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Dear Ruth & Clarence,

We certainly are happy that little Elaine is improving. Hope her diarrhea condition will clear up. When Danny had too thick liquid for the nipple I used to slit the nipple with the point of a scissor and it worked fine.

I'm very sorry I've been so slow in answering your letters. This, I believe, is the first time I've done any writing since New Year's Eve.

Danny wished to thank Betty and Evelyn for those cards he received. I intend to save them so he can enjoy them when he gets bigger. He hasn't learned to walk yet but he gets around very well in his little walker. He can say a few words now, especially car and "cock" which is clock. He's really interested in those two things.

Well Lorraine & Bob have evened it up now by having a son. That makes 6 boys and 6 girls for grandpa. They are calling him David John Carlson. Lorraine is home now still feels weak for she had a little rough time of it. The baby weighed 8 lbs 3 oz. when they brought him home and was 7 lbs 13 oz at birth. He seems to be doing O.K. sleeps 4 to 5 hours between feedings.

We have been quite busy in this house the past couple months tearing off old wallpaper putting on new and having done quite a bit of painting. Carl has done it all himself and it sure seems good for the place really needed a rejuvenation.

We've had a very stiff winter. It was constantly snowing since way before Christmas and it still hasn't melted away. The temperature went down to about 25 below zero and it seemed like there was a sub zero cold wave the whole winter with hardly a break - Bad on the coal bill. Its been wonderful with gas heat.

Well I'd better quit now for I owe everybody a letter and its a good time to get caught up while its quiet in the house.

We decided to give Elaine Marie money instead of a gift so you can get her something she needs.

Love, Elsa