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Friday P.M. 21st

Dear J + R -

Wie geht's mit der familie?

Weather improving - it's Spring! Marge's little snowdrops are blooming and the cardinals are busy in the treetops and hunting seeds to eat so they can sing.

Enclosing this AAA paper - do you or Mr. Chasit need it? I note it still has Sam's address instead of yours - that should be attended to if you haven't already.
Rain in D.C.

77° in St. Joseph today. I'm 70's all week there so sounds as if I could soon stay at home - when Chick gets that water pump fixed up! I saw in the paper that they came home March 10 and I had a letter waiting there for him but have had no reply. There's the electric heater that can be plugged in rather than light the furnace but if it gets up in 70's it should be warm enough to open the house in daytime. Richard was to drive a pick-up to Allandale today to get the cedar chests his girlfriend's brother had ordered and his girl friend is supposedly planning to go along! They drive back to Champaign tomorrow & Richard will come on home in his car and Nancy to come too if she hasn't found another way. Richard took my house key & can turn on electricity & shut it off when he leaves. No water so they will only sleep there. He is taking 2 boxes of my things to leave so I won't have as much luggage - also returning my little Hoover washer that he & Nancy have used this year.

June's mother's funeral was Wed. and they went down Tues. to Thurs. Left Fritz the dog with us. Maurice's birthday is Monday, 55, and he retires at end of the month so June plans a little party - just us - M + M + I plan to take them to dinner then back to June's for dessert on Mon. evening. Maurice doesn't have any big plans aside from painting his house this summer, so he says he can come down and help poke around down home sometime.

Now - my next move. Marge wants to go to Denver & has a vacation coming before May 1., so I think I'll go along with her for 3 or 4 days, then back to Omaha, pick up the chevie and she drive it over home, then maybe I can get someone to drive for me when I need to go. Helen Luyken & Carolyn & 3 kids plan on coming sometime and Dorothy ^{or Tidy} etc in Aug. If possible I'd like to have Melba drive for me or Lavinia, we'll see!

M + I will take train or plane to Denver Fri. night and then come back Wed. night or Thurs. to Omaha & on home. I'll get a schedule when Marue works it out. All arrivals in Omaha at night?

Richard is having problems - he thinks he would rather farm than do this horticulture thing, as he needs more know-how about expense, etc. Maybe he should hire out to some real farmer this summer - know anyone available? Not many around Redding! For sure. ^{He would like to work with Linda's John this summer.}

I am sure sorry Peter didn't pan out as I wished. Hard on Alot. I thought he was going home but Marge thinks Alot said he was going to Phoenix or somewhere south - not good.

I asked Bernice Lynch to investigate the Clearview + Health Care Center in Mt-Ayr but haven't heard yet what she learned. Really seems to be the sensible thing for me to do so I could more easily look after things at home and not bother all you busy kids. It has been very nice to spend this time with you kids + grandkids but it does mean extra time + care and you are all too busy with your own families. I know what I'm talking about! I think I should make this arrangement while I'm still able to adjust to the change. Changes are never easy but often necessary -

Clara hasn't written - she seldom does - but is still at Clearview unless she has changed the past week. She will probably stay there as Bessie is LPN there and Inez Parker has been there the past year also. I wouldn't mind Clara for a roommate but otherwise I'd prefer a room alone. Mary Jane Clark is still waiting to get a room alone at Bedford Manor - she is at Ethel's in Wichita.

Sam writes they are still reading over their Anniv. cards - they are still thrilled to have heard from so many. Dewey writes they may go home by last of April + would like to have me meet them there - well - it may turn out that way but I'm not making any plans about it. The less bother the better - Stuart was going to dinner now + see if he should have his knees operated on for arthritis. Many down there were getting relief. Barton Abarr has had new operations on his hips and very successful.

I'll be glad to get back to Dr. Matteson - he knows my past history. This Dr. has been O.K. but I prefer Dr. Frank -

I'm just a patient to Dr. Chapman but I'm a person to Dr. Matteson and that makes a difference.

Marge has my pants suit sewed together ready for fitting & finishing then next the blouse and I'll have something my size to wear - I still stay around 105 lbs and eat all I can - but can't gain weight.

6 o'clock & Marge not home yet - must have gone shopping or to dentist. Marge is home & has everything under control. Here she comes now - believe it or not she found some more cotton stockings for me. I didn't know they made them anymore & I can sure use them in winter. #1.19 apr. & used to be 25¢

We leave Chicago by plane at 1 A.M. Friday night

Arr. Denver - - 2 A.M. Sat.

Coming back: Lv. Denver on Amtrak at 4:45 P.M. &

Arr. Omaha 2:20 A.M. on Thurs. Apr. 24

Drive to Redding - then have to get someone to drive Marge to Creston to train Sat. night or find someone going to Dr. M. & she catch a plane -

Time schedule not very cooperative

Sat. A.M.

Two robins joined the bird sanctuary in back yard as Spring is here.

Richard went down home yesterday & will be back here tonight. Nancy will come too for 1 wk. vacation. Will you be at Redding anytime? Check with Chick on the water. He should answer my letter. Love & see you in Omaha if you can meet M & me. Wed. night 2:20 A.M. April 24, Mom