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Letter #2 (blue ink, yellow clip)

Envelope

Lotta 56

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Montana

Attached note

1956?

Bill transitioning to FT Bliss TX where Jack is

Letter

Big Creek Calif. Sunday Feb 20th

Dear Folks - Will write just this sheet as I'm about out - in fact have only one more sheet from 200 given me at Christmas, so you see how I waste good stationary -

I was out til on o'c last nite and was three days in a home with two grade school children threw the week while the parents we in Los Angeles, so have had a full week and a full pocket book! But love the work am so glad I'm wanted.

Carl + Alice were here a week ago - They had had word from home saying John, Alice's brother, had a very bad attack - he's a diabetic - and had been found in dorm lying on the floor - he lives alone - is 80+ but doesn't want to stay with anyone - her had recovered somewhere and was in hospital - but Alice felt they should go back soon - so came here sooner than they'd originally planned - we had a wonderful time. Harold and Edna went to Fresno to meet them - took them on a long ride Sunday - and I think they were really thrilled - Alice expressed her appreciation over + over - said "this is the real thing - not man made sights" They had visited "Forest Lawn" but said they were not too impressed" spoke of seeing Knotts Berry Farm - but that would depend on how long they stayed. We had a note from Alice yesterday and she said they'd heard from a home neighbor saying John was in a "good place" - and was better but she said I don't know "what place" and she didn't mention just when they'd return home the apt rented for the month - so will probably stay if they do not get bad news. I sent my letter to Mrs. Peters. I had a long letter from Mildred too and she talk quite a bit more but about the same too - said tho that Joe was planning to be married this summer

He is 19 and, the girl 18, some one he'd been especially interested in since 6th grade. Had a letter too from Naida wanting us to come there or they come here when it was a little more settled weather - have had rain + chilly time all week - wants me to stay a few days - now we think we may go this Tuesday as Harold has business in a town (Visalia) about 8 mi from Tulare and we can combine the visiting with the business Harold has a date with Dentist too Thursday.

The latest from Carolyn said Bill had come home - so the boys won't be home together but - Bill is to be transferred to Ft Bliss where Jack is and are they thrilled about that.

Joan is on speaking routine constantly - some days speaks in three churches - was in Long Beach last we heard had been in San Diego too but only for a day or two.

Oh yes Alice had told us your mother wrote them she was anticipating the title of Great Grand Mother - but Alice wondered if the “contributor” was to be Joyce or Laverne? So now we know too – we were so glad to hear from you and believe you are improving splendidly I hope you continue to take it easy. It pays you know – especially when one is over ambitious like Carol Robinson – we hear such nice things about how well Ernest has taken over. Congratulations to him!

Have had three letters in last two months from Grace - an anxious time there I know. How I wish Adelaide would come for a few weeks. I know what these things mean at such a time. Edna was so faithful during Dads illness - and Carolyn always near.
Well its full so Bye Lotta

2nd Part

Sunday PM

I just couldn't refrain from “grabbing” some more - I walked to church just to prove I still could climb these streets. Edna is (S.S. Duph) so goes early and I don't try to go until church time. Its still real chilly – but sunny and so cheerful looks - a nice vase of daffodils on the piano in church gave us a lift. I wish so much I could be making a garden somewhere. Mrs. Knaaps sent me the S. Herald telling about Cliffs death. So tragic to think he had to go that way. We used to see him often when he used to come to see Alma Gahlgren at our house.

Hadn't heard that Mrs. Stewart had become more helpless. She was a pretty brave soul to carry on as well as she did.

I've thought I should subscribe for the Herald – but I am never settled very long so just didn't feel I should take it – but so often could keep in touch with interesting events.

I don't just know which house is Joyce's but know the location fairly well. You know there is a Joyce Robinson here in Big Creek! Wonder what George's business is-? But we'll hear as you say – its surely fortunate you have Joyce so near now when she can so often keep out.

I've had a “case” of flu and it is so hard to get rid of the cough. Hadn't had even a cold for years, and now this is the “greatest state in the union” according to Californians.

Well best wishes
Lotta