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Tues. P. M. 16th of April -

Dear R - A + H -

Wish I could tell all we saw and did - sorry not to meet up with Margaret but California is a Long state and transportation somewhat difficult right now with gas up to 50-60¢ a gal. However we did very well for two old ladies! Jennette could apparently stand it better than I and Arthur was more mobile than I expected but a week was long enough at one time - it worried them not to take us to all more! It did us all good to get together even tho' I'm slow at recuperating. Jennette wanted to go on home so John + I took her to 9 o'clock bus Thurs eve. and she would get a cab to take her home at midnight, Charlotte would be in Indianapolis next day but Ross was home. I have spent most of my time resting + sleeping. The old ulcer tried to act up out there and my pills seemed to aggravate it so I have slacked up on them - just wrote to Dr. M. for advice about them as I read an article that said after taking Iminidine for some time that the little pacemakers didn't react to it. I should go home, I guess, but he would probably put in the hospital again and I can rest + sleep right here. I don't want nor expect you girls to give me so much time as last summer - Joanna can surely look after me enough!

2/ Inez Parker has come to Mt Airy Nursing Home from the ~~nursing~~ hospital in D. M. Mrs. Marin (Harla Norris's home) Berta Quirk's mother died last week - she had a pacemaker put in her heart last year. Of all their eleven children surely some one will come to stay with Mr. Marin. I wrote Marve that would be a good house to put railroad stuff in!

It is much warmer and the golf course is full of action today. We had had days of April showers + last night it froze ice + frost all over, even on patio. Maybe clear up this time as there are dandelions in bloom in back yard. John spaded a lot of back yard ~~garden~~ ^{Sunday} to make a garden + I made a list of Earl May's garden seed for them! When they will get time to plant + take care of it, puzzles me! I'll not even put out a tomato plant.

My porch box had rusted through and I dumped it all out last fall. I'm considering getting plastic plants to put in it this year unless I can find a heavy plastic box to fit inside and get some potted plants to set in.

I really miss that porch box. Jennette promised to bring Mrs. Kappe + come for a visit. We can meet them at Leon if there's no one driving up. I plan to have some Paint by member pictures for them to do - Eileen had some for us and we

Enjoyed it. That iris card you sent is beautiful and I shall mount it to hang near Ralph's Iris picture - Hope to get home before my iris blooms - the yellow ones were gorgeous last year and a white one was lovely. Besides the sweet smelling ones by the cellar door - lavender. They all need resetting this year in the fall. There's a nice pink Cameo out by the Mockorange bush as well as some various ones that should have been reset last year.

I decided to move out to the patio it's so nice - and I see iris next door has big buds already. And pinks are 1 1/2 ft. tall and mine should have been cleaned out.

They wrote they wanted the big gas tank and would put in a smaller one for me so I wonder what that did to my daffodils & plants around it.

Rosemarie had geraniums out on patio and they froze last night - all leaves are wilted & drooping. The sun now is very hot on my back - come sit with me & soak it up and watch the golfers.

To go back - A. & M. drove around with us & ate our picnic lunch up in the hills one day - near Lawrence Welk's country village. They took us to San Diego on Sat. morn. & we flew to San Jose where Kenneth met us. It would have taken 14 hrs. by bus & cost about as much. Church on Sunday with K & Eileen then John called for us to stay another week as they were going to St. Louis. Ken & Eileen took us to San Fran. one day & saw Kent who goes to Bible College there

4 and Tom had talked to Arin so he came to meet us at "Limpson College". I couldn't go home with him then so on Sunday he drove down after me and brought me back on Monday with all day drive around Bay Area. Took me to Petaluma where his new store is to open soon - mgr. of bedding dept. in a chain of seven new stores so he is O.K. and driving a Cadillac - Norrine goes by bus to San Fran. every day to work for 'phone Co. Adrienne by the way is expecting in October and Norrine said she had no time to spread the word, so for me, to Greg the youngest, is such a nice kid & rode with us Mike is older & busy on working over an old station wagon! Has to earn the money for it so hunts odd jobs to do. We toured everything from Novato up around beautiful country north of S. F. and on down to San Jose, again. Jennette & I liked San Jose best of the cities we were in. Toured U.S.C. and Arin is a super guide!

I got some very good pictures of us "Octogenarians" as Arthur called us and must get more printed now.

Sam & Jessie & Linda met us in Denver for the over hour stopover & Sam told me if he can get Jessie to come they will come in May & stay over Mem. Day but why is it so early this year. I thought maybe sluey might come & they'd celebrate their 66th or 67th birthday there together. Time will tell. Jessie won't want to come but Sam says driving is easy for him & he likes it and can take plenty of time along the way.

7) They both look real good. They could take train or plane but he wants to drive. They enjoy having Linda + Johnny there. Good winter for skiing!! 15" more snow last week out there. Glad Sam didn't have to clear off that Steve home from school + has Bow out for exercise but on a leash as he might run away. Orin has a handsome malemute dog. Kenneth, a small sized blackhound - so we had dogs everywhere except at Arthur's (Cartland as he is known there) We did enjoy our visit and so glad we went, now Arthur wants us to come back again and all things we didn't, but I better let well enough alone - no fun bothering others with my ailments - no word from Sue's lately - still in Tor C or on way home?

Elaine Hallaway had an emergency appendectomy but home now.

Louise brought Stuart home two weeks ago.

Lennis is home from the winter in Ohio with Calvin's.

I really did quite a variety of reading this winter - now to digest it all this summer

Torsten stays at home this week and takes his cough medicine. He will have to go all day to nursery school when I leave, so he better get well and weather get warmer.

Wed. A.M. - another beautiful day, but I'm not dressed yet. Too easy to slip into this blue nylon robe! The pink flannel robe went to A.M. in Jennette's suitcase - she had more room! In fact she used it in Calif. more than I did.

She will bring it down when she comes later on. I sure used it this winter! Thank you, Helen!

I should wash my hair today while it's so warm, and I feel pretty good. Then Rosemarie will roll it up when she comes home.

Cecil + Ilva Shafer sold their farm to Walkup's and have moved to Creston. The drawback to that place was the uphill driveway. Cattle underpass under the highway - They used their camper a lot in last 2 or 3 yrs - one son in Mich., one in Texas + the girl in Washington D.C.

Geo. Staats advertised his house for sale in Delphos - He has had another eye operation recently - wants to move to Ark. or Mo.

Gas man came to read meter - I really must get dressed + put this in mail-box. I am too lazy but if I keep quiet I don't need so many pills and I'll wait till I hear from Dr. M. before I take many more. I gave him the phone no. but he may write and that takes a few days.

The big old steam "8444" pulled out of Omaha Mon. A.M. to go to Spokane for their Centennial Fair parade in May. Marve should have been here - I sent him the news clipping + picture. Over 1000 at depot to see it off + hear it whistle!

I'd really like to go to Wash. State next fall. Maybe I can get built up this summer and Jennette + I take another trip together - to Seattle - she is all for it, right now.

Note from Dot - doesn't know what they'll do this summer. Someone will surely go to Oakland with Marie as she plans to take a U-Haul. Maybe Chuck will have a leave to get moved. I thought maybe Diane will drive out here with Marie but school may not be out yet, unless Marie waits till June. She graduates in May + plans to go soon -

11:15 - almost time to call Rosemarie at 11:30. She has me call every day to report then get Torsten's lunch + cough medicine. The morning all gone -

Two pr. of grackles (blackbirds) are debating on who gets the old nest in the Lombardy tree and they fly onto the patio for crumbs and keep us entertained. Also a pr. of robins next door checking over an old nest. I miss all the birds in the elm tree this spring.

Enough for now - love you -

Mom.