

205 Park Avenue

Salem, Oregon

Jan. 48' [sic – note: this should probably read June or July]

Dear Mother,

Jake is on his way back to Ohio

and Paul and I are here in Salem.

I suppose that you have been reading

about the terrible flood that we

are having here in the N.W. When

we came down to Salem we saw

miles + miles of water with trees, barns,

and homes almost completely covered.

The main route is partially under

water so all trains have been

stopped. The water was right up to

the road on both sides where we

came through. Reports are that it

is to get worse + worse as the water

is still rising + many of the dikes

are near the breaking point from

the unusual amount of strain which

they have been forced to endure.

It looks as though we might

have to go back to Seattle on an

air-plane [sic]. Elaine, Jake's niece, is

going back with us to help a

little with Paul while we are

in school.

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Jake's mother and sister came up for graduation. These pictures of us were taken at graduation. One of them was on the front page of our Seattle paper.

It looks as though we might get to go to ~~Seattle~~ Japan this fall. Jake is to have a conference with Bro. Lamson before returning to Seattle – He said that he has asked Bro. Haslam, our missionary in Japan to see about getting our permission to enter – We have to have that before the U.S. will grant us our pass-ports.

It was surely nice of the ladies to make my quilts – I'll try to send them a thank-you card soon.

Paul is really enjoying playing with his little cousins. He loves children so well.

We had good straw-berry shortcake for dinner – write when you can.

Love to all,

Florence