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Dear Dad and Mom,

We're here. We left Annandale as midnight Thursday and got here about 7:15 a.m. Friday. We're living in an apartment in Potterveld Hall, a housing unit for married students. We can stay here for three weeks. Tuesday night I'm to meet with a pastor-seeking committee for two churches about 35 miles south of here.

Our trip went fine. Our car pulled the trailer well. At lansford I changed the hitch so it was a little higher and it was easier to put gas in. Our apartment is quite nice. There is a nice size living room with a hideabed, two bedrooms, bathroom, kitchenette and closets and shelves that make a good place for the things we hauled in the trailer. Marilyn says to be sure to tell you we have a garbage disposal unit. She thinks its pretty nice. The kitchen is really quite nice.

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Didn't get this mailed yet. I opened a bank account today. We got a blanket as a gift for opening it.

Our address for the next three weeks or so is McCormick Extension, Apt. 4-C. Our present plans are to try to find a place to live here in Dubuque with me driving to wherever the church is I will serve. Saturday night we went out to Eagle Point Park to a melodrama. It was fun. It was free too. Neal wanted to go back again last night to see it again. [*switches to Marilyn's handwriting here. -ed.*] **The girls did, too. Neal and Yvonne went up and sat on the ground in front of the stage. We all hissed and booed the villain and cheered the hero. Really had a grand old time. In fact, we are overwhelmed by all there is to do. There is a shopping center about 3 or 4 blocks away as the crow flies. I thought it was impossible to get there in a relatively straight line, but Neal and Bill found a trail across the hills this morning, so they made it in 10 minutes. Neal went back after lunch. He's found the bike he wants at K-mart.**

I just got back from my interview at Finley. I start my orientation tomorrow at 9. I have laryngitis so may not actually go to work until next Monday, but hope I'll get over it.

There are two other families in the building. One has two little boys. The kids got acquainted catching fire-flies last night. This morning the oldest boy wanted to know if my biggest girl could come out. Both girls were still in bed, but they got up shortly and after they had played a little while, Karen came in tickled as can be. She'd found out that she was older than the older boy. "His birthday won't be for 2 or 3 weeks, yet, and mine's in 3 days!!!"

We have a new pet. Karen found a snail in the lake in Annandale and Linda fixed it all up so she could bring it along. Yvonne really had fun going swimming. She finally learned to float in North Dakota. She couldn't do it in Minnesota, but got brave enough to jump off the dock and go clear under the water. She would have just stayed in the lake if someone would have been willing to stay with her.

Time to go do some more things that need doing. Takes lots of coming and going.

Love,
Marilyn