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Letter #2 (black ink)

Letter

March 1, 1960

Dear Carol + Ernest,

I can't seem to stop long enough to get letters down but this 4:30 A.M. hour seems to be working out ok since letter writing is not too noisy for a sleeping household I am feeling the need to get letters done too.

We were so sorry that the pressure of visiting + getting around got so uncontrolled that we failed to get back to your place. It surely was unpremeditated and Boynton said he was sorry to have missed out on the good toast you had promised us. We would not have wanted to miss the trip to Nohly either + as it worked out we didn't spend two nights in the same house at Sidney. My one regret was that we said we'd be back to your house + did not get there. I know you had your hands full but we didn't see Vernon's pictures and Ernest waited for us to take us to Savage and we didn't get to see you then. Hope you are forgiving + will tolerate our lack of consideration. We did get around well thanks to everyone's help. Boynton enjoyed seeing the different farms + talk operation of them + think he did have a good time as well as a good help to me.

We arrived home Thursday A.M. and I was no ball of fire that day. Over 50 letters, cards + memorial reports waited me there + more have come daily. Boynton had a meeting in Yakima Friday so I went to town and tried to tie a few ends in regards to mother's business and got a dozen more letters written in evening. Dodge had to come to Winchester Saturday + asked me to come along to see about some places to rent or buy. We haven't settled the warehouse situation yet + are not pressing the living quarter deal until we do settle that but have looked + talked of a few. Nothing very inviting yet tho. Dodge expected to return to Kittitas Sunday but unfinished business kept him here yesterday + too tired to drive back then. Now I hope we go today but no assurance. I helped Sandy paint yesterday + so glad to do it. Dinner invitation Sunday + again last night has cut my cooking to minimum.

At Kittitas many are inquiring about our house. Can rent it if we can get out but do have to wait for the events to make their turn before we move out entirely. I'm anxious to get it done now tho.

Well it's nearing time to get up so think I'll finish this + go back to bed. I can get in a couple of hours sleep if I get at it.

Thank you again for the many details you helped take care of there as well as the food + bed + company and fine consideration. Hope Joyce is well again, you all too. Take care of yourself Carol – you do so much for everyone. We did enjoy your grandson + surely looking forward to having one on our family (or granddaughter).

Thanks + Love

Carolyn.