

Mr Ralph Mr Alice ^{my} Granddaughter Helen
→ just went across the street to
get some ^{tin} ~~stencil~~ to put on the tree
when you called → I know the weather
sure has been rough we have got
mail all day and every body say the
weather has been rough. Elva states
Wrote say her Boy had 250 acen
of corn and 100 acen been out yet
Ever body at Home ^{and} we left at the right
time we had wonderful trip down sun
shining everybody said this was the worst
they have had for several ~~years~~ ^{years} a good
thing we are down here at the Hotel
Helen, we are sending you a check so
you do shopping for you a daddy and Mamma
for us → thank you.

TV so coming in fairly good here
on our floor but down stairs they have
it on the cable it come in Real good
I got ME a New Pair Slippers when I got Here

me But I'm about $\frac{1}{2}$ of the time watching
TV then I go go down town and talk
to some of the old timers One was 83
another couple Eating dinner at the
Basin Hotel He was 82 - She was 88
Born in Taylor County Iowa I have meet
her 2 times Later look she around 70 years
People here from every where Chicago
and everywhere

Baked 2 Pies Cherry & Peach, Banana
Bread but we can Bake them
again if the weather clear up
so you can make it

There are plenty of Hippies here or
"Long Haired People" Baby and all.

If you decide to come down I
would take 2 day drive to St Louis
or some place as it is a long

the way we can was 400 Miles I think
It is about 350 from Redding we can
down 13 from Hamilton and changed over
to 39 to 86 just N.E. to Ackoria to 23 to Enshes
don't come at 17-18-19-20-21-22-23-24-25-26-27-28-29-30-31-32-33-34-35-36-37-38-39-40-41-42-43-44-45-46-47-48-49-50-51-52-53-54-55-56-57-58-59-60-61-62-63-64-65-66-67-68-69-70-71-72-73-74-75-76-77-78-79-80-81-82-83-84-85-86-87-88-89-90-91-92-93-94-95-96-97-98-99-100

Disappointed! I can't tell you how much!
But will try to make the best of it and
spend the time somehow.

We got a little 3 ft spruce tree and I thought
Helen would trim it but we will fix it -

Dad was over to the dime store across the street
to get some tinsel rope when you called
& they went over & got him. So we just sat
down & watched "Who What & Where" on TV.

He rolled up my hair and I'll wait till it dries
before going out. It was as nice yesterday - ice
all gone & warm sunshine about 50° and we
drove the car to a grocery & really a shopping
center out on Hwy. 69 - new since we were
here and they have most everything except clothes.
Better than the dime store.

There's a shop here I wanted you to see -
dishes & all sorts of wooden ware (imported) The
glass blower closed for the winter and that
was so interesting. I'd like to have had you
pick out something but Dad says send them

check + let Helen shop for you.

Amah Lou sent a letter here for you as I had written you were planning to come down. I'll re-mail it unless you do decide to come.

We had a room across the hall for you - a single + a double bed for \$30 a week as it was all ready. Had a shower but could use our tub. We cancelled it but it or next one to it might be available without reservation.

No word from John's yet as to what they are doing. Card from Marie today - she + another girl are moving to an apt. nearer school + do their own cooking.

Helen's "Snoopy" note came today and it's stuck on the wall by the Xmas tree! Have cards all over the panellid walls.

Must get this in the mail - it is so slow - takes 5-7 days from anywhere! Hope you get it before Christmas -

Love - Mom + Dad