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Letter #3 (blue ink, personal stationary, envelope, yellow clip)

Envelope

Mr. + Mrs. E. H. Robinson
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Letter

Dear Carol and Ernest:

8-17-64

Your card just came. I'm warm and tired so decide to clean up kitchen later and relax a bit. Just finished two batches of strawberry jam and one raspberry. Went to Weber's and picked both fruits this A.M. as well as a sackful of Gravenstein apples and a few apricots. Home by 9:30, strawberries for lunch and more in frig. Raspberries small and about the end of the pick – Emily hopes. There were four trees of apricots in their hired man's yard when I was urge to help myself. They also have a couple of trees of later ones to ripen yet. And ours have been canned for four weeks!

Haven been wanting to write to you – I told you about the Fairview bay drowning here a year (or so) ago. The name was Engen. Another family line here – cousin of that boy and I talked to the cousin's wife at the clinic. I knew it was a name I should remember. Those boy's aunt, Marie Engen, in training when I was – a year ahead of me. I believe she started at Sidney and then to Bozeman when school closed there.

Started spud sorting at warehouse today – 6 AM. Boynton has a man from Idaho doing selling for him so he can circulate as he needs to. The next two months concern me and I do hope Boynton can get along without too much pressure.

Our streets are all torn up in south west part of town – in the process of preparations for paving. It is just four weeks since they started on our street (the first one worked). Really working fast but of course there is so much involved. Storm drains going in now, curbing is in here on and of course they have to arrange the work so everyone has a way to get to work and home again. Really gets involved. Finish deadline Oct. 15.

Wheat across the street has been harvested and fellow said it went 138 bil per acre. Many farmers are starting third cutting of hay now. Mint being harvested too. The little lima beans we saw on the way to Webers are heavy with pods now. The turnip and radish and rutabaga seed fields are all harvested too. You should see the corn forests now!

We are getting some early peaches now – Boynton got a box of early Elberta's last week. We went over to Royal Slope Saturday and were given a few nice ripe peaches there and the fellow said he'd have to start picking pears today. They have to be picked before ripe. We are having nice ripe tomatoes from two of our three plants too. Wish you could see the 40 acre field of gladiolus out near George – Brown for a bulb concern from Puyallup. Don't try to salvage blossoms – tho many have gotten bouquets of them. Really make a lot of color in the field – and right beside the highway.

Bob and Mary started for Colorado Springs yesterday. Had flown out late in June and located a house. Mary's mother and sister are going to bring baby in a week or ten days so kids can get settled. They will fly too so trip won't be too hard on baby.

Cori Ann is getting along fine. 4 weeks old tomorrow. She and Bradley (Bob's) look a lot alike judging from Brad's pictures. Shelley and Steve have traveled with us a lot – since Boynton won't be able to spend much time with them for a while now.

Tues AM now. I'm tired – so was Boynton. He spent 11½ hours at warehouse yesterday, but hope they won't have such a long day today.

Its cloudy and we have had a light shower this morning. Still cloudy and damp feeling. Hung out the clothes anyway. Have the second load to put out soon – almost finished now. And the hampers are empty again. Will have to do up a uniform and a caps - iron I mean but rest not essential tho not much to do.

Got a card for Lena and Lawrence yesterday and hope to add a note. Have Betty's address in Colorado and will get a card to them – Betty wrote that school out 22nd and they'd plan to see Bob at Colorado Springs!

Now must close. Thanks for card – we would not have known the date. I think that 23rd is Betty and Lou's annis. Too – 24th year. Love Carolyn