Round Robin Letters

We wrote Round Robin letters for several years. The order was Mom (Charlotte), Alice, Lester, Arlys, Laura and back to Mom.

These are some of the letters Mom wrote in our Round Robin. Instead of writing to each person individually we would write to all and send it to the person next in line. We would always take out our old letter first. So, when you received the Round Robin, you got everyone's letters plus your old one which you took out. I think Alice sent Lester's letters to his family after he died. I don't have Arly's letters and I have left Alice's and mine (Laura) in with our own Story.

May 8, 2025

1977

Sun March 13

Hello to all.

Spring is here (I hope.) We have 3 different flowers in bloom. Our yellow daffy by the gas tank & back of house - Some purple ones and in front our little orange ones don't no name. It sure looks better than Jan. Other flowers really grew. Tulips are popping up. And all over the lawn flowers coming. Got to be careful where u walk. Except Smoky doesn't.

We enjoyed having you all here Sun.

Letter Sun Forest & family Laura & Ron Cox - to get the bees they bought last Fall — here at Eldon. Ilene Cordy & family

Called on Sat. So told them about them coming So invited them also. So were 13 in all.

In afternoon Went to lake. Water was 15 ft down in lake this Winter. Men (3) laid around on dock. We Women & Some Kids Walked around shore & picked up Shells. While daddy took Some of Kids & Smoky for a boat ride.

Then back & made home Made Ice cream with Strawberries & German Ch. Cake. Alternate we sure had a good time. One of the pictures I took turned out. I want to see how Lava lamp is relaxing! Also.

I'm sure they all enjoyed themselves. Wait till Warm and they can go Swimming.

May we got round Robin it Was raining. So Daddy Came in and read all letters also. Oh yes he reads all & we both enjoy them. We all do too!

Work Slow. But Working every Sat. from now on. Sometimes go in at 2:30 & Sometimes 4:30. Was so last nite when finished.

Arlyn Aren't you glad Snow is gone. & you can drive on road & see it (Paye & Arlyn letters) definitely. Do have letter for last fall.

We been having fresh onions from garden. Daddy was going to get some Sunday & forgot it as didn't see them in on dinner table.

We are going to town today and get some baled hay. $1.00 a bale. Man works till 4:00. Gone Sun & Mon to do it. Need to get groceries also.

No Kids (goats) so far. Daddy goes to goat barn every nite to Keeping checking.

Arlyn We got Yours letter and Calender on Mon. Thanks.

Letter I enjoyed reading about loading boats etc but page 14 ended so ~~none~~ real no more pages about what else went with loading food etc

The pictures are interesting. I don't understand about Motors but am sure the Men all do.

The "Article on "Keeping a Steady Pace" Very interesting. Alice + Arley be sure + explain to your Children.

It Must get lonesome out there Letter, Daddy Needs a Billfold - But will Write eye etc to you. He Wants a Certain Style. He Made this one When he was in Hospital in Springfield

I have 2 leather purses. One Ronnie G. Made and Lucie get me one in Old Mexico.

Family Reunion. You all decide. I work on Sat. But I'm trying to get Sun. off. But we all work Sat. Best day of Week.

Letter We have a good dentist here. Got my lower fix a little over $100 - 30 or 4 yrs ago. Fit perfet

Smoky was lonesome Mon. He ran around looking for Someone. Was very close to either one of us. Hoping O. K. now.

When he is in + T.V. on. If on T.V. a doorbell rings he jumps up + looks to see if Someone is coming. If phone rings looks to our phone. Guess he thinks "Why don't we answer.

I noticed last time it rained. (this week) he wanted to be close to us + inside, especially Tuesday. Is he afraid Lauras?

I Sure get a Kick out of Deanna's Lamb Print Stationery

Lester do u want a Afgan. Now glad I hadn't given u one before. If so. What size + Color Any Style. Like Granny Patter, etc Mother the pineapple pattern I was like you gave me for Christmas is pretty. Lester on back of sofa.

So glad to hear Grandma is doing O.K. I hope she soon relize that she will always live in a N. Home rest of her life. Hope I relize it when my time comes. After all I'm going to live to be 102 years old. Slow & sure as the turtle goes and lots of love. Hope you can.

Love D.M.

Monday Smoky got 2 new play mates. 2 Kids. The black goat had twins. Smoky is so excited. So home to tie him. He doesn't relize the Kids can't play as yet. On Tues A.M. when the goats were in there yard Smoky was on outside watching. So again he had to be tied when we Daddy put the (4 goats out to graze.

Laura Daddy read in his goat book. Kids should be 6 to 8 Month Or Weighting 20 to 30 lbs. Also says newborn goats weighing about 7 lb. Can be cut up like rabbits. But 20 to 30 lbs should be about 3 mo. Daddy says.

P) Mother several of the dresses were just snug on her so shot for Antya. Monsi is shorter & smaller so sent several with Lester for Monsi. the robe tos as Antya has 3 - Antya kept plaid to wear till Monsi is up this summer.

So we are experiencing our animals now.

Alice - this Rummage place I went to Mon. Got pants for Daddy. everyday ones also some pressent pres plus a double Knit pr.

Now she is closing up. So talked to her about all Mens pants left I'll give her something for them & we give to the Men at the Nursing home. Also some of the dresses for the home. Otherwise we are just going to burn some of the bed Clothes

Mon got some lat Steps plaid trousers may fit the girls.

More of our flowers are out now. the lawn by house is turning all yellow & so pretty.

Well all for this time

Love Mathei (over

Laura or Arlyn do you remember where our real small wooden heads are. Let look & see if I here them Not sure what you mean. Tell us more.

Tues 1:30.

We looked out to goats. Here Smoky was laying by goat feeder next to the twins. Milked goat and Watched Little ones & Smoky. He likes them. but stays far enough away to the Mother goats cant touch him. It is fun to see how he tries being friendly to them. Now he has a added job. Must Watch them & us. Ha, Ha, ha, ha!

March 1977

Hearing about the dust storms.
The year Edith and I were in Beardsley high school (1933) was year very day in Minn.

I remember one School afternoon dust was blowing. It was so dark (from dust) they turned on street lights. We were on 2nd floor in school House. We could barley see the street lights. No one was alouded to leave school till it cleared up. Then the dust had sifted into the Homes etc.

When farmers were in field & saw storm come they went home. As one couldn't see anything. Worse than a Snow storm.

We put crop in. No crop in fall. We never took the Binder out that fall. I remember I had to take the haymower & team of

horses & go into fields & cut what I could. Some place a ft high & some places Nothing. Then We raked up what We had & took home.

Many people lost homes & farms because no income.

We had a community building West of us. For entertainment the local people put on plays etc. They were divided into school districts that put on plays. To go to it was 10¢ each. Had about 1 each month during Winter time. or Was 3 or 4 of them They were very good. I Was out of school so Wasn't in them. Mildred & Hilda were & think. We went to them.

Now to get to what I remembered most & foremost thing Was. They announced the 2 best crops in Tarrant County for the year. Opened curtain. On one side Was a bunch of crying babies. on the other side Was

~~tom~~ tumble Weeds. They were as tall filed real high.

That got a laugh. a good handful of laughs I can imagine

First tumble Weeds are like a weed dried up & only branches & stuff on. Sometimes 6 to 9 ft across. They would be on fields. When left root they would tumble all over the Country. With the Wind. Only come in dry Climate.

So that was a good laugh that nite.

~~Corn sold at 2¢ a lb.~~ ~~helium~~ & hogs Sold at 2¢ a lb. Can't remember what Corn was. Was cheaper to burn as fuel than Sell.

Mother please write more about when you grew up. Daddy would you too? It was most instructing with Mama & Daddy on trip from Minneapolis across the stat to Perham just a year ago.

June 6 - 78.

Hello to All.

Today voting on whether to buy more land to build a high school. Price land $2,000 a acre. 11 acres - $22,000 for land. We voted Yes & Waiting for results.

Mothers day & My birthday May 14 Spent here at home. Went to Church. Will Sin 62 now. 3 more years to work steady -- 36 Months. Am still work till 65 (at least).

May 21 Were to Alexanna Confirmation Seems like not so long ago you & were confirmed. Remember On Aleut C. Was on Sun - Then Thurs. following my Dad died. Is grandma been alone that long.

May 21. Met Lanna & Ron at Allens. Were to church first. Hadley & L sat in front pew. Heanna had visions of us being back of her. Heanna done

real good. Answered all questions. Then was on radio.

Then that nite rode with Laura + Ron to K. C.

Oh yes P.M. was spent in fishing. Caught some nice ones.

Then from K. C. I went to Minn. Went to Graceville or up to see Mom. Stayed at Hilders. Went up to help in sorting + dividing up grandmas belongings. About 2 weeks before Elliot had time off + came up to Edith Hilders + Mildred done the dirty part. Threw out a lot like spice seasoning old wax - soap etc. + Alex burned old papers + boxes.

But had a lot left to do when I came up. Mildred + Hilders worked most of forenoon up.

Then Hilders sick - "flu". In bed all day. Vomited. So Mildred + I done a lot. Had things divided into 5 things in piles like 5 stools. - 5 quilts - 5 of most things. Then we each

got a pick. Taking turns -

Well Then had all cards to go thru. Spent over 8 hrs dividing & sorting. Cards into for us 5. place others ways like Thank you - sympathy + different seasons. So the extra all went thru to see if we wanted. Then put in box for Ma to look at.

Then I sent + sorted out her pictures + put into her small picture books.

Ma came out Wed + Fri.

So on one day when out I + her went thru her Swedish books. Front page telling who to send from. Were 3 bibles like I got the Bible she got from her folks when she was married.

There was a Bible to My Grandpa from his Mother for Christmas One year.

Ma + Pa Swedish Catholics (Sp).
Pa Sunday School Book (I got).
We each took what we wanted
+ gave rest to Clarence + Edith.
As Clarence can read some Swedish.
So Ma help me translate it +
I wrote it in English.

It took us a hr + a half +
next day we sorted.

Grandma is slower. She
looks better + more relaxed.
Is satisfied to Come out + Visit.
Both times told me she didn't
think she had any food at her
House I'd said we will eat
at Mildred or Hildur's place.

Grandma isn't interested in
going to her House. They think
she afraid they leave her there.
She says she has it nice at
Home but they are so strict
there. and Watch them all
the time. She goes to Craft
every day. Never misses anything

She takes care of herself real good. Needs some help in dressing but Makes it to her table to eat etc. So think she is doing O.K. for 91 years.

Sat. Was our dividing day. Edith + Clarene came up. Eldor didn't come. E+C were hoping Fri nite but so much rain. So waited till Sat A-M + Came. By 10:30 we were at full swing. Believe it or Not Took us till around 6:00. Didn't stop for dinner at Cleo's + Lunch at Mildred's after sorting + dividing. We all packed + took things home etc.

Like Me I had 3 Suitcases to pack. Well I returned With 3 Suitcases + 3 boxes. My own things in 1 Suitcase. So I packed to travel & Still Some left. Like Mixer - (Mac's potato Kettle). Crib - Sewing Machine - Square table (for Laura) Yes Laura got the table for you but

Still up there. It will work up pretty with rest of your things.

Sun to church.

Then Left Whent at 2:45 P.M. Got to K.C. 4:55 5 C.M. Then had to transfer to other Bus line & Wait till 7:00 P.M. Got to K. Sedlik at 9:15. ~~Mon~~ Boy was I tired.

I'm still tired from trip. Am didn't sleep good.

On ~~Tues~~ went with Forest to town he worked on car. Bought a '70 Chev. Well didn't get finished till Wed.

Is home Wed by Noon - Home 1/2 hr. Then to work.

Been busy every since.

Sun I was gone Alice & Forest Sind Company. Susan & her Husband come Sat nite. Susan is Eldora girl. They were going to Texas to visit. So they stayed Mon till I got there so said Hello.

WRR

Dec 7-78

Hi to everybody.

We finally got winter and it hit fast and hard.

The fall and early winter was so pretty. Like Daddy said 1st year we were at Aurora.

But hit Wed nite

I was home off. It was my Thanksgiving day off & Paid for. So Tues. was enjoyed home - Resting & finished Making Lynda Baby Blanket.

1st I must say Im back to my Nursing. Working as Nurses Aid at Memorial Hospital here Jeff city. It was 42 Miles from the place. So I bought a trailer and on a trailer Park. It is 6½ miles to work.

So Wed Nite I was going to watch a Christmas Program on T.V.

Looked out & was loading car when I decided to get to trailer. It was raining & sleet.
Made it to trailer in rain & sleet. Get here & get a ride with a neighbor who gave me a ride to work. She works 11-7 in a factory.
Oh God work 11-7 nites. Like it. Sleep all day If I can. I do get my sleep. like today 9 to 4:30
Then on going home I get a ride with someone from work. Walked up to drive 1/2 mile not to look thru.
Well we got ice first. Then rain, sleet & snow on top of that. I'm not going to drive that's for sure. Won't last forever But sample like Thurs Sat.
So Daddy home with his babies. Get a break & fresh color day. So he has 5 goats 4 rabbits (I think)

dog (Smokey) + cat (Kitty cat). Only thing he uses lore or feed but wait till I can get home. He has V.W. so could get it himself if the roads are drivable for him.

Jis into Plaster Craft painting. Really enjoy it. Jis to paint for the Craft Store next year. Jis the only one that will have it in. Jis going to classes to learn at. Jis signing up for next year at craft store to sell.

1. Plaster Craft 2. Refrig items
3. Red Rose Monkey from Brown Mens Store 4 Refr. Corner pc + ma. Crochet Pot Holder, 5 Seattle Map up item-b. another Net lace Cloth Then Daddy to Make Polly House + Bird Houses. So no wasted time next or coming Winter.

My trailer is 3 B. R. Front + back B. R. + 3rd little B. R. Kitchen + L. R. in Middle. We are using Front B R for crafts

If weather Permits We be to Alice for Christmas Don't no if I'll get any Baking done. But will bring Something.

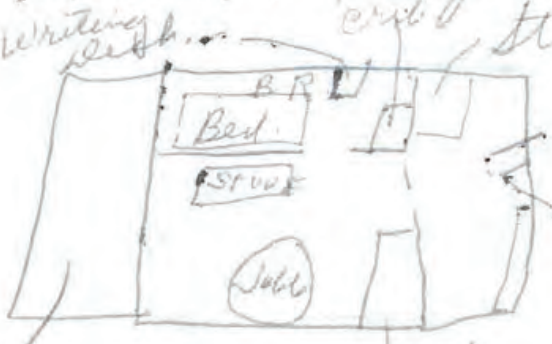
Now to git at Christmas Cards. Letters will be short this year. Start Sat most likely.

Arlys asked me to write about School in Myrtle. Mostly like Alice & Lester. So we will try & get that together. I don't Mind Writing about Past as long as you like it. I could include about Our Christmas as a Child. When we lived in Old Haven. etc. this time + Save other for next time Love Mother

Christmas when I was growing up.

In those days we went by Sleigh. Sleigh was open. & no Cover on side.

Our house we lived in was very small. 2 rooms down & 1 up.



where we hung Clothes (out door) Wash clothes. More like a Utility Room

Big open Porch.

B. R. was big enough for Bed. Then in one Corner was my Iron crib. I usually slept on a Quilt under Crib. Edith in Crib. Mildred slept with folks. That was when we were very small. Later we slept upstairs

upstairs was over above Kitchen.
Ma had 2 clothes upstairs.
Had 2 beds upstairs.
We had a big open porch that
We used during Summer time.

Our Christmas tree was
decorated with real Candles.
We bring it in from Porch.
After Supper & Chores were Done.
Lits Candles & Watch them.
I was so pretty.

Then our Christmas eve.
We usually went to
~~Grandpa & Grandma~~ (Nylander)
where Mildred lives. We went
there & had a big Supper. All
the grown ups ate first. Then
We kids ate. I do
remember one time we went
to Grandparents at where grandma
lived. I was there to help my
Grandma make Supper.

We had big table in the
Big room - I'll never forget how
my dad was first one to sit
down + eat. Didn't let Grandpa be
first. Cause he was the oldest
Maybe that was why. Then dudes
+ Kids eat.

Then after eating. All the
Kids had to get up + say our
Christmas piece we had at
Church. Evelyn L. took Charge
of it.

Then after that we exchanged
gifts. Oh what excitment As
that was our gifts from.
Lundquist, Nylanders, + Esters + Boys
Can't remember if Grandy + Grandma
gave us any thing. I remember
one time Esters gave me a real
pretty flower vase. Boy I Valued
it. Let it in fire

Then Christmas eve home late
I never could understand
why ma sat up so late after
we got home. Course she had to
get short Santa Claus coming.
So as usually She had
Made us Rag dolls & it
had a china head on it.
They were very dear to us.
Then Sometime between
4 and 8 years we had our
Christmas eve program
Now we practice for it on
Sat. Wesley would take sleigh go
by Georges & Wayne Rylanders
& pick up all Kids & go to Church.
We Practice Several ~~hours~~
hours. Oh how we sing.
All Stand in front of Church.
That is when I learned & jump
out I couldn't sing.

after Practice home & be dark. & Sometimes frozen feet & hands. Oh yes we were under heavy cover.

Xmas Eve Church was decorated with a big tree in front of Church. Had real Candles after Program. Uncle George would lite Candles. He used a long stick to reach all the windows had the long tall Candle & so pretty. Then Some families had brought there gifts & exchanged with them. Guess Some Salvia didn't Some get together like we did.

I remember one time Vera Madeline got a big dish pan. most of them 2 feet across. Guess she needed it as had 2 lite twins (boys) & 4 single ..

Then the Sunday School
Always gave us a booth.
I had all my books but
lost in fire. That was our
highlight.

Oh yes before Christmas
Ma & Pa went to town & shopped
for gifts 10¢ that days. Then in
evening we'd to wrap them
etc. If there was any games
Pa wanted to play them. I
remember some of games & Puzzles.
That was also so much fun.

Oh yes one day before Christmas
Edith & I went upstairs to play.
Then found 2 bottle stones. They
were standing out in open. Ma
had written our names on them.
We asked her about it. But she said
she didn't no anything about it
but Santa was early. Well by
that time I had seen enough

of her hand Writing to
recognize her Writing. I Knew
my Name was longer than Edith's
when I had it all figured out
But she soon caught on and
Writing me their different
That is when I started to
Wonder if there was a
Santa.

Putting things together
I finally Knew. Ha! Ha

I told daddy Did write
Something to Pat. He said
Maybe Kids like it. So I'll
try & get him to write Something
Some time

Sun.

Aug. 10-80

Sitting here trying to keep cool. This 100° to 110° weather was just to much for me. In July 22 days over 100°.

One day Daddy & I went to Lake Hamm. Was so hot coming home. He drove very slow acct of tire (getting all alen.). When I got home looked at temp. I thought I was seeing wrong & Checked up. 110°. That is the hottest I've ever seen it. It did hit 112° one day. So now in 90° I seem cool.

Forest & Alice came one Sun. to help Daddy put Air Conditioner in. It can freeze a person if sitting in front. We sure use it.

Our garden & lawn all dried up. Garden, Almost all gone.

Have to be so careful of fire. One place N. of us. between Florence & Hy. 50. 3000 Acres

burned. Several buildings lost. Lots of men out fighting it.

Fire about 12 to 15 miles E of Allen. 4 North of us.

One bad one S of Joplin & Lanna Shear one South of Garnett K. about 4,000 Acres there.

This Spring our goats were lucky. One had trippler (3) & one twins. So busy with 5 babies. Only Kept 2. Rest butcher. Sold one Milk goat also.

Our Guineas are Something else. One here sitting on 25 to 30 eggs. & found another one laying eggs so they will be late.

Rabbits doing O.K. Have one hund of 9 who lost their Mother act of heat. So baby them. busy.

Guess you all knew I got my Certified Nurse Aid at last. Had retired before I got it. I retired in May. I work part time. 2 days a week. That is enough. espically when so Hot. I started Social S. checks in May.

Haven't done much extra this Summer. To Hot. I can't take it

Aug 20.

Better finish this.

Deanna & Brenda spent parts of 3 week with us. They were baby sitting for a family here (neighbors) Worked from 8:45 till around 6 & 6:30 Then stayed with us. Think Deanne had 6 days & Brenda 3. We sure enjoyed having them. Daddy espically liked them helping With Chores. Such was I only worked one day during that time.

No other letter this time

Well we finally had rain 8 in one time + several times since. We planted a fall Garden. Hope it does O.K. We didn't even get Sweet corn.

Soon I'm to start on my crafts so can open craft shop & sell before Xmas. So busy busy. Want to make towels up to be used in Kitchen sew I think I'll sew top part on instead of crochet.



Then get at painting my Plastic crafts. Also hope to sell a lot of them. Have a lot painted Already.

Work O.K. Work 5 days in 2 week pay period. That's enough.

Daddy put up a larger Yard for goats for Nites and Cedar posts. All for now Love Mattie

July 1 - 1981.

Sit begin a round Robin Again. Been Almost a year since I had one. So don't no where it is.

We sure have had the rain & more rain. At least the black berries Aren't to seeded this year. Busy picking Blackberries. Pick on road east of Ferdale. Then Pick raspberries on acres. Next year be a lot. Be will need help to pick next year.

Yesterday been working on Miniature - Making 12 each for 2 shops & will send off today. Making fly swatters, Brooms + dust mops. Get 5 0c for each.

Then working on turkey door stoppers + Monkey stocking. orders for both.

Well another girl quits on 11-7 shift so back filling in there. runs 3 + 4 days a week. Got called in today. So be 4 days this week. Suppose to train someone next week for 11-7. Then I quits + I stuck L + A till Sept. So I new one for them to call on as retires.

Sure hope I can quits by Jan 1st or by May 1st.

Whitlies (goat) had her kid Sat. We put them in Pasture where geese are. Mon A.M. Daddy couldn't find Kid. Looked all over (he taught) I was mowing when he went to milk it was back. Guess she hid it so good. Didn't hear it cry all day. Mother goat quits Called.

Goats don't seem keep down geese down this year

Lauren we enjoyed your visit. It short.

Alice Pauls is really full now. Last time Mom went fishing it was up by fence. stood on outside of fence to fish. Got enough for a meal or two. Sure is good eating.

Deanna gave me my Pearmont watch ago Sun. Short + Curley. Ocular Nerve.

Monday nite the Centennial Singers were at the High school Christ Lutheran church sponsers them. Real good + so loud + Big Crowd. Nice to go to things + see people.

Please Daily pray Revival Psalm 91 is used. If not used to ~~pray~~ say Just add some + send on. We never get to add at here.

Had a Father's Day card from Lester Sr + Jr + Family
Lester + Monica spending
Summer with Lesters. Hope
all have a nice time.
Still Looking for College
Kids to Come.

Love
Mother.

July 8-81

Hi to everyone.

While trying to straighten out my back I'll start a letter.

Thanks for all interesting letters

Last nite Wadley & I went to our one hobby together Sale.

It was a private Sale. Lady went to a boarding home. Her things were clean. Lot of it brought new & nice & more. Course I don't buy unless a low figure. Got us 18^00 Sandwiching 2 brown. 1^50, which is mine for one. Box of cleaning things 2^50, Got Shampoo & hair conditioner enough for a year. Furniture polish Bon Ami & lot of other cleaning things, soaps. & other things to fill a big box.

Then we went back to the Weaver store & got peaches & Aloe honey. So eat most of supper. Put into Frid-

Arlyn, Antya & Russell came to visit & help came Sunday (last of July) & stayed till Aug 5. I worked on Tues. & Sat & Sun. 11-7. Took one day off.

We on Tues nite when I worked they went to Neighbors & got 2 bu. Crab apples. 2 Bushel like a lot of small apples. Used Crab Apples till 3:00 Then Made Jelly & Apple Butter out of them. I worked till Midnite. Thanks for Arlyn (3) & there help.

Then one day brought 12 Yrold roosters & butchered that day. 2:30 in A.M. (nite) heard dog bark & Chicken Cry. Hadely didn't shut door. So a animal got in & got White hen. & Caught Skippy got Chicken & help it for us. So had to butcher it after that. So started to butcher Chicken at 2:30.

Then yes old remedies were hard to do but good.

In one day had grippe & heart. Then to stove + got 4½ lbs plaster Put up 15 qts

So busy Allys busy + Mopes.

Hiddleys + Russells put up one hay stack each.

Got a call to go to work 3-11. So finish later on.

Better finish R.R. Aug 13

Last nite was LWML at church. Only thing I belong to at church.

3 weddings this Summer.

Hilders have 2.

Elaine July 15th in Van Camp Washington + Maureen Aug 29

Mildreds last one Okla Sept 5

Then also church in Minn. where I belonged Celebrating 90 ann. Sept 20.

don't plan to go to any of it.
Just don't care to travel now.

Busy with Craft. Going into Miniatures & are selling. Making Miniature lamps from old Jewelry.

If things go O.K. & plan to retire last of Dec or in Jan. working 3 days a week now & that is enough.

Have around 20 baby rabbits now.

Have a Mother Cat + 2 Kittens from Alice. Had it while they were on Vacation. They stay in barn. So there is a divide by rabbits where dogs only come so far & Cats so far. They done it themselves. Really funnie to watch how animals limit themselves. Smoky only come as far as around rabbits. Mother Cat meets him + no further.

Skippy worried like fathe
but Cat Sap no.
So see who rules the roost.
So NO Cats by Door.

Must can tomatoes again.
Daddy picks ripe ones + I put
them up. + Just brought a
bucket full in. Taste good this
next winter.

We planted fruit trees last
year. So by a yr or 2 should have
Cherries + peaches.

Have Strawberries, + Raspberries
now.

Daddy Keeps busy with his
Chores, down to 3 goats. 2 Milk + 1 Billy.
Rabbits 4 Does. 1 Buck + babies
Guineas - (3) 1 setting.
1 Rooster (naked) 1 grey - 2 Black hens.
Roosters crow in A.M. Plows his garden.
Veg + flowers. Never a dull Moment.

I'm really tired out from
work. It is getting so heavy. People
going down hill & I can see it.
Hard on my back & Nerves.
There are 3 older than me working
now. 66-67-69. Hard on them
also. Always short of help there.
Hope it runs on Air conditioner
to much this year. But we saw.
Hope this find all O.K.
Write soon so R.R. doesn't get
so mad.

Love
Mother & Daddy.

March 10-84

Hi

Got P.R. Fri the 9. Here it is 3:30 AM. Can't sleep.

I sure got funnie hrs of sleep. Some nights I sleep real good. Other nites like last nite bed 10:30. woke up at 2:30. finally got up at 3:30 so will write letter.

What a winter.

Last Sat in Feb I had gone to Warsaw Checking on a show. "Uncommon Values." Not to bad a show. Nice weather except for some rain.

Sun A.M. woke up with snow. & Snowed. A blizzard. ended up with 8 in top of car & 12 to 15 inches on the ground. I took the yard stick out & Measured it. It was wet & heavy. I didn't work that week. end. Snowed Sun & Mon. No school for 3 days. No Mail on Mon. Snowplows busy.

Electric off only 45 min. While I heard Alice off only 6 hrs. + Aulys one time 42 hrs + again 9 hrs. Good thing they had a fireplace & wood stove. We stayed in.

Daddy has been sitting around so much of the time he is getting so fat. Made his good suit pants

Then Edwild our neighbor came & open up the drive.

Then by end of week end got rain. Then we were Closed in. Couldn't get out out of the road. Finally the ground froze + could get out.

Last wed <u>Ash wed</u>. Go to church. Just as we left church rain. We made it home then the pasture. Worked thurs + Fri. ground froze so get out.

Now I see Snow again Sat A M.

I know you asked if we Know when White Bear Lake in Minn. Do. Ice up N. of Wpl. Think Vermont Illinois

live close to it. Elder lives at Taylor Falls. N of White Bear Lak

Laura you & Ron better slow down some. Or you too Laura will be sick. Nerves can only take so much.

Laura you asked me to write about Grandpa L. He wrote 3 pages. I don't Remember what if here ever Written before.

I do remember Grandpa telling there first farming was done by oxen. They get tired & lay down. Slow work.

Pa was a go getter. & was a good organizer & worker. He always worked With the people. Never sat back & watched. He wasn't a booze or drinker I'm sure. Never heard he was. But a full of dieleas.

This Winter I've been teaching Knitting at Nursing Home. Have 6 regular ones. Last Nite one man -- Nurses Aid was

trying Crochet. Was doing O.K. Want to learn Knitting also. Reader better than the girls. She enjoyed her teaching it. Started with a pr of booties. Now one girl made a Sweater. Another trying a Cap. I last visit one girl asked for a direction for a Knitted Cap: There are several that can Knit & Crochet now.

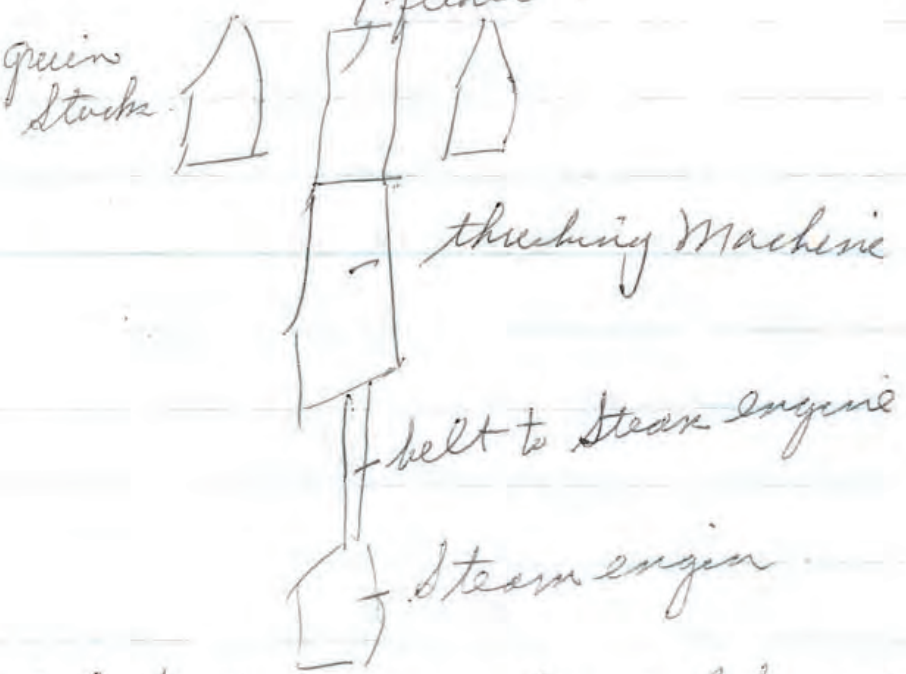
We have 12 hens - 2 roosters. Getting 8-10 eggs a day. Plus some eggs - 2 geese - Selling some eggs.

Yes, we Plan to go to Les Jr Graduation. Think they Lester more excited - Told them at work already that we plan to go. Lester said he later Part of May. Working on Lee quilt. Got most of it done & 1/2 done. Most of the Squares done.

Charlotte Stanberg wrote this April 1984

Past History

Grandpa Stanberg used to run a Steam Engine threshing machine rig. When I younger. So in fall he take his crew of men + thresh for neighbor. In those days farmer cut grain. Bundled it + put in stacks. 2 Stacks. together.



I tried to draw a idea of how it worked. See the threshing machine be between 2 stacks of grain. 2 men pitch bundles into Threshing Machine. Then had to have 1 man to feed fuel - coal or Straw or wood into Steam Engin to Make it run.

He sometimes check up into Nov and Thanksgiving day. Men & Crew who went with him. Slept in barn. He said 6:00 or 5:00 blew the whistle on Steam Engine. Time to get up. Had to get Horses ready. As need Horse to haul grain away. Get Breakfast & be ready at 7:00. Grandpa greased & oiled everything. So much greasing cups to fill. I helped when we had regular rig to do. Took over 30 min alone for it.

The men get a forenoon break of Sand coffee. Cake or cookies. Then a big Noon Meal. 4:30 back again. & worked till 7:00

In winter my Dad went down to Texas. Near Corpus Christi & farm Raised cotton.

My Dad loved to travel. So one year He went to S. America. He ran a Steam Engine there. People were very back wards there. He carried a pistol (gun) was real pretty one. They gave it to Elder & Some one stole it on him Well the people there carried Knives

& when they get mad would have Knives fights - So one day he shot off his gun. No more fights. The man Lewis he saved & kept by his door step as a watch dog would do. He said Language different. The food down there was so hot - spices. He couldn't eat it so cook would fix him special food. I think it was the N E part of South Am is where he was.

One winter he worked in a coal mine in ground. I don't no where this was. He still had skin little lite. Put on forehead head light.

He said each one had to pick a certain amt in ground every day. Which is dig. Then when a certain time came every body out & they set a fuse off to dismount or shoal off walls & then dig out next day. So everybody out or else get killed

Then where Mildred & Orin live. Do you no that is Great Grandparents Home stead Place. There George & Pa built a feed grinding building. Ground feed for the Neighbors There is where they Made there money. Pa spent his money traveling. George Saved & built his Home & Put Money in Loning.

This traveling blood is in Elder & Me. The other 3 never Carried to get out like Elder & Me.

Grandpa was a man who Was used to having a crew around when he worked. He done some at home. Even if not necessary like to milk at nite. Pa-Hired men but Me.

Laura you asked for this:

Oh yes at home we milked 15 Cows by Milking Machine but we stripped them afterwards & that is what I had to do. We milked 2 cows at once 2 machines In Winter time. When Edith & I got home from school we went to barn & had to throw down Silage for cows. Now the silo was tall Crawl up those step on on the door. When cold Silage was frozen. So had to pick it loose & all our heavy coats on. After down carry Silage to the cows feeders. Aunt I hooked to each one. Then Put Some kind of meiscal on top of it. a Supplement 1/2 c or So. Then If cold Cows come in. The Cows had the straw pile to be in during day time. We also had 4 horses in barn Also bunch of little calves. When Milking was

& done Calves had to be feed. Milk Separated.

Then hay was taken from hay loaf & feed Cows & Horses.

Then we watered all the Cows after Milking Had here Water into barn. In Hayloaf had a big Water tank. 500 gallon. Water 15 cows & had to do. While Pa & Hirelman carried the Separated Milk to pigs. — Ma & Se. & given them Slop.

That was over / hr work & we were ready for Bed.

Sometimes homework to do. To bed by 9:00. Never later. Lights out. Kerosene light. No Electric.

Milking Machine run by a Gas engine.

How we used to keep on all those heavy clothes.

I used to tire out so soon. Never Knew till later years or about 12 years why. - Bad tonsils plus R. fever. over it all now.

Telling tales on the dead.

One time his folks had a goat - A Billy. There was a neighbor lady who would bathe Grandma. A great Cuzzie My Grandma would'nt say go away. So one time George & Pa got their Billy real mad. & as this lady was leaving they let him loose & really got this lady down. Grandma had to go out & help her. She never came back. (In those days the ladies walked to a Place.) George & Pa hide

Another time when George & Pa were little they went to a funeral. George about 2 & Pa 4. Well they saw how body was lowered into ground. So one day grandma taught, those 2 boys are very quiet. She found. Pa had dug a hole. Had George in a sack, & was Playing funeral. Was ready to put George into his grave. Grandma loved him. So I say Pa & George were

a couple of Stinkers. Those are the 2 main things I remember. There was Something about horse & buggy they done but can't remember it.
Boy will be boy.
Just like your dad (Paul).

Great
Grandma Stookey would Knit Mitten & Stocking during Winter time. Grandma taught me How to Knit She Also taught me how to read Swedish I read that before English

When I was little I had a dog by Name of Dora. She said she knew when it was according to where she see Stove. The last year she lived She would be at our place during Summer time. In the fall go to Grandpas. Grandma let her in to sleep behind cook stove. She was Years broken. When Spring come she come home. Then one year in fall she never made it to Grandmas. She was about 15 year. We were living in New House when she died

March 19.

Worked Sun. Been a steady rain since Sun afternoon. I parked car up by yellow house. Can't drive into our place.

Sat Alice & I went with our Craft Club (by bus) to Antioch Shopping Center in K.C. Was quite a day. Saw a lot of crafts Glue Was in Macys Part.

We were in Small Parts Shopping Center I guess u call it.

We (Alice & I) went into Pet shop. We saw 2 puppies (Kobaw) about 6 wks old. Had put into a pen to sell Pet them. They had the Markings of Smoke. So pretty - I was ready to take one home. but didn't have the Money for them. They were like Teddy Bears. Laura if U up there take a look at them. go in by Macys up Stairs & there Macys. & in Next

Section. They had a lot of deep but none like (Snoheir)

Our 12 Chickens are keeping eggs. 8 to 10 a day. Sold some. Just take to work & some one buy them.

No garden as yet. Rain & Snow.

Laura & Ron hope is enjoyed Your trip. Back in time for winter. We had it last whales.

Better get this mailed for this time

Love Mother

Feb 23 · 85

To the Family.

This is the 2nd part of R. R. Got back faster than the 1st.

We are wet, wet. Laura Sue thanks for the Snow Boots. It is rain & rain. Rained for several days. Chickens been out. Fri I went to pick eggs & here the Chickens & Peacock, & Guineas were in so closed them in. Not let them out today - Geese are enjoying the Wet.

This winter we put our Mother rabbit in shed where goats were. Then the Pup also. They got along real good The[illegible] Buck R. was in also. So about time of Daddy's eye Surgery She was due. Now she caved hole down under straw etc. Then a wk ago Daddy done chores because I worked. He saw half grown rabbits. On Sun.

He counted 6 gray & 1 white. So Rex doesn't go in there. He sleeps out under house or Porch now. So the Mother rabbit is tame. Lisa being petted. Spoiled. I raised her from baby. Her Mother died & rest of the babies. She was only one that lived. So have rabbit meat. Think all be butchered before we go on train trip.

We have our train trip pretty well planned. Even planned breakfast so can eat on train. (My diet deal)

Allyn & Ronnie the Doctors that is very good. You can use it Alex Allyn. As a lot of liquids. Your Noon & Nite Meal is Roast G. dinner with lettuce salad. Plus Golden Rund I wanted Check with Babies 2 Dr first. Dr's leaving on it & very full.

No garden weather.

Lillie N. Carver - died Feb. 18. She was sister to Mabel, & Wilma

was 83. She went to Trinity Church in Nyle. & a class friend of hers was Mrs Althoff - Mrs A daughter was Laura's sponsor. Mrs A. daughter friend of Hildur. They were from Johnson Nebr. Hildur & Ole were going to funeral.

We have gotten information on towns or cities We plan to see. Even Galesburg Ill. is entereting. We will be coming in down town!

Daddy doing real good. Have his dark glasses a lot. Snow was very bright & hard on his eyes. He goes in March for glasses & back Week later for see how they fit.

Laura Hope your flu is over. & You had a nice Vacation

Alyce is a joy to all. We enjoy listening about her. She will be a grown lady before we know it. Look at her sister soon 16. That is when

we went to ark. & lived there
With me could see her more
often. Iris sure some of us
see her on Palm Sunday.

Easter Sun we be busy.
Getting last things done before
long trip.

Guess what if our Royal
American Foods work out Ill
be quitting Nursing Home. We will
be working hard on getting it
going. We can do it!

Believe I like the Royalite. Help
it on good & don't think baker
the babies feeding.

See you all Sometime

Mother & Daddy.

Oct 4, 1985

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The living room is all done except for the drapes.

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7th Feb - 1988

To Round Robin.

We have had more winter in Feb than Jan. Just get snow cleaned up and away & more come

Also Cattle - Coldest was -10 below We kept in barn but really were cold. Think was just the weather. O.K. now.

This winter crochet collars. Most done.

Then I made Pullies. I finished last week - Deanna - & Alex have told me what they want - Brenda I never got what colour she wanted.

Then believe it or not I am working on your Quilt Brenda. Hope to get it done this Spring. Depends what I will put on it etc & then get it finished.

I'm doing O.K from my fall except Right Shoulder.

I can tell when change of weather. Always could tell when more snow was coming. Arm aches. I do exercise with Arm. and use Atom ray light on it. Plus aloe-sub. Then sometimes take Advil if to bad.

Otherwise O.K.

Our white cat is Sunnie. She likes to sneak in. We finally let her stay in Utility room when it was real cold. Feed her in Utility room as dogs would eat her food if outdoors.

Neighbor has white German Shepard and 2 coon dogs, & they let them run loose. They do chase Kitty into the tree or roof top.

I made a box for Kitty on Porch. Was enclosed. She liked it. Then at times dogs got into it & tore out her bedding.

Daddy has ordered garden seeds. So planning the garden

We finally found Easter bean
and will take care of water
in ground. So they say.
We got our fruit cellar
filled with home canned goods so
can see what we have in store.
Lots of Grape Juice - Sauce Peaches
Pears - Apples - Raspberry and
Cherry. Lots of Tomato Juice.
Got enough Jellies to last couple
years. I don't eat Jellies only Daddy.
Made Tomato Sauce & Ice on
bread. Real good.
Plenty Pickles.
So plenty to eat. Plan what
we have last fall.
All for this time P. R.
from Parents
Paul & Charlotte

1980's
maybe
90's

Back in the Good Old Days.
Minnesota Winter school.
Lived 1 3/4 mile from School.
Walked most the time. Except in
Winter time pa took us in the
Sleigh Then when I could drive
horse had horse & buggy. The
Horse we used reminds me of
Forest Red Horse.

Then Winter time. The Snow.
First Our school House was real
big, & high ceiling. So Hard to heat.
Heated with a big furnace. That
had a Register in wall. 3 ft square.
So course when Cold everybody
Crowded in front of it. We were
about 24 in school. On Cold days we
would line our desks in a line
by furnace. This is how we lined up



by furnace. Sometimes
We stay that way till
Noon. Then had our

heavy coats on. Most of us wore coats like sheep lined.

Ours furnace was heated with coal. One neighbor (Martin) stoked the furnace late at nite & banked it and then 5 oclock A. M. started it again Then teacher kept it going during day time.

Then How to get to school. About 1/4 mile S. of School were 2 Neighbors + were E. of road So snow filled in the road. So the Children (+ fathers most time) Were brought that far + then had to walk rest of Way. Now snow banks 20 ft to open up as fill in Next time it snowed. They were half Way up the trees.

So nearly every day some one had frozen ears - fingers or toes. Those days we used snow to thaw them out. When it came to feet. But only

time all winter they got Washed.
We saw lots of dirty feet (Ha!, Ha!)
We Always had heavy Caps on
plus a scarf around face
Sometimes only eyes were out.
Cause it was Sub Zero° weather.
We didn't close school out
of weather. If started to storm
Mary be the pa's would come
& get us early. So if we see
the horse & Sleigh Coming We
head for waiting p lace. That is
if we Could See at all.

Pa had what We call
driving gloves on. First his
fur coat then then big gloves
over with Wide Cuff to elbow
all fur.



I wore them Also
in later years.

Then When I got olds & drove

Would drive until it got to bad for me to drive.

In school which was 9 to 4. have recess at 10:30 & 2:30 Shelter in. Play games endoors when to cold.

Had no indoor bathroom. So had to venture out to out house thru snow etc.

Those were the good old days.

This kind of living Sometimes starts in Nov. Dec & Jan & Feb.

So guess we shouldn't complain of 1 month.

That is one reason why We come South. To get away from those long Cold Winters.

Evelyn Lundquist (Cousin) did you hate me she was my teacher for a couple of years. Think it was her 1st year of teaching. She learned a lot. Was so used to when she said Something

at all they listened. Now at school she had to learn everybody Wasn't like her family.

Also when you were on school ground no swearing or dirty talk. So one family of 2 boys would get upon recess & call her names. Nothing she could do. It hurt her very much. But you no than I hope never ant to anything they tell me.

Daddy says his Winter school days were hard also. They heated with Coal & Wood. He went to school at Lynn. A small town 7 of them about 1/2 Mile.

Also those Minnesota Winters. In fall would buy all our staple groceries by 100# Like flour Sugar etc. Bought everything in fall to last all Winter. We lived 7 Miles Beardsley & 13 Miles Browns Valley.

In fall We would put the Car up for Winter. Put Car into garage empty Water. Jack up tires or put on Blocks. Sometimes even Covered Car with a Canvas So birds wouldn't get it Covered. As first Cars We had had no glass down but Now. Had siding Curtains. Take off during Sometime.



Then My dad would load to have to split & all come into our face. Think he done it on purpose.

So our travel at Winter time We Sleigh & horse. So Sometime after Xmas I remember My dad would go to town in a Wagon & horses. Start early morning. get home in eve. Usually took a load of grain into town. Ma stayed home. Then he get us groceries if We needed Anything. & a get his snuff & Ma get her 10¢ worth of Candy.

That was there two luxury
Pa has snuff & Ma her 10 ¢
Worth of Candy. & We didn't eat
her Candy. Maybe a treat one
in awhile.

Sunday to Church. We
had 3 1/2 Miles to go. Farest from
Church That [illegible] we had a
horse barn by Church. &
go with horses. Get there early
enough to men could get
horse put away before Church.
Church was at 11:00 & twice
a month. The Church was cold.
Heated with a furnace.

After Church was to get horses
out & ready to go home. Now that
was the only time We Visited
or talked to anyone during
Winter time. Some like phone
Weren't used for to Visit With.
I Sup pa never liked if we a

Or any one called any one. Even
to see how they were. Can't Worry
he said. I think phone were
$5.00 a year. The old fashion
type. Like We had a Bielenga

We used to take snow in
and Melt for Washing.

In all House. (We have Kelder
& Cleo garage in). We only
heated House with our range.
Had 2 rooms de = 1 room up.

~~Well this be all for~~

Oh yes our place.
We had 1/2 Sets of trees around
places. Had a Willow windbreak.
I remember when the snow would
fill up between the
2 Sets of trees. We would
go out & play on them.

wildrow wind break.
open spots
trees
Kelder
House
Barn

June Nida birthday Could
Still go out & find Ice under
Snow & Make ice Cream.

Those were Good old days.
Hope you all enjoyed Reading it
(Mother)