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Well good morning Willie

I thought  
as I was alone I would write you a letter  
My school was out last Tuesday but  
I could not go as I had the measles but  
am better now and the girls are  
picking hops We had a picnic and  
spoke pieces and sung I was in 4 pic  
It is a very warm day I suppose  
you go to school if you was out  
now we could have a good time  
staying alone and going after the  
milk and driving our own team  
Bentley is getting ready for hop picking  
I am not going to pick I wish you  
could see them go by that come from  
off. Can you play in the snow now