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Wed. January 31

Dear Helen

I haven't been out to buy valentines but you will recognize this one left from last year! We love you all anyway.

I hope you had a good trip last weekend - this has been a rough winter everywhere and we will see what Mr. Groundhog decides on Fri. I had a spell of something & spent a few <sup>days</sup> ~~years~~ in bed but O.K. now. Grandpa worked overtime feeding me cream of wheat & pills. No headcold & no cough but there was congestion in lungs & fever. Now have written Dr. M. for more medicine just in case. Really think I had eaten out too much and got an overdose of something.

The two Warsaw ladies made me a pair of knitted slippers, our supply-manager brought me a white rose and Mrs Limberg brings cake etc & magazines. Glad replies with Banana Bread! The managers are back from Florida and the elevator works - they brought everyone an avocado. The seed in ours was cracked and the little tree already started to grow. The orchid has several flowers on it.

Marie wrote a nice letter and I sent it to Margaret to relay on to you.

I'm glad Nancy is staying in H.S. another year. She should slow down a bit.

Thurs. P. M.

Cloudy & damp - wanted to get out today but guess I'd better wait for sunshine. It's quite warm but windy. Several places I want to go but we should get some really nice days. Feeling O.K. again but waiting to hear from Dr. Metterson. I can order my pills from AARP in Kansas City at \$3 a 100. and drug store wants \$1.89 for 30 and fast service. Hearing aid batteries are less too.

Dorothy sent a pillow kit (a cat) and pattern so dim it will be hard to work on. Also a Nuts & knots puzzle that I'd can't do yet.

Guess I'll just take a nap. Be good & have a good time with heart cookies.

Love

Krandma & Krandpa

Thurs.P.M. 27<sup>th</sup>

Dear Ralph, Alice & Helen -

Such a cold rainy day  
and we have had several of them - ready  
for the moon to change! Now, our men  
are down - floating on the water.

Tuesday was pretty nice and we did a  
washing & then went down to SE corner  
for some wild flowers to set out but not  
so many varieties as used to be. Got  
some good soil & filled the old light plant  
hole.

The Mt. Aye paper had a 25 yr. item  
that will enclose!! Are you going to class  
reunion for your "centennial class"? Better make  
plans, Alice!

What were you doing in Chicago? Ralph said  
something about county attorneys but I couldn't  
get the connection!

Dad went to Grant City to get someone to  
come up and check our antenna. The TV  
upstairs was better than downstairs but  
it finally stabilized for short time.

This wind isn't very good for TX -

Card from D+M in SLCity - J+J went to San Diego & were going north and didn't say when they would be back home so D+M are holding the fort & hoping to be home early in May! Katty graduates in May & Bob's confirmation.

Dam wrote they were going down to Cal-Sprgs before Memorial Day and see what the "high seas" prospect is - he wants us to come out & dad would go at the drop of a hat but I'd rather not - can't get things done here! Dam has to do something with this 100 acres

Did you get books from Farm Journal Family Book Shelf? You sent letters with papers mailed in Omaha and "The Enduring Hills" slip should have been sent back by April 13 as I'll have to pay for that \$ 3.49 or else return it plus \$ 1.24 for the first one whatever that was.

So next month is just check it & return unless it's something

we really want. They give date that must be sent in if not wanted. Send me the slip with balance due & I'll send it in - should have been there by this time.

washed my hair & rolled part of it & Dad finished it when he got home. We may go to Mt. Ayr tomorrow

Went to Bedford Sunday - Mary Jane has a gall-stone operation coming up when school is out & Warren's can go with them to Kansas City.

Garden Club met Tues - Plant & seed sale & aerial lunch - I take 4 loaves of frozen bread baked.

Then Thurs. Lavinia has club in her new house - Gladys Saville has a new double trailer house just west of her Aunt Ida - set it up yesterday.

Everything growing but too cool to bloom very fast. Pear trees are white - No cat ever came back so Flips won't need to worry about them! I miss them but just as well, I guess - 2 rabbits in the barn lot yesterday.

Sure wish you weren't as far away & could spend weekends at least.

How is Ralph doing - did he go to Rochester? I hope the weather warms up next week.

Mrs. Adams said "thank you" for the card - she got over 100.

Poor Lela Stephens is real bad with cancer. She moved into an apt. at Indianola last fall.

Dad is visiting Stuart on the phone. Stuart got a color TV last week. His car was at Bernice's in Blockton as we came home last Sunday eve - They plan to blacktop the road from Griffeth corner to Helfers this summer so Quicks won't have as much dust. Fern has 115 little chickens.

Dad is ready to go to town. Write us a letter dictate to Helen on typewriter! Nice to talk but always leave something out -

Much much love -

Mom & Dad

John's election is May 2, I think.