

[Handwritten, black ink on folded typing paper]

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Dear Folks,

Guess I should mark down when I write letters. I sure can't remember when I wrote last. Know it has been longer than it should have been

Dad got here lat Wednesday. He flew from Phoenix to Cedar Rapids and spent a few days with my aunt and uncle. My drier hadn't been working for a week or two and by Friday when I got home from work, it was fixed. They had to get one small part but had done it with little trouble. Dad doesn't like our weather. It keeps him from getting his daily constitutional.

Yvonne had to go to the dentist today. She'd been bothered by a tooth for a couple weeks and Sunday or Monday, a piece of filling came out, so I called a dentist yesterday afternoon and they said if she could get out of school early and get there by 3 p.m. today, they'd work her in. So, she went all by herself from school, and I met her there after work. She had a real bad tooth. It had decayed under the filling clear down to the nerve, so she got the full treatment and was real good. The dentist wasn't sure the tooth would be saved but had hopes. When she went to bed, she said her tooth didn't feel funny anymore.

Bill got his grades for last semester, today. They grade honors, satisfactory or unsatisfactory. He got honors for one course and satisfactory for the other He was real pleased.

Neal went to Scouts for the first time in weeks, tonight. He almost quit. We told him he could if he wanted to, but he had to decide and I thought he had decided to quit but last night he announced he was going tonight.

We have been terribly busy at work. Full or almost so most of the time and weekends have been terrible because we are always short-handed. I had last weekend off and was lucky, I guess. From the sound of things, it was really rough.

Karen came home from Brownies with a pretty Valentine, tonight. Last week, I didn't get her uniform ready so she had to wear something else and when Bill was getting her ready for school, she told him that they were all supposed to wear their uniforms that day and not tell their parents why. It turned out, they got their pictures taken for this Valentine. Hers is real cute, but I did feel kind of bad. If I'd known I could have gotten it ready.

Did you see much of Apollo 14? I missed everything exciting. We did get up at 3 a.m. Friday and listened to the landing on the moon, but I was either at work or in bed when everything else happened. Glad all went well, anyhow.

Have a Happy Valentine's Day.

Love,
Marilyn

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Hi. I've gotten started in the new term. I'm going to need to use my German in one course. The year is going fast.

With love,
Bill