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## 1953 February 21 Dear Grace

Carolyn Brown Dodge

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**Letter #2 (written with pencil, orange clip, has small white note attached that mentions when Grandpa died)**

Ellensburg Washington

Feb 21.

Dear Grace –

Just rec'd your letter and having no great interest in active occupation will write a few word – or many who knows!

We have gone thru quite a disturbing week – Carolyn & B went to Seattle Tuesday on his business and Carolyn to give him moral support. Jack came home nights to soot of oversee operations here – on Wednesday morning Dad had some sort of attack again – I was in kitchen and came in to find him breathing in a sort of short gasping breaths his body jerking convulsively and his veins standing out so full on his forehead – He had had nervous chills several times but this seemed worse – I was alone – but used hot water bottle on his back & side – made some tea and covered him more – his hands cold but his legs & feet warm – He didn't come out of it for an hour or more – the breathing became easier tho and the jerking eased gradually I called Dr and he said it due to kidney function – tho he passed urin – but he – Dr – said to give him an aspirin – and he finally quieted – but he has not been good since – sleeps almost constantly –

The tablets we give him are a percription from our Doctor so would not know what they contain and would probably not be suitable for Lorens case –

I can't understand a word Dad says – and I feel quite sure this attack was another stroke – Carolyn called up from Seattle Thursday morning and Bob talked with her – but she got on bus and came home – I called one of the Dodge wives tho the afternoon of the day Dad had the

attack and she came and stayed a couple hrs – until Bob came from school and I became calm again.

I still do not meet the change as one should – after so long a time. Carolyn has a hard cold – but her nearness is assuring – and we are doing O.K. But poor Dad does have to endure so much. Do you ever let yourself say “Why”!

I had a letter from Mrs Peters too today and she told of Cy Bock and Mr Seffins sudden death – I thought the Steffins were in Arizona – the Seibels wrote about some family from Sidney by that name they’d met there- I just looked up the letter from Seibels and they said “Stepins” — now that might not be Steffins – I do not know anyone by the name of “Stepins”

Mrs Peters said Fredrick Mielke had been made cashier of bank and and is a member of the Board of Directors – so has made a good record for himself surely – said he and his wife both active in church and he had just been made Chairman of Mens Club of the Church.

I am subscribing for the Herald so will probably be sorry I spent the money – when I find I run short \$4.00 some day — but I never have – so guess I can still take the risk!

The men of the family are a busy lot today – its surely spring and they are running two tractors hauling fertilizer fixing fences – hauling hay from one lot to another and just pulling in good time –

**\*Handwriting becomes big and sloppy for these next two paragraph\***

Friday Feb 27. Since the above I’ve been thru agonies, I can not describe, but one of those attacks - that fallon nerve exhaustion, and this my worst have been in bed since last Sat Feb 21 and am still flat. Tho able to retain some food Carolyn had walked miles caring for both of us

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I have lost much of my hearing - too and am too weak to hold my eyes open am feeling pangs of hunger tho and hope all is on the good side again.