

Halfmoon Lake Aug. 22-67

Dear Jean, Len & all

Well here it is July and Nedra's Birthday we went into Pinckney yesterday to mail her Birthday Card & a belated one to Nancy. On the way home we stopped at Sam & Mabel's, we visited a couple of hours under the apple trees. yesterday Jackie brought us a card & letter from Aunt Lily. Mrs. Kay is there with her family & an air conditioned Cadillac, they are staying in a motel near by and take Aunt Lily sightseeing.

Norman & Effie are living in Oakland Calif. now as Norman was transferred there. do they are trying to have Mrs. Kay drive Aunt Lily to Sacramento, they will pick her up there to visit with them. In Sept. Norman has to make a business trip to Chicago, and as we understand it, while he is there they will put Lily on a plane to Mich. Effie will fly on to Newark N.J. to visit her Nancy who just had an infant son, that lived just 24 hrs. and passed away with some fluid problem, just as the Benedict baby had. Aunt Lily by her letter seemed to be down in the mouth, said they have had 100° temp. and a long dry spell, with a water shortage. (We just heard on 12 noon T.V. that they are having raging forest fires in Oregon. Aunt Lily said she will write us from Effie's again, we hope so because her letter was so mixed up about what is going to happen that Mother is back worrying as to when she will be here & how. That is only natural for Mom. We have a fire going in the kitchen stove and it makes it comfortable. It is 1:00 P.M. the sun comes out once in a while & then it clouds up again. We wonder if there is

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any mail down at the Box. To-day is Jackie's Gulf day you know. Did you get your Phone bill straightened out with them on dun? After you had gone some time Ma then noticed James' wet beach towel on the porch. It should be dry by now. Still hanging there, unless Ma has taken it down as she was just rinsing a few things thru by hand.

When we take this letter into Pinckney we will also mail the Wedding Card to Dorothy, Jean Goodrich. We had already sent our regrets that we could not attend.

This a.m. our back steps looked like we had had a little rain during the night, but we could stand a lot more of it, then maybe mother would get enough tomatoes to pay for the plants. She looks at them several times a day and I suppose has had over 50¢ worth of fun out of it.

We spoke to Rita yesterday as we were leaving for Pinckney, she said the gang went down to Hulfo & wanted to know if he wanted to buy something, he gave them 50¢ and when he asked what they had to sell, (they said bubble gum) I wonder what they are going to do with the money they got! Ma is fixing dinner for us now, reguvening the mack & Cheese Wedra left with us. We will eat at 1:30 P.M. while we look at as the world turns.

P.S. By the way Nancy has 3 little girls and she was married only 6 yrs. ago. Effie is all broken up over her losing her little son.

Hope to see you soon to go fishing again.

Love

Mother & Dad.

Valfmoon Lake Aug. 23 67

Dear Jean & Len

We wrote to you yesterday and this morning Donnie brought up a letter from you and one from Aunt Lily written on a restaurant place mat. and don't know any more of her immediately intentions as to when she wants to come nor how. Wrote to her yesterday and asked her for a more detailed plan. Her last letter one could take in several ways.

Said she had a good time with Mrs. Kay & Mrs. Kay took her on to Sacramento that Effie & Norman picked her up on Saturday & took her to Oakland. from there on nothing was clear to us in his letter.

Jackie & Arley came up last night to pay us a visit and Jackie said they were taking the trailer to Cleveland and would feed and take care of Lula for the 2 days. of course we will.

I have only been out fishing once since you left here on your last short stay, and got lonely & discpsted on the sardines I caught. as far as I know we don't know if they are going to hold Nancy & Nedra's Birthday Party out here or not. Ma & I have been wondering when you were going to come out again for a stay and looking forward to it.

as we were leaving for Pinckney yesterday Rita was coming up the hill going home, so we stopped and chatted with her. We told her about your experience with the gang of kids and she told us that they went down to Mr. Mulf and asked him if he wanted to buy something. Mulf reached into his pocket and gave them 50¢. Then asked them what they had to sell, they said bubble gum. We don't

know what they were going to do with the money
wz how they divided it. but if I know David
he kept it all.

This A.M. when I was taking out the ashes
somebody called Mr. Schutze. I thought it was
the kids next door, but when I had them dumped
and started back Rita was in their drive way and
wanted to know if we were going to Palo Verde
then I did not have your letter yet, so told her I
did not know, so Ma just went over to see her &
find out what she wants (Corn or tomatoes I suppose)
Too bad that you cannot see your way clear to
come out Sunday & then stay over what we hope
will be more than 2 days. What in the World are
you painting? Wish awss was done on Tracy's Garage
and out here. Ma does not want me on the ladder
and I can't find a way to lay it flat on the
ground to do it. This A.M. I swizzled the grass
around her dalias, said she gets chiggered there.
The creatures are still busy on our feeder in fact
Ma called me this A.M. & said a blue jay pecked a
little wax wing & that it was injured, it was just
ruffling its feathers and taking a sun bath on
the feeder, cause it flew away in a minute.
Watched or rather listened to the Tigers talk from
minn. after the 9th in the 2nd game Ma was in bed
so told her to get the final. while I got ready for
bed, I was brushing my teeth when Ma liked to
tear the wall down. leaving everything I went in
to her, looking like I had hydrophobia, they were
in the 11th inn. then I stayed and listened to the
final art. Fast delivery on your letter woznt it.
The P.O. in Pinetrey gave us Aunt Lily's Zone No.
in Oakland. she only had 4 digits on the one she
gave us. so remember you come on, out and
stay as long as you wish, we enjoy your
company.

P.S. leave Donnie the Stamp

Love off your envelope.

Mather & Dad