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Letter #2 (blue ink)

Note

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Ellensburg Wash-

Mch 16, 1948.

Dear Carol –

We did enjoy your letter so much and it was much considerate of you to take your time to give us a detailed story of your trips – and it sounded good tho we wondered that you did not take more time — We havn’t heard from The Ishams yet – but believe they may have gone to Eduas. any way we do not expect too much from them as we are sure the trip would be rather exhausting on them.

They never told us a thing about their anniversary party and we had written asking about their plans then when we didn’t hear we thought they might be on their trip – and we finally called them over telephone and found they were home. I think they believed they had written us – Grace said they’d mentioned so often to her. It was surely wonderful that you were all with your folks to help them celebrate and surely must have been complete in their estimation. Our day was a real event tho of course there was the regret that children could not have been here but we did not let that spoil our pleasure in what Carolyn did to observe the day – Many of our friends called during the afternoon and evening – Many flowers and potted plants were sent in – Carolyn got an orchid Corsage for me. And Dad wore a sprig of yellow freegias –

There were many gifts – quite a cash donation from the children – and others too and cards and letters that will take days to answer. I’ve sent 46 to date and that is only the “beginning”! I even heard from an old former “suitor” and from pupils and school males in Iowa, and letters and cards from friends in many states – some we’d never had a letter from -

Dads friends from Center Point and Souix City Iowa. And every one we know in Sidney I believe. We are still getting cards in the mail – 2 today and four yesterday – and gifts, too – from friends here or its all being prolonged “indefinitely” —

I believe I’ll enclose the item in our “daily” here – tho we feel truly ashamed of it – We begged not to be photographed but the reporter a young chap forced (about) us into it – come the day after party and we were tired and not in a “battling” mood – please do not display this too much – The reporter had been with the paper only a few weeks and is not the regular news reporter and should be excused I guess but we did not want that kind of publicity

- Thanks Carol for letter. All good wishes – E.B. & Lotta