Parker, Idaho
June 7, 1938

My dear parents,—

I am wishing we could all sneak in on you and have a surprise party on your wedding anniversary this Fri. I believe it is your 30th altho I don't keep good track when I'm trying to feel as young as possible myself.

In that many years your family seems to have become quite large now that most of the children are grown up - only one under sixteen. We hope we will not fall too short of the expectations you had when we were little tots. I feel there is a long way ahead of me to satisactory in my way of interpreting life.

With my own babies I can realize now what dreams we hold for them and how our belief in them would be so hard to shatter.

I will be so happy when we

can be together again and talk about these things.

It was a thrill to have Lois and Marvin here for a day (Sat. 2 P.M. til Sun. 2 P.M.) We felt very fortunate in having them come for June. She would have left the Monday before had she been well enough.

There was a good chance to go to Logan but she was still recovering from three days of sore throat & fever which had come on suddenly the Fri. before. Fever was 102° first day. Not until Thurs. (June 2nd) was she around much & getting her color back. It was the first time she's been down all winter and we wanted her to feel fit before going to S.L.

Lois curled June's hair up & I gave them a lesson in driving. They both drove the Ferry around town. Marvin looks much better with his added weight. He and Gordon went to S.S. while the rest

4/ Most of our tomatoes sprouted out of the frost & we have some new ones, also some celery, egg plant, beans to sell + pumpkin, squash, melons, corn etc. Only have radishes + lettuce now. Lilacs are blooming everywhere. She boys have a swing on the apple tree on front lawn. They visit our neighbors animals + are learning from real life about the pictures in their books. Robert says many things plainly now.

We will show more of Renée June in her next pictures. A cold wind was blowing in this, even tho it was bright + warm. Days are hot + dry now with occasional dust or sand storms followed by short showers.

We are anxious to know what plans will be for next Fall but life wouldn't be so interesting if our paths were foretold.

Virgil is welcome to stay with us during winter if he gets fixed up in L. L. beforehand as he needs. Now June has left I can appreciate how you feel without them all + especially her. She buzzes around + always on the spot when I need her. Renée will surely be glad to work for her some day.

If Ells could arrange to work for tuition or even help teach in Provo year after this we could plan on moving + maybe live in one place with you.

of us packed and visited.

We sent all Janie's clothes with her but those she'd outgrown. Some cotton I'll give to neighbor who helps me. Others I may make over or give to Knapheis girls or Greaves'.

The yellow organdy you made is a striking ensemble. I would have tried painting it for her but didnt have time to do justice to it as the boys both got sick sat. eve. & have kept me on the trot for 3 days. Cholera infantum I think an intestinal flu & they had to live on boiled water Sun & part of mon. so are just regaining their strength now. A day or two before I think they got some raw wheatina from a pkg. & ate it. Don't know if there is a connection but Bobby ran a fever of 102 then was better & later both started regurgitating all they ate or drank.

Little Renée is very considerate and is so quiet I only notice her at feeding & bath time.

Today we all walked to the corner to see the neighborhood children plunging in the large ditch there.

5 Raise a garden here before going or move early & plant there. We have furniture which you will need & you have baby things, etc. you will need & it would pay to go together & we could fill a big house.

Well Lois decided to use black ribbon or lace on skirt & then washing wouldn't spoil it either. We both liked flowers best. I made some blue flowers for Lois & red for June. She has red bolero & ascot tie. Lois' yello flowered print is cute & fits me almost as well as her. She's heavier in arms & legs & hips but weighs a little less.

I'm filling a genealogical blank for ward society but don't have names of my great (Bushmans) grandparents. Could you tell me next time you write if you have them in your mind also mama's parents full names. John & Lois?

Goodnight for now. I'm ashamed of this scribbly writing especially for an anniversary letter but I left it so late that I had to hurry before sleep overtook me.

May you have a happy day of reminiscing & planning for a glorious future.

We pray for every good blessing of peace health and wisdom to attend you always. You are the finest grandparents & parents in the world.

Devotedly,
Dorothy