

Friday 10th

Dear Alice - Should have sent this yesterday. I have been writing various people to remind them of Sam & Jessie's 50th Anniversary and to send cards. I don't know what else we can do. I am sending Linda a check to cover yellow roses and possibly a vase, if Jessie had disposed of all of hers, from me & my family. Dad and I got red carnations for them on their 40th when we were there. Marge suggests a big plant to use on their balcony and maybe it should be artificial so they don't have to take care of it, Anyway Linda can use her judgment about that.

I also ordered some Bicentennial playing cards if they get here in time to send.

I sent notes to Etta, Dewey, Mabel Ross, Carmeta Hass, Lois Motsinger etc. to spread the word in Albany, Allandale, Grand City, Verna Phelps in Okla. and I still must write to the Drakes and a few more Adairs. I wrote John as I haven't heard anymore from them since Til's letter.

Hope they are all over Strap throat. 8" snow in Omaha so weather man said tonight. Sounds like a bad time ahead with Blizzards & Tornadoes & up to 70°s in temp. We have had a rainy day today - washed my hair & Nancy had hers cut - neck length - real cute! and easier for her to roll.

Richard has been delivering phone books and had

a battery down this P.M. - got the car home (station wagon) and charger on it and Mame says the battery goes back for guarantee!

Going down to Goro they say by Mon. night. Well, I'd rather have winter now than drag along into Spring & jump into summer all at once. We have sure had it nice so far.

Got a long 6 page letter from Grace Stephens - don't see how she could write with such crippled hands. She still has so much pain she can't sleep at night and can only use the walker to get to bathroom & to bed.

Jessie was making applesalad with an apple Frank sent from N. York. They had lots of company and lots of food over holidays but she couldn't make herself eat.

Grace^{is} now calling. She was at Walter's for Xmas I think, but back at apt. now. —

Marge got 1 doz. tulip bulbs for Rich at Xmas and now they are all sprouted and we have to get them in pots now.

Ruby & Estelle coming down tomorrow. some TV job, I think, next door for Gordon. Varda has an operation coming up next week - a bone rubbing a nerve and she can't use her arm -

Allof a sudden another shower coming down.

"King Arthur" on TV not very interesting nor instructive.

Wish we could celebrate with you. I sent for some of those little lotus bowls - white - but they haven't come yet - maybe you'll have them next summer! Also a bicentennial thimble for Helen - it should come by her birthday surely -

Had a note from Melba wanting me to send her 4 of those Xmas stamps that were precanceled - Vera didn't have any and Melba collects and needed these. Vera said she noticed I had used a few, so Marne got me some for her.

Vera has the gas wall furnace in the P.O. now and likes the heat but misses her cup of tea she could make on the old stove! They fixed P.O. up real nice, I guess. John said someone had put bricks around the old Bank safe next to Charles as it looks neat - must have been Richard Knapp or Milt Henderson for no one else seems to care how things look. They say Richard's feed business not good now and Eva has gone to work at Cap Factory in Mt. Airy.

Marge just brought in a delicious orange & says "now, eat it! Potassium in it!" She baked acorn squash in little oven tonight - real good & so quick.

Rain pouring down. Nancy is in. Richard is out.

Sat. A.M.

Little blizzard all over - sun shining.

Marge says thanks for being home when Nancy called - She went to see Lori at Wakecha - some college thing. She rides back Sunday with Lori's boy friend.

See you some day?