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Letter #5 (black ink, orange clip)

June 6, 1953

Dear Carol & Ernest & Vernon:

I've been home a week today and have found much to do to keep busy. I always need the urge to write letters and have found little time for the urge. Several things have come up to be take care of for Mother. I've been to town only once & then was continually stopped by friends of ours & Mothers with inquiries. I'm continually amazed at how well Mother has done with her letters. I found them quite a job while gadding.

My trip home was successful & my reception here most gratifying. Strangely I've had little desire to leave home this week. It took several days to catch up on washing — one of the disadvantages of an automatic washer. When I ironed I must have had 25 shirts to do — & some had been done for the guys while I was gone. But thats not so many per guy after all. I did them in one morning tho so not so bad. I've been doing a little catch up cleaning & getting the down stairs bedroom ready to paint. Its not too bad but fresh paint will make nicer "to come home to." I'm trying to pack things away so that the bedroom can be used if needed. It's a job & I wear down fast while at it. The hired mans wife will help paint when I'm ready to go to it — this next week I hope.

Boynton had us dated up for Tuesday — an onion & potatoe dealers annual meeting. It was at Yakima & we went down near noon Tuesday & stayed over night at the new Chinook Hotel. Had ladies luncheon & cards afterwards & the evenings activities held at the Country Club with a very good dinner & good dance music afterwards. We did enjoy it — Oh yes – had Barbershop Quartette for intermission entertainment.

Bob was out of school when I got home and Jack & Bill finished yesterday. Their move back home was quite a deal too but they take care of it themselves. Doesn't seem possible so much could come from one room! Having the family home is going to help a lot. The Hi school boy who was staying with us this winter graduated night before last (Its Sunday now) and is getting married this afternoon. Dodge didn't have him work here his last week of school & he's been around here very little altho we told him to use the room & eat with us when he wanted to. He's been a nice kid but I was surprised at his early marriage. I'd thot he planned to wait. Its OK of course & he'll make out.

Things looked wonderful here. Iris were blooming in the sunny bed but those north of the house just budding. Lilac were too far gone for picking but very pretty on the bush. Our little tamarix tree is a riot of pink now & at its prettiest. It's a shoot from a winter killed tree that came from the old stump but babied for three years & a nice little tree now. The garden was coming. The guys had a new raspberry bed started along side of the new strawberries Dodge & I had put in. The radishes Mother had planted are being used as fast as I can use them & are beginning to get too big. Glads are up & look OK. Guess things will come along. Hens were still laying and the two duck hens had a dozen little ducks between them. Something happened tho & mortality has been high. We suspect a weasel but don't know.

We think we've had a lot of rain and many boys are still trying to get spuds planted! Rain last night again – heavy for us & shows 6/10 inch in out rain gauge. When I got home I found they were planning to send for one — so I surprised them with the one Allan gave me. It isn't graduated quite minutely enuf for much of our rain fall. Dodge said he emptied out about four draps after one rain! Montanas rains sound like they have gone beyond the beneficial stage tho.

Dodge's sister lives 30 miles west of Great Falls & we haven't heard that they have been endangered & I have written them. My visit with them very good I think.

My whole visit was really good. I think I stayed long enuf to see the people I most wanted to see. A few I would have liked to have visited with a little more but visiting entails so much for so many other people I think I did well to see the many I saw. I do appreciate all of your efforts at your place. I enjoyed so much the companionship of all of you and hope some day you can come & vacation with us for a week or more. How we'd love it! I doubt that I could feed you as sumpuously as you fed us but I doubt that you'd go hungry. And I'd see that there would be that little depository in the refrigerator for relaxation & enjoyment! Dodge would love to show you the cows & the spuds & the country & is quite a master at it. I'd feel honored to have you come anytime & stay as long as you can. Consider that a definite must for your future.

I realize having us there for a week, with Mother sick & all the details of the affair, was not easy for you but you all made us feel so welcome it was surely out pleasure to be with you. Your generosity with your home & food & car was wonderful and I wish I could express our appreciation. We also realize the many details you cared for ahead of time as well as after we arrived & know it was quite a job. Thank you for everything. Sometime maybe some of us can do something special for you too.

Now I must get some dinner. Jacks gone fishing for the day & hope he has good luck. Bob leaves tomorrow AM. for 4H club state camp at Pullman — to be gone until Saturday night. He was chief milker assistant all last week so has earned his trip too.

Hope Ernest's back is better, that your knee improves & that Vernons coupon's accumulate rapidly — heres a couple —

Thank you again — & remember come when you can & stay as long as —

Love

Carolyn.