

I don't know how to measure the width but the one you sent for yourself was just right. We need at least 4 of them to be that same width around as yours--and the other dresses would be to fit someone the size of Karen who wears a size 10 and Diane who is large boned but very thin, Catherine who is large boned but quite thin. Andre Darias will want one--and Carla (Tom's daughter) is having one ordered by her daughter Debbie. Everyone who sees them is wild about them. I can't believe anything by hand could be so exquisite. When I get some more samples I will attempt to show them to my family in Salt Lake and other friends and I would imagine you could expect a booming business for the ward.

They have brought little Sister Boardman home again from the hospital and we are now trying to get a couple to come live with her and take care of her. Isn't it fortunate to just have your health and vitality to do all the things which need to be accomplished in this world.

Things are very hectic around the Jonsson house for a change. We are attempting to leave for an AIEE conference in Texas where Jens is in charge and it will be a miracle if we get Eric's finances straightened out for the neighbors to handle his paper route while we are gone a month. Jens is growling about my cleaning the shelves so Craig and Cindy can't detect how I usually live. HAHA The students in Jens' class have been running with their tongues hanging out because he has to finish the term a week early. We will attend the conference a week and then head down to Mexico City and the Yucatan for three weeks as long as we are so close. As usual we will be driving the campmobile and I am having to make preparations to survive a month in that atmosphere without our getting sick. We will return the 18th of July if all goes well. We wonder if our gypsy blood will ever run out--who knows you might find us on your door step one day.

Mima and Don say their mission has really suffered with losing so many missionaries to the 18 month time limit. In Guam the average convert is .2 per missionary. They are enjoying the work and have worked mostly in the mission office while the President has traveled around the various islands.

I can't believe that Karen will be home in 5 more months. She is still using that violin as a tool to attract interested people and is enjoying much success. She has her first American companion who turns out to be an English major from BYU the same age and feels she is in excess to have one so compatible. You might be interested to learn that I heard through the Grapevine that her Stephen (ex) was heard to say when he was recognized by one of her friends as Karen's ex fiance--"That is my one claim to fame that I was engaged to Karen Jonsson". He graduates in June and I hope he moves on for his masters to another school so that Karen won't have to confront him when she returns. I understand they are not communicating and have not been since Christmas.

Frees have the usual converging of numerous relatives at their hotel. Right now they have David's children (three little ones) who they are sending while David and his wife travel east to purchase a new ambulance. I believe she said they once had 5 days without an overnight visitor (during a whole summer) and they were very lonesome!!!! Lorna Cheney is so relieved to have her hip replacement over and seems happier to be alive than I have ever seen her. She and Bernell Simpson have had remarkable recovery from the same operation.

Lucille is now the R.S. organist and has to work all week to prepare the prelude music and her opening song--she may not play as well as some others could, but we feel it is a great accomplishment to have her attend R.S. and to get her mind off Hy for that period of time.

Mauriel Williams is currently in Hong Kong picking up Reid--you have never seen anyone more excited than she and Jill as they left for that trip. They had to borrow money to accomplish the feat but feel it will be the highlight of their lives.

Howard Nielson is still running strong in the race and I hope he wins. Julie has held up very well under the pressure.

We all are better from our experiences with you and Tracy. We love you and pray the Lord may direct your every action and that you may be able to accomplish that which he would want you to do. Love,

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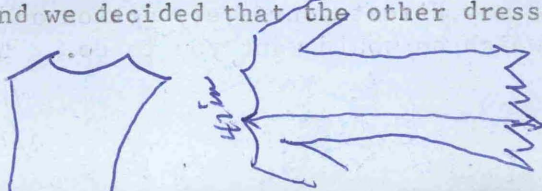
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Additional message area

Dear, Ida Rose and Tracy: First let us tell you your yard looks simply beautiful. That little couple are as eager as anyone I have ever known. I don't think you will ever need to worry. We just miss the strength and personality of the Halls were there to inspire us whenever we look that way---but we wouldn't have you any other place at this time.

I would love to sneak in the back door and witness Ida Rose directing those women singing with all their theatritics. We loved hearing the Kenyans singing in a Catholic church accompanied by their drums.

Ida Rose that gorgeous crocheted dress of yours arrived this week and I talked to Tracy Jr. about what he thought the expense would be. It was unbelievable. The one which arrived was Ecu(sp) and just fit Norma Darais to the T. Today I am sending Tracy Jr. a check in the amount of \$130 and I would like you to send as many dresses including the postage as \$130 would cover. Your dress measured 47 inches and we decided that the other dresses should be at least 3 inches shorter.



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