

John F. McPherson
Superintendent.

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May 21, 1945

Dear Miss Thompson:

I want to thank you for your letter and for Mrs. Roosevelt's address.

I do want to write Mrs. Roosevelt again personally, but I did not think it quite fair to intrude on her privacy at this time. I realize there has been so much sorrow for her and so very many things for her to attend to.

I did not mail the previous receipt, but am enclosing it with the

present one.

The enclosed letter was mailed me last month. Mr. McPherson agreed to allow the present board rate to remain the same for the month of May.

I had hoped to be able to move to quarters large enough to accomodate all the family. However, it seems that the landlord insists on our remaining for the length of our lease - that is until October. so, I cannot bring Anne and Steven with us until some of piece. It has been

necessary all winter to make repeated requests for adequate heat. The landlord previously told us he would cancel our lease but now he will not consider it.

Within the past three months, I have had pleurisy three times and am now endeavoring to recover from an attack of acute bronchitis. As soon as the chest condition clears, I have to have a chest X-ray. According to information I have received, I believe this would constitute a breaking of the lease on the landlord's part as

it was caused by lack of proper heat. However, it could mean court proceedings, so the best course I can follow will be to continue on here until the lease is terminated.

Mrs. Porcelli has always been kind enough to advise me whenever I have had a problem. I have endeavored to tell her anything important concerning the children's welfare as I feel that she has a right to know. We both agreed that Jeanne should continue her High school studies and receive her diploma. Jeanne

take a full time position and discontinue her studies. In fact, she stated that should Jeanne take the full course she would be ineligible for her diploma. I am going to talk with the principal that I may understand the situation fully. Jeanne has worked hard to make a success of her part time position and they seem satisfied with her work. I can understand Jeanne not wishing to sever her connections there which may prove valuable to her later on, considering the excellent start she has made there. I would like so much for her to

has wanted for some time
to terminate school and
take a full time position
where she has been working
part time. She will have
been there two years next
August. She would like
to work days and learn
telletyping there. She is now
18 and it means another
two years before she would
receive her diploma. It has
been necessary for her to
repeat two subjects required
by school law. I have encouraged
her to continue on, but,
her guidance teacher has
not co-operated fully with
me. The teacher seems to
feel that she showed

have her diploma, but if it practically means a waste of two years, I am not so certain of the out come. I will let you know when I have been able to have a further talk with the principal.

I did not intend to take so much of your time up with such a long letter.

I should like Mrs. Roosevelt's opinion in this matter. I am writing to you and leaving it to your judgment as to whether I should trouble her with a problem of ours now. I do want her to know, as I

feel that it is the only fair thing to do.

Perhaps, you can state it more briefly to Mrs. Roosevelt, that it may not take up too much of her time, or you might prefer to show her the letter.

I want to thank Mrs. Roosevelt, for her kindness on behalf of Anne and myself.

I realize the result of this X-ray may alter the course of our future, but, I earnestly hope that it proves to be nothing of a serious nature.

We hope that Mrs. Roosevelt is in good health and all send their best regards to her.

Very sincerely yours,

Jessie C Murchison