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Arvin, California

Sept. 10, 1944

Dear Clarence and Ruth:

I should have written before to tell you that Kenny got the birthday money you sent and to thank you for it, but it seems that there are always more things to do than I get done. He got money from my aunts too, so we put it together and got him a large blackboard and a game. He also got clothes and other toys, so he thought he was pretty smart.

He and I both started school last Monday. He in the first grade and I in the sixth. However, I hope to get through about October first, as one of the teachers couldn't come till then. Kenny likes school fine. He has a very nice teacher - she came from Morris, Illinois.

Harry still has his headache. He has been to 2 different doctors in the past 2 weeks, and they too insist that there is nothing wrong with him, yet he feels miserable most of the time. He was off work 2 days this week, but is better again. He going to have some allergy tests made to see is sawdust or something like that could cause it.

My brother is still sick too. He was better and had gone back to work, but got worse again. He is a little better today. We hope he'll be well soon.

There have been several accidents to Arvin people lately. The youngest Mitchell boy, Louis, was killed 2 weeks ago today in an accident. About 10 days ago Mrs. Sayer and Mrs. Yotz were killed, and this week a baby was killed in an accident right down town.

It has been unusually hot here this past week. The farmers are making raisins, and they really dry in a hurry.

I have been canning a few pears, and that is a hot job.

The boys are growing so fast. Kenny has so many interests now that he is in school. Wayne stays with my folks while I work. He likes it so much that he wants to move over. He says we can come and see him sometimes.

This has been such a busy summer for us. We had a Child Evangelism class at the church all summer. Our group also sponsors a Fun Night for the young people each week. And we have been canning and working in the garden, and going to other meetings and things. It seems that we are just rushed all the time. We didn't go on any

vacation. Harry had a few days off, but he worked on his garage. It isn't finished yet, but will be very nice when it does get done.

Well I better stop for this time. Write when you have time, we always like to hear from you.

Love, Virginia.

P. S. Harry says to tell you that we have a phone. Our number is 224J.

DJC notes: Virginia typed this letter.