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**Letter #7 (blue ink)**

**Separate note**

**After 1953, wanting independence and not burden, year is 1953, 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary for Loren and Grace (Brown) Hardy (married on Oct 7, 1903)**

**Min = Minnesota**

**Letter**

Montevideo Min – Sept. 10

Dear Carol, I just had a letter from Grace and she mentioned their 50<sup>th</sup> wedding anniversary this year and I'm not sure if it's in Sept. or October. Lucy Cherry Nelson made a remark about Graces anniversary being this fall, but I didn't think it was, so now I want you to find out for me, and hope you can have some suggestions. She said Loren was in a state of more quiet - sleeping much of the time and easily annoyed by talking also that E and Mary were fixing the upstairs into living quarters – so think they feel they should stay by Grace. She said Mrs. Broad head would help her if needed – but hoped she would not have to call on her.

I came back to Leonards Sunday and will try to be conduct until October when Edna will come. I'd still like to be on my own in Sidney, but guess I'd be better off with some of the family, but I have that sense of being independent so much that I know I must make a real adjustment to be satisfied. I have never been dependent on anyone to get along and still hope not to be a burden any where.

I had such a wonderful time with Esther. They made me feel so much at home and their way of life fits into my thinking so much that every thing was such a satisfaction and pleasure but I began to feel the need of “going on” again. It was so nice to be there when Edwin Jr. came home and I enjoyed him immensely. I expect he'll be getting back into his farmer place of business, as he seems best satisfied. A letter from his company in Delaware awaited his return, welcoming his return and offering him his old job as soon as he cared to begin. He bought himself a car while I was there and began talking of when he'd be going on.

Our trip of 4 days in Iowa was perfect. Only 160 mi to Troy Mills and made many short trips nut altogether drove only about 400 miles. I saw so many of my early life friends and Esther was a wonderful companion, only she and I went. I found my favorite fruit, wild plums in Uncle Carls pasture and at Elmer Wards pickled wild blackberries – so we made jam and jelly when we reached home and I have some of it to take to Ednas with me, hope to find a few more plums, but won't feel defeated if I don't. Maybe Lina will have some for me if we go back there. Am not sure Ednas will go back but believe that is their plan.

This is a busy home, school began this week and Leonard has made two trips since I came Sunday nite and with the first week of school when there are so many calls on him in reorganizing under a new superintendent he has been going mile a day and the children too seem to have more activities too.

I had a very nice surprise Tuesday nite when Alma Gahlgrin came here to Leonards to see me. She works in Wash D.C. and has just 10 days' vacation so is visiting her family who live about 25 mi from here, at Sacred Heart Min. I hadn't seen her since we left Sidney 14 years ago, but she seemed same as usual – has never married. Miss Berg (Bernice) teaches at Austin Min, about 180 mi distance and I've heard from her too, just a few wks ago so am hoping she may come here too before I leave.

Am not sure but think I wrote you after receiving the Herald, Esther enjoyed looking it over. The item about the Kraslin preacher boy especially interesting, his mother and Esther quick good friends and had been to see Esther last year or this spring.

I must close, had a good letter from Vera this week too. I expect Marilyn will have visited Sand Diego, Edna expects them about the 23<sup>rd</sup>.

Greetings from us all – Lotta.