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Letter #7 (blue ink, Purple clip, slip of paper)

Envelope

Mrs E. H. Robinson Sidney Montana Rural Delivery

Slip of paper

1957 Face amt as Dean + Cordie

Letter

Big Creek Calif – April 4th

Dear Carol – Your letters are such a joy to me that I am determined to hang on writing you so that you will feel "obligated." I don't mean I'm forcing you – but just that a letter will be forthcoming now + then. My letters from friends are my greatest assets – and I hope I'll never lack their arrival.

The post master says I have boosted his business by mail due me almost daily.

The time has passed rapidly – a few months of constant activities of curious kinds when Dean _ Cordie were here now since a week ago today we are alone – they left on last Thursday – we "firmly packed" in their pickup truck – and a letter yesterday from Escondido when they went to visit Cordies sister and mother said they'd be leaving yesterday to go to Phoenix and by way of the Grand Canyon for Idaho – where they definitely want to locate. We miss little Timmy terribly – he's at the stage where he'd be "showing off" in some unexpected performance all the time – and Cordie said he enjoyed the ride "just fine." He has missed few days all winter that he didn't have his ride in his "buggy" up Town or along the street somewhere. Then sleep outside for long periods. We hope they find a most suitable location – they really are in the mood to do some degree of agricultural life work. Neither one has ever lived on a farm – but they study "the books" on methods – so are hoping they prosper.

It's a beautiful morning again. Radio predictions 80+ in Fresno – and our temperature up here was 45°+ last nite so it will be comfortingly warm here too. I went to Red Cross Mtg yesterday with just my stole around me – I made a new white wool + nylon one and it is the triangular type, comes to a point in back and hangs over arms + down front to below the waist line. Everyone comments on the beauty of it. I still have the one you gave me and one Edna sent me last year and I wear them too.

I am about to put a quilt in frames to do the quilting – have two ready but think I'll just tie one. It's an old one Mrs. Renoyer had and Naida gave it to me. I enjoy the Red Cross Mtgs so much no more than 7 ever attend – but we some work always and have friendly conversation and a cup of tea –cooky to finish the afternoon work. They planned yesterday to go to Clovis a town about 50 mil distant soon to meet with a lady who used to live here and attended the meetings.

I'll be glad for that discussion I know the lady too. Our Betty + her oldest son were quite interested in each other the time we came here with Betty and the boys Mother told me <u>he</u> was really see ernest about their friendship

Edna + Harold intend to drive up to Yosemite Park (100 mi) one of these days on a Saturday. So we are hoping it warms up enough so snow will have disappeared. I surely enjoy any trip and there are other prospects a little later – are sort of thinking of a weeks trip to Arizona – if Harold can arrange to take his vacation in week long periods instead of taking a whole month at one time – he is allowed a months vacation every year on pay too. So is in a good company. I've always wanted to see the cacti in bloom in Arizona. I think of Lawrence + Betty so often and wonder if Betty won't be on her way back before long now. Do you have T.V. yet? I go to a friends home now + then to see some programs but do not care too much about it. It is very hard on my eyes and so often faces are distorted it gives me the "creeps" to see them. I think it is not a good locality for it. Had letters from all three of my family this week – all fine, Carolyn having home of Boyntons sisters there several times this winter – one form Ohio – another Wyoming. Leonards busy, Lem had bee to Was D.C. for a weeks conference – and made tow tours in Iowa with Quartette just in the past weeks – several engagements coming in – Andy to be home for Spring vacation (4 days) – boys had several days of shoveling snow in the big blizzard the last few weeks. Bettys moved into their new house but not completed – hope they finish it before another winter. Grace says her room not finished yet. Probably done now tho she seems to be permanently settled there. We must write her, Edna wants to give her an order for hose.

Well it looks like I better quite – doubt if you can read this. Greetings to Aldyth. I read of her activities too – often - and to you all my best. Lotta.