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Letter #6 (blue ink that fades into thick black ink)

Small note

Lotta w Leonard family year?

Note: may be 1953, an October pregnancy was speculated for Mary Alice O'Connor Hardy, she did have a child in 1953, on October 19.

Letter

Montevideo, Sat. 11 PM

Dear Carol, just read yours and yesterday one from Grace telling of all their building and rearrangements. Didn't know Mary and Ed expected to be moved in so soon. Would think more time would be needed to make the apt ready for occupancy. Too bad it seems to have Grave move up there, but I'm not the judge.

Grace is hopefully looking for Adelaide. I know and Lorens too, but has plans to sleep all, even Ednas and I if we should be there too but I'm quite sure Edna will not get here before the middle or perhaps a little sooner. That of October I mean, a letter from her Thursday said they intended to start Oct. 4th and their plan earlier was to go to Harold's brother in Mitchell S.D. first and Edna has never definitely (definitely) gave us assurance they'd go by Sidney but I just assume they will. My greatest desire is to go that way, but I would not urge them any way of the make such a trip, it must be the way best for them. I would not think it desirable to have open house with Loren in the condition he's in, and our letters and cards of congratulations should be best. Her own family would be all they should try to have but I know Grace would like something more elaborate. Mary and Ed should know what is best to undertake if Mary is able to undertake anything! She told Carolyn they were "expecting" in October, surely surprised me tho as there was no indication when I was there. Grace had had a good letter from Dorothy said she'd asked the Supt for a report on Dorothy but nothing had been forthcoming and she was disappointed in that I know. Has never said she expected her back at any time tho and she does not seem too critical of any proceedings so think she has become reconciled to any outcome when she's seen how things are being done there and never expressed too much regret that they decided as they did.

I have so much trouble with pens and often wonder if my letters are legible at all? We are making "shoofly" pie this morning, we got some Iowa sorghum when we were in Iowa and have tried several things that require Good Old Sorghum Molasses. Wonder if Ernest even liked Sorghum? Thought they might have used it in his family? Are the men fishing again? I hear them talking about going to the lakes to fish up in the North country and I thought of Ernest and Vernons sport.

Doesn't seem possible tho but the harvest will soon be upon you, time seems to drag day by day, but am always amazed how soon the seasons change. Already we've heard of frost and snow in the mountains! Esthers letter yesterday said there had been frost near them but in not in their locality and at Rochester Min temperature was at 28° one nite, not been usually

that cold here. Sunday P.M. went to church and have dinner over and dishes washed. Wonder how near completion the M.E. Parsonage is? Hope I can see it.

Mon Morn – We went for a ride yesterday and didn't get thru with this, now B is washing, I did dishes and will try to hang clothes as she gets them ready, it was pretty chilly last nite. Max said he could see his breath when he went out at 6 A.M. to deliver papers, perhaps we'll hear of frost, haven't had morning news. Its nice and sunny now so will warm up fast I presume.

Don't work too hard. Must go, hear B coming up the steps, washes in basement

Hastily Lotta.