

5/8/78

Sun nite

Hi Peter -

Dr has really been an isky
day outside - nice to just stay in.
Paul got up & went to 8:00
church.

Dad got up & went to Sunday
School & church & I was rotten
& stayed in bed.

I read my book ~~to~~ "Sidehill
Gougers or Are Caterpillars Deadly?"
It's about a school teacher in
the back hill country. Side
gougers are people who walk along
the side of a hill so much one
leg gets shorter than the other.

It's rather amusing.

LATER-

Dr has really been a lazy
day - sleeping and reading
about the extent of our activities.
Even Ra Na & Tooty have had
about six naps.

Michael K. came out last
night to pick up Paris tent. He
& Gary (the guy who helped them
move) went camping at Forestville
last night. Pam went to the
Dr. Clay concert.

Paul & Kathy have been in &
out a few times.

Dad will take your tax back
tomorrow & we'll mail the card
to the Palmer House so that will
be taken care of.

I guess we'll watch
Hardy Boys tonite & then the shows
on CBS. There's something to be —

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Rhoda, Archie etc.

We're watching the news
right now - Colorado got 40 inches
of snow yesterday - can you
believe it? —

As you can tell I'm
having a small ~~trouble~~ problem
trying to find something to write
about —

We feel much better about
your situation after seeing
you yesterday & I'm sure it
won't be long until you're
back in the swing of things.

Keep writing

We love you —

Mom, Dad

Paul

Kathie

& Toby

5/9/78

Mon nite

Hi Peter!

We're watching George Burns on "Israel's 30th Birthday" Special.

We finally had to turn the heat back on after practically freezing to death — what kind of spring weather is this?

Clara got her hair cut this last weekend. It really looks nice. Her birthday is this Thursday — I'll probably bake her a cake. Betty Peters, the teacher aide for the block program, is going to Europe on Friday. Janet Robinson has ordered her a bowl voyage cake for Thursday — hard on the old dish.

Dad sent your watch in this noon —

He got another box of books today — some of them look pretty good.

Lennis told us he's going to take his driver's test on Wednesday — He hopes to get a car this summer.

Ka Wu stayed home today — he didn't even care — he hates to go out when it rains.

Paul is working 7:30 - 4:00 for a few days. The guy that is usually on that shift is sick — maybe with pneumonia.

Mother went to work at the drop in center today so I didn't go over there as soon — I'm missing all the excitement on "Aldy My Children".

We don't have Bethel this week. Pastor Raedeker is going to hear Paul Harvey.

The juss turned over to
Mash. Theyre having a race
on crutches.

Did you watch the Edie's
special last night?

Dad says he got the garden
juss about all spaded over. The
plants are doing all right & the
grass is starting to grow around
the house.

We're really full of news,
aren't we?

We'll try to do better
tomorrow —

Love,

Your family

Thom

Dad

Paul

Kath

&
Toby

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5/10/79

Tues nite

Hi Peter!

We just got home from babysitting Tony. Pam taught her class at Methodist & Mike taught at Schmidt.

They're moving upstairs — top floor with a balcony — at the end of the month. They also bought a new davenport & love seat at Trade Mart today. Sounds like things are going well for them, doesn't it?

Tony is so active — he wriggles all over & gets up on his knees & then his feet. It won't be long before he either crawls or pulls himself up to stand.

We were glad to get today's letter — it sounds like you're making ~~prog~~ progress!!!

After all the planning for a special secretaries-teacher aides ~~party~~ end-of-the-year party, we have now been extended a special invitation to attend ^(the teachers) their party.

They say it was an oversight — they meant to invite us all along.

We got another box of books today — they're slowly trickling in. I'll probably type out the list tomorrow.

Today was overdue day so we were pretty busy.

It's supposed to be in the 70's tomorrow I hope so — it's about time we have Spring!

I stopped at Dayton's after school & got a butterfly stick pin for Clara's birthday — also a cake mix so

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I can bake her cake tomorrow.
I wanted to get her a little
something to pay back for all
the rides she gave me to Piggly.

I didn't get to see "All my
Children" again today. Paul's car
is "broken" so we had to give
him a ride to Kentucky Fried
to get Kathy's car at noon.

Paul & Kathy say "Hi".

Bob Kypinos is coming home
from Hawaii — he isn't going to
make it to Australia — ran out
of money, I guess.

Jon didn't have surgery today
— it's tomorrow morning.

Guess that's it for today.

I'm keeping your "journals".

Love to you from
all of us —

P.S. Lisa Thompson
told me her brother
goes to school there
days — have you
met him?

Moore

Joe

Paul

Kathy

Ra Nu

&
Toby

Thursday.

5/11/78

Hi Peter!

Dad said they don't want us to use Clinic mail service anymore— something about policy — so I want to get this written & mailed before we go home.

It was nice out again today. Surprise— two days in a row!

He had a fire drill this morning, but it only lasted a few minutes. I wonder how they manage to make them last so long in the winter time.

I finally got over to Mother's this noon & watched a little of "All". Benny & Billy Clyde just about had a fight over Estelle and Brooke caught Phoebe out of her wheel chair!

He had cake to say goodbye to Betty this morning & cake to wish Clara a happy birthday.

this afternoon — I just had small pieces.

Dorothy Daly (the aide for Social Studies) wrote up a cute note to send around to that department (I'm enclosing a copy) Mr. Cas asked her to ask the others if they wanted to go to lunch & she came up with this—

We don't have class tonight. It's kind of nice to have off.

Loretta just left. She asked about you as have many others.

Chin up!

Love to you from us.

Mom, Dad

Paul, Kathy

Ka Na + Toby

TODAY'S MENU Barbeque Turkey on Bun, Pickles, Green Beans or Peas and Carrots, Bread and Butter, $\frac{1}{2}$ Pt. Milk, Fresh Orange w/Cookie. Cold Plate.

STUDENTS

ADVANCED PLACEMENT EXAMINATION Students who signed up to take the AP English exam please report to the Main Office Conference Room (1-102D) on Monday, May 15 - 8:00 a.m.

SENIOR BREAKFAST Seniors: Senior breakfast is coming up soon. Get on the ball and buy your tickets now. Tickets are on sale in front of commons. Price \$3.85. The date for this fun affair is Tuesday, May 30th. (CVZ)

DRILL TEAM There will be short meeting for senior drill team members in room 2-132 at 3:15 on Thursday, May 11 (TODAY). (Ginther)

GAB CLUB All girls and boys who will be seniors or juniors next year and want a little sis or little brother, should fill out a form available in the Guidance Office. They should be turned in to the Guidance Office by Friday, May 12.

STUDENT COUNCIL ELECTIONS Voting for Student Council Representatives is today.

Pick five candidates from your class to represent you for the following year.

F.C.A. There will be a meeting this Thursday night at 7:00 at Lorrie Hahn's house. Her address is 1652 Wilshire Dr. NE. Mr. Pucci will be showing a movie, so everybody should try to make it. (RP)

CAR WASH There will be a car wash this Saturday, May 13th. Penny's Auto Center at Apache Mall from 10:00 - 4:00 p.m. Get off the winter salt and sparkle for spring! \$1.00. (PK)

LOST White canvas purse. Please return to main office.

FACULTY

F.R. ELECTIONS The term of office for some of our F.R.s is about finished. Our yearly election will be held on May 31. Get involved. We need good people. If you are interested in running submit your name to your F.R. (GS)

AV INVENTORY SHEETS Please return the AV inventory sheets to the library or my mailbox. (LDK)

MAKE-UP FACULTY MEETING REMINDER to those who missed the Small Group Faculty Meetings--Make-up session in the Conference Room 7:30 a.m., Friday. (REW)

SENIOR BREAKFAST If there are any teachers or staff who have time off Tuesday, May 30 and would like to attend the senior breakfast, you may buy a ticket in front of the commons during both lunches. Price \$3.85. Hope to see you there. (CVZ)

STUDENT COUNCIL ELECTIONS Voting for Student Council Representatives is today. If you need extra ballots, check with the main office. Turn in ballots after homeroom to main office. Inform your students that they should pick five reps. from each class. Thank you. (Radke)

TENNIS Please excuse the following for tennis match in Austin at 2:30 p.m.: Paul Gorman, Scott Kaese, Jon Sahs, Bruce Turlington, Kevin Gorman, Rob Stroebe, Jim Duncan, Doug Robertson, Tom Laedke, Troy Amaris. Thanks. (Gray)

TODAY'S MENU Tomato Soup w/Crackers, Toasted Cheese Sandwich, Pickles, Cole Slaw or relishes, Bread and Butter, ½ Pt. Milk, Pineapple Chunks. Cold Plate & Chef Salad.

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2) Students who signed up to take the AP Math exam please report to the Main Office Conference Room (1-102D) on Wednesday, May 17 - 8:00 a.m. (DJM)

DECLAMATION The declamation banquet will be held at Howard Johnson's Saturday night, May 13. The program will begin at 7:00 p.m. Dress for the occasion.

SOUTHTOWN SINGERS CONCERT Next Friday, May 19, the Southtown Singers will present their annual final concert. Special guests will be the Prairie Night Flyers. Showtime is 7:30 and it's free. (GS)

UP WITH PEOPLE Congratulations to John Richardson and Randy Hertle. "Up with People" selected them both to travel with their show for one year beginning in July. (GS)

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DISCO DANCE Hey everybody! Finally there will be a Saturday Night Fever hitting Rochester! Saturday, May 20 everyone come to the Disco Dance at the Mayo Civic Auditorium North Hall. KWWK's Disco Machine -- lights and records -- the whole bit! Dance from 8 - 12 p.m. Admission \$1.50. Bring your friends. This is what everyone's been waiting for so don't miss it! (GS)

YOUTH BASEBALL Any boys interested in umpiring (RYBA) at Zumbro Park or Soldiers Field during the summer, (\$6.00 per game) see Mr. Smick for more information.

GAB CLUB Attention little sisses! Bring your big sis to the GAB Club Senior Farewell party on May 17th at 3:30 in the Commons. Remember when she took you out around Christmas. Now it's your chance to take her out. Come and enjoy food and fun. Next year board members will be announced. (TC)

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MISSING DISHES The Home Economics department is missing approximately 30 bread and butter plates (6½" diameter, white Centura by Corning). These plates probably were used to serve a dessert or snack last Spring or Fall and represent a replacement cost of over \$150. If you know where these plates are, please contact Pam Haack.

STUDENT COUNCIL ELECTIONS Due to a mix up in the junior and senior class representative elections, students will be voting again in their homerooms today. Please be sure to pick up your ballots before the homeroom period today and try to return them to the main office by 4th hour at the very latest! Thanks.

Good Morning, Peter,

5/13/78 Friday

It's a weird day at school - no one is here, well hardly anyone. It's senior skip day & I think a few juniors & sophomores are taking advantage!

After work last night we went over to see Pam & Mike's new denverport & love seat - ~~it's~~ ^{they're} plaid & very nice. When we got there Tony was sitting on the love seat playing with his telephone. Pam & Tony decided to come home with us because Mike was working at Schmidt. Tony has evolved into a new stage - he is afraid of strangers and wants only his mom & his crib. He wouldn't go to sleep at our house because we don't have a white crib (ha!) Pam had to hold him all night until he finally conked off at 10:30. Well, she didn't really hold him all that time but he kept

a close watch on her.

Uncle Simon is asking Paul to be an
usher at his wedding, too — so that's
good — although now we have to
rent a tux. Oh, well — it's an honor &
I'm glad Paul is included!

Uncle R. came down on Monday &
He & Grandpa went to St. James, MN
to look up all the family history on
the Reynolds side. He is doing a
family tree & becoming quite involved.
They went to visit Gordon too & all
in all had a nice day together.

Later Pat O'Neill just came roaring in (literally)
He has been offered (& accepted) a job with
a 100,000 watt radio station in West Palm
Beach, Florida starting right after graduation
— his pay will be \$300⁰⁰ per week! Pretty
nice, huh?

Guess what!

Loretta's returning.

Until tomorrow —

DD

Love from All of us

Mom Dad Paul Kathy Ka Nu & Tony

5/15/78

Thurs - while
waiting for Dad

Hi Peter!

By now I'm sure you're all
settled in and getting used to the
"no"-tyme.

School went pretty much the
same as usual. It's really getting
hot in the library & we had the
fan running most of the day.

Mrs. Graen is angry because the
secretaries & aides weren't invited to
the big Spring thing - (dinner &
party) the teachers are having, so
she sent a note around suggesting
that we either

- a: have a dinner party of our own
- b: have a social hour - snacks & stuff
after school some night
- c: have a pot luck lunch
- d: have lunch at the Holiday Inn on
the last day (Mon the 5th for teachers)

I chose d we'll have to see what
the rest choose.

I gave Dawn the money & she
got the ticket - \$5.50 my treat, ok?

Dad & I had to go home this
noon because Paul had called Dad
& told him that when he turned on
the bathroom light - smoke came out.

He didn't know if we'd find a house
or not - but it was still there -

Toby too! I guess Dad has to put
a new switch in.

I didn't go to Mother & Grandpa's
this noon because they went to the
Cities to visit Alice etc.

Then driving past Kentucky

598 rec'd

Fried on the way over here I
looked for Kacie & she waved.

Can you think of anything
you for for yet. I'll bet not —
you surely must have most
everything you need.

Let us know if you get the paper
& if you do I'll start clipping.

It has turned a little nasty —
windy & cloudy. It looks like it
might rain.

I think Paul Lofgren must be
going to be an exchange student
this summer. He was showing
pictures to someone of his "host
family's" home in California.

I hope you can read my
writing. Dad always says he can't.

Guess that's all I can think
of for now.

Love,

Mom, Dad

Paul, Kathy

Ka Nu & Toby

Hi Peter—

Monday
5/27/78

That was quite a surprise yesterday when Karen came out with you — you'll have to write & tell us what happened.

He got up & went to Sunday School (192nd) & Bible class (me) yesterday, but not church because it was confirmation. He bought a Beck Bible, which is a translation in everyday language & very good according to Pastor Ruedike, at the book table in Fellowship Hall.

Dad planted the garden & I planted the flowers in pots so they can be moved when mowing (Dad's idea) & did some washing & reading.

After leaving you we went on the picnic on Anderson's land. It was nice & there & good to see them again.

Betty said they bought a piano for Sonja's birthday — Baldwin, I'm anxious

Some sentence.

to see it.

I think I was up about half the night with wood ticks. I picked at least 6 off & put them in the window — ick! This must be a good year for them.

One of Dad's SS ^(Jim Postier) Kids was at Oxbow Park — on the outing we saw — & got hit in the eye. He's in the hospital. The got him a cast.

I forgot to bring my "walking shoes" today — wonder how I'll do in my "Clippers" —

Write if you can — we miss
your journals —

Love —

Mom Dad Paul Kathryn
Pam, Mike Tony Ka Ren & Toby

Monday a.m.

Hi Peter!

It sounds like they're drilling for oil in here. They're really drilling the old swimming pool out - with jack hammers! We'll probably all have headaches by the end of the day. Mr. Herman doesn't know if they'll be able to have the Spartan Scene - it's so loud in there.

It was so nice to have you home yesterday.

When we got back everyone was eating, so we did too. No one stayed very long. Alice + Mike wanted to get going home & Pam + Mike had to go to Kaporos.

We watched 'Archie' + 'Alice' & 'Bronnigan' with John Wayne & then went to bed.

I asked Lisa J. about your t-shirt she's checking on it for us.

More later -

later - They did have the Spartan Scene - called down & asked them to stop for a while.

Pat O'Neill has been offered another job - in Davenport, Iowa - for more money, but he already accepted the first one.

Mr. Schuchert doesn't want Loretta's job so I guess they'll post it. That makes 2 vacant jobs up here - Clara's too.

The Company Banquet is Friday, May 26 at 8 pm. at school, on stage. according to Lex, who just happened to be passing through when I was writing this.

Do you have any hobby ideas yet?

Let us know if you don't have enough money.

Must go -

Love you -

Mom, Dad

Paula Kathy

Ka Ne + Toby

LL-LI-5

Hi Peter —

5/24/78

Tues.

I'm sitting in Med. Sci. lobby waiting for Dad so thought I might as well write to you. How did it go at school? Well, I hope. It sounded like the kids were glad to see you.

We took Wayne & Lorretta out to breakfast this morning — Dad went, too. We had a nice time — in fact we didn't leave for school until 10 to 8! I mentioned the kids might be beating the door down — Wayne said, "More likely kicking it in!"

We also had a birthday party for Mrs. Huas — (counselor that retired last year) from 9-10:30 this morning (comes ^{a go} when you can) so I wasn't hungry for lunch this noon.

We really worked today getting the Senior overdue list out — all three of us wrote like mad & then I typed it, ran it off & put in the mailboxes just at 4:00 — took about cutting it close!

I walked downtown after school in 35 min — getting better!

It looked like rain all day — but didn't make it — It's supposed to be 80° most of the rest of the week —

Until tomorrow — Love —

Your group —

TODAY'S MENU Pizzaburger, potato chips, tossed salad or relishes, bread and butter, $\frac{1}{2}$ pt. milk, fresh banana. No salad bar or combo lunch.

STUDENTS

AFS CLUB MEETING The last AFS meeting of the year will be after school on Tuesday, May 23 in room 2-125. We will be electing next year's officers, and sampling the honey sundaes which we will be selling at the county fair this summer, see you there!!!

END OF YEAR TRANSCRIPTS If you would like an end of year transcript sent to the college you have chosen, please stop in the Guidance Office and fill out a request form. WE DO NOT SEND THESE TRANSCRIPTS AUTOMATICALLY. YOU MUST FILL OUT A REQUEST FORM. (DM)

COMPANY BANQUET If you participated in theatre this year as a part of cast, crew or orchestra, you are invited to the annual Company banquet. There will be a spaghetti dinner, the Charlie Awards presentation, election of next years officers and the announcement of next years theatre season. You can even join Company just for the banquet if you're eligible. Price is \$1.00 for members and \$2.00 for non-members. Be there at 6:30 p.m. at Mayo auditorium May 26. See ya there, cupcakes!!!!!! (DJ)

MOTORCYCLE EDUCATION All students who have signed up for Motorcycle Education or want to sign up - stop in the Planetarium today. (ST)

MAYO-JM BASEBALL The Mayo-J.M. baseball game will be played on Wednesday, May 24 at 4:00 p.m. at Mayo Park. (KE)

LIBRARY MATERIALS All library books and materials are due today. Please return them as soon as possible. The senior overdue list will be out Wednesday, the junior and sophomore list on Thursday. Check to see if you have overdues. (LK)

CROSS COUNTRY SIGN-UP MEETING Wednesday, May 24th in the varsity locker room at 3:10 p.m. (RH)

STUDENT COUNCIL Those people wishing to participate in the St. Olaf summer workshop for Minnesota State Council members must stop in to pick up registrations from Mr. Radke in 2-246 no later than Wednesday, May 24. (RR)

A SQUAD FOOTBALL There will be a meeting of all boys who are interested in playing A squad football next fall. The meeting will be in the wrestling room on Thursday, May 25, at 3:15 p.m. (RP)

FHA Last meeting of the year - Wednesday, May 24 at 3:15 p.m. in room 2-113.

FACULTY

REA-MEA SPECIAL ELECTION A special election will be held on Wednesday, May 24 to replace Larry Koench on the MEA board. A ballot box will be set up in the mail room, with ballots to be placed in REA members mail boxes. Please vote!!!

STUDENTS

SENIORS Tuition reciprocity forms have finally arrived. Pick them up in the Guidance Office.

Wed.

5/28/78

Hi Peter —

It was hard to get up this morning —
I guess I'll be glad when I'm done for the
summer. Did you see how foggy it was?

I expected to take most of the morning
getting the sophomore & junior overdue
lists ready to go & then typed up —
they're always in quite a mess when
Loretta finishes with them but she wanted
them done as soon as possible so I rushed
& then didn't have much to do the rest
of the day.

It was almost chilly out when I
walked to Mother's this noon, but quite
hot by 4:15.

Mother & Grandpa drove to Cannon
Falls to meet Dale & bring Ann Marie
home with them - they're baby sitting
while Dale & Pat go to Miami for a
few days.

We're looking forward to your
call tonight & hope you're feeling better.

Pam said Grandpa bought Tony
some sandals — they're brown, I'll bet
they're cute.

Write — See you soon

Love Mom Dad

Tobias who sits with me but not a Ho.

TODAY'S MENU Oven fried chicken, cranberries, buttered mashed potatoes or steamed rice, coleslaw or green peas, bread and butter, ½ pt. milk, pumpkin pie w/topping.

STUDENTS

USHERS FOR BACCALAUREATE All ushers should pick up green jackets from Mr. Pucci during the school day on Wednesday. Be at Mayo Civic Auditorium by 6:45 p.m. (Tom Ostrum, Tom Stamman, Paula Hollenhorst, Nancy Belau)

COMPANY BANQUET If you have always secretly suspected that people who are involved with theatre are a bunch of "crazy guys" and you'd like to join them, here's your chance. Friday night at 6:30 p.m. in the auditorium, Mayo's annual Company banquet will take place. Cost is \$1.00 for members and \$2.00 for non members. Anyone can come, provided that you have participated in a play at Mayo as cast, crew, or orchestra. Dinner, slides of this past season, election of new officers, and the announcement of next years season. Be there!!!(DJ)

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ATHLETIC EQUIPMENT The following girls have not checked in their practice shorts for basketball: Julie Hostak, Georgia Toogood, Luann Benson, Karen Robb, Suzanne Bollman, and Lori Jones. Please check them in to room 2-102

GOOD BYE PARTY On June 10th there will be a "Good-bye Party" for Ulla Lofgren. The party will start about 6:30 p.m. and will be at Melody Tiedeman's house. If you are planning to come, please contact: Melody Tiedeman, Ulla Lofgren or Doli Zeidan. Hope to see you there, come hungry!!!!

F.C.A. There will be an important meeting today after school, in the commons area, for anyone interested in becoming an officer. All those who are interested should attend. (RP)

FACULTY

TENNIS MATCH Please excuse the following all day for tennis conference tournament today: Bruce Turlington 12, Kevin Gorman 10, Rob Stroebel 12, Doug Robertson 10, Britt Olander 12, Troy Amaris 10, Tom Laedtke 10. (BG)

DROPS: Jacqueline Gabor 10, Shirley Lappier 10, Rory Smith 11

STUDENTS

BOYS GYMNASTICS Any boy interested in being on the gymnastics team next year please come to room 2-119 after school tomorrow for a short meeting. (BD)

ODYSSEY The 1978 Odyssey will be distributed from the journalism rooms between finals over the lunch hour and after school on Thursday, June 1st. Seniors may pick up their books up at 2-247A Juniors 2-247B and sophomores from the journalism room 2-248. Please stay single file. Plastic book covers will be on sale for 50¢ but no extra yearbooks will be sold until all reserved copies have been picked up. (JV)

→ Do I have to present your stub?

Thurs.

Hi Peter—

Today I'm sitting in the window at school waiting for Dad. It was raining so hard a few minutes ago you could hardly see outside. When I called Dad he said it wasn't even raining down there!

I thought we might get something like this it was so sultry this noon. Oh well, it gave me a chance to get a few boxes for Pam & Mike— it's kind of hard to carry them when I walk.

Today was busy— mostly with class ends— this cleaning everything out.

I think I'll fix waffles & Spam for supper— but you're having something better.

Love to you
from us

TODAY'S MENU Cook's Choice. Chef salad and cold plate.

STUDENTS

A SQUAD FOOTBALL The A squad football meeting for next year's team members has been changed to next Tuesday, May 30 at 3:15 p.m. in the wrestling room.

COMPANY BANQUET If you knew where you could meet with about 75 of your friends, have a complete dinner for \$2.00, enjoy the music of the Southtown Singers and more, and be one of the first people to know what the theatre season for next year is, would you go there? If you are interested, all you have to do is proceed with dignity and decorum to the auditorium, 6:30 p.m., May 26th for Companys annual banquet. Everyone who has participated in a play at Mayo as a Member of the cast, crew, orchestra is invited to be there. But don't forget the dignity and decorum!!!

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GIRLS SWIM TEAM To all of you potential swimmers for the 78-79' swim season! There will be a brief but informative meeting after school today, 3:15 in front of the main ofrice. FEATURE ATTRACTION: special appearance by our magnanimous head coach Sam Bailey.

INTRAMURAL SOFTBALL Results of the championship softball game: KOLB 12
PATHOULAS 9

Dan Leitzen was MVP with a double and a triple. Congratulations!!!!!!!!!!!!(BD)
BOYS GYMNASTICS A reminder to any boy interested in gymnastics next fall please come to room 2-119 today for a short meeting. (BD)

FACULTY

TRACK Please excuse Boys Track at 1:15 instead of 2:15 today. (RM)

6/1/78

Tuesday

Hi Peter,

Loretta's reception was held in the Cafeteria today after school & Clara & I went. Kay^{Johnson} came over from John Adams too. There were quite a few teachers there. Mrs. ~~Schuchart~~ ^{Schuchart} read a little speech about her & Sally Martin presented her with a plaque from the school board. She also got a lifetime sports pass from the school & a gift. Ruth Drummond sent flowers. They had a good dessert, coffee & punch.

It was hard to get back in the groove after 3 days off. The straightened books I put them in order all day — it wasn't too thrilling.

Nancy Simon says Paul is going to be invited to Dile's bachelor party in the Cities — I wonder how Kathy will feel about that? —

Please excuse the writing — I'm using a book for a desk —

Until tomorrow — Love
from the

Wed.

Hi Pete —

6/1/79

The new plays are "The Miracle Workers" (Helen Keller)
Nov 10 & 11

"The Imperial Nightingale"
Feb. 22, 23, 24

"Don't Drink the Water"
Apr 27 & 28

Thurs am — in a hurry

I'll pick up your annual today & will
bring it over at 5 — as planned. It
looks like a nice day for your trip —
we're so happy you're going — I know
you'll have a good time.

Loretta is talking about taking us
to breakfast tomorrow for Claire's leaving
party — I'll probably bake another
cake — after class tonite!

Nancy Simon said she got the flowers
for Dad's wedding for \$105⁰⁰ from a
gal ^{just} going into business —
Must run home
All Best

TODAY'S MENU Cooks choice. No salad bar or combo lunch.

STUDENTS

SUMMER SCHOOL ASSIGNMENT Summer school assignments may be found by the bulletin board by the attendance office. Be sure and check time and the room number. (ND)

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LOCKERS Be sure and clean out lockers this week. Anything left after Friday will be given away. Library books must be returned. (ND)

ALL CITY MIXER Once again the Rochester Benevolent Police Assoc. is sponsoring an All City Mixer on June 3rd at the Mayo Civic Auditorium. The band will be "Visage", from 8:00 to 12:00. All graduating seniors get in free with I.D.'s, all others \$1.50 there will snacks available too.

SPRING ATHLETIC AWARDS for boys and girls will be presented in the auditorium on Thursday, June 1, at 7:30 p.m.

B HOCKEY PICTURES - some J.V. hockey players have not picked up team pictures yet. See Mr. Volker as soon as possible.

FOWLER'S U.S. HISTORY INVESTORS Attention: All of Mr. Fowler's 1st semester history students - your stock has been sold (unfortunately) you can pick up your return in front of the commons today during both lunches. Any money not picked up will go into your class treasury(after my cut for the Fowler poor teacher foundation)!! Gen Mills-2nd hr - 90¢, Bank Amer. 5th hour - 96¢ RCA 6th hour - 95¢. (LF)

SUMMER MOVES If you are moving out of our school district this summer and will not be attending Mayo next year, please let Mrs. Robinson..in the main office know.

REMINDER to all CAP students that the Appreciation Dinner is tonight at the Plummer House at 6:30 p.m. See you there!!!!(LF)

FACULTY

TENNIS Please excuse the following for tennis meet - All Day - Kevin Gorman, Doug Robertson, Troy Amaris, Tom Laedtke.

Wednesday

6/9/78

Hi Peter!

Dad was telling me about your canoe trip — it sounds exciting. I didn't know about the camp you told about either — you're getting a lot of "connections."

I'm glad you've decided to stick it out — you'll be happier in the long run I'm sure. It won't really be like going to school year around. Once you finish your present subjects you can take 'fun things', can't you?

The sky looked threatening this noon — I heard there was a storm at the airport that didn't reach the city — Wonder how Toby managed?

Dad has probably told you that Paul sold his car — ^{Hooray!} ~~Yay!~~

Did Dad also tell you about your

Watch? The company never received it
So the post office has put a tracer on it —
luckily we insured it!

I've really been swamped at work —
everyday Loretta thinks of something more
for me to do. She has been coming in
everyday — they're painting her apartment
& she can't stay there.

The secretaries & Mr Davis & Mr
Colony went out for lunch yesterday at
the Ground Round. For some reason I
don't think their food is ^{as} that good.

Mrs. J. has been here every day —
I think he's doing district work.

I'm planning to go shopping after
work — I get off at 4 now & don't

have to be in until 7:45.

Love

Mom

D.

Dad Paul Betty
Mike Tony LuNu & Ann.

6/14/78

Tuesday morning

Hi Peter!

Everytime we tried to call you last night someone was talking on our line.

Sunday we slept late and then went to church.....it was so hot in there I thought I was going to pass out. They should really air it out the night before or something.

We stopped at Northwest Fabrics to look at the vinyl once more (actually to buy the 5 yards of brown because that is what Dad figured we needed the night before), but they had sold it. We looked at what they had and decided either white or yellow might look good or we would have to wait until they got more brown in. Dad didn't want to do that so the gal cut off some samples for us to try and we went home. Oops.... forgot something....we stopped at Pam and Mike's to get the sewing machine and Pam and Tony were alone because Mike was being feressed (spelling?)/ He had to spend the afternoon selling and Pam has been trying to sew on the bridesmaids' dresses but not having much luck with Tony crawling all over and getting into everything, so I agreed to watch him while she and Dad sewed. He fell asleep on the way home and we put him on the pink quilt (everybody's favorite!) on the floor in our room and he slept for four hours!!

Dad I and I ~~xxxx~~ decided the white would look the best, changed clothes and went back in to get it. We laid it out on the floor and started cutting. We didn't really get too much sewing done, mostly figuring.....I think we need an instruction book ...I'm going to look for one here today.

I didn't go to Mother's for lunch yesterday....the gals here went out again. They go almost everyday, I go with them about once a week....it's all I can ~~xxxx~~ afford, or really care to spend. I wonder what happened on "All My Children"? They'll have to fill me in today.

Mr. J. asked about you again yesterday....he's very interested.

Guess I'd better close and get busy, also I want to get this in the morning mail.

Oh, Loretta dropped in for a few minutes yesterday...you might know they only time all day that Dorothy and I stopped working for a few minutes to talk.....oh, well!

I'll call you about your shorts today.

Much love,

Mom Dad

Paul Kathy

Pam Mike Tony

KaNa & Toby

6/14/78

Wed. 14th

Hi Peter!

We just finished having coffee. Dorothy had baked some good sugar cookies and we all enjoyed those! Since today is Jeannette Dunlop's last day it was suggested that we all take her to lunch.....only four are going, everybody is broke....

I wanted to ask you last night if you would like to cut off your tan cords and use them for shorts and I would get you a new pair of long pants or if you would rather have other shorts. Also your watch finally arrived at the Gillette Company in St. Paul and it will cost \$10.00 to fix it or \$19.95 for a new one....what would you like to do? I wonder where the Post Office finally found it?

Dad has been sewing like mad on the boat seats. He says he'll never go in to the upholstery business....it's too tough.

Dr. Wright brought a person up yesterday that is interested in the librarian job. She has worked as an elementary librarian, but was ~~laid~~ laid off when they did all the cutting and is now employed at St. Mary's. I would say she is probably in her late thirties or early forties. She seemed to be very interested.

It looks like it might rain today, I hope it holds off until I walk downtown.

Paul and Kathy went to look at a truck they were interested in last night. I guess it was really in rough shape....they had to tow it in to Universal Ford....they'll keep looking. They're interested in a truck now because they think they can put a topper on it and have cheap lodging for traveling.....State Fair and etc.

About the only thing I have left to do here now is go through the shelf list cards and stand up all the cards that ^{have} ~~were~~ missing in 1977 ^{on them} (books that were missing, that is), check to see if they came back, if they did erase the missing note, if they didn't remove the card. It is not too exciting!

Dennis is riding with us again. He got a job at Library Processing (across from Sears Warehouse) and didn't get his license yet. He said he drove the wrong way on a one-way street. He thought it was going to be such a snap. It's too bad he can't spend more time practicing.

Guess that's all I can think of for now....

Love,

Your Group

Tuesday, May 25, 1982

5/26/82

Hi Peter

Dad has started to mow the lawn & I'm watching Maset but will go out soon to help him.

We went to a talk on bass fishing this noon. said it was really good.

The speakers were from ~~the~~ the organized club here in Rochester.

They are semi-pro bass fishermen. It seems they travel around and put on exhibitions. There are 28 members with a waiting list for when someone resigns. (they only want 28 members!)

Dad & Paul worked on Pami last night. Everything is done now except putting on the parts that haven't arrived yet.

We're doing inventory at work. Two mothers came in to help today. I don't think we'll get all done before school gets out. Dad & I will have to finish in the 3 extra weeks we work.

We had a birthday coffee today for all the summer birthdays. Mrs. Hansen & her crew fixed the lunch. It was a rhubarb dessert - very good!

I'll be calling you about this

weekend tonight. I hope you'll
decide to go with us & I hope
the weather cooperates.

He took Ka Na up to Gram's
yesterday. When we picked him
up the boys were there so they
came home with us while Dad
changed clothes & ate supper. They
each had a piece of French toast &
then went back to Gram's for their
regular supper. He was fixing
corn on the cob - it looked good.

Thursday Marnie is having
a goodbye party for Barb Lamb (the
lady from Iowa who moved up here
so her son could go to Mayo & play
hockey.) We're all taking something
& will have a pot luck supper.

Well, it's better to help Dad
See you Friday

Love

Mom, Dad

& Ka Na

Monday

Dear Peter,

6/15/92

We stayed up and saw your name on the credits last night — looked good!

Saturday Dad & I went fishing in the afternoon after taking the Nusk for a walk (so he wouldn't feel so bad about staying home). It went pretty good with the new motor but a little cramped to sit in the canoe for long.

Saturday night we went downtown & watched "Cruisin'". You wouldn't believe the cars cruisin' Broadway or maybe you saw it last year. Paul said we should be sure to go because it was something to see and he was right — cars, trucks & motorcycles of every description & people of all ages. We watched until about 9 &

then thought we'd better go home as Nuss had
been on the porch for quite a while.

Sunday we went to church & then to
Ray for lunch. In the afternoon, after
another walk, we headed for Wilcox
Resort on the river. He really decided
then that the canal is too small for
fishing! He's thinking now about trying
to repair the motor on the big boat.

-I guess the Carlsons, Bredmers &
Maasses will be coming out Wednesday
nite to further plan our weekend trip
— who will bring what etc. Also Tuesday
Betty will be finding out about our trip
the following weekend — busy weekends.

Work is so boring I'm wrapping up
odds & ends.

Guess that's all the news

See you in two weeks! Love,

Hi Peter!

6/21/78

Tues nite

I got your room all painted & it really looks pretty good if I do say so myself. Tomorrow I'll do the closets.

In order to move your train I put all the loose pieces in a box. — When I uncovered some of the places there was cat "wet" all over underneath so I took it all apart. It'll get some new green & set it all up again in Paul's room after the wedding, ok?

It was really smelly!

We were going to babysit Tony tonite while Pam went to her class but when we got there Mike was home. They had been trying to call us but our phone is out of order. I called the repairman & he's coming.

in the morning.

Pam + Tony are going pontooning tomorrow on a friend of Pam's boat. We got Tony a life jacket so he'll be safe.

The Reynolds + Lundbergs came down Sunday to wish Grandpa happy Father's Day. I told you about the picnic.

We walked up to see the new house tonight. It's not too bad. You'll have to see it on Saturday.

Jo is going to call Dr. Obetz tomorrow. I hope you'll know something about your exam soon.

We watched the "Scott Joplin Story" tonite. It was good, but kind of sad.

Paul is taking care of the dinner at the Kahler. He knows the people there.

Dad mowed the lawn when we got home.

Ka Nu has been barking his head off at some kids that are playing up at the new house. He sleeps on the chair on the porch practically all day.

It's really getting cold out tonight. There has been very strange weather this year — right?

Pat says Scott works 6 days a week — sometimes 10 hours a day at Valley Fair. He sleeps a lot when he's off. Guess that's it for now —

Love —

Mom, Dad

Paul, Kathy

Pam, Mike, Tony

Ka Nu + Toby

7/30/82

Dear Peter -

How are you doing? Things are kind of quiet around here.

I've been picking the little boys up from Vacation Bible School all week.

Tony says he likes it, Peter is non-committal. They bring a lot of art projects home every day so it appears they keep them busy.

Tony really misses you and wants to call you all the time. Maybe when you come home next time you can make it a point to see him.

Dad has been cleaning out the east side of the woods. He says he wants to be able to see out. It's really hard work. I was out there for a few minutes tonight and quickly gave up.

Ryan and Andy are down for this week and next. They're staying at Morker's and Lundberg's. Morker has Ryan this week. He has his knee falling off his bike and he has to have dressings put on it every night and also

has to take antibiotics. Mother
said she took him to "Annie" Tuesday
night and they really enjoyed it.

There's supposed to be a 3D movie
on channel 9 tonight. Aligee saw 3D
glasses for the boys so they can
watch it.

I've been going up to Grandma's
every afternoon this week as she
is babysitting the boys while Vicki
is on vacation.

He went down to Underwood's
Cabin last night and had a wiener
roast and then they taught us
how to play cribbage. It's a
good game for two people — or 4.

Guess that's all the news.
See you next weekend.

Love,

Mom & Dad

8/11/82

Wed am.

Hi Peter —

Please bring this form home on Friday so we can send it in.

I'm back at work now as if yesterday. It isn't too bad to get back in the old groove again especially since there are people around now.

We're going to Bible class this morning so this has to be a quick note.

Dad celebrated his birthday yesterday but we're going to wait until you're home to have cake etc. — probably next week and as we're invited to Roldens for a picnic this weekend.

I went to see one of my old friends, Nancy Mulholland, on Monday. We had a real long talk — she's sure a special gal.

Guess I'd better get going.
See you Friday

Love

Mom & Dad

Monday.

9/14/82

Hi Peter

Everyone has gone home and I'm here all by myself — I don't like it — at least I have my radio for noise.

Saturday afternoon Dad & I went over to Mantorville for Marigold Days. We didn't stay long because his ankle was too sore to walk around much & that's about all there is to do there — flea market and craft shops.

We did get an ice cream cone & ~~watched~~ ^{watched} the people for a while.

Then we continued on to Northfield for Jesse James Days. We watched the reenactment of the bank robbery & looked around a little then drove

out to the athletic field where they were holding a drum & bugle corps competition at 7:30 - (we wanted to know where it was ahead of time) The expected it to be free but instead they charged \$3 each. After much deliberation, we decided to stay so went to Kentucky Fried Chicken for supper and then headed back. It was really good - they had 5 corps competing. The judges walk around on the field right next to the people. Brass Incorporated from St Paul won with a total of 70 pts. Northfield had an entry for the first time this year. They called themselves the Jesse James Gang and they were pretty good!

Got home about 1 a.m.

Yesterday we took the boys for a ride to Lake City and Wabasha

They were a little fiesty. Last night we gave them a bath & then took them up to Grandmas as it was thundering and we had visions of being up all night with them. She is babysitting them this week.

Did you get bad storms? It rained 2 inches & blew 60 mph.

Grand called Paul this morning & I guess outside of a very wet sled they weathered ok

I hope you've straightened out your phone bill by this time — I hate to see them take advantage of you!!

It's 4:00 now so guess I'll

close and be on my way.

See you Friday

Love

Mom & Dad

9/23/82

Hi Peter,

It's 3:45 and I'm waiting for 4:00
so I can leave!

It's really beautiful out today,
at least it was when I went out
this noon. It's time we had some
decent weather. I hope it sticks around
for a while.

After you left Saturday we stopped
in at Shopko & had got some plastic
sheeting to put on the windows
downstairs. Then we decided it
was too late to go fishing so we
went home. We worked around
for a while & then decided to go
to Long John Silver's for supper.

In the meantime Kathy called &

wanted to know if she could come out
for the evening. She took her with
us & then picked up the little boys.
They played & entertained us all
night as we watched "Meatballs".

She got up about 7:30 on Sunday
(not too bad for the little guys - it
could have been earlier!) I
had to teach Sunday school - your
old class - 1st grade. They were
good & there was enough to keep
them busy for the hour so it went
pretty well.

She met everyone (Dale, Pat, Aliza, Mikella)
at Soldiers Field for our picnic at noon.
It was cold! And there were bees! But
all in all we had a good time. Went
over to Mother's about 2 & spent the
rest of the afternoon there. That night
we watched the Emmings so all in all (repeat)
it was a pretty good weekend - hope yours was.

Paul said the dance was the best ever!

10/13/82
Hi Peter,
Dad is out of the hospital. You'll know before you get this because we're going to call you tonight. He still has to take physical therapy treatments every day at the hospital - talked the therapist there in to continuing on with him, they wanted him to go to the Clinic. It really seems good to get back in the old routine and to have Hound home - I was getting lonesome for him.

It's homecoming week here at school. Today was sophomore spirit day and they were all supposed to dress in trench coats and hats -- a few of them did. Tomorrow is junior's day and they're supposed to wear beach clothes but no swimming suits. Thursday is senior's day and they're to dress in Sixties clothes - the seniors usually go all out and parade between classes etc. Dianne and I will probably get to go to the coronation on Friday - I hope so. I'll probably have to miss the parade as I don't get off until 4 unless with Dad picking me up we can get right downtown. Maybe we'll pick up the little boys too. They would enjoy it.

How are things going with your sleeptime? Better I hope nothing wears you out faster than not getting enough sleep.

I think we'll probably have my birthday party this Friday night. At least it won't be as late as Dad's was.

I'm typing this letter so you'll be able to read it. I started to write it and I couldn't even read it myself.

Andersons and Walbergs came up to see Dad in the hospital Sunday afternoon.

Dr. Ritman and Grandma came at the same time so we really had a room full.
The nurse even came in and asked us to quiet down. I guess Dick Brehmer
came yesterday while Dad was at therapy. He left some peanut brittle
from Fanny Farmer's. We ate it all up last night. It was really good.

Pam took a day of vacation and went up to the Cities today to visit her
friend Larry (from IPC).
Guess that's all the news. See you Friday.

Love,

Mom + Dad

Dear Peter -

10/20/92

It's really raining outside right now - thunder + lightening too. I wonder if we'll get the snow they're forecasting?

We won't be able to come up this weekend - I forgot we promised to babysit the boys. I'm getting some books together + maybe we can make some decisions this weekend. Target + K Mart both have some shelves on special.

Saturday afternoon we went fishing by Kabeshu - at least Dad did. I studied.

Saturday night we went to the Exchange Club film on Alaska

It was pretty good. We met Kruegers there.

Sunday we picked up Pam & the boys & all went to Wisconsin to the First House. I wish you could have been there. Pat & Ann Marie didn't come as Ann Marie had a soccer game.

That night we went over to Paul & Kathy's to see their tape on TV Bloopers. It was pretty funny.

Dad is getting bored at home — he washed windows, fixed Pam's car & Grandma's furnace & now he's running out of things to do.

See you Friday.

Love
Mom Dad
Kathy

2/23/83

Hi Peter,

We had a pretty dill weekend. Spent Saturday afternoon at Apache. Dad went to the fishing seminar and I listened for a while and then sat on the bench and watched people. I got talking to a lady from Plainview. She and her daughters were shopping for wedding clothes. When Dad finished we got an Orange Julius and then looked at boats some more. He's really interested in a Sylvan. It's pretty nice....has four bucket seats and is all carpeted. After we left there we went over to Darrell and Arline Walberg's to pay them for the tickets they got for us for the play at RCC on Saturday night. I think I told you all the coffee group is going. It's a dinner theatre....A Flea in Her Ear. We ^{it} stayed and talked for a couple of hours then headed home so Dad could see Hee Haw. That was our first Saturday night at home alone in a long time. Dad got to see Love Boat too.

Sunday we got up and went to church and Sunday School, then stopped at Long John Silver's for lunch. We went home and changed clothes and then stopped at Shopko looking for underoos for the little boys as their gift from Grandma Rue. We couldn't find the ones they wanted so called Pam to see if they'd rather have something else. She said she thought she saw them at Target so we went out there. We had Nustie with us all this time. He was enjoying himself curling up on the blanket case everytime we left the car. We found Peter's size at Target but not Tony's so drove to K Mart and there found Tony's size but not Peter's so backtracked to Target. We then delivered them and they were really happy with them. They and Pam had been sleeping. Tony was playing golf on the video game and Dad helped him a little. After we got home, in fact it was about 7:30 Tony called and said he had finished the game...-...2½ hours!

We just watched the regular shows Sunday night and of course the KSTP news.

I had off yesterday and mostly just laid around and watched TV and read.

Tonight is Weight Watchers I hope I've lost some more.

I'm thinking about having everyone out for pizza Friday night. Would

that agree with your plans? — Kathy has to work so I
See you Friday. guess we'll do it another time

Love,

Mom & Dad

3/1/93

Dear Peter,

After you left Saturday we went over to the rent all and rented a steamer. We used it on the wall paper and was that ever slick.....it took both layers of paper off just like that. I ran the steamer and Dad followed with a putty knife and we were done in about 2½ hours.

Saturday night we went to the dinner theater at RCC. The food was served in the cafeteria which they had fixed up to look like a restaurant..... candles on all the tables and screens with art work on them dividing the tables. They had a salad bar set up with a spot light on it and then an entree table. We had our choice of either turkey or beef, augrautin potatoes and green beans. For dessert we had raspberry sherbet.

The play was very good and Sonja did a nice job. It was a comedy so Dad really enjoyed it. There were some good character parts. Afterwards we went over to Walbergs for coffee and bars. Karen Walberg and her friend came along and Steve Anderson did too, so we had a nice group. We didn't get home until 1:00!

Sunday we missed Bible Class but picked Grandma up for church. She was quite nervous about going but then some of her friends came up and talked to her and I think she felt better. She was anxious to get back for dinner, though. We went home and changed clothes and then went to Kentucky Fried Chicken for lunch. We took Nust with us for a ride down by the river. The channel is open but the harbors are still frozen. Dad is getting excited.

To night I'm going to get groceries and then we'll probably watch MASH... it's the last show. Holiday Inn is even having a special party for it complete with a costume contest.

Tomorrow night we're supposed to have a special meeting of the secretaries'

group. They have'nt told us what for....it's pretty hush, hush, but I think it has to do with impeaching someone on the negotiating committee.

Guess what I just heard today? Dr. Wright is getting a divorce.

See you Friday at 5:15 at Nick's.

Love,

Mom + Dad

P.S. Kathy's birthday is ~~Friday~~ ^{Monday} so we're planning to take cake + ice cream over Friday nite — ok?

3/19/83

Hi Peter,

It's snowing out.....boo.....I thought spring was here.

We went to the travelogue after you left Saturday. It was on the capitols of Europe, Madrid, Rome, Amsterdam, London and Paris. It was really good. The pictures were so colorful and they showed the people and some of the things there are to do in the various cities. Afterwards we went home and got ready to go to John Barleycorn for dinner with Grandma and Grandpa, Dale and Pat, and Mike and Alyce. We had a very nice table near the windows and the food was delicious. We stayed there about two hours and then went over to Mother's to look at slides and talk. We didn't leave until one a.m. It was good to get together.

Sunday morning we got up and went to Bible Class and then went over to Mother's for brunch. She had scrambled eggs, ham, breads and toast with strawberry jam.....very good. We stayed ~~for a while~~ ^{until Dale & Pat left} then left because we wanted to take a ride down by the river. It was kind of a dismal old day but we enjoyed seeing the river and looking over some of the houseboats on shore by Wabasha. Someone told Dad about one that was for sale. It was a 30 footer, way too big and way too much work to be done on it. But I think Dad has the bug to get one again.

After we got home we had supper and then took Betty Anderson's birthday card over to her. We're only about two weeks late. We also took some cupcakes that had been in and out of the freezer several times (when we thought we were going up ^{there}). They had'nt had supper yet so we went with them to Wongs. Believe it or not that's the first time we have ever been in there. We didn't eat, just had a drink. Oh, we

did try an eggroll.

After we got home we went into their house for a while to have the cupcakes and then headed home. Trapper John was just getting over so we watched that and then your news.

Mayo lost the hockey game so they're out of the state tournament. The girls also lost their game, so guess we won't be going in girls' basketball either and I'm sure we won't go in boys' basketball so that about does it. Oh, well, we'll have to pick other teams to cheer for.

Oh, I guess I didn't mention that Dale and Pat showed their slides from their Carribean cruise. It's looked really neat. They hhd a good time but ate way too much. Three meals and two lunches are served every day and the food is just delicious.

See you Friday At Nick's.....5:15, okay?

Love,

Mom & Dad

3/23/83

Monday

Hi Peter!

I hope you aren't too worn out from your long ordeal Saturday night. They had the telethon on channel 10 following the basketball game so we watched a little.

Saturday afternoon we went to the boat show at Al's Specialty Shop. Dad picked out two boats he really wants....now he has to decide which one he wants the most. They had coffee, Pepsi and good cookies.

We tried to find Pam most of the day Saturday to see if she wanted to go shopping with me, but didn't locate her. We went to Bonanza for supper and I had the chicken Monterey which was recommended by Weight Watchers people. It was pretty good. They were really crowded. We had to wait for 20 minutes to get in. Of course, they're always crowded.

We watched the girl's basketball tournament both Friday and Saturday. Saturday night's game with Albany and Edina was really good. They went into overtime and Albany finally pulled it out.

Yesterday we went to Sunday School and church. Grandma had called and said she didn't want to go because it was too cold. Afterwards we went over to her house and changed clothes (we had brought our other clothes along ~~in the morning~~), then went to Long John Silver's for lunch. It was crowded there too. In the afternoon we went out to Apache. They were having a Cariatid Arrest Jail, which didn't amount to much, and gymnasts from Lang's Gymnastic School were performing. They were pretty good. Mostly little girls, and could they ever do flips

and bends. Then we just sat around out there and watched people. When we got home Paul called. He still doesn't have his car. I guess he and Sterling went round and round on Saturday. He told us Pam had been trying to reach us, so we called her. She wanted us to come over and listen to a guy from Alcoholics Anonymous. We went over about 7:30 and stayed and listened to him until 10. It was quite interesting. They really do a lot of good for anyone who is chemically dependent....~~wahah~~ whether it be alcohol or drugs.

Mother called yesterday to say that Pat Reynolds is in the hospital. She had the nerves to her stomach cut. I guess she's been having a lot of pain. She has an ulcer, you know.

Today has been pretty boring, I have run out of things to do except to look through newspapers for things to clip.....so that's what I did all day.

It's almost time to go so guess I'll close. See you Friday at Nick's at 5:15.....

Love,
Mom + Dad

3/31/83

Dear Peter,

It turned out to be a really cold, wet weekend. After you left Saturday we only stayed at the park a few more minutes. An ambulance went by and Mother was worried about Grandpa, so they left and soon everyone else did too. Pam and the boys were looking forward to going camping Sunday and Monday. Of course the weather didn't cooperate so I don't know if they went or not. We assumed they had but yesterday we went up to take Grandma's clothes to her and she said she had invited them to go to lunch with her so either they came home early or they never went. I'll have to call her today.

While we were up at Grandma's Dale and Pat came up to see her. They had come down Sunday and Dale stayed overnight here and Pat went on down to LaCrescent to visit her mom and dad. Dale and Uncle Gordon went down to Madelia yesterday. Grandpa didn't go along because he didn't feel good.

We worked on the house Sunday and yesterday and got the living room all ready to paint. We even took up the carpet. I think Betty Anderson knows someone who would like to have it, they will also take the mattress on the porch so we'll have those two items out of the way.

It really seems like Monday today I suppose I'll be confused all week.

Graduation is tomorrow night and I'm going to help so then I'll have four hours coming. Betty A. said she is having the girls come down to their chalet in the country on June 6....in the

morning.....so now I'll get to go. I'll probably come in and work a couple of hours then go down there and then come back and finish out the day.

I think we'll take Grandma out for supper for her birthday tomorrow night. Then we'll all celebrate this Friday night by taking her to the Fish House. I hope that fits in with your plans. I'm sure she'll love having all of us together.

Dad got your car all vacuumed out yesterday. It looks much better. He plans to wipe down the inside tonight and then give it a wash job. So it will be all ready for you.

Kathy called today and said they spent Friday and Saturday with their friends up in the Cities and had a good time. ~~Yesterday~~ Sunday they spent with Art and Fay and Lee and Sallybowling and watching the Indy 500. We listened to it as we were working ~~yesterday~~ Sunday.

I'd better get busy, we're finishing up all the odds and ends for the end of the year.

See you Friday at the house. We're planning to all meet at the church at 6:00 and then leave for the Fish House.

Love,

Mom & Dad

4/12/83

Hi Peter,

Today has been just great outside....sun and everything, but I guess it's short-lived because the bad weather is supposed to return tomorrow. I hear it's even warmer up there where you are.

After you left Saturday we went back home and showered and got ready to go to Sue Norman's wedding. We dropped the little boys off at Kapinoses and arrived a half hour early. There were lots of people there, in fact it was a pretty big wedding. The church was full. The wedding itself was very nice. Ian and Diane Crooks sang (remember he was a Southtown Singer). We sat with Jorgensons (Gen). Afterwards we went downstairs for punch. They waited until the bride and groom came down and cut the cake before they served lunch. It was really quite a spread....potato salad, fruit salad, pickles, buns, two kinds of cheese, ham and roast beef, nuts and mints, cake and coffee. They also had a dance at 8:30 at the Holiday Inn but we didn't go to that although we would have like to.

Instead we washed the boys hair and gave them baths. Tony woke up shortly after he went to bed and came up and sat on the stairway. I went down to ask him what was wrong and he threw up all over the stairs, then again in the hallway on the way to the bathroom. I got that mess all cleaned up and then in the middle of the night Peter started crying. I went downstairs and he had thrown up all over his bed. ICK!!!!

Yesterday we went to Sunday School and church, came home and changed clothes then went to Long John Silver's. We had a real good family meal for only \$7.99. Then we went up to visit Pam. She showed us all around the unit. It's quite similar to 5th floor at St. Mary's. We stayed and ~~xxx~~ talked and played games until 4 o'clock and then it was too late to go the Home Show which we had intended to do. We stopped and got groceries and then headed for home.

Last night we just watched TV, played checkers with Tony and read books. Oh, we cleaned house when we got home.....it was really a mess.

Andersons are coming over tonight for supper and to watch the Academy Awards.

I hope Tony and Peter eat nicely in front of them.....oh, well, Tony will.

See you Friday. I don't think we'll have the boys as this is Mike's weekend to take them.

Love,

Mom + Dad

4/5/83

Monday

Dear Peter,

Happy Birthday! Hope you're having a good day.

It's back to work for me today, at least back to work in the library. I worked downstairs with Rose all last week. Everyone had a good time during their break I don't know how they felt about coming back.

After you left Saturday we went to Fullerton's to look at kitchen cupboards. I found some I liked pretty well but we didn't take time to price them. I think we'll get some measurements first so we know what we'll need.

We rode around a little & looked at some other houses too.

Tues. am

We called Alyce & Mike to see if they wanted to play games but they had other plans with Ann (Mike's sister) (she came down from the Cities to spend Easter with them). So we just went home & watched TV.

Sunday we got up at 5 & went to sunrise service & then to breakfast. Pam & the boys were there when we got there. They were pretty good during the service. Pam was disappointed because they didn't have any special lighting. The eggs were good as usual & you must be right about them being kept in water as I had a wet spot on my plate.

Everyone came out to our house about 11 & we talked until 1:30 & then went in to Denny's. They treated us very well. We got to sit in a separate room where we didn't disturb anyone & vice versa. They had a ham dinner special - ham, potatoes, salad, vegetables, rolls & apple pie & beverage for \$4.95, \$3.95 for the kids and they ate it all up!

After we finished everyone went their separate ways. We rode around for a while & then went home.

I called Pam to see if she was going to watch "The Sting" & she was so we went over to watch with her. She was packing up as she heard from Methodist & they wanted her to come in at 9 on Monday. So now we have the boys for 28 days.

It's sure different getting 4 people ready in the morning - rush!

See you Friday at Nick's

Love,
Mom & Dad

9/19/93

Hi Peter!

It's really nice out today, cold but nice. We've had sunshine for three days now. It must be some kind of record.

After you left Saturday we went over to Fullertons to find out some more information on the kitchen cupboards. Then we went back to the house and Dad got to work. He worked until about 7, then we broke for supper and then worked again until 10. He got most of the big bedroom done. He's thinking about taking tomorrow and Wednesday off so he can get a big chunk of it done. He says he doesn't mind it now that he has a routine going.

Sunday we got up and went to Bible class and church. Grandma wanted to go so Dad went to get her between. Then we had lunch at Rax's and then headed for Mike's to pick up the boys. Peter was just black....he had been playing outside. Robin changed his pants and we went home so we could change clothes. Then we went up to the hospital to visit Pam. She wasn't there, but had left a message that she would be right back so we waited. Tony played War with one of the patients and Peter, Dad and I ate. They had candy, cookies, cheese and fruit juice there. We stayed until about 4:30 when she had a meeting. We went home and had supper and then took the canoe and the boat up to the other house. The boys were pretty tired so we got pajamas on and read books and then tucked them in.

While I was sitting waiting for Dad and the boys to plant a tree at Grandma's who should show up but Doug Schoonover. He got back from Arizona this last week. He said its a nice place to visit but he doesn't want to live there. All his friends are here.....including you. He'd like to

see you this next weekend. I told him I thought you'd be home on Saturday. I hope you're not planning to drive down on Friday night after your grueling week.

The secretaries are having a meeting tonight to decide what to do about our negotiations. I'll bet they won't settle with us all year. We've just lost a raise for a whole year.

Chip and the appraiser went out to the house this morning. Everything turned out fine. He was very impressed and appraised it high. So it looks like we could go ahead and order our car. Now we have to decide for sure what we want.....a van or a pickup and a small car.

Guess that's all the news. See you Saturday. Have a good week

Love,

Mom & Dad.

4/26/83

Hi Peter,

We were sorry we didn't get to have lunch with you before you left on Sunday. We had a nice time at Mother's and everyone missed you.

Scott had a lot of interesting stories to tell. He wore his uniform so we could all see it. Pam and Alyce took the kids to the park because they were so wooly. After they got back several of us walked over to the Dairy Queen for a treat. Peter wanted a cone with strawberries on it (literally) Pam ordered him a cherry dipped cone and he ate the cherry off and then said he didn't want the ice cream only the cone so Pam had to eat the ice cream. Strange little kid! After we left there we stopped over to give Grandma some money. We went in for a few minutes but didn't stay as it was so nice out and Dad wanted to get going. We went home and loaded up a bunch of stuff from the basement and then took it up to the white house. We went back home then and put the little boys into the tub.....they were really dirty.

We were just starting to read books when the phone rang. It was Pastor Mueller. He said he and his wife wanted to come out and how did they find us. They stayed until about 10:45 and then we fell into bed. I think this daylight savings time change is getting to us.

After school last night I got groceries, then picked up Dad. He dropped me off at Weight Watchers, then picked up the boys, then came back and got me. We had a fast supper and then went up to work. We had promised the boys a Dairy Queen when we finished. This time Peter ate the whole cone, ice cream and all.

I think we're going to go out and talk to Sterling about a car Friday

night. The boys will be at Mike's and remembering the last time we took them out there I think it's best we don't take them again. (I mean at the Ford garage....remember?)

Guess that's all the news. See you Saturday. Have a good week!

Love,

Mom & Dad

Hi Peter - 5/5/83

It has been a cloudy cold^{fast} today but
it's supposed to be better tomorrow - in the
60's

Pam is supposed to get out of the
hospital tomorrow. I don't know if
the boys are going home right
away or not.

Nancy Eckholm (the secretary in
the library) is quitting to take a
job at the Marquette Bank - secretary
to the president! Lennie is going
to apply for her job. I hope
she gets it!

We worked for a while yesterday
& then went to the Builders Show.
They had some interesting booths seeing
as how we're interested in all that
stuff right now.

We picked up the boys about 4 - had to wake poor Peter up then we got a Dairy Queen and bought groceries. We had frozen pizza for supper. It wasn't too good.

We watched TV some & then tucked them in.

We had to wake them up this morning & Peter was a little bear. First he didn't want to wear the shirt I had picked out, then he didn't have time to eat & that didn't make him very happy.

Sonja Schacht's husband went ^{wild} turkey hunting. I guess it's a big deal to be selected to go - only so many are. He had 4 days & had to buy special ~~camouflage~~ ^{camouflage} for his gun & ~~himself~~ ^{himself}. Someone in his group got one but he didn't.

See you on Nick's Friday Love,
Mom

5/10/83

Dear Peter,

We settled! They had a mediation session yesterday morning and Joan called us in to the conference room at 12:50 to announce that we should all leave school at 2:45 to meet at the AFL club to discuss an offer the school district had made. According to the offer I will get 40¢ an hour raise retroactive to July 1, 1982 through December 21, 1983. They I'll get 60¢ an hour more through July 1, 1984 when we'll be negotiating again. So that makes \$5.90 an hour this year and \$6.55 an hour next year. We didn't get seniority or anything else but Dianne thinks they will give seniority to the cooks this year and then we can work on it next year. They abolished group 1 and combined them with group 2 so now she is the same as me. She'll get 95¢ an hour raise this year. So you can see it's better for some than others. I guess they were really afraid we would go on strike.

We continued shopping around downtown picking up supplies Saturday. We got paint for the two bedrooms and now I'm not so sure I'm going to stick with those colors so maybe that will be an unnecessary expense. Saturday night we went to Krugers to play cards. Doobie was her usual sweet self. Dorothy showed us how she comes to get her ears cleaned. She just called her and said, "Let's clean your ears." She came running, laid down and turned to one side. After she finished cleaning one, Doobie turned over for the other one. I could just see KaNu doing that! She can also sit up and speak. It looks so strange to see a long dog sitting up. We stayed until about midnight and then I couldn't get to sleep when we got home. I last looked at the clock at 3:45.

We missed Bible class because we were so tired but got up in time for church. I had tried to call Pam to tell her about our plans for Mother's

Day but she wasn't home Saturday night and after I called her Sunday morning I remembered she was teaching Sunday School. We tried to get her several times during church and finally reached her from Mother's. When we got over there Mother said that Pam and Alyce decided we should go on a picnic. We went home and changed clothes and then met at Mother's, went to Kentucky Fried Chicken to pick up the food and all went to Soldiers' Field. I'm glad we went there because the little boys really had a good time. After a while Dad went up to work on the house and Pam gave Grandma and me a ride home.

Paul and Kathy stopped up about 7. They had spent the day with Kathy's mom. They hadn't had supper and neither had we so we stopped at Mr. Pizza and got some pizza to take home. We ate and talked and had a good time. I think you forgot Paul's little machine up at the white house.

¹⁴ Last night we went back to Jerry's to look at carpet. I decided that light color would get dirty too fast. This time we picked out some rust colors. I tried them with the davenport last night and they looked pretty good. I wish I could see them in the daylight, but I have to take them back today.

~~Max just had~~

We just had a fire drill. At least it was fairly warm out although that wind is whipping around.

See you Friday at Nick's.

Love

5/17/83

Hi Peter—

It seems like I painted the whole weekend away. Anyway I finished both bedrooms & that includes going over the smaller one twice & taping both twice.

We went to Bonanza for supper Saturday night. I had the chicken Monterey which is better than the steaks I think.

Sunday morning we slept in & then listened to church while we ate breakfast — then headed up there to work. Ka Nu really enjoyed the sunshine — he sprawled out.

We finally ate supper about 9 last night at Mr Pizza & then

went home.

The next door neighbor boy mowed lawn yesterday, some on Saturday & he still isn't done. It's really long.

The girls^(sec. & aides) are having breakfast together on Wed am. at Holiday Inn. I don't know if I can make it there by 6:15!

They're having a good bye party for Bill Schneider on Thurs nite. I think I told you he's going to law school. I don't think I'll make that.

We're celebrating little Peter's birthday Wed nite. I'll get something from you along with ours—

Wayne ordered a rubber stamp with his name on it & "head" librarian under. There is only one librarian so how can he be "head"? Anyway

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it came with Wayne spelled WAYEN even though they had it spelled correctly on the order & the address label. So I have to return it.

We worked last night - me fast because I wanted to watch Agatha Christie's "Death on the Nile". I

thought it started at 8 but it really started at 7 so I missed an hour.

Jerry Herman's softball team is really doing a good job - they're no. 1. He really got a ribbing in the paper after one of the games - ~~they said~~ - I'll enclose it.

Better close + get busy.

See you Friday at Nicks

Love,

Mom + Dad

5/24/83

Hi Peter —

We got all moved — well almost —
There are still a few things out there.

We thought it would just take one
load in Buy Rite's truck but it
took three! Poor Paul really got
a workout & he's been sick. We
girls & the little boys took the light
boxes. Tony and Peter really had
a ball especially Peter. He got just
black. Wait until you see the
basement — it's really full.

This week we're going to spend
most of the time cleaning the
other house, mowing the lawn
& hauling wood.

Pam said Roger is home.
They're going to the movie Tues.
right.

Pam & the boys went up to Valley
Fair on the spur of the moment Saturday
afternoon. I guess they really enjoyed
it. They all went on the roller coaster
& Tony even went on the corkscrew
with Pam's friend. They didn't get
up there until 4 so they didn't
have all that much time.

Pam & Kathy are going
up to the Cities Friday to stay
overnite with some new friends
they met at Joel & Wendy's wedding.

We ate at Wong's last night with
Andersons & Walbergs. It was pretty
good even if we did have to wait.

See you Friday at Vicks —

Love,

Mom & Dad.

6/17/83

Dear Peter,

They're putting in the bedroom carpet today. I'm really excited. Now it will look like we're getting someplace.

Last night Dad worked on the kitchen cabinets. Paul came out to help him lift on the countertop. He glued it together on the living room floor and I couldn't pick it up. Paul and Kathy didn't stay too long. Did you know they have their trailer for sale? Paul is either going to find a better job or go to school. They think they'll live in an apartment for a while until they decide. They did find one that takes cats so Toby won't have to go on the auction block!

Saturday Dad worked on the kitchen and I painted....and painted. I put two coats on the living room and it still didn't cover. I painted a third coat on one of the walls on Sunday and then had to leave it as we had to move the bedroom furniture into the living room.

I had four hours coming for working at graduation so I left here at 9 yesterday and met the girls at Mary Roeder's house then we headed for Betty Anderson's chalet. There were five of us. We all took sandwiches along and Cleone brought fruit and muffins and Betty had fixed some fruit too so we had a nice lunch. Betty had also made some brownies with candles on them for Cleone's birthday. We took a tour of the place and even got to see their new baby lambs. Jim bought ~~fx~~ six of them and took them down there in the back end of his Mustang.....and you think we use your

car for strange things!

Everything is pretty dead here at school everyone has left for the summer. Wayne is still here, however, and will be through Wednesday.

Tony and Peter and Pam went to see the Sesame Street Show at the auditorium on Sunday. She said they really enjoyed it.... even Peter didn't ask if it was time to go until the last 5 minutes. They stopped at the hospital to pick up Pam's medication and Peter got his finger ^{sw}slamed in the door. They went to the emergency room as they were right there. It's ok only bruised.

I think we're going out for lunch today. It's Pats last day. At least I hope we are because I didn't pack a lunch.

I'm typing a list of missing books. It's really thrilling because I have to make a slip for each book first and then alphabetize them before I can type the list as they want them alphabetically by author. Oh well, it keeps me busy and the time goes faster. Do you realize this is my last week? I'm really looking forward to having some time off, I think.

See you Friday at Nick's.

Love,

Mom & Dad

8/11/03

Wed.

Dear Peter,

We all had a good time at the zoo & hope you did too.

We got home too late for the fireworks (celebrating the 125th anniversary) but that was ok we were all too tired.

I don't think we mentioned that we were up until about 3 am ^{for} at Dad's 30th class reunion. It was pretty nice. They held it at the country club in Chatfield. Only one thing wrong — the air conditioning wasn't working & it was pretty hot.

It's Dad's birthday today so we're having everyone over — this will be the first time grandma will see the house. I wonder what she'll think —
Sorry you can't be here!

Last night we went out to the
Hoffman House to watch Denise Carlson
(Arley's daughter) play her violin with
The Turkey River All Stars. She is
really good. She plays jingy fiddle
with a group called Cowboy Jangy.

They are leaving today for Alaska.
She even played "Orange Blossom
Special" — great!

There are going to be many more
events this week for the big celebration.
We're going to have to attend some.
Even Willard Scott from the Today
Show is going to be here Thursday
night. He's the weather man.

Dad will be home soon for
lunch so I'd better get busy.

Am enclosing a couple of news
items I thought might interest you.

8/24/93

Dear Peter,

It's about 15 minutes before coffee break so thought I'd write a quick letter to you. It isn't too bad being back at work. At least I'm busy. And it's fun to see everybody again.

After you left Saturday Dad and I went fishing down at White Bridge. He didn't catch anything and we didn't stay long but it was nice to be out on the water. That night we went to Bonanza for supper then drove to Oronoco to see if they were setting up for Goldrush Days. They were and people were buying things already. It's really just a huge flea market and antique show.

Sunday we got up about 9:30 and went to church. We got there a little early so went downstairs and talked to everybody. I guess the latest pastor they called declined so we have to have another meeting and call another one.

I have a feeling it's going to be hard to get one!

Ruth Raedeke still hasn't moved out of the house and everyone is having fits.

Some of the ladies are even passing a petition around to get her out.

We went to Perkins for lunch after going home to change clothes first, of course.

Oh, I forgot.....we also went over to the fairgrounds to see how the Clydesdale show was getting along. They didn't have very many enteries this year which is a shame. They had a street rod show with some good looking cars.

Sunday afternoon we started looking at microwaves and I think we found one we're going to get. I opened a charge account and we're going to purchase it on that so I can get some credit built up in my name. They had two we're interested in a small one for \$288.00 and a larger one for \$299.00. I think we should get the larger one so we'll have plenty of room. Dad thinks we should get the smaller one so it won't look so big over the stove.

Next we went out to Apache and got Dad some new tennis shoes.....do you believe it he got some of the modern ones! They look really nice and that big hump in the back doesn't seem to bother him like it does me.

We went to Kentucky Fried Chicken for supper and then headed for Mantorville to see the melodrama. It was pretty good and they had some songs by the cast for an added attraction. Afterwards we went to the candy store and sampled some goodies (are they ever expensive!)

Last night we got some money out for Grandma and took it over to her. She was so happy to see us. We had KaNu along and she petted him too.

When we were at Sears Sunday we ran into Don Kleist and Dad booked him to put in the bow window. We went to order it last night but Fullertons was closed.

Guess that's about all the news.....oh, the Schellhammer picnic is Sunday in case you're interested!

See you Friday.....

Love,

Mom & Dad

Hi Peter —

8/31/83

It was almost cool this morning. I reached for a blanket, but they were on the floor. KaNu went out for just a few minutes and then he wanted to come back in.

Last night after school I stopped at Shopko to pick up a few dishes for the microwave. I got a bacon rack which also can be used to cook meat on, waxed paper, handiwrap and a covered casserole. I've been experimenting every night. Most things are turning out real good but I'm still having a little trouble with eggs. It really makes good vegetables in just a few minutes.

We stopped over to take Tony and Peter their packs Monday night. Tony was pretty excited about starting school. He goes mornings. Pam thought he would go afternoons at first because they told her walkers would go in the afternoon. Peter called us last night and wanted to know if we were watching "Winnie the Pooh". We talked to Tony and he said school was all right. Pam said he came home all excited to Galene's. It's too bad she has to miss that. He took a long nap in the afternoon.....I guess he was really pooped.

The kids started back here yesterday too. It seems like they never left. Everything is back to normal.

Dad got your materials to Paul and he's going to take care of it right away. Paul and Kathy are coming out tomorrow night. He's going to fix your clutch.

Mother said they had a pretty good time at the Schellhammer reunion. There were only 35 people there. I don't know if I told you but Luella (mother's sister) had shingles and she fell in the bathroom and cracked a vertebrae in her back. She was in the hospital for a week. She's the one that has had so much trouble with her leg, etc. She made it to the picnic, though. I guess she brought a high stool to lean against. She can only stand or lay

down, not sit.

We took Betty and Jim's lamb to them last Thursday night. We bought it at Door County. Did we every show it to you? It was really cute....all fuzzy and white with a black nose. Then it had little wooden legs that went like crazy when you wound it up.....it walks!. They just loved it...said they were going to put it in the living room. We thought they would put it out at the chalet. ^{Their} ~~There~~ six lambs are still fine. We were worried about them being out there alone. There are so many packs of wild dogs running around.

I'm enclosing a picture of a table for computers they have on sale at Target. That's quite a bit and maybe you'd rather have a better looking table for your computer, but thought I'd tell you about it.

Everyone is excited about coming up to Valley Fair next Monday. I think we're going to plan to leave here about 8 or 8:30.

See you Friday.

Love,

Mom + Dad

Hi Peter -

9/14/83

Wow! Has the weather ever changed. We even had to wipe the windshield off this morning. I hope it gets warmer today. We're thinking about taking the little boys to the circus. They're holding it outside in the grandstand at the fairgrounds.

Pam said they had their first PTA meeting last night. It was open house and the boys were invited to come too. Tony wanted to know if his dad was coming so Pam told him to call Mike. He didn't come by the time the doors closed and Tony was looking a little sad, but then he did come and stood at the back. Pam had been watching for him and told Tony. He took them in and introduced his teacher and showed them all around his room. Then they went to the library and Peter fell in love with it. They have a loft with pillows and he went up there with a book and didn't want to leave. Pam finally had to make him go and he cried. She thinks he's really going to like school. I wish he could go to nursery school.

Paul and Kathy came out last night with a big dump truck to haul away the rock. Dad tried to use Fred to load it but the bucket unloader broke, so we had to throw it all in by hand. Some of it was really heavy.

Dad had a meeting at church last night to meet the new prospective pastor. He thinks he will decide to take the call. Dad says he's about 48 to early 50s. He thinks he'll be pretty good.

Monday night we went out to Menards and ordered a door for the living room. It has glass all the way from the top to the bottom. We didn't have a door knob put on it just a bolt lock. I hope we'll be happy with it. As you know, I thought I wanted sliding glass doors there.

Did we tell you we went to see Vacation? It was pretty good. Not hilarious but funny.

I guess the teachers settled their negotiations. If so it has been fast. The negotiating team is recommending that the teachers accept it.

Ka Nu has been acting really weird. He sleeps all day....we even have a hard time getting him up ^{in the morning} when we come home, and then he gets up about three o'clock in the morning to go out and go to the bathroom. I think he has his time turned around. He was disgusted with me this morning because I sprayed him.

Guess that's about all the news. See you Friday.

Love,

Mom & Dad

PS I forgot to tell you Mother and Grandpa got a letter from Scott.

He should be in Germany now because they were packing up when he wrote the letter. He'll only be over there for a month which I think is really strange. Then he'll have some time to travel before they bring him back home.

He's really looking forward to Christmas when he can come home.

Hi Peter -

9/17/83

We didn't get up until about 9:30 Monday morning. Am I ever glad we decided to go Sunday. Of course the weather turned nice yesterday when we were back at work, but isn't that the way it always goes?

Dad started working on the van on Monday and we decided to go to Menards and get some lumber. In the meantime Tony called and wanted to go along. So we went over and picked them up and then drove to Menards. They were closed so then we thought about K Mart. They were open. The little boys were real interested in how we got the wood loaded. Then they wanted to come out for a while so we took them home with us. Tony worked with the Toggles and Peter watched Dad. They were pretty good until about 4:30, then they started acting up so we took them home.

Did you watch any of the telethon? They raised over \$31,000,000.00 and we heard on the news last night that was just what people gave. Corporations gave over \$50,000,000.00 more for a grand total of over \$80,000,000.00. That's great! Dianne's little boy has muscular dystrophy. She said he was really interested in the telethon. He kept asking her questions about the kids that were on the show. He noticed they didn't live very long. She said they've talked about that before but he seemed to want to talk about it again. It must be really hard for her and so sad.

We worked on the van again last night. Dad got all the walls up so now we can start on the ceiling. We were listening to the radio while working. They had a big meeting last night on the prison and KROC was carrying it live. A lot of people made some good points. Anyone could talk and was given 3 to 5 minutes to do so. Dick Postier is very much

against it and suggested we have a vote by the people. I think he's right.

Not much news. We'll see you Friday if you can come home.

Love,

Mom & Dad

Hi Peter

9/21/83

Was it ever cold this morning. Poor Nust didn't even want to go outside.

Paul and Kathy stopped out last night. Paul was telling about the jackets you two are going to order. They sound pretty good. I told Kathy to order medium for you. I hope it fits....but it's better to have it too big rather than too small.

I stopped out at Penneys yesterday to see about your shoes but the sale is off, so I had to order them from the catalog. They'll be in Thursday so you should be able to try them this weekend. Now if you can just find time to try on a suit you'll be all set.

Dad worked on the van all day Saturday. Pam stopped out to show us some clothes she had bought for Peter and to hide the bike she got for Tony's birthday. It's really nice....a small red one....it almost looks like your first bike.

She went out for supper ~~for~~ with us at Bonanza and then went on home as she had things to do. (the boys were at Mike's in case you're wondering) I watched the Miss America contest. It didn't start until 9 so it got over pretty late. The gal I had picked didn't win; and I didn't realize until Monday that the one who won was black.

On Sunday we got up and went to Bible Class but didn't go to church so we could be on time for the Reynolds reunion. It started at 12:30, but when we came home Dad worked on the van and I started marking things for the sale and before we knew it it was 12:30 and we were late anyway. We had lots of good food to eat and it was fun to see everybody. Afterwards they wanted to come up and see our house. I haven't cleaned for about three weeks, but they didn't care.

Monday night I went with the girls to Michaels for dinner. We had the get-together to say goodbye to Ila who went over to Kellogg to work. It was nice

and as usual the food was good. We ordered before 5 to get the special rate.... \$6.95 for filet mignon. I rode home with Kay Knapp (she lives out by us) and she left pretty early so I did too.....naturally!

I watched Saturday Night Fever last night. I had forgotten a lot of it and of course they edited some out.

Dad got the chairs in the van last night so we can drive it again. He says they sit up pretty high. He might have to make new holders for them.

The little boys are coming tonight as Pam starts her class. I think we'll probably have Grandma come out too so she can go through some of ther things. She'll have to come back on Friday to go through the things that are in the garage.....after we get them laid out for the sale. I don't know exactly how I'm going to get everything on display as we don't have that many tables.

Dad went down Monday noon to put the ad in the Shopper and it had to be in a week ahead of time. We decided to put an ad in the Rochester paper and just go with that because everyone is busy for the next few Saturdays. I hope we get rid of a lot of the stuff. I wasn't thinking right when I put the ad in as I said 8 to 5 that means we have to get up so early....I wish I had said 9.

I guess Pam is taking Tony (and Peter) up to Alyce's on Saturday the 1st to celebrate his birthday at a pizza parlor up there. We'll also have the family party on the 29th. He's going to take treats to school too, so there should be plenty of celebrating for him.

Guess I'd better go. See you Friday.

Love,

Mom & Dad

Hi Peter,

10/12/83

It was really cold this morning. I almost went back in to get my winter coat. Dad is home sick. He came home Monday morning and has been there since. It's just a bad cold I think or else this stuff that's going around.

The prison plan was voted down by a four to one margin yesterday. I wonder if the commissioners will pay any attention. They had buses at all the schools to vote in as the school board wouldn't give permission to use the school buildings.

Kathy told me you guys had a real good time at Jim's wedding. I had a pretty nice day that day too. It was really nice to have the sunshine. Dad took me to breakfast, then we took the junk out and ran a few errands. Then we went to Hardy's for lunch and then to the craft show at Graham Arena. It was really good. I got some corn for the front door, a pumpkin to stick on the refrigerator, a little bear on a box and a couple of decorations for the bathroom. We went home to change for the evening and Pam came over with a card and a little book. She told us she had been to Mr. Steak on Friday night with a friend. That reminded me of the fact that they have free birthday dinners. I called to see if they were still having them and they were so we went. We got there about 7 and had to be at the auditorium at 8 for the Exchange Club movie so we didn't have much time to waste and of course they were slow serving. My steak wasn't too good....too well done but Dad's was okay. They even bring a helium filled balloon and tape it to the table beside the birthday person. There were lots of others in there too. The movie was on Holland and it was good. We met Kruegers there.....luckily they had saved seats for us. Afterwards we went to Denny's for a treat.

Sunday we went to Bible Class and church and then Dad wanted to work on the wall. He cemented some blocks in and then put a cap on part of it. He ran out of cement and will have to get some more before he can finish.

Sunday night Betty Anderson came over with cupcakes and a card. Jim was busy getting his honey into jars so he didn't come along. We talked for a while and then Jim called and wanted Betty home to help him.

Monday noon I went out to lunch with the girls so all in all I had a great birthday! I didn't take a coffee break in the morning so I had over an hour for lunch. It was really nice.

We really miss you coming home. It seems like a long time since you were here.

Peter and Tony just called me. They told me they were watching Tom and Jerry. Pam got a new job. She will be a telephone operator in the same area. Her hours will be 7:30 to 4:30. She'll have to get up earlier but the boys will appreciate being picked up earlier. They don't like it when everyone comes to get the kids and they have to stay until six. They're coming over tonight because Pam has school. I don't know if we told you or not but St Olaf accepted her testing out of Freshman English but Winona wouldn't accept it so she has to take it now before she can get her diploma.

One of the gals who has been in group as long as I have left yesterday. It was really sad because we all liked her so much. She is a nun. I gave her a ride home and then she invited me into the Mother House for a cup of coffee.

We had a good time at square dancing last week and learned lots of new things. Marlene and Kenny Sabatke were there for the regular dance. The beginners dance from 7 to 9 and the regulars come at 8:30, so we all dance together for a half hour. I was asking about the clothes and Marlene told me they have a place here in Rochester where you can buy them. We have to have special skirts and crinoline slips that stand way out. Dad will have to have a cowboy shirt. It doesn't seem possible that tomorrow is Thursday again already.

I don't even know what hours you're working any more. We'll probably give you a phone call tonight to catch up.

Hope to see you pretty soon.

Love,

Mom + Dad

Hi Peter -

10/16/93

How are you doing? It really seems like a long time since you've been home. I sent your suit along with Paul and Kathy. Included in the bag are some socks and underwear. Let me know if the underwear doesn't fit right. I also sent along the gifts. I don't know if you want to get a card or not but in case you don't I put your name inside the packages.

Last Saturday we stayed home and Dad worked on the van. He has it almost done now. It really looks good. At 3:30 we had Tony's birthday party. He came running out to the car and wanted to know where his two video games were. I told him the presents were in the car so he hauled them in. When he opened his gifts he kept wondering where the video games were. We got him one and he was happy with that but was really disappointed when he didn't get another one. We got him a watch from Grandma but guess we should have gotten another game. I guess maybe a watch would have gone over better next year. I got the cake at Hy Vee and it was really good. We had malted milk flavored ice cream to go with it. He was really excited about his bike and we all had to stand outside and watch him ride it and clap when he went by.

Sunday we went down to the river finally. Dad was really happy. We went to Bible Class and church, ate lunch, stopped at Menards to pick up some supplies and then headed down. He didn't catch any fish but that didn't matter. When we got home we stopped off at the Chateau to see what was going on. They were having a final movie celebration complete with a band to dance to and champagne. The people had already gone in to the movie when we got there. There was a sign "sold out" on the ticket booth. I would like to have gone but then....

Monday night we drove around picking up supplies for the bathroom. Pam had called and said Tony had an earache and she had stayed home with him all day. She wanted to know if she could borrow our heating pad. We stopped over with it and Tony was in tears because Uncle Paul had said he could come over and play video games and Pam wouldn't let him go. We took them with us and that kind of satisfied him. Peter had an earache last Thursday night so Pam had taken him into the emergency room and they gave her some medicine for him to take. When she took Tony in with his earache ^{the doctor said} ~~they said~~ it was a new kind of virus and he would need special medicine and that Peter would probably get it too so he gave them some extra. It cost her \$50.00!!

Last night Dad picked up the little boys because I had to be home at 4:10 to meet Betty Anderson. She brought a couple of gals over to go through the rest of the stuff in the garage. They took practically all of it! Pam wanted us to meet her at Graham Arena so the boys could sign up for hockey. There were all kinds of people waiting outside and when the doors opened every one literally ran in. We all headed for the used equipment. The boys needed helmets, elbow pads, shin pads and skates. It all cost \$60.00. Then they had to register and that was another \$20.00 apiece.....over \$100.00 just to play hockey! They will be on the termite team and will practice at 10:30 on Saturday mornings at the Rec Center. I hope they like it. Peter was pretty excited but I don't know about Tony.

Tonight is square dancing again. We really like it. It's lots of fun. Did I tell you our neighbors across the street (the Clements) are going too?

Hope you have a good time at the wedding. Don't work too hard and I hope you can come home next weekend.

Love,

Mom + Dad

Hi Peter -

10/19/83

It's a rainy old day today but the weather man promises nice weather for the next four days. Dad and I are both taking off Thursday and Friday.....it's MEA conference time again so the teachers and kids have off.

We baby sat the little boys last night. The girls at work had a changing jobs party for Pam. Karen (her friend in the wheelchair from New York) is here visiting for about a week. Did you know that she is walking now? Her problem was all psychological. It's really something what they can do here at the Clinic. We drove over to Don Kleist's house to see when he is going to start on the window and door. The window came in about 2 weeks ago and the door has been here for about 3 weeks. He said not to worry he would get at it before winter. I hope that means before Thanksgiving because I'm planning on having it at our house. I hope you can come home. If everyone comes there ~~will~~ will be about 25 people. I invited Bill and Eva, Alice and John and all my family. I'm not so sure Dale and Pat will come though as they've been celebrating by themselves for the last few years. I'm going to ask everyone to bring something so it won't be too bad. Grandma had suggested that we all go to the Holiday Inn and she would pay for it but I think most everyone would rather have it at home.

We had a nice day with you on Sunday. I'm sure Grandma enjoyed seeing your apartment and KSTP. I was telling Mother about it yesterday and she said she would like to see them too. May be some time we can bring her up.

We're going to babysit tonight too. Pam has class.

Tony made a book at school with each page ^{drawings} a different color. He's really proud of it!

We were going to go fishing these four days but decided the weather isn't being

too cooperative. Also, we hate to miss
square dancing. We learn so much new
each week we'd really get far behind.

One of my friends at work has a
daughter who lives in the Cities. She
just moved last weekend — to an
apartment by Lake Harriet. She's
only paying \$215.00. Maybe we
can come up this weekend if
you have any time off — and
keep you look.

Must close — see you Friday

Love,

Mom + Dad

14: Peter -

10/26/83

It's going to be a beautiful day today....not a cloud in sight. Now if it would just stay around for the weekend we'd be all set.

When we got home from work last night I made an apple pie. I called Betty Anderson to see if they would be home because Jim's birthday is today, and we wanted to take his card and the pie out and celebrate. She said he was in town for a church meeting but she expected him about 9, so we went out. She and Steve had gotten him a camera so she wrapped that up and gave it to him too. We had a good old talk for about an hour and then went home because we all had to get up early.

We had talked about going up to their lake land with them during MEA break and she called ^{+her} Thursday night and said we should keep in touch. We went out there Friday morning and no one was home so we ^hought they had either gone out to the farm or up to the lake. In the afternoon we drove down to the farm and no one was there so then we were sure they had gone up to the lake. Last night they said they had been down at the farm in the morning but had then gone over to Dick and Darlene Kyllö's to press apples. So we just missed each other. I wish they had called us to go down to Kyllö's with them it would have been fun. Betty gave us some of the apple juice they squeezed.

Sunday we drove down to Winona so Dad could do some fishing. We stopped at the knitting mills and looked around but their sweaters were all pretty expensive. We headed for Prairie Island and Dad went fishing but I stayed in the car....it was pretty chilly. He caught a few but threw them back. He said it was just good to be out on the water and it was so beautiful. That was the weekend for the leaves.

Monday night Dad started on the bathroom. It's looking pretty good, but it's taking a lot longer than he thought it would. Each piece has to be cut and fitted.

Barb Achor is selling her sister's cute Christmas ~~ornaments~~ ornaments again this year. She's charging \$5.50 for each one so I'm debating whether to get some or not. ~~They're really cute.~~

Pam and Karen went up to St. Olaf on Saturday and watched the football game and then went to a band concert. They met a friend of Pam's who goes there and took her downtown shopping. This gal just graduated from Mayo last year and Pam met her when she worked at the Clinic this summer.

I have some kind of bad news for you. Your car broke down. I was going to group yesterday and I pulled out onto the road in front of Mayo and it wouldn't shift. The lever was floppy and just laid over on the side. Luckily it was in first gear so I could drive it back ~~xxxxxxx~~ into the lot. Dad says it has happened before and we'll have to fix it.

Guess that's all the news. We'll see you Friday. By the way if you want us to come up this weekend to help you look it will have to be on Sunday as we're ~~going~~ having Kruegers out on Saturday night.

Love,

Mom + Dad

Dear Peter,

11/2/83

Dad said after you talked last night that you'll just stay there for the time being. I think it's probably the right decision.....you'll be surprized how fast the time will pass.

He also said another one of your babies died. I wonder what's going on.... are the mother and father being good to them?

Tony and Peter came over Monday night to scare us. They both had three-headed alien suits, although Peter called them allen. There ~~were~~ ^{was one} ~~was~~ heads on either side of their own that was to be blown up then their faces were made up to look like the others. We took pictures of them so you'll have to see those. Tony went around with his Dad and Peter went out with Pam. They really had a good time. We only had about 15 or 20 kids at our house. KaNu barked his head off at each one.

Dad has really been working hard on the bathroom in fact he stayed up until 11:15 last night and got all the wood done now he just has to put in the toilet and the towel bars and he'll be done.

Tonight is babysitting night and Dad has a church meeting so looks like I'll be with them alone. We'll probably read a lot of books.

Tomorrow night is Tony's school carnival. We plan to go over right after work and stay until it's time to go square dancing. Pam says you can even have supper there so we'll probably do that too.

Not much new is happening at school. Sue Howard, the aide in the TV transmission room, is gone for three days so Dianne is taking over for her and they got a sub for Dianne. I've been going in there during Dianne's breaks so I'm learning something about the operation. It's fun when you know what you're doing.

There are lots of plays coming up. We're going to the RCC play and dinner theater on the 12th with Andersons and others and then to the Mayo play, Carousel on the 18th with the gals here at work and their husbands. Then the 19th is the travelogue and I think Alyce is inviting us up for Andy's birthday on the 19th. The 19th is also the bazaar for the Clinic. I really wanted to go this year because I hear it's a good one. Oh, well, Paws and Claws bazaar is on the 12th so we'll get to go to that one. They sent us 5 raffle tickets to either pay for or throw away. I guess we'll pay for them and help out those little puppies and kittens. I might get time to make some cupcakes or something to take down too.

I'm typing book orders. The order has to be in on the 15th and he just started it. It should be interesting to see if we get it in on time!

Guess that's all the news. Dad says we won't see you this weekend.....hope you have a good one!

Love,

Mom + Dad

Dear Peter,

11/15/83

Dad tried to call you last night but I guess you were out. He'll try again tonight. It's sure too bad about your car but I'm sure they'll fix it good as new.

We went to the RCC play and dinner theater Saturday night. We picked up Andersons and Walbergs and got there about 6:15. We went right in to eat and it's a good thing that we did because the place really filled up. It was served buffet style with one table for the salads and another for the main course. I had fish and it was cold, Dad had beef and he said that was kind of cold too. We had a good time talking though and then went downstairs for the play. It was really a strange play.....kind of a play within a play. It was done with English accents and none of us could understand one of the actors. We finally figured out that I guess we weren't supposed to. Afterwards we went to our house and had dessert and talked some more. All in all we had a good time.

Sunday we went to Bible Class and church and then came home and changed clothes and went out to Apache to shop around for a while then we drove out to Menards to get building supplies for the week. That night we went to the "Big Chill" It left us thinking a lot but it was rather odd too.

Monday night when you called Paul and Kathy were over. Paul was winterizing their car. Pam called and asked if we could take the boys because she had to teach a class and she thought it was ~~Wednesday~~ Tuesday night but it was really that night. They came over and played, watched Dad and helped me bake cookies. I baked the last two batches out of those cookie mixes that you bought. Tony lost another tooth so now when he talks he slurps.

We watched "Smokey and the Bandit 2" last night....at least Dad did. I kept falling asleep.

Marlene Carter, our teacher aide in the library, has to have hernia surgery today. She'll be out 5 to 6 weeks. We'll really miss her.

KaNu has been feeling sort of poorly lately. He seemed to be a little better last night. He pulled the afghan off the back of his davenport so we thought he might be chilly. Dad is going to leave the heat up a little more and I gave him a blanket he can cuddle in. He slept there all evening last night....didn't even come out to join us.

We're coming up to the Cities on Saturday for Andy's birthday. I wish we could figure out some way to see you too. We were going to come to the morning game at the Dome but found out the tickets cost \$10.00 so I don't think we'll be ~~doing~~ that.

Oh, I wanted to tell you there is an ad for KSTP TV news team in the current Time magazine. I'll ^{bring} ~~bring~~ it home when you're home next time so you can see it. I thought that was pretty good. I wonder if it is in every magazine throughout the country or just in our area.

We had a good time at square dancing last week although we forgot a lot of things and broke down the squares quite a bit.

Friday we had conferences at school so the kids had the day off. I worked in the gym all morning and then we didn't do much in the afternoon as no one was here. We got to go home about 15 minutes early so that was nice.

Pam and I went to the Paws and Claws craft sale on Saturday morning. We picked up a few ~~things~~ things. I hope they made lots of money for the mules. We also went out to Pennys and I bought a new jacket. It looks like it will be good and warm.

Guess that's all the news. See you soon.

Love,

Mom & Dad

Hi Peter —

11/19/83

I wonder if we're going to get any snow. It looked pretty much like we were Tuesday night on your news. Speaking of your news, we watched last night.... the election returns were pretty fancy!

I'm typing this on a brand new typewriter. It arrived Friday. It's a IBM correcting selectric III. I really like it except the keys aren't shiny like my last one and it feels a little different. Also there is a key above the tab for degrees (F) and an $\pm$ and I keep hitting it when I want to tab.

We went down to church last night for the stewardship meeting. It was so boring. Pastor Mueller just doesn't have it as far as a public speaker goes. I don't think anyone would be tempted to give more just on his presentation. We took KaNu along.....he insisted.

I got groceries after group last night. I only intended to get a few things and the bill was \$53.00. I couldn't believe it.

Dad has really been working on the pantry. It looks so big I have to get used to it. It looks a little better now that we have the refrigerator back in place.

Tony called last night to tell us Grandma Ruth had scooped his loose tooth out. He said he was going to put it under his pillow. He went up to stay with her for a couple of hours last night and Peter went over to Paul and Kathy's. Pam went to a Fred Astaire movie at the Clinic. They'll be coming over tonight while Pam goes to school. I think we'll have barbecues for supper. Are you sure you don't want me to make up some for you?

I'm thinking a lot about Thanksgiving now. I think I'll get a butterball turkey.....plenty big so we have left overs. I'll also make the potatoes, gravy and the pies. Pam is going to bring cranberries, Kathy a salad,

Alyce, a vegetable and Mother rolls and dressing. Bill and Eva and John and Alice already had other plans when I called them. Dale and Pat are staying home with their family. I think I'll rent a table from the Rent All. I already got two Thanksgiving tablecloths but I'm not sure I'm going to use them.

Darrel Erdman is making his own commercials for radio.....I'm listening to one right now. He shouldn't do it he doesn't have the voice or personality.

We'll probably come up to the Cities to celebrate our anniversary on the 26th and 27th. Dianne told me there's a good play at the Old Log Theater in Excelsior. Dad would like to drive out there in the daytime and look around. They have lots of boats there. The last time we were up it was night time and we couldn't see much.

You'll have to put your Christmas list together pretty soon as we want to start shopping.

I'm trying to call Betty to check about the play on Saturday night.....did I tell you we were going to the dinner theater at RCC? We went last year with the coffee group and Jim's sister and brother-in-law. Betty is asking them again this year. It should be a fun evening.

Mother is going up to Chanhassen today with the senior citizens to see Annie I'm supposed to call Dad and stop in and see if he's all right after work. She worries about him when she leaves for all day.

Guess that's it for this week. Don't work too hard this weekend and we'll see you in a couple of weeks.

Love

John & Dad

Dear Peter,

11/30/83

Your gerbils are getting along just fine except they're keeping Dad awake at night running on their wheel.

When I came home last night Don Kleist had the scaffolding all built and the hole cut in the wall for the new window. He just put a piece of wood in there temporarily. It was really cold in the living room. Ka Nu and I finally went into the bedroom to watch TV. Dad was at a church meeting. I wonder how much our fuel bill will be this month! They said that KaNu didn't bother them at all so he must not have asked to go out.

When we got to the Cities Saturday night we went right to the Old Log and picked up our tickets. Then we tried to find the Copper Stein (a place where we ate last year) but finally had to ask directions. It's a pretty nice place and their food is really good....except for the onion rings, they weren't very good. Dad had the T bone steak and I had broiled shrimpI had to have something kind of soft because of my teeth. Did I tell you I broke one on the other side from the root canal? Now I can't chew on either side and it's really interesting. I'll have a crown put on the broken one on ~~December~~ December 7 and the second part on the 21st then I can chew on that side.

We didn't have school on Monday so I took advantage of the situation and stayed home. KaNu and I slept a lot....I guess I was tired from the week=end.

Back to the play it was pretty good, really funny and all the actors did a good job. We got home about 1:30 Sunday morning....we kind of rushed home because of the hound and then he didn't even act like he had to out very bad.

Sunday we got up and went to Bible Class and church.....we picked Grandma up first. Then we went to Rax for dinner and then home. We went out to Apache in the afternoon and got a watering tube for the gerbils.

We took a nap and then went to Perkins for supper.....it was really starting to storm by then. We watched "Stripes" but somehow it seemed funnier in the theater.....they must have left a lot of stuff out.

I guess we aren't supposed to get any more snow for a while. That's okay with me.....it looks cold and frigid out now.

We'll have the little boys tonight. I wonder what they'll think about the window.....they're so interested in all our building projects.

Pam said that Peter only skated about 20 minutes on Saturday and then disappeared. She found him on the sidelines taking off his skates. He said he had had enough for one day. Tony seems so enjoy it....I'm glad because he really should get some exercise.

Guess that's all the news. See you Friday and maybe we can go to Nick's for a change.

Love,

Norm & Dad

Dear Peter,

12/16/03

After you left Saturday we went out to Apache to meet Pam. She and I talked it over and decided there weren't many toys at Apache so we would go to Shopko. When Dad heard that he decided to go home and work on the dishwasher. Pam and I shopped for 2½ hours and were really doing well. We had most everything for her, us and Grandma to give the boys. Sunday she talked to Mike and he had gotten the same thing she had for Peter.....now she has to start all over. She got Peter Castle Greyskull and a bunch of the men and Tony a Star Wars rocket and a bunch of the men. She thought they could both play with each set. Mike got Castle Greyskull and Mrs. Kapinos is getting a bunch of the men. They are going to keep it at Mike's house, but Pam thinks it wouldn't be too much fun for Peter to open the same gift twice. When I got home Dad was really cussing out the dishwasher. The pipes were leaking and nothing was going right. He worked on it until about 8:00 and finally got things to work right. I washed my first load of dishes and everything went fine.

On Sunday we went to Bible Class and church. When we got there they didn't have any rollsand that's what we have for breakfast. Someone had forgotten to go and get them. They finally arrived about 9:30 and Pastor Mueller let us all have a "roll call" before we started. Mrs. Mueller was telling us that they had tickets to the St Olaf ^{Christmas} concert and dinner and started for Northfield about 4:00 ^{on Sat.} Their car broke down at the Cannonball and they had to have it towed back to Rochester. They never got to the concert. I forgot to tell you...Pam went....all by herself. She said it was really good.

About three o'clock everyone met at our house to go get Christmas trees. Dad had said he wasn't going to get one at Larry Schultz's because he charges too much, but we ended up getting one there. It's about a five footer and it cost \$16.17

Paul and Kathy found one for \$17.00 and had a coupon for a dollar off. Pam had a terrible time finding one and finally took one that cost \$22.00! The little boys had a good time carrying the saws and running around.

I talked to Betty Anderson on the phone Sunday night and she invited us out for supper tonight. I'm taking the dessert.....a pumpkin pie (Dad's request)

Ka Nu wet on the carpet.....a great big spot right in the middle of the room. Now he's sleeping down in the basement when we're gone. We set up the loveseat for him complete with his blanket and pillow and we turned on the register above him. We got him a rawhide bone Sunday. He has been happily chewing ever since. He doesn't seem to mind it down there too much. He only scratched once.

I really have to get going on my Christmas shopping.....only two more weeks. We'll probably have to spend most of the weekend at it.

We're having a progressive dinner for the coffee party group on the 16th. Appetizers will be at our house, the main meal at Walberg's and the dessert at Norman's. It should be fun. Our secretaries and aides Christmas party is Thursday. I'll have to go to square dancing first because I don't want to miss and then go over to Tinkler's about 9. They don't plan to eat until 8 so I shouldn't be too late.

Guess that's it for today. See you Friday.

Love,

Mom & Dad

Hi Peter,

12/20/83

After Bible Class on Sunday we met Pam and the boys. Tony wanted to come home with us. We took him to church first and he was pretty good outside of putting his feet up on the pew in front of us. We went to Rax for lunch and he had two roast beef sandwiches, one little and one big and a large root beer. Dad and I had the buffet breakfast and he ate two sausages and some jello off my plate so I'm sure he got full. Have you noticed lately that he has been losing a little weight or else he's growing taller, anyway he looks better. He had Christmas program practice at 2:00 so could only come home with us for about an hour. He wanted to wrap Peter's Christmas presents and was pretty put out when I told him he couldn't. I found out yesterday that Pam lets him help wrap her presents to Peter. I did let him wrap Kathy's presents and he liked that. Then we took him down to church. Pam was going to pick him up. Dad and I then went shopping. We went out to Target and then to Shopko and that about shot the day. We went to Perkins for supper and then headed home. We watched the Frank Sinatra special and also switched over now and then to the hockey game. I wrapped presents and Dad worked on the bathroom carpeting.

Last night I cleaned a little to get ready for my party Friday night..... we're having appetizers at our house and then will go on to Walbergs, etc. This promises to be a busy week as we're going to Red Wing for square dancing tonight, I'll have to get my food ready Wednesday night and then square dancing again Thursday night with our big Christmas party.

Pam called last night to discuss the cookie situation for Saturday. I guess everyone's coming out about 10 and we'll get started. We have six kinds on the menu so if you want something special, let me know.

I have just a little more shopping to do. We've had pretty good luck this year for getting started so late. Now I hope the things I have on order from Sears and Penneys get here ok. I ordered walkie talkies for the boys. Pam thinks they'll have a good time with them.

I don't know if I'm going to get KaNu another bone. He got hard stuff from it all over the carpet and it doesn't come out very easy.

I'll probably give you a call tonight. I've been thinking about your gerbils. If the babies we're^{re} ready to leave the mother maybe you can feed them milk with an eyedropper. We did that with Cucumber one time when she was really sick. I kind of miss them. We got used to having them there.

Denise Carlson is performing at the Hoffman House again tonight and we'll have to miss her. I guess she's going to be home for about two months so maybe she'll be there again. We really enjoy listening to her play.

They're having a Christmas program at the Samaritan Sunday night so I suppose we'll go there for Grandma's sake. Pam went and got her Sunday after the practice and took her home with them. She played with the boys and then they all went out for supper to Long John Silver's. I'm sure she really enjoyed it.

Guess that's all the news. See you Friday.

Love,

Mom & Dad

12/20/83

Dear Peter,

I never did get your letter from last week sent with all the hub bub of you coming home and everything, so I'll send it today along with this one.

We finally got all the cookies baked Saturday even though I forgot to get corn-starch for the Melting Moments so we couldn't bake those. Paul just about finished his model before they left about 4:00. Pam and the boys stayed until about 7:00.....she fell asleep on the couch. Dad sure had a bad day that day.. ...I guess he's been having bad headaches, his neck has been hurting and things have been rough at work.

On Sunday we went to Bible class and church and then went home to change clothes. We spent the afternoon at Apache and Shopko shopping. I think we're just about done now.....just a few little odds and ends left to get. Sunday night we went over to Paul and Kathy's about 6:30 to see their tree and Paul's new desk and chair. While we were there Kathy's mother called....her car wouldn't start and she was stranded out at somebody's farm. Paul had to go out and help her so we left. Dad stopped at Floren's to give him his church envelopes. He talked to him for awhile and then we left to go to Grandma's program at the Samaritan. They had most of the people dressed up in short choir robes and sitting in a group in front of the piano. The others were dressed up in the parts for the Nativity Scene. I don't knowsomehow I feel like they treat those people like children. Grandma was dressed up as a shepherd. The three wise men all had women's wigs on and they really looked strange....I didn't like it. Afterwards we went downstairs for coffee, punch and cookies. The food was really good. We left about 9 and went over to Pam's to hook up her stereo. She was really glad to have it done. The boys were still up watching "Circus of the Stars."

We tried to call you last night but couldn't get you. Dad says to tell you that

you have an appointment next Tuesday. ^{the 27th} I hope that works out all right for you.

I couldn't sleep all night Sunday night so I didn't go in yesterday morning.

I couldn't sleep all morning either so I went to work in the afternoon. I don't know what was wrong but I hate it when that happens.

Last night Dad went Christmas shopping. I just stayed home and watched TV and read. KaNu slept on our bed....he isn't very sociable. He hasn't wet downstairs since Saturday.....may be he did just have the flu. I hope so.

I'll have to get groceries for this weekend either tonight or tomorrow night.

I'll make plenty of potato chip dip etc. I hope your stomach is feeling better so you can eat. By the way, you still haven't told us if you can come.

Guess that's all the news. See you Friday hopefully.

Love,

Mom + Dad

12/28/93

Hi Peter!

Well, I'm back at work for two days....it shouldn't be too bad.

I drove your old car over to Mother's this noon and when I came out to start it.....it wouldn't start. Alyce gave me a ride back to work and is going to give me a ride down to IPC, then we're going to try to jump it, Mike is, that is. I hope it starts. Dad says I shouldn't drive it just those few blocks because the battery doesn't get time to recover. I wonder how Marlene, who only lives two blocks from here gets her car to go everyday? Oh, well....

Dan called Sunday night. He wished us all a Merry Christmas.

We spent most of yesterday downtown exchanging things. We started at Shopko to take my microwave tray back and exchange it for a muffin tray. They didn't have any so we drove over to Shopko North. They didn't have one either so we tried Target next. They had them but were only charging \$3.25 for the tray. Shopko was charging \$3.49 so we could get a better refund there, so we decided to take it back to Shopko South.....confusing? We stopped out to Penneys at Apache to exchange our pants.....wrong sizes, and then went down to Musicland to find a book on guitar lessons and a pick only they didn't have any picks. I practiced a little bit when we got home but have to wait for the pick before I can go further.

We're going out to the Hoffman House tonight to listen to Denise Carlson play her fiddle. It should be pretty good. I invited Alyce and Mike to go out with us but she said Mike didn't feel too good. They might come.

We stayed over at Mother's Sunday night until about 7:00, then we went up to see Grandma. She had spent most of the day watching TV with the others. She was in pretty good spirits though.

We watched "The Body Beautiful" last night. It was pretty interesting. They recreated a man's face after something smashed all the bones around the eye.

They also fixed a girl's lower half of the face. It's really amazing what they can do. She started out to be a very pretty girl but then her jaw bones started growing at a strange angle and it really made her look terrible.

Linda just came up to draw some pictures ~~from~~^{using} the overhead. They're just little pictures and she enlarges them, colors them and puts them up in her office..... as you can tell everyone is real busy around here.

I'll enclose the latest Garfields.....I hope you enjoy them.

See you Friday?

Love,

Mom + Dad

P.S. We got the car started - Mike used his jumper cables — I went a few blocks, turned on my lights & in quite again I called him & he came & started it again & then drove it down to Dad's work. They went to the Hoffman House with us & when we came out it started by itself. Dad thinks it may have been dirty terminals. It started this morning too.

Dear Peter,

11/3/84

The weather has been pretty good the past few days.....it sure seems good.

Clements invited us over for appetizers right after you left. She had made deepfried chicken bits, cheese and mushrooms with three kinds of dip. Also apple slices to dip in caramel. It was really good. We stayed until about 7:30 talking. When we got home Paul and Kathy were already there unloading all their stuff. Pam and the boys came a few minutes later. We sat around all evening looking at slides....first Paul and Kathy's, then Pam's and when we started watching ours everyone was falling asleep so we all decided to go to bed.....they had brought their sleeping bags.

When we woke up in the morning I heard chattering "Where do you think he went?" "How did he get out?" etc etc and I realized a gerbil was loose. Luckily Paul talked it over with Tony thinking little kids sometimes see movements out of the corner of their eye and he located it behind the bookcase and got it out. Tony said it jumped out of the cage so all babies must be able to do that. We'll have to watch them closely.

Paul had brought the movie "Some Like it Hot" so we started watching that while we had our breakfast of doughnuts and orange juice. Then we watched "The World's Greatest Athlete" and then some old Andy Griffith's. Dad took the little boys sliding over at Golden Hill. The rest of us were alternating between watching and sleeping. We finally decided we were hungry and Dad was going to go get some pizza but we couldn't decide ^{on one or two kinds.}.....everyone wanted something different, so he got Kentucky Fried Chicken. Everyone packed up to go home about 6.

We watched a crazy movie "California Dolls"....at least Dad did, I fell asleep.

Yesterday morning we went out to Embers for breakfast. We took Nustie along as Dad had taken the door to the basement off the hinges. We stopped out at Target to return your pen and pencil set and pants. They gave us a new set but didn't carry the fine line pencil so we couldn't get that. I got the

money back for your pants so when you come down and have time we can go try them on.

Dad stripped doors and I stained the front window and then the doors. I also varnished the bathroom with the second coat....one more to go. Last night we dropped Tony's snowpants off and then went to Perkins for supper. They were having all the pancakes you can eat for a dollar so we had those. When we got home we watched Bob Newhart and then Dad watched football and I read. I couldn't get to sleep again last night....it must have been at least one o'clock before I drifted off.

I'm surprised at how warm it is in here today. Usually we freeze the first day back. Marlene Carter is back after her surgery so it's good to have the whole crew together again. I have newspapers piled up a foot high so I suppose I better get busy and clip.

Looking forward to hearing from you this week about your graduation. By the way, be thinking about what you want.

See you Friday.

Love,

Mom & Dad

1/12/84

Dear Peter,

We were really happy to hear about your good news. It sounds like you're getting an especially good deal. I'm sure you'll have a good time in New York. Be sure to take your camera along and get some pictures.

I suppose you'll be needing some new work clothes. Pam is interested in helping so why don't we plan to go downtown sometime when you're home and we'll get you fixed up. It'll cost you a little to get started but it will be worth it.

Monday night we watched a movie about incest on TV. It was handled very well from all the characters points of view.

Last night Dad came home and said we had to go downtown and take care of a few things so after supper we bundled up and started out. We had to go to Shopko to take some pictures in to be developed and to return some Christmas bulbs.....I'm surprised they took them back at this late date! Then we went to the bank to get some money and then to Osco to get some stamps. Next we went over to those people's house that wanted the sewing machine but Betty told us wrong because the people didn't know anything about it and had never heard of Betty. We looked further down the block and I think we located the house but Dad didn't want to go up to the door because a dog was in his dog house right in front of the door. We'll have to take it over after Betty tells them we're coming so they can take care of the dog.

Pam had the day off yesterday. Her babysitter had to go to a funeral. She said one of Tony's friends invited him over to play for the afternoon so she and Peter spent the afternoon together....but then not all of it because he took a nap.

(the boys)
They're coming out tonight. Pam has to teach that Caesarean class to the Fellows. She said they were hoping we would have goulash but I had planned

hot dogs and macaroni and cheese. She says they like that too.

Dad took the car in to have it fixed this morning and said he didn't get to work until 8:30. The bus was really slow. He wants me to pick him up at 4:30 tonight,.....he doesn't want to count on the bus.

I'll leave here at 4, pick up the boys and then him.

It's really cold out there today. I went over to Mother's for lunch and about froze. I was worried that the car might not start....Dad is always telling me it's hard on it to drive it such a short distance.

But it started!

Thursday a.m.

The boys and I played Yahtzee last night while Dad went to a church meeting then we all went to Apache to get Tony a white shirt. He needed it for school today....they're going to draw and paint on it. When we got to their house they put their pajamas on and then wanted me to read to them so we read "Clifford's Halloween". Remember good old Clifford, the big red dog? Pam came home about 9. She's really happy for you (about your job).

Guess that's all the news for now. See you soon. Have a good trip Saturday.

Love,

Mom & Dad

Hi Peter,

2/12/89

How are things going? We tried to call you Monday night and last night too but I guess you didn't hear your chirper or you were gone or something. We're anxious to hear about your job etc.

We've been trying to plan a get together at the lake for this summer. So far Pam and the boys are going to come. Paul and Kathy might come for a couple of days but they're planning to go up there for a week in August and don't want to spend all their vacation up there. Besides Kathy says they're going to start looking for a house so they might be moving this summer.

After you left Sunday we went to the square dancing jamboree. We had a really good time. There were about 36 squares so there were lots of people. Two shops were set up in one of the school rooms. I bought a skirt, blouse and crinoline. Dad got a shirt and a tie so now we're outfitted and it sure makes a difference.. ...especially ^{with} my skirt. We went out for supper to Perkins and then went over to see Grandma for a little while. She's always so happy to see us its kind of sad.

Pam said Tony's school conference was set for 11 on Monday. She took off work, went to get him and then waited outside the teacher's room for about 15 minutes before someone told her that Mrs. Peterson was sick. I guess they had called work and told her and someone didn't give her the message.

I'm enclosing a bunch of Garfields that I have been saving....hope you enjoy them.

Mother's birthday is coming up...Feb 10...and we're planning to do something together. She thought maybe we should just go to Mr. Steak beacause we could get in and out quickly and maybe ^{Dad} he could go without his oxygen for that long. Dale thinks we should plan to go to the Penthouse and that they'll make arrangements for his oxygen tank. Also he can use a wheelchair there so he won't be bothered with the walking. I hope we can go there.....it's so much nicer.

We're planning to go to Duluth June 8, 9, and 10th for a square dance convention. We'll be staying at the Holiday Inn which is directly connected to the convention center. It should be a lot of fun. Clements from across the street are going too along with a lot of the older members of the club. I'll have to take a day off without pay but it will be worth it.

Carol, the bookkeeper here, tells me that they really make a big deal of *Square dance* graduation. When they graduated they tied balloons to their ankles and they had to try to break them while dancing. They also had special hats and diplomas. Dad doesn't think he'll be graduating at least that's what they told him at lessons.....he asked when graduation was and they told him everyone would be graduating except him.....ha!

KaNu has been his usual sleepy self although he hasn't been getting Dad up during the night for quite a while now. He really doesn't mind going downstairs, and at least we don't have to worry about him wetting on the carpet.

Your gerbils have been pretty good. The two girls ate up their house so I gave them one of the heavier boxes. Dad got a wheel for the other two last night. I wonder if you aren't going to have to get rid of the father in order for the other two to come out and see the daylight.

It is really nice out today.....I had a hard time coming back after lunch.

Hope to see you this weekend.

Love,

Mom & Dad

Dear Peter,

2/15/84

Happy Valentine's Day, Peter. We tried to call you last night but evidently you were'nt home yet.

Tony says he had a real good time at your house. It's too bad he threw up. I hope it didn't make too much of a mess for you. If it got mostly on the sleeping bag we can wash that at the laudromat....its a little big for a regular washing machine. Pam said when he got off the bus he wouldn't let her hug or kiss him but marched off to the car with his suitcase in hand. He let her when they got home! He also told her he talked to a blind lady on the way home.

Dad is home with a sore back today. He thinks its from working on the Pinto. He fixed the exhaust system and the car sounds pretty good now. I'm sure glad we've got it back it working order. It's really handy to have two cars. We've been watching the Olympics. The ice skating has really been good. Debbie Armstrong was really happy about winning the gold medal in the slalom. She just beamed on TV.

Dad talked to Paul yesterday and he said that they had had a couple from South Dakota stay at their house last weekend and they plan to go out and stay with them the end of this month.

I got sick during the night last Friday night so spent most of Saturday in bed. I got up in time to go to the Penthouse though and we had a pretty good time. Afterwards we went over to Mother's and talked and watched TV and fell asleep. I hadn't been up to the top of the Kahler since they changed it over to the Penthouse. I'm surprized at how big it is....and nice too. The food was very good and the service excellent. We had a little cake after dinner and that was good too.

Sunday Dad went to Bible class and I stayed home. Afterwards we went over to Mothers and talked for a while then Selmer and Sharon came (Pat's sister and her husband). Pat and Sharon are in Arizona. ^{They left Tuesday.} Their mother and dad gave them tickets for Christmas....^(the parents) they spend the winter months down there. Pat and Dale invited us to go out to lunch with them so we all went over to Perkins. We ended up not sitting together so it didn't work out so well. I would like to have talked to Sharon more.

Sunday night we went to the Willow Creek Golf Club for a church dinner. There were about 65 people there. We had a nice meal of prime rib complete with wine if you wanted it for \$10.00 each. Afterwards Arley Carlson said, "Let's go over to Howard Johnsons for dessert". So we headed over there but it ended up to be just Carlsons, Pastor Mueller and his wife and us. Arley kept commenting on how nice the evening had been and that we should have a few more during the year. He and Dick Brehmer are on the social committee. They're thinking about having a golf outing next. I don't know what we would domaybe drive the golf cart? Oh, well. It seems like most of our friends either play golf or ski.

Andersons went out to the Black Hills for their wedding anniversary. I'll have to call her tonight and see how it went.

There is a boat show out at Apache. Dad is just itching to get out there so I suppose we'll go out one of these nights.

I went up to see my friend at St Marys last night. She had surgery last week.a double mastectomy. She's doing real well. Tonight I think I'll go over and see Dianne. I want to take her something for supper but she's so fussy and talks so much about food that people bring her that I think I'll just take her a Mr. Pizza pizza....she can't complain about that too much.

Hope to see you soon.....maybe this weekend?

Love,
Mom & Dad

Dear Peter,

2/19/84

I'm working late tonight....making up time for when I go to group. Speaking of group, two of our members left yesterday so now we're down to six. They said we'll probably be getting replacements but not right away. Everyone always hates to get replacements because then we have to go through the whole introduction thing all over again. One of the ones that left was a young boy, 19 years old. He didn't participate very much so we didn't get to know him very well. We all thought he should have stayed longer but he said his insurance had run out and he had to go.

The boys are coming out tonight. Pam is going to a farewell dinner for one of the gals at her work. The boys are really interested in the Olympics. Pam said they insisted upon staying up until 10 last night to watch all of the hockey game. They have been talking about the games for weeks and want to know all about all of the events.

Anderson's anniversary is Friday. They're going out to Rapid City...leaving tomorrow and coming back next Tuesday. I have a card for them, maybe we'll run it out tonight. Mother's birthday is Friday also. I think I told you we're planning to go to the Penthouse Saturday night. She called and they said there would be no problem with his oxygen and that they would have a wheelchair available. ^(Gerald's)

I hope your car has been starting okay. I hate to think of you trudging around late at night.

Tony is looking forward to coming up there on Saturday. I hope you guys make connections all right. I didn't think about blankets for him sleeping over. I suppose he can sleep on the davenport and use your sleeping bag to cover up with or you probably have some ideas too. I'm sure he'll have a good time. Did Pam tell you he's going to go with Kapinoses to Virginia this summer?

I was looking at the schedule for the Olympics last night and figure skating is on next Thursday night....we have square dancing. I wish I had a video recorder!

Sunday night we're going out to the Willow Creek golf course for a dinner with all the church officers. They say the food is pretty good out there... I hope so.

We'll all plan to come up on the 25th if you want us. Do you want us to stay over? We'll have to make some plans.....like what we'll do with KaNu.....I don't suppose we can bring him along.

I took Mother to get groceries last night after school. She says Grandpa doesn't venture out much in this cold weather. She told me that her sister Luella and her husband were going to take her (Mother) out for lunch today to celebrate her birthday.

Dianne had her surgery last Friday. They only took 2/3 of her thyroid gland. She went home on Sunday. I called her today and she said she was pretty tired. Company came and stayed until 10.

Another friend of mine who used to work here but now works at Kellogg is going to have surgery tomorrow. I hope everything turns out for her. She might have cancer. I think we've had enough surgery around here for a while now.

I had called the gal who fixes typewriters for the district to come out and fix mine. She came yesterday to fix the Savin machines and told me to call downtown as this machine is still under warranty. I called and within an hour a gal was here from IBM. It took her just a few minutes to fix it.....pretty good service.

I've been working a lot in the TV studio since Dianne has been gone....about an hour and a half a day.....two breaks and a lunch. It's really fun and I'm going to miss it when Dianne gets back and takes over some of that time.

Have fun this weekend. Hope to see you soon.

Love Mom 10.10.10

Hi Peter!

2/23/84

It is just beautiful out today.....I can hardly wait to get out of here. Dad is going to try to get off early too. Maybe we'll take a walk just to be out in it.

I'm all off this week because we didn't have school on Monday. I keep thinking today is Tuesday. Everyone has been kind of dragging around here.....four day weekends must be hard on people!

I called Pam and we're all set to come up Saturday as soon as the boys get done with their hockey practice. Dad called Sedgwick in Stewartville and he said he would keep KaNu. We have to take him down Saturday morning and pick him up Monday night. He charges \$4.00 a day which is pretty reasonable. I don't know how KaNu will feel about it, he doesn't like that place too well. I wanted to leave him home and have one of the neighbor boys come over and take care of him but Dad is too embarrassed about him pooping in the basement. He probably would too.

We watched "Butch Cassidy and the Sundance Kid" last night. Channel 9 is beginning to carry movies in the evening. They had "Psycho" on Monday night. Dad even sat down for most of the evening. Can you believe it? KaNu joined us in the living room too as we are now putting the bedspread on our bed and he has no place else to go except his davenport.

I started knitting on my jacket again last night. I haven't picked it up for about a year. Next I'd like to start your afghan so we'd better get the yarn picked out soon.

We've been discussing the garage. I don't know how it's going to look sticking out there. We drove around and looked at some houses with the garages in front this noon. They don't look too bad but they're mostly double garages.

I think we had better get some drapes pretty soon before the sun fades our

carpet like it did the one in the woods. I've been waiting for Penney's decorating service to have a sale and I think they're having one right now.

One of our co-therapists in group is going to Hawaii next week. We're all really envying him.....Randy. Did you every have him in your group? Alona used to be in our group but I guess they have to change off duties every now and then and it was her turn to move on. Our group is down to five people because two left a week ago. They have warned us that new people will be coming in next week.....no one is very happy but I suppose we'll get used to them.

Dianne called to day and said she'll be back next Thursday. She said her son has been real sick for the past six days. He's the one that has muscular dystrophy. He gets this lung condition where he needs to really do a lot of coughing but because he is so weak he can't. She has to lay him over a pillow and pound his back. The doctors told her that as his disease progresses he'll be having more of these sessions. That really must be hard to take. He's her only son and she's divorced.

My friend, Ila, is getting better all the time. She has been home for a week now. Sonja (Schacht) said the two of them are going to go out for lunch sometime soon.

The hockey tournament will be starting soon. Lorne Grosso was on the Spartan Scene this morning asking for support from the student body. He told the kids that if the team goes to the tournament we will get two days off!

Guess that's all the news. See you Saturday. Sleep till we get there.....

Love,

Mom + Dad

Dear Peter,

3/11/84

How is everything with you today. It's a bright sunshiney day today but not too warm. I hope the weekend is nice.

We went up to see Grandma Tuesday night and she was really happy to see us. She said that Bill had been up there all morning talking to her. I guess Eva is getting pretty excited about retiring the end of next month.

The ducks are here! The ones I ordered for you for Valentine's Day. They turned out really cute. I have yours sitting beside mine and so far KaNu has left it alone.

Tony called last night wondering when he could come over and have supper with us. I told him next Tuesday because that's when we're babysitting next time. Dad has a supervisor's dinner that night so guess I'll be going it alone.

Dad came home and said yesterday that they're thinking about starting flexible hours with a half hour lunch for the Clinic. He says his department all has to go along with it in order for it to happen but he's thinking about 7:30 starting, a half hour lunch and quitting at 4. Then he would have the same hours I do and we'd have to work something out with the transportation. It would be nice for him if he could get off at 4.

Dianne came back today. We had a party for Mary yesterday before she left. I thought about baking her a cake Wednesday night when I went to bed and of course it was too late then so I went out yesterday noon and got some cupcakes and a card. She sure was a nice gal to have around and we'll miss her.

We got a new person in our group Tuesday. Her name is Judy and she's really upset.....I hope we can help her.

Jerry Herman stopped in a few minutes ago to give me one of his business cards. He says his car starting business has been going pretty good and he has one carpentry job but the rest has been pretty slow.

The play is tomorrow night and Saturday....Agatha Christie's A Murder is Announced
I'd like to go but we're going to the RCC play with Andersons and Walbergs tomorrow
night and we're going up to Wyoming on Saturday so I don't suppose I'll get to
go.

Tonight is graduation for square dancing. I don't know what they'll be doing with
us but it should be pretty fun. All of us beginners and Bill and Bev Morton will
be going out for supper at the Holiday Inn South. Sandy asked for a big room
because we'll all have our big skirts on. We're getting a special room!

Well, Froggy has been giving me the evil eye so I'd better close. See you this
weekend hopefully.

Love,

Mom & Dad

PS We really had a good time at your place last weekend. We'll have to
do that again!

Dear Peter, 3/22/84

We had the day off yesterday! They closed school and I took it off as an emergency day. I cleaned house, did some washing and read. It was really nice.

We're serving for the birthday coffee today. The special ed teacher takes care of making the dessert. We're having something with ice cream in it and she was going to make it yesterday so it would have time to get hard, but being we weren't in school yesterday she is going to try to make it this morning and hope it will be okay for this afternoon. I'll have to hurry back from lunch as we have to set up the table etc.

Andersons are coming over for supper tomorrow night. I had invited them over to spend the evening but Betty called this morning to say Jim has to go to work at midnight tomorrow so they'll just stay for a little while. Seems like we have a terrible time getting together with them!

Dad saw an ad in the paper last night for the radio he wants marked down to \$86.00 at Shopko so we hurried over and they had a different kind so he got kind of upset and showed them the ad. They gave him a rain check but he'll probably never get it. That's what happened to a coffee pot we wanted but they were out of.....we never got it.

Pam had called and asked if the little boys could come over Tuesday night while she went to visit with the loan officer. She called Tuesday afternoon and said the meeting had been cancelled but I went to get the boys anyway because they would have been disappointed. She came over about 7 and we watched the "Bugs Bunny Show" together. Dad was working on the tractor and he hit himself in the forehead with a steel pipe and now he has a black eye. I guess everyone at work has really been teasing him.

The Boys' Basketball Tournament starts tonight. JM plays at 7:30. We won't be able to watch because of square dancing.

The kids have off on Friday because of teacher work day but we have to work.
We're going out to LaBistro for lunch so that should be fun.

I've run out of work and am just clipping newspapers now. I hope something turns up soon as I am getting bored.

Dad hasn't felt too good this week. He has come home early the last two days.
I hope he feels better for this weekend.

I talked to Mother yesterday and she says they're getting pretty depressed with the weather. Dad can't go anyplace without his oxygen now so that really cuts down what they can do. Dale and Pat came home last Sunday to visit and Alyce and Mike are coming the 31st. Alyce does their taxes and will do anything else that needs doing. I told her she could call us too. It must be pretty rough.

Pam meets with the loan officer tonight. I hope everything goes well for her. We would really like to see her get into a house. The only thing we're worried about is whether she can make the house payment. It will be \$163.00 more than she is paying now.

Haven't seen Paul and Kathy this week but assume everything is going well with them.

See you Saturday.

Love,

Mon & Dad

Dear Peter,

4/12/84

I called Kathy last night to invite her to Mother's Mother Daughter Banquet and she told me that they came up there last weekend at 7 a.m. and that you got quite a bit of stuff at the sale. I never thought they'd make it up there that early but I'm glad you had a good time.

Pam and the boys were out last night as Dad changed the oil in her car. There were some other things he did too because he wasn't done until 10 after 9.

She had driven her car down to her lot to show Alyce and Mike and gotten stuck and there was mud all over he said. She was lucky she didn't wreck something.

Tony and I played "Clue". He's a pretty smart little guy. He figured out the deductions in a quick hurry and even though we didn't keep track on the sheets of the tablet provided we made a pretty good game of it. Peter was outside with Dad. He's really interested in engines etc. Pam fell asleep on the davenport. She had been sick all night Sunday and I suppose she needed to catch up.

We stayed home last Saturday so Dad could work on the cement work in front of the house. Saturday night we went to a new restaurant in town, The Aviary, it was pretty nice and the food was good (the owner is a Pappas son from Michael's) but they have a bar right in the middle and it was so noisy.

Friday night we went down to church to hear the minister-elect talk. He answered questions from the audience. There weren't too many there. He sounds just like Pastor Raedeke....full of ideas and enthusiasm. I wish he would come here but not too many think he will.

Sunday we went to Bible class and church. Pam asked if we would take the boys to church so she could go to an AA meeting. We told her we would either meet her at home or at Rax. She went to Rax but we hadn't make it there yet. She went with us to Rax and then afterwards they headed home and we went for a drive down by the river. The backwaters are all open so Dad really has the bug to go fishing.

The Swiss Steak Dinner at church was that night so we went. As usual it was pretty good. Afterwards I said, "Let's go to the movie." So we did...."Romancing the Stone". You'll have to see it.....it's really good. An adventure story somewhat like "Raiders of the ^{lost} Ark" but funny.

Monday night I went with the girls from work to a fashion show at the Ramada Inn put on by Dayton's. It was pretty good but I was just as happy to go home afterwards and watch the Academy Awards.....that is until we fell asleep. They always drag it out so long.

We'll probably call you today or tomorrow about this weekend.

See you soon.

Love,

Mom & Dad

Dear Peter — 4/15/84

It is a beautiful day today.....making up for our lousy day yesterday when you had such a nice one.

I hope your birthday was happy although it probably wasn't too exciting working and everything.

Dad had a church meeting last night, in fact two of them, so I stayed home and watched Bob Hope. The show wasn't too good. He's really getting old and showing it. He must be 80 some by now. We went to church right after work and then stopped at Burger King for supper so Nustie was really glad to see us. He hadn't made a mess either which I don't understand because sometimes he makes one when we're home and other times he can wait. Oh, well, he's a mysterious dog that's why we like him!

We've had supper out every night this week. I couldn't get groceries on Monday night because I had an appointment with Dr. Fredricksen, couldn't on Tuesday night because I had an appointment to get a permanent in my hair and couldn't last night because we had church and then Dad's meeting started at 7 so I've had the week off. It has really been nice. All good things come to an end though so I'll have to get them tonight and fix something. We even ran short on things to fix for lunches so last night I fried up some chicken in the microwave for Dad to take today. I'm going to Mother's so I didn't have to fix anything for me.

Pam said that Alyce and Mike are going to finish off their basement this spring. They're having someone do it and using their tax refund. They always get a lot back. They're having two bedrooms put in for the boys and will then use the extra bedroom upstairs for a den. I don't know if they're having a rec room put in too or just the bedrooms. I'll have to ask.

We're thinking about coming up the weekend of the 14th. Would that be all right with you or would you rather come home that week end and we could come up the 28th? Maybe we'll stay over.....we'll talk some more. Nustie has to

Nustie would have to go to the kennel.
He.

get used to the kennel because he has to stay there 3 weeks this summer. I wonder if he'll be able to stand it?

Dad is starting on his flex time now....starting at 7:30 and getting off at 4 or 4:30 depending on how long a lunch hour he takes and how the guys at work take their time. He says he really likes it.

Did you hear Pam tell that she took Alyce and Mike out to see her lot and they drove in and got stuck in the mud? She was in trying to call a wrecker when about five guys finally got her out.

A bunch of the girls from here are going to a style show put on by Daytons at the Ramada Inn next Monday night. I signed up to go and paid in my \$5.00 and then found out the Academy Awards are on that night. We usually watch them with Andersons. Maybe we can go out there when I get home. I don't think the show starts until about 9 anyway. It seems there are always two things going on at once.

I'd better get busy and type the overdues. Have a nice weekend and good luck at the sale Saturday. See you next weekend one way or the other.

Love,

Mom + Dad

Dear Peter

4/27/89

We have really had a day! Kids came in for magazines every hour and I about ran my legs off.....up and down, up and down. On top of that it is really hot and stuffy in here. It's 78 outside and whenever it gets hot outside it gets hot in here. Oh, well, how was your day?

We went square dancing last night at Dover. Clements went with us and there were thirteen couples there from Rochester plus other guests so it was a big crowd in a little gym. It was pie night.....all the members of the Dover club had to bring three pies each. I'll bet there were 30 or 40 pies. Everyone filled up their plates and we all enjoyed. We have dancing at our club tonight.....I wonder how we'll feel tomorrow after two nights out in a row.

I started an aerobics class Monday night. We meet twice a week....Monday and Wednesday from 4 to 5. An old friend of Pam's, Patsy White teaches it. I don't know if I'll ever learn all the steps but at least I'm trying. We have been meeting at Mayo in the wrestling room but starting next time we'll go to Willow Creek in the gym.....the gals didn't like the floor in the wrestling room.

Yesterday the administrators invited all the secretaries to come in at 7 a.m. for juice, coffee and rolls in the conference room. We also each got a rose. It was nice but Rose was telling me that John Marshall closed down all the offices at 2:15 yesterday and had a big party for their secretaries. One of the teachers took Dianne out for lunch yesterday. They were gone from 12 to 2. She's going out tomorrow with another teacher.....must be nice.

By this time Paul and Kathy have probably called and told you they sold their trailer. They have to be out by the 26th of May. I wonder where they'll go? When it happens it usually happens fast like that and then you have to make some quick decisions.

Dad has had a sore back most of the week....he raked the lawn a little bit... shouldn't have done that.

Pam wants me to help her pick out carpet this weekend. She says they capped the basement on her house yesterday and will probably have the walls up today and start shingling. I sure hope her loan goes through....she'll be so disappointed if it doesn't.

Friday a.m.

We had quite a storm last night but I guess you had worse. Everyone tells me the wind really blew and the lightening was terrible about 2 a.m. We slept right through it. We must have really been tired for Dad to sleep through a storm! Frog said he left a window open in his car and the seat was soaked this morning. We noticed the neighbor's trailer was tipped over in his yard.

We had a good time dancing last night but was it ever hot....we had to go outside a few times and cool off. We didn't have a very big crowd. We tried to check on our reservations at the Holiday Inn in Duluth for the 8th and 9th of June but the gal didn't have her list with her. I sure hope we have a room. I heard that the Grandma Running Marathon is being held in Duluth that same weekend so rooms will be at a premium. The room will cost us \$ 59.00 a night so it better be pretty special. We also have to get our \$35.00 deposit in for the dance in Sioux Falls South Dakota which will be held in November.

I guess I'd better get busy and type the overdues and then the book order. That has to be in next Wednesday. Things start piling up at the end of the year.

Have a great weekend!

Love,

Mum & Dad

Dear Peter,

5/13/84

This has to be a quickie letter. I was sick Monday and Tuesday and when I got here yesterday I was overwhelmed. There are new books all over the place, magazines to be checked in and the book order had to go in yesterday so I spent all day on that. I still have to add up the costs but that will have to wait until I get the overdue list done!

Betty Anderson called yesterday and wanted us to come out to their chalet for supper and to play cards Friday night but I have a Mother-Daughter Banquet to go to that night at Mother's church. Then she asked if we could come out for breakfast so I guess we're going to do that. Dad is going to babysit the boys and then they're going to stay overnight. Pam will pick them up in the morning and then they're going to Mike's. (I just changed typewriters. I'm in TV now)

I have to go to the dentist this morning for another root canal. I'm having this one done at Washburn's office. He has a new associate dentist that does them. I hope it doesn't hurt!

Well the prison purchase went through. The government allotted the money and they closed the deal withⁱⁿ a couple of hours so they could block the law suit by the city. I'm sure it was all cut and dried before we even^{got} heard about it. Joan Sass was interviewed on TV and she said she was glad she did it and if she had it to do over again she would. (She's chairman of the county commissioners) I guess she had a death threat yesterday according to the paper.

?We went over to Paul and Kathy's Sunday night. We drove around looking at houses. They showed us the one they're interested in. It's pretty nice. They are going to move their stuff out to our house and then stay part~~ly~~ of the time with us and part

of the time with Kathy's mother.

We're being evaluated by our supervisors. Rose and Doreen were called in last week by Dr. Wright to go over them and they were pretty upset because their supervisor said no one is perfect therefore he didn't give any 4s. A few of the other girls have been evaluated and their supervisors gave them all 4s. They both think they do as well or better so they went back to their supervisor and complained. He's going to re evaluate. I wonder what will happen when Frog does ours. He probably won't get around to it until the end of the year if then.

Last Friday when the wind was blowing so hard Gordon and Anna had to go to the Clinic. As they were leaving the wind blew them over. She went down first and he tried to help her and then he went. He has a broken hip and is in the hospital. She has cracked ribs and she hurt her arm. Isn't that unreal? They said another lady fell down too and hit her head and Anna heard she died but there was nothing in the paper about it.

I asked Mother and she said Ann Marie's confirmation is the 20th. We haven't heard a word about it so I don't know if we're invited or not. Little Peter's birthday is the 18th....that weekend too. I hope Pam has his party Friday night. I can't believe he's going to be 5!

Well guess I'd better close. Hope to see you this weekend or soon.

Love,

Mom & Dad

8/31/84

Hi Peter!

Dad and I have talked it over and decided that since we'll be paying for everything at Valley Fair on Sunday, we really can't afford to pay for the State Fair too.....so we'll buy everyone's ticket and then you're on your own.....fair enough?

We all went to the picnic on Monday night put on by the school district. I probably stretched "bring your family" a little bit by including married kids but then..... The barbecues were good but the beans and macaroni salad weren't so you didn't miss too much. We also got all the free pop we wanted and the boys got balloons.

Last night we took Tony and Peter to the carnival at the Samaritan. They also served free barbecues, potato salad and beans and all the pop we could drink. They have carnival games for the kids and we bought a couple of dollars worth of tickets and at 3/25¢ they lasted quite a while. They got a prize whether they won or not so they really collected a lot of stuff. Grandma had to go in and get sacks because we couldn't carry it all. The prizes were little Wonder breads, Twinkies, pencils, stickers, chips and coupons to play more games or to get popcorn, cotton candy, ice cream cones, and balloons free. They had a ball!

I just called and our chairs are finally in after 12 days. I wonder it that's some kind of record. Dad wanted to cancel them but then we'd have to go out and find others and it was a good price.

We had a good time at your house last weekend. Thanks for letting us stay. I hope everything works out okay this weekend.....I don't know why it shouldn't. Everyone is excited about coming.

I was listening to KWEB yesterday and they announced they were going to have Dave Franks on for an interview. I didn't get to hear it but apparently he's getting a lot of attention for the store. They also mentioned the robots.

I went out to Betty Anderson's Monday night for a Mary Kay cosmetics show and I ended up buying more than I thought I would. Betty doesn't look too good. She's having more xrays because she's been having a lot of back pain. I hope the news isn't bad.

Dad finally ended up painting the garage floor. It really looks nice. I hope it stays that way for a while.

Ka Nu was happy to get home. Little does he know he'll be going again this weekend!

Guess it's time for a break. See you Sunday about 9:30.

Love,

Dad + Mom

Dear Peter,

9/27/84

How are things going for you? Things are pretty hectic around here as usual.

The little boys came and stayed for the weekend because Pam went to a wedding in Windom and also visited her new boyfriend. They really had fun with your and Paul's old trucks. I gave them some macaroni to use as dirt and they played with it all weekend. It was kind of an icky day on Saturday so they played inside but on Sunday it was perfect so we moved everything outside. I helped Dad with the blank blank shed and we had the ends standing so we could put the sides on but the wind blew them over and the front cracked. He was not too happy to say the least. Last night we went over to ^{Pam's} ~~her~~ house to put the foundation up. Melissa and her two little ones had come over to go for a walk, so they all ~~bundled~~ ^{left} up and left. Ka Nu went with us and as usual he left a deposit on the front lawn...rotten dog.

Her cats are getting so big and they were meowing around for something to eat so I fed them some Meow Mix that I had brought with me. Twinkie just purrs and purrs all the time. Nugget runs and hides if anyone comes near her.....I suppose for self preservation after being around the boys.

Yesterday was my last day at group. It was really hard to leave after being in there for 1½ years. I'm still feeling a little sad about it today. I will be going in to talk to my counselor from time to time.

We were going to go to Pie Night at Dover tonight (square dancing) but I guess we'll probably skip it and just go to our own dance tomorrow night. On pie night everyone in the club brings pies. You never saw so many wonderful pies in your life!

I heard on TV that "Sugar Babies" was coming to the Cities so I called to see about tickets but they were all sold out. Darn it....I would have loved to have seen it. I guess they started advertising in July but I just heard about it now. That's what we get for not getting the Sunday paper.

We took Tony and Peter to church on Sunday. They had gone to Sunday School too. They weren't too bad but I think two hours of sitting still is a bit much for them yet.

Did I tell you about the bomb at school? I'll enclose an article^{that was} in the Rochester paper about it. Dr Wright-Peterson has offered to meet with the group and talk out their differences. There was another note left in the display case in front of the library yesterday. The bomb was found in here behind the magazine rack. Wayne picked it up (stupid) and was going to open it but Marlene told him to take it downstairs. Neal peeked inside and called the bomb squad. I guess they have turned the case over ^{to} the FBI. Someone will be in trouble!

Well, guess I'd better get busy ~~and~~^I have a new book list to type and about a thousand missing books to type up.....

See you this weekend I hope

Love,

Mom + Dad

Tuesday.

Hi Peter —

Today we're freezing. They must have really turned up the air conditioning.

I have decided to get some exercise starting today. I'm going to walk to Mother's + back at noon + then down to Med Sci after work. I wonder if I'll make it ??

After work last night I mailed your letter then read "In His Steps" (a book we're reading for Bethel) while waiting for Dad. He picked up Ka Nu + then headed for home.

I changed Paul's bed + did a couple loads of wash + that was about the extent of my activities except for fixing dinner + knitting while watching TV. I also called Nancy Simon with Paul's measurements for

his tax - I did tell you he's ushering in Adelle's wedding, didn't I? She said Don (L.) dropped a rock on his finger & kind of wrecked it.

They dug the center at the new house yesterday - what a muddy mess.

Today is election day. I wonder who will win & if we'll have a new junior high -

We're finally turning the magazine order in - it was due yesterday. I've ordered 11 new ones + the Des Moines Register newspapers.

Clara said Dorothy Daly, ^(teacher aide - Soc. Studies) might be interested in her job.

Brenda Adler ^(teacher aide - science) is trying for a job at the city clerk's office. She takes a test at Uo Tech today.

LATER Well, I made it over to Mother's & it only took 10 minutes each way. It is so gorgeous outside!

I'm enclosing your invitation to Pat O'Neill's party at the Holiday Inn

Whether you can come or not I think it was nice of him to invite you & I wanted you to know about it. He invited Paul & us too.

Aunt Betty is going to sell her mobile home & move to Kasson.

Maybe she's thinking of getting more involved in church over there —

She belongs there, you know. I

hope she'll be happy. It probably will be nicer there in a small town atmosphere where lots of people know her.

Loretta's retirement party is going to be on Tuesday, May 30 at 3:30. I'm glad. Last year they had Ruth's party on a Sunday & that was bad, especially

at this time of year.

I guess I'd better get the overdues
ready to go in the mailboxes—

Love
from

All of us

Mom, Dad, Paul, Kathy
Pam, Mike, Tony

Ka Nu + Toby

82-11-5

Hi Peter -

It's Wednesday already and only my first day of work.....I've been out with the flu for a couple of days. Ka Nu really appreciated my being home.....he slept all day both days. I guess we don't have to worry about going home at noon to let him out, he doesn't go out when someone is home either.

Dad finally got the washing machine hooked up last night so we washed a couple of loads of clothes. The dryer isn't hooked up because he has to run electricity all the way over from the fuse box. He took what we had washed down to the laundromat to dry it but didn't get it dry because they close at 10 and the stuff was only half dry. I wonder what we'll do with it now!

Today is Mr. Serva's birthday and I was supposed to bake a cake. I forgot so we called Hy Vee and ordered one. Dianne is going to pick it up at 9:15. We'll be celebrating all the September birthdays with the secretaries and bosses on Friday.

Pam is going to have Tony's birthday party on Saturday night. She was going to have it the 29th on his birthday but we have square dancing that night. He's going to take treats to school on Thursday, go up to the Cities to celebrate with Alyce, Mike, Ryan and Andy on Friday and then stay overnight, and ^{then} have our party on Saturday. So it'll be a big celebration for him. I told you Pam got him a bike didn't I?

We got him Donkey Kong and I'm going shopping tomorrow night to get him a couple of little things and something from you, ok?

I'm glad you got your suit and shoes. We really did that in record time, didn't we? I hope you're happy with them. You could also get a pair of

dark brown pants to make another outfit.

We had group yesterday and it went pretty well except one of the gals got a little excited and got up and left. We were all discussing how we felt about that when she came walking back in. We all said we were glad she was back (at least most of us). She told us afterwards that she only came back to tell Alona (a counselor) off, but then decided to stay with the group.

Guess I'd better get busy. We 'll see you Friday.

Love,

Mon & Dad.

Dear Peter -

We went square dancing at Red Wing last night. Clements and Strehlows rode along with us. It was the beginners' graduation over there. They had some good tricks to play on the callers. Bill Morton (our caller) is the caller over there too. While he was sick with his bypass surgery another caller took over so they had two to deal with. They put a ball and chain (bowling ball and heavy chain with a padalock) on the substitute and he had to dance that way. Then there is a call "box the gnat" in square dancing so they told Bill that they needed some help with some calls.....they listed a bunch off including box the gnat. When he called that one they rushed over, blindfolded him, put antennas on his head and wings on his back and put him in a box. It was pretty cute. We didn't do anything like that when we graduated because we didn't know about it. We might have to catch up!

We're going with Pam tonight to sign the papers for her house. I guess they're going to start building in April. She's pretty excited. We're going to church first so I guess I'll stop and get some sandwiches for supper or we'll starve before we get home.

I called the Clinic and the next appointment they have on a Monday is the 9th of April at 8:45. I hope you're still planning to come home this weekend as we'd like to wish you a happy birthday.....it's creeping up fast, Peter!

We had Andersons over for supper last Friday night. I just served barbeques (by the way, I made extra for you). Betty looks real good considering she's been having all those radiation treatments. It was good to see them again.

Saturday we drove to Lake City to look for a boat. It was a nice day and it was good to see the river again. Dad didn't find anything he really liked. That night we went to the Exchange Club Travelogue. It was on Hawaii and

it was excellent....made us really want to go there. Krugers didn't come as they were on vacation in Florida.

Sunday after church and Bible class we went home and changed clothes and then went through Rax Drive Thru to get our lunch because we were afraid if we went in we would be late getting back home so Clements could pick us up for the square dancing jamboree at St John's church. We stayed there from 2 to 4:30 and it was kind of a shame to be inside on such a nice day....but I guess you spent the day inside too, didn't you?

Sunday night we went for a little ride and stopped at Postier's to look at boats. ^{Dad} He has about convinced himself to get a fishing boat this time. He saw one he liked there and called him about it on Monday. He went out to look at it yesterday and I think he'll be getting that one.

Froggy is getting all upset with some kids out there. He just shouts at them and then they laugh at him....it's ridiculous.

We have conferences on Friday so the kids don't have school. I'll have to work downstairs all morning and then the afternoon will be long because I'm sure Dianne will figure out some way to leave early....she always does.

We're having a special session on telephone etiquette over at the Edison building tomorrow morning. I'll be going about 8:30. We're also having a tornado drill practice so it should be a pretty interesting day....ha!

See you Saturday hopefully.

Love,

Mom & Dad

Dear Peter,

When we got home Sunday a bunch of people were helping Pam. The lady next door was using her Bronco to move stuff and the guy who is going to move in her old apartment and his friend were helping with their truck so there wasn't much for us to do.....we could have stayed up there longer. We wish now we had called her before we left. Her whole living room was full of boxes and the other rooms were pretty full too. She didn't have any electricity so they all went to bed when it got dark. Dad had set up the boys' beds and fixed up her mailbox in a pail with dirt to hold it up.....it was on a pole, by the way.

Monday night we stopped over and she still didn't have electricity but they had gone out to eat and she had the boys ready for bed early while it was still light. She was going to read them some books and then they were going to turn in.

I called yesterday and asked if they wanted to come to supper as it was getting pretty expensive eating out and it's lucky I did because she still didn't get electricity yesterday! She had given Paul and Kathy the key and asked them to go over and open her house for the inspector but by the time they got there he had already left. I hope she gets it today!

I stayed up late Monday night working on my skirt for square dancing this weekend. I worked on it some more last night and finally finished it about 10.

I've invited them for supper again tonight.....I think we're going to have polish sausage on the grill so that should be easy. Paul heats up their Weber.

Tonight we have dancing at the Silver Lake Shopping Center from 7 to 9. Dad has a church meeting at 7 so we'll be a little late.

Tomorrow night I have to work at graduation and then we'll have to get packed because we're leaving Friday morning. I thought we were going to get 6 hours comp time for working but found out today we only get 4 so I'll have to give up some more breaks to make up the time....boo!

We've really been working hard on the inventory but I don't think we'll get it done.

Frog is taking us out for lunch tomorrow at Michael's. We wanted to go today because the aides are going out tomorrow and Marlene can't go to both but he wouldn't give in.

Would you believe the typewriter tore the paper?

Dad is going to try to get off at 4 tonight. I hope he makes it. We still have to get two more towels for curtains for the van and go to the Palomino Square Dance Shop and get him a scarf to match my new skirt.

Please eat with Paul and Kathy this weekend....they'll be using some of our food. Kathy really feels bad when you won't eat with them.

We watched "The Reluctant Astronaut" last night. It was pretty good.

Well, guess I'd better get busy. Will write more next time.

Have fun this weekend. See you later.

Love

Mom & Dad

Dear Peter,

11/17/84

How are you doing? Busy as usual I'll bet.

We hurried home Sunday so we could pick the hound up and when we got there the guy who cleans and feeds had left. I suppose he didn't have many dogs to care for so he just went home. Dad wasn't too happy. He had to pick Ka Nu up on Monday and pay the extra ^{\$6.00} ~~\$12.00~~. Ka Nu was happy to get out as usual. I think he thinks he's going to have to stay there forever.

Dad went to vote about 6:45 yesterday morning. He called me at work about 7:30 and said there wasn't hardly anyone out there and it was a good time to vote so I went out. When I came back most of the parking places were full because of the people voting here. I tried to squeeze into an end one and hit a sign. I scratched and dented the car and was just sick. I quick called Dad and he was real nice about it but I feel really bad. He thinks there's about \$1000.00 damage and we have \$200.00 deductible.

At least Joan Sass was defeated last night. I wanted to vote against her so bad but she wasn't on our ballot. I stayed up until about 11 watching and then kept falling asleep so decided to go to bed.

Pam called me yesterday and said they are having a shower for her in Willmar on the 24th and I'm invited. It's at 10 o'clock in the morning so I don't know how I'd get there unless we drove up Friday night and stayed with you and then headed out there early in the morning. We'll have to see.

Paws and Claws bazaar is this Saturday. I'm going to try to make a few things for it. We're having the boys all day Saturday as Pam has to work. We were planning to stay home this weekend and get a few things done around the house anyway. They'll probably get out the trucks and macaroni and the Toggle set. They had so much fun with that the last time.

I took Mother around to deliver some Avon last night after school. She says Grandpa is really in bad shape. He has laryngitis and I don't think that's

very good. They told him if he ever got a cold he should come right in because he is susceptible to pneumonia. She has a terrible time getting him to the doctor. He just fights and fights.

Grandma has probably called you by now. She wants us all to go out to supper Sunday night. I guess Steve is coming down Saturday night so he'll probably go with us too. I wonder what she'll think of him.

Guess I'd better get busy and get something done.

See you Sunday

Love,

Mom + Dad

PS We're going to the RCC play, "Loot" with Andersons and Walbergs Friday night. It should be pretty good. We're going to have dinner there too. I hope the food is hotter than it was last year.

Hi Peter —

4/13/85

Walbergs and we are going to the interment for Betty this afternoon. The wind has really been blowing and it was cold this morning but it's supposed to warm up by this afternoon....I hope so or we'll be cold standing outside. Jim said there would just be a brief service. This must be really hard for him. It would have been easier to have it all at once and get it over with.

Pam said you told her you were having company this weekend and would not be down. She also told us Tony was coming up the next weekend. Sounds like you'll really be busy. I think we're coming up the weekend of the 4th to go to Chanhassen. Could we stay at your place that night? We're planning to go up to Pam and Steve's on the 10th. Would you like to ride along? We'll probably stay in a motel and eat most of our meals out.

We had the installation of the new pastor last Sunday. The service was from 10:30 to 11:45 and then we went out to the Lutheran school for a dinner and program. We had roast beef, baked potatoes, salad bar and pie. The program was two hours long. I thought we'd never get out of there and then we had to take tables back to the church. I think he'll be a good minister. He has an excellent speaking voice. I hope his sermons are good.

The Home Show was on this past weekend and we went Saturday night. They had the same old stuff but it was fun to look around. They had samples of the new soft drink Slice. It was pretty good. Clements were there too and we talked to them a bit. They really had a good time on their trip although they spent most of the time on the beach. This is the second time they've been to Hawaii.

Kitty has been pretty good. He still jumps on the kitchen counter and I put him off a hundred times a day and he tears through the house. But he also purrs and crawls up in your lap. He has been going outside for the past few days. Dad puts him out while he's working in the garage. We started with his leash but he hates it and eventually pulls himself out of it no matter how tight it

is. He wanders around the yard but sticks pretty close to home. Paul and Kathy came out Tuesday night and had a fit about us letting him out. They bought a new truck.... it's a ^{small}~~some~~ one, plain inside and painted maroon. They really like it so far. He said he has always wanted a truck and now they can haul things around. They've been busy with Art and Fay but asked how you are and if you're coming down soon. They want to get together.

They kids are doing reports at school and they have been driving me crazy getting magazines. The whole board behind me is full of slips and I have another pile. I wonder if we'll ever get them all back?

The girls from the coffee group went out to lunch Monday at the Pannekoeken House. I joined them about 12 and stayed for about an hour because I didn't take my coffee break. It was good to see them all again. Jo Ann just got back from a trip to Guatemala. She went down there with her church group to do some missionary work. She had to pay her own way. She said it was pretty interesting. Gen's son and daughter-in-law had another baby this time it was a boy so they're all pretty happy. We missed Betty.

Guess that's about all the news. Oh, Pam said Peter fell and cut his head on a wagon. They didn't take him in for stitches. I hope it's all right. She said he fell asleep soon afterwards so she was kind of worried. Steve washed it off when he woke up and Peter said it didn't hurt anymore.

See you on the 4th if not before.

Love,

Mom & Dad

Sat a.m.

Dear Peter,

Dad said he saw you yesterday & that you said you were feeling much better. He are so happy. He were very concerned.

Maybe you had to "crumble"; Peter, before you could start building again. Dr Obety really felt you should stick it out if you were going to get better.

Sometimes doctors say things we don't want to hear but I guess we have to have faith in their judgement — They're usually right in the long run.

As I wrote at the end of my letter yesterday Loretta is retelling. She told me just before I left yesterday. She said, "If I ~~seem~~ seem a little more short tempered than usual in the next few weeks (and she was yesterday), it's because I have so many things on my mind — I'm retelling." You could have knocked Grayne S. & ~~at~~ me over with a feather. I think I'll miss her, though, she was usually nice to me.

I got groceries last night (as you probably surmised) & then picked Dad up.

Then we got home Ka Nu
ran in the house & came
to a dead rac in the
living room — there was a
bat on the floor —

Evidently Toby had killed it
because it was dead. Dad
took it outside. When Paul came
home we were telling him about
it & he said he had seen it
& thought it was his toy bat.
They went outside & checked &
it was real. He have to
check now & see if Toby has
had his rabies shot. I
wonder how he killed it
with no claws ???

By the way doesn't Mustie
need a rabies shot this year?

Today we're having our
girls & bbsies party at Grandma's.
Kathy, Pam, Tony, Willie, Elizabeth,
Sara, Mother, Eva, Alyce, Ryan &
Andy & me. Doesn't it sound
like fun?

I'm glad you're getting so
many cards & letters. Don't
feel like you have to answer!
I'm sure they don't expect you
to.

Chin up. I know you
can make it —

Much much love
from all of us
Mom Dad Paul Kathy Ka Nu
Toby

We called Pam last night and she said you were bringing Tony back but it was getting a little late. Did you guys have such a good time that you got a late start back? If you did I'm glad because he sure enjoys coming up to see you. I guess little Peter is hoping he'll get a turn soon. He really is pretty good when he's all by himself. He's a lot quieter. I'm sure you'd enjoy him too.

We're thinking about going to Valley Fair on the 29th of June. How would that work out for you. It's the start of our vacation so we would bring our boat along and just leave from your house on Sunday. That is if we can all stay there overnight. I think the weather should be a lot better in June than it was in September.

Mother and Grandpa are going to celebrate their 50th wedding anniversary this summer. They're planning to have the celebration on the 22nd of June if everything works out all right. I don't know if she's going to write to you about it or not but at least now you know. If Grandpa is bad they'll probably cancel it. Hope you can come.

The weather was perfect yesterday so we went fishing. Dad didn't catch anything but we had a nice time. The mens' club swiss steak dinner was last night and we had bought tickets. We thought we were starting home in plenty of time for it but I didn't have my watch set forward so we got there at 6:50 and they stopped serving at 7. We just made it. It was good as usual but I don't know if they're going to have it anymore as not too many people showed up.

Sue Howard, the teacher aide in the TV area had to have open heart surgery last Friday and they were just in the process of moving so I went over to her new place about 11:30 on Sunday to help Dianne and a few of the girls put things away in her kitchen. It was really hard because we didn't know where she would like to have things. That family has had more problems. Their daughter is in the Menninger Clinic in Kansas and their son is in a group home. They had to sell their house because of the daughter's expenses and how this. You wonder how much some people can stand.

We have been planning to go up to Pam and Steve's on the 10th of May but just realized it's Mother's Day that weekend so now we don't know what to do. I suppose the Grandmas will have a fit if we're gone. I don't think there's another weekend in May when we could go.

We just got back from the retirement party for Neal Davis, Ernie Oeltjen (the head custodian), Norbert Nelson, Bob Garwood and Mary Forestell. It was nice. They served cake, punch, coffee and nuts and mints. Some of their colleagues told things about each one and we all had a good laugh. They gave them gifts too.

I have to get groceries tonight and that is always a real thrill. It's no fun anymore because everything costs about a dollar.

It's getting time to go so guess I'll close and send the receipt with this letter so you can get your recorder fixed.

over —

Tues a.m.

By the way, I hope it's okay if we come up and stay with you this Saturday night. We'll probably come up about noon or so and have lunch with you, then do some shopping. We'll go over to Dale's about five.

We had an awful time getting to work on time this morning. Dad had laid out two bearings for the lawn mover which he intended to take to work with him and fix. Evidently Theodore thought they were something to play with so he had taken one and do you think we could find it? No way. Dad called him some choice names.

We went to see "Police Academy" Saturday night. The write ups on it were pretty good but it wasn't.

We picked up Jim and went down to Kylo's Friday night for our Bible study. He was in a pretty good mood. They had gone to a movie "Ladyhawke" and he was telling us about it. He said it sounds strange but was really good. Darlene made apple crisp for our dessert. It was good but hard on the diet.

I can't believe April is gone already. It really flew. Oh, well, it's payday today and that isn't bad. Only 26 more days of school! Then I just have a week more and I'm done.

Arley Carlson finally got his new boat and Dad is dying to see it. We've been over there about five times. He'll be getting it home this weekend. His son picked it up and took it to his house.

Guess I'd better start unloading books. See you Saturday.

Love,

Mom & Dad

*P.S. Save the receipts if you can in case
something goes wrong with Paul's-*

Dear Peter,

3/14/7

Someone stole the typing ball from my typewriter so I'm reduced to writing by hand.

We've been having lots of things taken back here so I guess Marlene is going to sit back here while I'm gone.

I called for your eye appointment. It's Monday, March 26 at 8:45. If that isn't OK let me know. (West 7)

We had a special square dancing session Monday night. I was at the Elks Club. We had a lot of fun. On the way over we stopped to see Ruby & Orville Strehlow's new motor home. It's really something - 36 feet long. Dad says it probably cost 30 to 40 thousand dollars. They plan to do a lot of traveling.

We babysat the little boys last night. Dad took them down to work with him so he could drill some holes for

something for Fred. They got back just before Pam came to pick them up. We played 'Why' before they left. Tony really likes games.

The lady came about the drapes also Monday night. I got them all picked out + signed for + now I'm wondering if I got exactly what I want. I wanted to have them start at the window sash so all of the window would be exposed but then we would have to go with the next size rods + more material - about \$100⁰⁰ more + I don't know if its worth it - oh well I'll turn out alright.

Alanna, Joan + I are serving the birthday coffee this month - we're setting it up for the 22nd. Special Ed will make the dessert + the rest is up to us -

Not much news - See you this weekend maybe -

Love

Mom + Dad

Wed nite

Hi Peter!

What a beautiful day - sunshining & 70+ degrees. I hope you got out to enjoy it - at least on your walk to see Dr. Obetz.

I was busy again at work today - I typed the book list - 4 pages. At least when I'm busy the days go fast.

Dad picked me up at noon to exchange cars. He got gas & enjoyed the sun. I'm really missing all the excitement on "All my Children!" I'm going to try to get over there tomorrow.

Lia I tell you Pam & Mike bought a new davenport & love seat? They got them at Trade Mart & they were delivered today. She says it's a little crowded in their apartment right now - (the other davenport is still there), but they'll wait to arrange things ~~when~~ they move.

Paul is trying to repair the dent in Kathy's car. I don't know how much luck he's having. He got grease all over a new shirt -

I got Jon 3 magazines - "Motor Trend", "Hot Rod" & "Mud" & a word puzzle book & pen. The

Haven't heard yet how he is.
Pam doesn't answer.

I vacuumed downstairs
tonight + baked Clara's cake —
butter brickle.

Clara has been trying to
find a spoon ring for her
mother's birthday — it's like
a little spoon bent around
to make a ring in case you're
wondering.

I brought Time, Newsweek
& U.S. News home tonight —
I'll better get going if I'm
going to get them all read.

Love from
All of us —

Mom,

Dad,

Paul

Kathy

Karla

Toby

Dear Peter

1/16/95

Just a note to let you know that Pam and Steve are coming home Friday night and we'll be celebrating Paul's birthday at noon on Saturday at Waldos at Apache. Hope you can make it. They'll be going back right afterwards as they have a card party Saturday night. The little boys are going to stay with Mike and he'll take them home on Sunday.

We've been busy here getting the book order ready to go in. When I added up all the books he had ordered yesterday we were \$900.00 short. I thought he was really in trouble but he lucked out again because when he called to tell them about it this morning they said there would be another order going in in March.

Dad had his last test on Monday morning and they didn't find anything else so guess they'll just go along with the little hernia. He had to swallow castor oil Sunday night in preparation for the test and he got violently ill. He threw up about three times. He asked the doctor about it and he said some people have a reaction. I hope I don't ever have to take it!

Did I tell you we went to "Up With People" last Thursday night? It was really good. We went with Andersons and went to Tarsilla's first for a lutefisk dinner. At least Dad and Betty did. Jim and I had shrimp. Betty really isn't doing very well. She moves really slow and looks a little pale.

Dad and I went for a ride down by the river on Sunday. It was good to get down there again. We kind of miss it in the winter time. He found a lot for sale by Wasbasha and got all excited. The only things that I wouldn't like about retiring down there is there aren't very many places to eat out and I don't think television reception is very good.

We're looking for a new table for the living room. Mother and Grandpa gave us money for Christmas so we thought we'd spend it on that. We looked every place here in town and couldn't find anything so I guess we'll have to come up there and look around. I've been wanting to go to Levitz anyway.

The Mayo boys' basketball team is really good this year. They have won all their games and are rated 5th in the state. Maybe we'll go to state....wouldn't that be fun?

We went to another movie.....Starmanit was pretty good. They say it's a lot like ET. Next we want to go to Micki and Maude. It has Dudley Moore in it and is supposed to be good. It seems like they have a whole bunch of good movies all at once and then go a long time before there are more.

Guess I'd better get busy. Froggy is giving me the evil eye.

Hope to see you Saturday at noon.

Love,

Mom & Dad

11/9/82

Dear Peter,

It's Tuesday morning and I'm getting ready to type book orders. As for this year they said we wouldn't have any money to order books ~~this~~ year but I guess they found a little.

After you left Saturday we did some cleaning etc around home and then went up to Andersons.

Jim was down on the farm but Betty was home so we talked to her for a while.

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He left about 2:30 to go to the Plummer house for their annual Christmas fete'. He had to park at the Presbyterian Church and take a shuttle bus up there as there isn't much parking. Have you ever been there? He hadn't as it was interesting.

We were a little disappointed in the interior but really liked the exterior and the grounds. It must have taken more than one gardener to take care of all that land.

Saturday night we visited

Pam for a little bit and then went to "An Officer and a Gentleman". She intended to go to the 7:³⁰~~00~~ show but were early—about 6:30 so decided to get groceries at Country Store. When we finished the movie was sold out so we had to wait until 9:00 when they started selling tickets for the 9:40 show. We went to Bridgeman's for a while & then sat on the davenport in the theater—boring!

The movie was pretty good except for the language.

Sunday we went to Bible Class. Pam came too & we invited her & the boys to eat lunch with us. When we picked the boys up they were

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really frosty so we decided to skip church & just go eat.

In the afternoon Dad did a few things ~~at~~ outside & I studied.

About 4 we drove over to Paul & Kathy's — Paul was cutting wood with a friend but we had a nice talk with Kathy.

That night we watched "Bloopers" did you happen to see it?

I hope we can have more talks like we did Saturday morning, Peter.

See you Friday.

P.S. I forgot to tell you
Mr. Herman bought a 1/2
interest in a bar, so now he's a
businessman.

Love

Mom & Dad

11/16/92

Hi Peter,

This will have to be a
quick note —

It's really cold here
today. We got snow on
Sunday. I hear you did it.

I went to Jean Bauer's
(Pastor Bauer's wife)
baby shower at Aggie Carlson's
Sunday afternoon and had
to drive home in the
storm. You couldn't see the
white lines on the road
there was so much slush.
Luckily there was someone

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in front of me going about 30
so I just followed. They
even dropped off the road
a couple of times but I
pulled over in time. I
was really glad to get home.

Saturday, as you know, we
baked cookies — 5 kinds
but by the time we split
them up there weren't that
many. Maybe we'll have to
make some more. The
little boys "helped" for a
while & then went outside
with Grandpa.

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He overslept Sunday morning — I suppose we were tired from playing video games at Paul's until midnight. ^{Saturday} He did make church though & then stopped at Rex's before rushing home to drop Dad off & get my gifts for the shower.

Our secretaries Christmas party is tomorrow night at Holiday Inn South. We're babysitting the little boys tonight, also did last night. Pam is going to the Zumbro

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Valley Mental Health group 4 nights
a week for the next 4 weeks

We got our Christmas tree
Saturday night and set it
up in the house last night.
We'll probably decorate tonight.

Thursday is my last class
I'll be glad not to have to
study every night but will
probably miss it a little.

It's good to improve your
mind.

Must go. See you Friday

Love,

Mom & Dad

Hi Peter! 12/16/82

It's really nice out today -
- mild. I hope we don't get
the cold weather they're
predicting.

We babysat the little
boys last night. They wanted
to put together puzzles
after seeing the big one that
Dad is working on - so
we got our Sleggy puzzle
from downstairs & put
it together. Tony is
pretty good at it. Ghe
had to go to Mike's
& get their overshoes because

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They play out everyday & it's a little cool in tennis shoes. They left them at his house last Thursday.

He drove down to Stewartville while we were at it to look at the Christmas decorations but they didn't have much.

Saturday night we went to the Exchange Club Travelogue. The ~~the~~ narrator was so entertaining he had everyone laughing. The film was on the Southwestern States.

He sat with Krugers & went out for coffee with them afterwards. They

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have a ham radio &
were talking about the
tests a person has to
take - dots & dashes etc.
He is licensed but she's
still working on hers.

Sunday afternoon we
did some more Christmas
Shopping & Sunday night
just stayed home &
watched the shows.

Thursday we're having
our annual Secretaries &
Bosses Christmas party only
this year it's called a

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Holiday party because we
can't mention Christmas
around here!

Dr. Fredrickson would
like to see me join a group
at SPC but it's from 2-3:30
so I'll have to get off
work. I talked to Neal
Davis about it today &
he'll let me know
tomorrow.

See you Friday

Love

Mom & Dad

12/22/82
Hi Peter,

Tonight is the school board meeting and there'll probably be lots of excitement as all the parents who are objecting to the School board's stand on Christmas plan to be there. I guess they've been picketing all day.

We put together pyroglyphs again last night with Tony & Peter — even Peter found a few pieces that

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for. We read books (Myrtle Turtle) and then tucked them in just before Pam came home. She was early.

Saturday afternoon we did some last minute Christmas shopping and that night we went to Perkins for all the pancakes you can eat for \$1 and then went to "Best Friends" starring Burr Reynolds + Gaele Hawn. It wasn't too good - at least as far as I'm concerned. Dad kind of liked it.

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I stayed up until 2 am watching an old movie & I really paid for it yesterday I could hardly stay awake!

Sunday we went to Bible Class & church & then headed home to wrap presents

It took me all afternoon.

We called Paul to see how he was & I guess he spends the weekend in bed.

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The watches "Oz God" part 2
It wasn't nearly as
good as the first one.

Uncle Alfred Schellhammer
died Monday. Mother, Grandpa
Dale & I are going to the
funeral tomorrow.

I only have to work
Thursday morning then
have Friday off too which
is fine with me.

I'm anxious to hear
about your job.

See you Friday. We'll
eat between 4:30 - 5

Love
Mama & Papa

Hi Peter, 1/19/93

How are things with you?

We cleaned Grandma's house after you left Saturday. I got both bedrooms and the bathroom done. Dad got the shed + the garage done.

That night we were supposed to go out + eat with Andersons but instead when we got there she had supper ready.

It was a real good hotdish, salad and garlic toast then cherry pie with ice cream.

Very good. We sat around + talked until 10:30 then went

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Home.

Sunday we went to Bible Class + church + then to Burger King for lunch.

Pam's car had broken down on Saturday + she had to have it towed —

\$30⁰⁰

After changing clothes we went over there to see if we could get it started. We couldn't + Dad got all excited! He went out to Paul's + he gave Dad an idea — went back + it barely ran so

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he decided to take it to Grandma's garage. So now Papa has our car & we're driving your car.

Sunday night all the officers of the church & their husbands & wives went to John Barleycorn for dinner. There were about 90 of us. We had a good time but my steak was tough. They had a special menu printed up for us offering 5 choices all for \$9.89. Dad had the price list said it was

good.

Last night Dad + Paul
worked on the car & Kathy
+ I went shopping for
Paul's present. His birthday
is today. We got him
some pants + a shirt.

I had some cupcakes
that I got with groceries
so we had a mini celebration

Your car will be ready
when you come home this
weekend. It had a bad starter
& they are replacing it.

See you soon -

Love
Mom + Dad

Dear Peter, 1/28/93 Tuesday

After you left Saturday we continued cleaning until about 4 then went home and got cleaned up.

Saturday night we went to Michaels on your Christmas gift certificate. Thanks again — it was really good. We had the special which was filet mignon, shrimp salad, potatoes & lettuce salad and hot fudge sundae. Then we went to "The Verdict" at Apollo II (the old Oakview). It was okay but not great as some

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have said. It may have been because I was sleepy but I almost fell asleep during the slow moving parts. Jim Anderson had said it was a bit too good & I guess I'd have to agree.

Sunday we went to SS. and church. The met Pam & the boys between & Tony decided he wanted to go to church with us! After church he wanted to ~~come~~ come home with us! We took him to Rex for lunch & he had 3 big

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Rax & a shake. He didn't quite finish the second one so I guess we should have gotten the small roast beef for his second sandwich.

He and I played Old Maid all afternoon. He was really fascinated — called it HOLD MAID. He looked in my hand every time he was supposed to draw & thought it was pretty gear that I lost every time!

He took him home about 4. He had to show us Dungeons & Dragons one more time.

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Did you watch the game? It was stinky. Miami won so now it's Miami + Washington in the Super Bowl.

I met the girls at Holiday Inn for lunch today. We were celebrating Lisa's birthday. I skipped my morning coffee break so I could have an hour. It was good to see them all again.

I have to go to the dentist this afternoon - Boo!

See you Friday at Nick's at 5:15 okay?

Love
Mom

Dear Peter, 2/2/83

After you left Saturday
we went back up to
Grandma's for awhile and
then headed home. I
crocheted and watched
figure skating on TV, dad
cleaned off the driveway
then we had supper
and headed into town.
It had really turned
slippery. There were
two cars in the ditch.

We went to the travelogue
at the auditorium. It was

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on the Canary Islands. It
was pretty good. They're located
just off the coast of Africa.
It's cloudy there much of
the time so don't think
I'd like it ~~there~~. Kniegers
met us there and we
went to Hennepin afterwards
with them. They're planning
to go to Alaska again
this summer.

Sunday Dad got up
early & plowed because
Chip had an open house

from 1-3. We went to S. L. & Church and then to Bernard's for lunch. The food is pretty good there. They have soup, salads, breads, cookies, cake & sandwiches. Dad had the hot roast beef.

We stopped over to Paul & Kathy's for a few minutes & they invited us to watch the Super Bowl with them.

We went to Grandma's & worked on getting the wallpaper off after visiting her ^(Grandma) at the Samaritan for a little while.

Kathy made caramel

corn so we munched on
that and cheered for the
Redskins. It was a good game
especially since they won!

I don't know why they
had it so late in the day
— 5:00. It was nearly
9 when it was over so
we headed home.

Chip is showing the
house again tonight at
5:30 so we'll stay in
town until they're through.

Do you want to go to
Mayo's play "Arsenic & Old Lace"
It's Mr. Jo's last play — Thurs,
Fri & Sat. See you at Nick's
ALONE love,
Mom

3/15/93

Monday

Hi Peter,

It's beautiful out - the sun is shining & the birds are singing.

We took two more loads to the dump after you left - it took us most of the day. We got home about 4:45 & Pam called right away to say she was home. I cooked supper, we ate & then took the little boys home. We had a good time with them - they

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really helped Dad.

After we got home we
watched the hockey game

Hill Murray won but Burnselle
looked pretty good.

Sunday we got up & went
to Bible Class. We picked
Grandma up & took her
to church.

We stopped for lunch at
Country Kitchen, then went
home & changed clothes.

Someone from Buy Rite

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called & said they were bringing some interested people out so we cleaned up quick & then went up to the other house. Dad & Ka Na worked on the yard & I read.

We took that boat magazine back to Paul. He was cleaning out his shed & Kathy was working. We went in for a few minutes & ended up staying until 8:30. We watched "The World's Strongest Man" We hadn't seen it before.

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Went home & watched
Tracyer John then went
to bed — not too exciting.

I have Weegie
Watchers tonite — hope
I've lost some more

Have a great week
and we'll see you
Friday 5:15 at Nick's.

Love,

Mom & Dad

Hi Peter — 11/11/89

She drove in to see Betty after you left Saturday. She seems to be taking it pretty well. Jim is quite upset.

Spent about an hour at the Christian Book Store looking for a book for her before we went up there. It was so cold in there I don't know how the salespeople could stand it.

She could have done some Christmas shopping after we left her but I forgot my list. We did look around for snow pants for

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the boys. Found some for Peter
but not for Tony. We had
ordered some through Planners
Catalog but they were out on
delay & ~~they~~ ^{the boys} really need
them now. I've ordered some
for Tony at Sears. They're
supposed to be in on Thursday
I hope so.

Last night we had a
little goodbye party for
Scott at Mother's. I
guess he leaves the Tuesday
before Thanksgiving and will
be stationed in Virginia.

Their family celebrated Christmas
with the Glissendorfs at Tinklers
yesterday because the Glissendorfs

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are leaving for Florida next week.

Everyone got Scott a gag gift. Pam gave him a Beetle Bailey book, Paul & Kathy got him a little GI Joe doll & we got him a toy jeep.

He watched "The Blue Lagoon" last night & then turned to your news but "Superman" was still on.

It made the news really late, hmmm?

We went over to Krueger's house to play cards Saturday night. They have

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a girl Bassett Hound named
Dorsey. They bought her
because they fell in love
with Ka Nu. She got so
excited when she saw us.

You should see her sit
up & speak. It looked
so silly because she's
so long. She's skinnier
too unlike Ka Nu. She
lets out a little woof -
you can hardly hear it.

They made her a nice
bed out of a cardboard
box. Maybe we should
make one for '2'.

See you Friday.

Love Mom & Dad

2/6/83

Tuesday

Hi Peter —

We've really had nice weather these past few days. Here's me — hope you're enjoying it as much as we are.

He picked little Peter up about 2:30 on Saturday and then left for Austin. He slept about half the way & since we were early we waited in the parking lot & let him sleep a little longer.

The wedding started

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at 4:00. Pam came down
the aisle first. She looked
pretty in her burgundy
dress. Then two other brides-
maids came down then

Tony & the little flower
girl rushed down. We

hardly got to see them

they went so fast. Tony

was good up in front —

he just stood there & looked
forward except for one peek

back. Afterwards he put
his hands on his hips, she
grabbed hold and away
they flew!

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They had punch, ^{ham} sandwiches,
nuts, mints, cake & coffee to eat.

I took lots of pictures. I
hope they turn out.

About 5:30 we drove thru
town looking & then went
to their hotel room to get

Tony's things. Then we went
to the Knights of Columbus for
the dance. The band didn't
come until 8, they were
setting up when we left
— the boys were getting tired.

They fell asleep on the way
home & then went right
to bed after a snack!

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We all got up about 8 on Sunday, got dressed + headed for Sunday School. We didn't think we would try church so just went to Country Kitchen where they had kiddie meals for 79¢

The boys played outside for a while & then came in + played Winnie the Pooh with Dad.

Pam got home around 4. We took their Valentines over + then visited Grandma. — Watched the last episode of "Winds of War"

See you Friday

Love
M + S

Hi Peter - 2/8/83

It was really cold this morning - 13 below - 36 wind chill but is supposed to warm up to +20. The sun is shining + it looks nice out.

I'm going to stop and get some cupcakes after work tonight. Mother's birthday is Thursday + since I'm going there for lunch tomorrow, I thought we'd have an early celebration. I

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Also have to stop at Boeckmann
at Upside & pick up a glass
as a gift for Chris Miller
(Pam's friend) and her
france. They're getting
married Saturday. Pam
is going to be a bridesmaid
& Tony will be the ring
bearer. — I think I told
you. They're staying over-
night in a motel Friday
night then will bring
the boys home with us
after the wedding, dance
etc. I don't know how

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late those little bugs will
lose. Pam will stay over
Sat night too. Kind of an
expensive weekend for her.

Kruegers came over Saturday
night & we played 500.

They also taught us a new
game — Norwegian ^{Poker} ~~Poker~~

It was kind of fun.

We missed going down
to the auditorium for the
Telethon — too tired after
they left.

Sunday I had to teach

Sunday School. I only had
2 little boys - 1st grade.

We went out to Apache
in the afternoon & the day
just went on by. Last
night I started watching
"Winds of War". I had watched
a Clint Eastwood movie.
'Winds' will last all week
but I'll have to miss Friday
night.

Mr J's reception is
tomorrow.

See you Friday I
hope -

Love

Mom & Dad

Hi Peter, 3/12/71

I'm enclosing a stamped envelope for you to return the good driver form.

I hope by this time you have resolved your differences with KSTP — don't let them buffalo you you can't work any more of those double shifts!!

I applied for a job at the Clinic yesterday — finally got up my resume Now I just have to take a typing test — hopefully

this week. They only give them
at 10, 1 + 3:30 so I'll have
to do some juggling.

The little boys are staying
with us now so we have to
get up earlier in the morning
so they can have breakfast.
Grandma is going to take
them some too — hopefully
it won't be too long — two
to three weeks is the usual
amount of time I guess.

Better get busy — see
you next Friday

Love

Mom + Dad