

[Handwritten, blue ink on folded typing paper]

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Dear Folks,

First day of spring, and it was pretty nice today. Nice and sunny at 6:30 when I was walking to work. Didn't get very warm. Saw a robin hopping around in the snow yesterday. We had a near blizzard on Thursday. Winter sure wants to hang on.

All three kids have started swimming lessons and really enjoy it. Karen has only had one because the pool was being used for a swim meet yesterday. Hope she can get herself over there alone next Saturday because I work and Bill goes to Stanwood on Friday.

Yesterday, I left a box of brownie mix and a note giving the girls the "go-ahead" to make them after Bill left. They hadn't done it when I got home, so I took a nap and they pretended I wasn't here. Turned out real good.

Bill brought me a hyacinth on St. Patrick's Day. It is pretty and sure perfumes the whole house. I'm getting terribly spoiled. That's 4 times I've gotten flowers since we've been living here.

A week ago Thursday the girls' troops had Friendship Night and Bill and I went. They had a nice program and showed what they'd been doing. When we got home, Neal was listening to "The People's Hour" on radio. They were discussing voting rights for 18 year olds, and he was about to call in an opinion. He went ahead and did it and really impressed the M.C. (and his parents). Got recognition from his history teacher the next day. He told him he sounded like a college student.

We are still busy as can be at work. Last week I was assigned to care for patients rather than give medications or be in charge of the floor, two days. Really got a workout. Then, yesterday I was on meds and about got my legs run off me. (I didn't take that nap just to get out of the kitchen, yesterday). I usually come home on Saturdays I work and after my coffee break, do my Saturday's work. Yesterday, I didn't do much of anything.

Just got interrupted for a performance of the Meyer Kid Metalkettle Band. I'll send along the poster. *[poster not included; darn! -ed]*

Neal's band concert was last Sunday. It was real good. Think we'll have a tape of it to bring home. One of our patients has a copy and offered to make one for me.

I finally had a team win the state tournament. I picked one Thursday night and they went on and won the state title. It was fun watching the games on TV.

Just voted in the Bickleton School election. Now, must remember to mail our ballots tomorrow.

Better get this ready to go, too.

Love,  
Marilyn