

Monday evening Aug. 12

Dear ones -

Happy days to you! Wonderful weather here - pleasant & cool breezes from the lake.

So long since I've written you or anyone - just as busy as a bird dog! And this will be a mixed up letter no doubt.

Sat. G.M. John arrived ahead of his letter that pushed his schedule around and he came here on way to White Sulphur Springs, W. Va. (Green Brier Hotel) He had planned to stop on way back but he went alone & made detour & went on this morning to arrive there Wed. noon for remainder of week (Insur. convention) Well - Alice & Ralph came down Fri. eve. for a shower Alice attended & John wanted to go to Milwaukee. Dad was working but got off at 2:30 & Ralph & Alice went home to get supper and John took us later. Carolyn Lungren was here & went with us - she has been working at Harvester this summer but leaves in 2 wks. to go to college at Maryville.

Dad & John & Ralph played golf till dark then we all went bowling - up at 7 A.M. Sunday & all went to Green Lake & Madison, Wisc. & back to Mil. & got lunch &

back here at 11 P.M. Quite a day for this old lady! We did enjoy it immensely + Dad wished he had a week's vacation so he could go on with John!

Alice + Ralph are very comfortable + the age + type of house made it seem as if they had lived there for years. They need a washer + sewing machine - she has my little Hoover <sup>vacuum</sup> sweeper + a Bissell's carpet sweeper. I've seemed queer for us to leave them at home + go away - always been other way around!

John will see you on the November trip to New York City.

Stewey + Marge went to Texas last week to see Sammie + wrote back that Aunt Bessie + Arthur's wife + 3 girls were on way to Saskatchewan Canada + might come back this way - so we may have company!!?

Grace Haberty is working at Kimball's with me now. We go with Dad in the morning + Margaret comes after us but we could walk -  $\frac{3}{10}$  of a mile!

Dad plans to go down home over Labor Day but I think I'll stay here this time.

Dad + Margaret just got back from shopping - got some bargain shirts + pants. Have to go to Woodstock to Lois's someday this week + get beans + corn to freeze.

Alice is going out to "Mick McCreas" tomorrow near Mil. she has 2 little boys. Then.

after her husband & Ralph get off work they are all going to an auction - wouldn't we like to go along!! Do you remember her at Iowa - she & her husband honeymooned on a motorcycle - a P.E. major who taught at Ames.

Had our first sweet corn tonight (got it in wisc.) it's still 50¢ a doz. here & tomatoes are 19¢ a lb. - not a good season too much water & then too hot for awhile sorry it's so dry there.

Margaret says she could talk all day to you but can't find time to put it on paper - if you want any bargains she'll be glad to find 'em for you! 50¢ shirts.

We even found 2 pair of fiberglass curtains big wide ones for \$1 a pair for Alice, then got some other narrower ones at 50¢ a pair that I thought were a bargain!

Alice needs no blankets, or tablecloths - she is going to get a colonial heirloom bedspread with the Club check Idyllwylle cent. She is using at present the one she had at Iowa City & a plain brown she's had several years!

Your suggestions to cookie press & cake decorator sound good - she is a cookie eater you know - the Betty Crocker cook book is very good too so I'd say go ahead on this line. She has oodles of glass & china & silver. She doesn't have a cookie jar, and her canisters & paper containers are chrome with black tops.

There's 3 choices for you - when will you bring it out?  
Margaret says everybody's been here but you!

John & Naomi & 6 children were here last Sun. night (at John's sister's) enroute to Casper on 3 wks. trip. All in their slebats with sleeping bags, picnic stove & food etc, etc - She's is so much like Grandma Adair - equal to any occasion! John had been on a trip to Milwaukee earlier with V. Pres. Nixon! They are grooming John to run for Gov. of Wyoming some day.

Dad's gone to bed & I need to after all our junketing around yesterday.

Some new shoots are coming up in the glass bowl - the portulaca berry vine & quite a lot of moss is growing - we added a grapefruit plant & a small pepperonia with a little brown china deer & a piece of driftwood. Borrowed Grace's big 15 inch bowl. We had violets blooming all spring in it.

Our white glads are blooming now -

Enough for now with love to all

Mom.

I still want that family group snapshot for my purse instead of that newspaper picture of you, Walt.