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Letter #2 (Blue ink, personal stationary, envelope, green clip)

Envelope

Mr. + Mrs. E. H. Robinson Rt 1 Box 48 Sidney, Montana 59270

Letter

Dear Carol and Ernest:

Dodge has been trying to find the wheat but since they are still building up supply none available now. May be able to have some by the time we go to the gathering but not unless weather is warmer than now. Anyway, its fall planting he says and will get it to you when we can. Am returning the check – you are too trusting. We could fill it in and head for Nassau again!

I did miss the circular and find I hate to miss even one reading of it. Thank you for thinking of us and trying to call - since we had told Bob and Mary we'd visit them this summer we plan to go late in July and take in the doings along with our visit. Works good for us. Mary and Bob to be with her folks for a month after school is out and then return to C.S. a baby expected in August so want to be home in plenty of time. They will probably fly to Connecticut. So much easier.

Doesn't the gathering of the clan sound good? I am like Lawrence – it would be worth \$150 "from our pockets" too than to have it flop. But surely the cost of the camp will very minor in the decision as to those who can come or will come. C U there?

Surely don't keep track or would surely have looked up Dr. Brunken in Dallas. Its hard to remember the family of each one and Verna's mention of Dallas always seemed like a "fur piece away" and a chance to get where Robert was never entered my mind. We had five days there and surely was not too busy to have seen anyone had I only remembered.

Heard from Betty and she says she's going to the gathering even if she has to go alone. She could ride home with us I'm sure if she does go down alone. If Law goes they'll drive. Doubt that Bill or Jack will go but have been exposed to the possibility, but at least all should see Mary and Bob and Brad. Brad is a year old today – no tomorrow. We heard about his birth on the 3^{rd} but he was born on the fourth – isn't nature grand?

Suddenly the air filled with dust to the extent that I can't see the big ditch south of us. We've had cool nights and a lot of afternoon winds. Crops a little late but look good.

Yes, we know the Yamamotos. I remember Isla and have had her at clinic a few times. I think they live in Othello or Warden area now so haven't seen her for a couple of years. She didn't come in often anyway.

Jack and Sharon are adopting another baby that is expected in late June or early July. I'm so glad, Christine is just two and has been graduated already to a twin bed – not because of the baby but because of back trouble. Sharon wanted to wait for another baby but jack thot otherwise and of course in adoption you take some chances how soon one will be available. Anyway, Sharon's letter sounded pleased and proud so I think she's glad now.

Looks like we should have lots of golden and red delicious apples. Had no bloom on peach trees but a few on apricot. Emily said only two cherry trees had blooms and those were scanty. Glad I have lots of fruit canned yet. Haven been trying to keep up with our rhubarb but

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with one big plant and one small one it's too much for us. May can a little and wish we'd get a freezer so I could freeze some. It's so good frozen we think.

So nice to hear of Sherrie Lynn. I'll bet Vernon one proud dad. Beth and David too must be a joy to you.

Cori now over nine months old and getting around good on her stomach and is able to bull herself up by the furniture and gets around with its help. She is happy and as pretty as a picture. Tiny and petite. Shelley so grown up and is so excited over prospects of kindergarten this fall – Steve the same Steve but what a love. Still thinks grandpa the greatest yet. A friend of many years just hooted when she saw Steve because he was so much like Bill. Sandy and Bill well and busy all the time. I'll never forget how happy you were to see to children when you got here.

Say, I was downtown yesterday PM and saw Mary Hardy's brother Charles who lives in Yakima. Talked to him awhile and he told of his visit to Sidney in Feb. and how glad they were to get away from the snow and blizzards there. He is to go to New York for a week of training in stock marketing. Let Mary know I saw him. Heaven's knows when I will have a chance to write her.

Mary and Bob got us T.V. for Christmas. We really didn't want it or would have gotten it but I watch is sporadically and enjoy it as I knew I would. Boynton doesn't turn it on once a month and we seldom watch at night. But its company for me when he's gone. I try to exercise with Jack Lelane each morning when I'm home and do feel the work out good for me. Must get in shape to impress those cousins. Have been trying to get in yard work in half hour stretches and the T.V. program I like gives me the incentive to come in and watch rather work too long. Easy to over do yardwork.

Tulips, in about four colors, blossoming under the apple trees also in blossom with flowering almond making the backyard very pretty. Two peony plants have a few blossoms but they'll be scarce this year too. Have another that blossoms later and hope it will have more blossoms.

Someone said they lost all of their tomato plants from frost this week. Had cans around them - and shingles but got a new bunch today to try again. Yes, it's a backward spring – Oh our lilacs in bloom – but not as so as last year. One of the climates is budded now - an early one that usually blossoms late also - I love it.

Word from Sheridan, Wyoming said they had three-inch snowfall Sunday but it was mostly gone by the evening.

Must close, Excuse short page. I just salvaged one sheet of paper with a little written on it.

Thanks for your letter and we'll keep trying on the wheat and hope we can bring it to you in August.

Bye now and love to you and yours.

Carolyn.