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Dear Alice, Ralph, Helen, and of course Flip.

I feel so guilty about not writing to you all---
I'm not sure how one goes about making excuses
for such a long silence. I seem to just abhor
writing letters anymore. I think of you and all
the rest that don't get letters from me, but just
can't seem to knuckle under and write them.

Diane had such a tremendous summer with you
that she still talks of it often. We hope that
Helen will be able to come out here and then you
folks also. Marie and Chuck plan to be in Iowa
in August so we are planning to be there also.
Marie is working in Lane Bryant as an assistant
sportswear Buyer. Seems to like it although it

would be nicer if she didn't have to travel so far into San Francisco--
the new BART trains make it a bit faster--but a bike on the line would be
so had to drive and that meant across the bridge and through traffic--
I'd not have enjoyed that!

My summer was restful and for the most part quite enjoyable.
After Peter was put on the Megavitamins, things improved with him
tremendously. He worked in the packing house of an apple orchard
for a month and then had an opportunity to get a ride to Utah and
took it (His job had ended the week before) so he is out there and
hasn't found a job as yet. Things are tough all over in that
category.

My school year is so much better than last year. Only 18 in
my class! and only one boy that is any problem--I'm having a ball!
Our new principal is a 'gung ho!' guy and has everyone hopping---
we were so used to an easy-going principal.. Also have new school
superintendent that is very 'goal' oriented, and we're supposed to
be in the middle of working out our goals and writing them up etc.

Diane says to tell you that she has Health now and it's alright
except that her teacher is a little bit strange. He's always asking
embarrassing questions that no one wants to answer about VD and sex
education so most of the people say they don't know. Usually they
have films or discussions--it's good--but last time they took the
Harvard Step Test which was the only fun class they've had. Diane
was only one not to get an excellent rating. She was low average and
I've ^{want} got to check it out with our Dr. End of Diane's dictation I think.

She is still telling me all the ways we goofed in bringing her up--
I should write them down and pull them out when her kids are about 14.
I wish she had more confidence in her abilities--like mother, like
daughter I guess.

I'm tired and am calling this to a halt for now--

Much Love Dad