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Letter #3 (green ink)

12 - 18 - 50,

Dear Carol x Ernest:

Merry Christmas.

I'm surely having some time getting these done this year but do want to send our greetings to you at this holiday season.

I've seemed to have quite a time with this job this year. I had to take time out to get house cleaned up for Home Ec. Club. I'm not the kind of a housekeeper who can just have club. But I'm always glad when things are slicked up a bit. We had 23 ladies & 13 preschool children for pot luck lunch so we had a housefull. So my tree is up too. Makes things smell good too.

I painted ceramics for gifts this year. Madonnas & angels, dolls, horses etc etc. It took time but being difference from anything I've done previously it was fun to do.

Dad has had another bad day. Leaves him weak & listless and mother nervous & fretful. He felt like reading paper tonite tho which is a good sign. Jack has been staying there & the assurance of having him there seemed to help a lot. Was there little to really help tho.

Sybil must have it pretty rough having Uncle Fred there. I thot I might be able to get up there again but it hasn't worked out yet. Last year was bad about now. Snow & cold & us running to Seattle so often. Its rainy &foggy here now & dismal looking but temperature ranging from 28 to 36 above – Must call it quits –

Happy New Year too –

Carolyn & family