

*Please use enclosed self-addressed envelope soon.*

Deming, N. M.

May 24, 1977

Dear Bessie,

You have been on my mind these last few days so I will write and say "hello" and that we trust you are enjoying this lovely Spring. Carl is outside watering (which you have to do very often here) and though it is only 8:15 - I have the necessary things done. We took our little Tulip (dog) to the groomer this A M and we will receive a call about 11:00 o'clock to pick her up and she will be beautiful with her two bows on her ears and bells on her toes. No, not really. Just kidding about the bells.

Our son, Edward, had a severe heart attack about April 4th and was in the hospital in Waukegan so we drove back home (in 2  $\frac{1}{2}$  days) to see him. He improved and then had a bit of a relapse and had to start getting well all over again. He is doing fine now and is able to take two walks a day.

Jenny was in the throes of moving. Her husband had taken almost all of their furniture up to Minneapolis where his job is located and she was staying to close the sale of their home. A drastic move for them and she was very GLAD to see us and we had a birthday party for the little year-old Joel, though his older brother (3) thought the party was for him, too.

We stayed with Sue in our old home. She is buying it, and it was so nice to see my lilacs swelling for blooming and the trees and all. The weather was beautiful and we surely enjoyed being there, but the people taking care of our place here were leaving on their own trip the first of May, so we had to leave.

Janice writes that Norman and Virginia take her and Zana out often to eat in "swanky" places and they do enjoy getting together. Janice still has company and meetings and I am surely proud of her activity. Zana does a lot too, but her legs are her weak point -- like mine. Norman is fine she says except he is stone deaf.

I trust you will let Dora know we think of her and hold her up in our prayers - as we do you all.

Mildred and Erwin amaze me - playing tennis every week and skiing and so on. They had planned on going to Hawaii in March - though I haven't heard from her about the trip yet. We heard from Mary Ellen and they are all fine. Three oldest are married, but their two young ones keep them busy. Mark is quite well-known for his football prowess.

Frank's family is really doing great. They must be very proud. Kaye is graduating from Carroll College and is going to visit England and Paris. I guess that she speaks French fluently.

How is the OLD WORLD attraction coming along. We wanted to see so many friends while we were back and ride to Eagle, but we didn't get away from wadsworth at all. Three different couples (friends) came to visit with us at home. One couple, the Welsh couple, came from wales to see us and she is paralyzed from a severe stroke.  
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Well, I had better get at the necessary things like making up a number ( music ) in another key. It is beautiful when Carl sings it - as I play it, but a couple notes are one note too high for him to sing with ease so I will transpose it. I bet Dora would know how to do that. I never had the training. I still play the big Hammond Organ for Chapel services. what I lack in

technique, I make up in Spiritual feeling: Ha Ha.

*I thank the Lord  
that I have this  
small talent.*

I hope you are still keeping your eyes wide open to find one of those family genealogies. I would CERTAINLY ENJOY reading and having it. In fact, two others in the family have expressed great interest and desire to copy or know this background and I have written what little I know.

You know, I was just wondering if Betty Thomas ran across the picture of Grandma Rhoda Reeves among Aunt Gertie's pictures - she showed it to me and it is beautiful. Should have a copy made for this side of the family. Paul Reeves is supposed to trace his family roots as a school project, <sup>this was urgent.</sup> and we all are interested. Norman Sr. Reeves' family does not seem to have interest - as Janice was giving away all her pictures. We do, though and if you find anything, let me know right away. You are our ONLY SOURCE.

Take care of yourself and keep busy. I tried to tell of the family, but realize this minute that I forgot to tell of Aunt Mary Perry - and the source of all the cousins on that side. Mama took me in her house one time - house toward town from yours. My! What a recollection! Are there any Bellings left in Eagle?

The doctor I went to last week here in New Mexico, took training in Waukesha and worked at Waukesha Beach while Carl ran the double-decker boats up the lake to the Beach. <sup>1938</sup> We had a lot of fun reminiscing. Small world. Couldn't those beautiful old trees around your area tell the stories though !!

Bye, bye for now. Write - we love to receive your letters.

Sincerely,

*Forgive my typing this letter.  
My fingers clump when I use a pen.*

*Carl & Edna*