

9319 Meadow Drive, Omaha
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Birthday coming up again - Greetings & good wishes!
I hope the weather is as nice there as it is here. We
had a good April shower yesterday & again this morning
but sunshine now and a March wind that has
dried it all off and several are out on the golf
course today. Also a cardinal perched in the willow
tree. Yesterday it was a robin and one day
there were 10 "Tufted Titmice" in the little tree
close to the patio and yesterday the golf course
keeper scared a cottontail that ran across our
backyard. There should be a penargwillow but
haven't seen any yet.

How time flies. I hoped to go to Calif. this month
and be back before Easter but I'm still on the fence!
Jennette says Phyllis wants 2 who in Calif. so will
wait till July but I - would rather go with me
now - so she'll see! Arthur prefers to have
just the two of us together so we can visit and
not have to run around sightseeing

Tom called last week to see how things are.

are working out. He is not far from Etheldean since she moved to Pasadena. - Dewey & Margaret were at Etheldean's for dinner before they left Calif. and Arthur & Maurine were there also.

Dot sent me a check for the Calif. trip but I don't need it. We got our rent check this week for $\frac{1}{2}$ yr. and now I must send in the taxes. I sent check to the Bank \$1,000 on savings dep. and \$171.60 in checking acct. My L.S. check will take care of plane ticket & still have some Traveler's checks. I must fix up a personal acct. book.

I sent check to the Martin Bros. roofers and SO thankful they got that done before these showers came. Rained both yesterday & this morning - April showers & March wind today but sun is shining & it's warmer.

A letter from Dot and she was exhausted. No wonder! That wedding & all was enough to throw anyone even if not teaching. She says not to count on her teaching here next year as Walt doesn't want to retire till next year. Too bad Peter has no permanent future -

Redding Church Centennial to be Sept. 15
I'm missing all the work of planning but there
will no doubt be more to do later. I suppose
they waited till Sept. as people would be home
from vacations but with schools open people
from away at any distance won't be driving far -

I still think they should plant a centennial tree -
I'd like an oak but they grow slowly but maybe
last 100 yrs! I'll see when I get Home. Norway
maple is beautiful trees - Posie had ~~one~~^{two} across
the street from the church & they are lovely trees.
Garden Club may be putting some new trees in the
park.

John is home today after a trip to Rockford Ill. This
55 mph. slows him down a bit.

Thanks for sending the lovely robe - but where
did the blue blouse come from? I don't remember
it at all but it's comfortable this coolish weather
5:30 already & I was to make cookies. Washed my
hair this A. M. & R. rolled it up and all I have
done was write letters - My hand gets so cold
and stiff & aches. Need to use it more.

Next a note to Marge - I'll send her the catalog picture I sent - the gal posing had on the same red long skirt & pink ruffled blouse that I wore to the wedding! I said "me - 20 yrs. ago!" Ha - more like 50 yrs. ago. but such a coincidence as I think M. got them at diff. stores. Rosemarie got her dr. to call drugstore and she got a new supply of pills for me - last till Easter at least. I had some still but would need more.

Rosemarie took Axel for his music lesson & John is out in the garage but maybe will do cookies this eve - or tomorrow. We made double batch last weekend & all gone!

You know I sent for that coffee pot and they were all out so sent a warming tray for the table - need one? Rosemarie says she has two already. It might be nice to use at a church dinner but I don't need it! The refrig. dishes are just plastic with snap-on lids.

I got another pr. of shoes Naturalizer in bone color so my feet are ready to go. I'll write Jennette again she'd rather go with me than wait till July for Phyllis - we'll see - May try it by myself.

but Arthur would like us to come together.

Got a thank you note for wedding gift from
Tom & Jone Seifert and I hadn't sent any, but
conclude that Tidy did as she often does - put
in with hers, so will wait to hear from her before
I send anything as I had planned to do -

Can hardly wait to get home but I'll miss
you all more than ever, I suppose -

Much love — Mom