



Monday P.M. Sept. 16, 1974

Dear ones -

Must write to all of you - but so much to tell!

Yesterday was the wonderful day! Weather couldn't have been more perfect and everything went along beautifully - my only regret was that I'd wasn't there to enjoy seeing all those people - over 300 -

I got copies of the Centennial booklets with history & pictures for each of you girls & Sam. Elsie and Margaret were here. It was all such a thrilling affair - can't begin to describe it. We planted two

trees - "Redmond Barwood" or Linden - I bought one of them & Steve, Alice & Ted each put a shovel full of dirt on the roots then filled the hole & watered it well. The M. S. F. has the care of them - the other tree was given by the Am. Legion; just alike & 10 ft. tall already. Legion tree near sidewalk on S.E. corner & ours on S.W. corner by the alley.

Never saw so much food! Lots left over - like the loaves & fishes!

Church newly painted outside & bell painted gold, pealed out 100 times at noon time - rung by the young folks!

Fine programs both A.M. & P.M. and music by all local or nearby people with John to conduct the P.M. service & introduce the old pastors etc. Stewart, Landis, Fry & young Larkin who assisted last year. Wilson Whitnack had to attend a conference but wrote a good letter to be read and he came to church the Sunday preceding.

Bessie Nelson gave a good talk (using a microphone) & she has a good letter in the book.

Amah Lou & her Nancy, Alan & Alice came all day - left home at 5 A.M.

I didn't see much of them - went to supper Sat. eve. with them at
Sall Barn then they all waited here with me until John & boys came
about 10 o'clock Sat. eve.



Should go upstairs and
look after the beds again. The painter took off all the screens &
painted them - even the wire - as they look clean & good. Couple of
storm windows to put on downstairs.

Just talked to Margaret & she said she would send copies of this
to you other girls -

Laveta will bring all the pictures etc. over tomorrow. I was too
exhausted to help last evening as she put all in a box & took it home.
I did take the little black horse that survived from a church Xmas tree
when Sam & Mary were little. Pictures galore. Ministers in one group.

S.S. classes in another - town & local people on another wall.

Two "friendship" quilts with names on them of folks around here -
an old "Ladies Aid Cook Book", an Epworth League pin, really
quite a collection & interesting. etc

Pauline Miller Waugh - was here. She lives in Denver & this is
they used to run a bakery, I think. Anyway she says they think
they will retire back here! So hurry up & take your pick -

The folks in Elda's house will have a sale in two or 3 weeks -
Harden Club to serve, I think. Some man from San Diego was here
to look at it awhile back but I haven't heard if he bought it.
I wouldn't want that - too much room to keep warm & no
downstairs bedroom - that had been made into a bathroom.

Letter from Richard today - he can come Fri. night 27th or wait a week or two if I wish - then I'll go to Chicago with him, I guess. Seems the logical way & time to go, although if weather stayed nice I could go later. I don't want to get caught in a snowstorm though.

Have to get all the tag-ends caught up. The house got its coat of paint, & the back kitchen a new look - all plaster & wainscoting removed. ~~The~~ wall board on ceiling & walls is painted jasper yellow. Old bathtub in backyard by the fence! I'll put porch chairs out there this winter and most of the old junk stays in garage!

I'll go to Mt. Airy Wed. with Joanna and pay taxes & record newspapers & see the lawyer & give him my address, then I can pack up & lock the doors. Chick will drain the pipes & shut off gas - He will change the water pump next Spring.

Percy Lohs (went to school to me) came for his uncle Jim Miller's funeral and wrote back he would like to give carpet for vestibule & stairs to basement so the gals got busy & called Mt. Airy Furniture & they came & laid red indoor outdoor carpeting and it really gives you a good warm welcome! Now we will try same kind of carpet on outside steps to see how it works this winter.

Fern & Carl have had a trip to Ames to visit Elden's & Doris's this week end. Somehow Axel's white shirt didn't get in the suitcase, so Bertie came to the rescue with a brown one that fitted and everything O. K. then. John's left about 9 P.M. with pillows for the front & back seat.

The clock moves around + I'm sleepy - just had a long conversation on the phone with Kathleen Freed. Collection at church yesterday was 387. Broasters sold out of plates + ordered more - they sold their own so saved mailing some of them. There were 3.50 this year but a better plate than the earlier ones.

Got up at 9 A.M.

Tues. P.M.

Another beautiful day - bit cooler. Stuart just called that he + B. would stop by at 5:30 + take me to Allandale for a sandwich - So - I better wake up + get ready. Too lazy yesterday + today to do much. I'm still thrilling over the wonderful Centennial Sunday.

Joanna was to take a lady to Bethany today to an eye doctor. She will take me to Mt. Air tomorrow. Then Club on Thurs. at Lavinia's.

No letters today - just big issue of Wallace's Farmer to save for Richard

I must stir around a little or I'll go to sleep here in the chair. Should have put this in mail box but will mail it later - have some handwashing to get out on the line.

I took the geraniums up + put by the outside bulletin board for Sunday then Joanna took them home to keep this winter.

I should have had John take down the porch shades but Richard can do that later if I can't do it! I must gather up clothes etc I want this winter - will fill the cedar chest!! Annabell brought my little blue suitcase home, Alice. Tell you all more when I see you.

Love - Mom