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Letter #4 (blue ink, orange clip)

Envelope (blue ink, has notes on the back unrelated to letter)

Mr. + Mrs. Ernest Robinson
Sidney
Montana

Letter

Big Creek Calif. May 12th

Dear Folks – I have an urge to write a bit – and believe Ernest has another birthday so this goes for him too if he can listen to an old woman “chatter” – I only wish it could be a really chat with you.

The circular is on its way to San Diego and we were all glad you had added your bit again Carol.

Hope Johnny is coming along well, as the letter indicated he'd be home soon and that was May 12th, just month ago. We took a trip beginning May 23rd and have seen another great area of California. Harold has been so steady on the big project and is allowed a months time off each year so used this week for another “look in” or I should say “look up” on the extensive maintenance areas of Calif. and I “tagged” along, because they “threatened” me, saying they'd stay home and make it tough on me if I didn't go. We also got to see their little new cottage just being built on a 2 ½ a spot in the desert area near Lake Isabella which is now developing into another Palm Springs pattern. So an article in Los Angeles Times indicated just since we arrived home. We came along there on Memorial Day and am sure a thousand cars, tents, and such vacation equipment was scattered along the shores and we were meeting cars continuously on our way on toward Bakersfield where we spend the night. Harold secured his little acreage (acreage) two years ago, but hadn't improved on it, but the time limit was up that some improvements had to be made or would lose his right to it – so the little 22x24 cottage is all inclosed (enclosed) + painted on out side. They plan to do the inside finishing.

I am planning to go back to Ellensburg after July some time and am awaiting news about getting my same rooms back for the time I want to be there.

Everyone is wondering who will become heir to some of Mrs. Betty's possessions – I would predict Mrs. Nutt would be a share at least, she was so kind and shared so much of her friendship with her very few days passed while I was there that she didn't come in and spent hours there. A note from Mrs. Rogers yesterday guessed that Alma Glabe surely would be remembered and I heard that the house was filled with canned goods and stacks of sheets + pillow cases. Surely the hospital and or nursing home could use those things to good advantage.

A letter from Carolyn tells of the many activities that have kept them more than busy! Bill too is contemplating a Fall marriage and Jacks July wedding is taking the lead in their thoughts now. Also, the business has been unusually heavy, but hoping the peak of spring work easing now. Bill too received his College Diploma and some attention was paid to that among the Dodges.

We received an announcement of Andreas Graduation from Iowa State College – and she has been majoring in Arts and Designing, so am wondering what she'll be doing from here on? How fast time really flies.

Grace writes about Mark using such big words and its been just a little tome since he wasn't talking at all it seems to me.

Even our little Tommy here who won't be three until October uses almost "grown up" languages already. His mother takes him to library some times and Edna says he comes in and says "how about some good book about cars!" or mostly its about cars! And he knows every type of trucks, so much more than I do I know.

I do remember Betty saying "there goes Dr. Beagle" when he'd go by, not really seeing him even tho the sound of the engine was different we noticed after her saying that a few times and she was just past two years that summer – and also I can recall one of your teachers who roomed with us saying "I never heard a child of her age using such grand language." So he was carrying her around on his shoulders. I can't even remember his name now, but he surely paid much attention to Betty – without seeming annoyed with her, so our youngsters grow up pretty fast – you too, can recall those unusual things as your family was growing up. Now your little John, who is giving you surprises too from month to month!

We are so glad to know Carol that you are recovering so well, but don't "over do." I am sure you've heard that warning often.

Would surely love to have some time to folks in Sidney again, but may have to forgo that pleasure as I don't get about too securely with only one good eye.

Well if you can read this I'll be surprised and if you can hope it won't be too great an effort

Do wish you all well and my best wishes got to all your family

Aunt Lotta