

Aug. 7, 1962

Dear Mom + All,

I've been thinking of you so much this week and wanted to get this letter sent in time to reach you for your birthday but, as usual, didn't get it done.

Anyhow, I hope you had a Happy Birthday and many, many more! Margaret's letter arrived today and she said that you and Dad had taken a trip with Junior and Della + boys - That must have been a lot of fun. I suppose that you are missing Phyllis now that she has returned to Alaska - would you send me her address?

We are all quite well. Carol has been crying with the tooth-ache [sic] for three days. We've had her to [sic] the dentist six times and he pulled one tooth last night but it still seems to ache. I think that it's more than half nerves. She is such a high-strung youngster.

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This has been a hard summer. The rainy season lasted from June 1st to July 15th and then it got so hot. The evenings have cooled off a bit now but the days are still scorchers. Today it was 100° and the humidity often is 95-100%. We took a trip to Mt Fuji again this year and camped out for three days at Lake Yamanaka. It was nice and cool and we had fun but it rained most of the time. Jake, Paul, John, Mark + Carol climbed to the top but Ruth + I didn't try it this time.

Last week Jake, Paul + John spent 2½ days camping with the Young People's group from our Church. There were 18 who attended. Sunday School attendance has been down as all the children are spending their school holidays at the ocean, Mts. or visiting relatives. Church attendance continues about the same. We are making

some new contacts.

We also have a new organist, a

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young man baptized at Easter

time. Paul + Mark are taking

piano lessons from him. Paul

is also taking clarinet lessons.

I wonder if you could locate

a simple hymn book written

for (Clarinet B flat) and also a folk-

song book for Clarinet. If you

could send them to us I'll send

the money for them.

You wouldn't know Paul. He

is several inches taller than

Jake now. He reminds me quite

a bit of Junior in looks + actions.

He and John have worked some

this summer on their Boy Scout

Merit Badges. They are both Life

Scouts and Paul is hoping to

make Eagle Scout soon. They

have earned badges in Swimming

Boating, Life Saving, Cooking,

Camping, Lif

First Aid,

Citizenship,

Reading, Nature

Astronomy, Physical

Fitness, Home Repairs, God + Country,
Pioneering, Hiking etc. etc.

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I think that it has been good
for them but a lot of work to
keep them at it.

We are buying a house in
Salem, Ore. I don't know whether
we'll live in it or just use it
for renting purposes. It costs
\$13,800 and we had to pay \$2000
down. The house is renting now
for \$110 per month so that will
about take care of the payments
I guess I told you that Jake's
folks sold their place + bought
a larger one - his sister Ruth and
girls are living with them. Jake
spent a week with them when
he was back for the Dolittle
reunion.

It's nice that Margaret has
work near-by - I'll try to write to
her soon. Also I wish you would
say thanks to all the W.M.S. [Women's Missionary Society]
folks for the lovely dresses
which they sent for
the girls. They
fit perfectly.

Carol was thrilled
with the ones from Virginia +
daughter too.

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The children start back to
school on Sept. 4th so my vacation
will begin then ha, ha. Jake has
to go to Tokyo Friday for a service
at the Chapel for Men's Fellowship
Group. We manage to keep busy
but the Lord blesses and gives
strength for the day.

Bed time [sic] so will close

Love to All

Florence + Family