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Dear Joan;

I do not know how to thank you for that swell pin. You do not know how I felt when I touched it and looked at for a long time. That pin alone brought back the memories that I have cherished for so long. It reminded me of Q.H.S. and of the students that were in it and are in it now. It brought me back to the time I shook hands with you on that last day at school. Gosh, but I wish I could live those years over again. I feel like a soldier away on a foreign shore fighting in battles, and thinking of the peaceful hours spent before the tragic occurrence. Thank you an awful lot Joan, for the pin. I won't forget it.

Yipe! hold it Joan, don't talk about the 21st year yet. I feel pretty much like an old man now. On the 21st day I mean birthday I'm going to have a real nice party, something that I can remember. If we are still here at that time I'll send you some of the original cake.

I hope you got recommended. Say what am I saying about hoping, I know you did get recommended. How did the Graduation ceremony turn out? Gee, but I bet it was swell. I sort of missed mine didn't I.

Sports day, ----- that's one thing I really miss. Down here they do not go in for track very much. On the first of July they said there ~~was~~ is going to be some sports programs but I do not know the particulars since

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I have not been in town for 24 days. Can you imagine that, I really am a hermit now. I'm glad to hear that the Blue house won cause that was the last house I was in.

I received a letter from Betty the other day too. Her and Margie are teachers now. What are you going to be after grade 12 Joan? Are you going to be a teacher? Are you going to a Secretarial school?

Betty says that she is going to Manitoba. She'll be able to see Anne for about a month then wouldn't she

Gosh, but it's raining cats and dogs. We seem to have rain everyother day. The other day we had a real humdinger of a cloudburst. I've never seen rain come down in such a torrent in all my life. It sure was a sight.

I'm beginning to sound like a diary now so I'll close till next time. ~~My~~

Thanks again for that lovely pin. I like it very much. I will try to show you my appreciation soon. Until then I remain-

As Ever,