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Dear Clarence & Ruth:

It has been a mighty long time since I wrote you a letter, so here goes. I have been working the past two weeks, and will have one more week. There is a young lady attorney here in town that just opened her office in March. Her first secretary did not work out, and her new one is coming on June 6, so I am the fill-in. It has been fun, makes me wish I had a part time job. This office is beautiful, probably the nicest one in town, with good equipment and nice furnishings. She definitely needs a full time secretary, even though she is not real busy yet, I am sure she will be. We have known them for about a year, he is a doctor and she is an attorney, and they came here about three years ago from Nova Scotia. Real fine people.

I plan to go to Illinois the week of June 6th. Barbara is being married on September 3, and the first shower for her is in St Charles on June 11. It should be a fun week, hopefully we will see lots of our dear friends, and then Bob will fly up for the weekend, and we will spend some time with his family.

God willing, we plan to go to England on July 16, but we are not going to Sweden. We have only two weeks, and decided that was not long enough to see both countries, so this year it is England, because Ann is there, and she will be our guide. She has had a wonderful year and will have lots to show us. She will return the second week in August.

Bob and I both had foot surgery in February, I don't know if I told you that or not and they are coming along fine. Paul was with us for four weeks when we first came home, and he was a real treasure. He cooks, cleans, shops, does yard work, and anything else that needs to be done, and does it all well. I tell him he would make someone a good wife.

Mary has had an extremely busy year, she leaves for Denver on June 1 and will be working at a hospital there for the summer. She is doing her CPA - Clinical Pastoral Assignment, apparently something they all have to do. She will be there until mid-August, and then back to the Midwest for the wedding, and then back to California again. She will have a busy summer, and hopefully a meaningful one.

Dave is job hunting, his assignment in Washington D.C. is finished this summer. He has his application in various places, and has an interview in a couple of weeks out at Oregon State University. He felt flattered even to get an interview there, so he will just wait and see what happens. He can go to a laboratory in Maine, and in some ways that is very tempting to them, as Mary Lou's family is there, and they love that area, but at the same time he would like to do some teaching along with research.

Barbara keeps very busy, likes her job very much, even though it is long hours. She is excited about her upcoming marriage, as she should be. She has just moved into a new apartment, where they will be living after they are married. Nate is with State Farm Insurance, he has lived in Bloomington all his life, except for the one year that he was working for Zales Jewelers in Indiana. They met in college, and have been dating since their Junior year, and she has already been out three years, so they have been going together quite awhile. The wedding will be in Bloomington. She has transferred her membership from Aurora to St. John's Lutheran Church in Bloomington.

You will probably get bored reading all about the family. We are fine - Bob keeps real busy. It has been hard to keep the yard work done with all the rain that we have had. Sometimes he gets some help with the mowing. Yard work is not very important compared to the problems that the poor farmers have had. It is an extremely hard year for them, and the surrounding states are even worse off than Tennessee.

I try to call Art every couple of weeks to keep a check on him. He has sold his camper and truck combination, which he felt he needed to do, but said it was kind of hard to see it go. He is feeling pretty good, back is better, but the last time I talked to him he was having trouble with his eyes, had an appointment with the doctor.

Elsa called me last night -surprise. We had a good visit, said that she has put her house up for sale, plans to move into a duplex, that her brother Gordy owns. The house needs a lot of work, and it is hard for her to get it done, and also very expensive, so it probably would be better for her to get rid of it. She is expecting Carla and Rick home in June. Elsa will be at the shower for Barbara, so we will get to see her then.

Give our love to your family and come and see us whenever you are inclined to do so. Take good care.

God Bless You, Lorraine