

Tues. May 11, 1982



Dear Ida Rose Tracy
 We received your letter last week, and it was so good to hear from you. We also really enjoyed your letter that was printed in the ward paper. It sounds like you are really enjoying some experiences with the steering wheel on the wrong side of the car. The ants and ant hills that is hard to believe. I can't comprehend ant hills that big. Things are going along about the same around here, not too many changes. We have had some pretty orchids from the greenhouse. There were some really for Mother Day and Betsy made some corsages for me for Mother's Mother. Things seem to be coming well over there.

I had to have surgery of the bladder (cystostomy) and I have spent the past few weeks recovering from that. Seems like it is just one thing after another. Anyway, I'm feeling better than I expect. I get tired real easily. Norm Bradburn had surgery yesterday for the same thing. Betsy's little Jordan is really growing + getting so big. He will be 6 months old tomorrow which is hard to believe. He is one of the most pleasant good natured little babies I have ever been around. He never cries + he laughs all the time. He takes 1 long nap a day + has slept all night since he was 3 weeks old. He really takes care of himself that is going on. He already has a tooth. Well enough bragging, but he is sure a joy. We sure miss you guys, seems like you have been gone forever. I'll let you get having some good experiences. I'll see you some different ones, but I know what good miss you are.

I am anxious to see the example of dresses you are sending. I haven't received the one yet that you sent but you said it could take 3 months. I am also anxious to see the other dresses. You said to take any place I receive it. I'll let you know which I like best. I am supposed to take it from the other place. That I am supposed to take it. You probably have the dress marked. I just talked to Pat Higbee and she said she has received it and your letter with the prices and instructions and dated. She also says she wrote to you and hopes you received her letter because she wanted sure of the address. I will look at the dress she has received. I miss you so much for your generosity + offer to give Betsy and me each a dress. That's too much for you to do, but I'm sure sweet of you.

I hope your health has been good and will continue to be. It seems like Nancy had some problems this month. We'll have to call + check on her. It sounds like you are in the minority with the blacks. I guess you here at home have no idea about the conditions there. Health-wise and everything. Also, we take so much for granted not realizing people in other places don't have to even cough + sneeze etc. It must be a real challenge there for you. I'm glad the people there are teaching and

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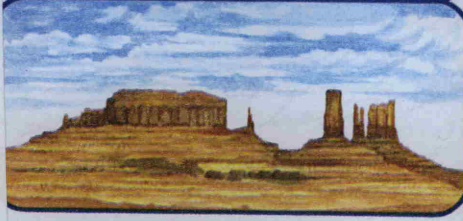
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Additional message area

Shore fisher so that would make it much easier -
in the high ya one day and down in the low the next
you probably already heard that most of the fruit trees
apples + peaches freeze. I don't harvest either year
things are still happening in the U.S. + U.M. -
going to canyon Glen this Sat. afternoon for a party.
Hope the letter finds you well. In love of world.
find you sure - I will try to do better about
wondering if you at some I am really enjoying
letter had about letter writing even though my
entertainers are good. We will send our love
Elaine