

947 Crandall
S. L. C. ^{anc}
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Dearest Ellsworth -

Home and a letter from
you at last.

Isn't this distance between us
a nuisance? However I hope you'll get
two good letters from me before this
one. (I addressed one to L.D.S. Institute on June 26/34 -
your work is short & concentrated
isn't it? I mean the school session.

If you get out the 20th, hope
you can be in S. L. before my vacation is
over (23 - 30th) unless you have business
that keeps you in Idaho. Of course there
really is much in seeing each other
anymore since we'll soon be together
always. Just think! - at last - all
these grand evening visits talked of
spending together. Ellsworth, it's too
good to be true.

Yes - that would be fun to go
to Can. with the missionaries but there seem
to be several factors against it.

Firstly we haven't a car nor any
capital to speak of. If we got married up
there you'd need to come here first
to get clothes (or would you?) and it takes
at least 2 days to make it from here.

As to getting ready on my part I guess that wouldn't be so hard but it knocks my work kinda in the eye.

If I told them I was leaving the 22 or 23^d they of course wouldn't give ^{me} my vacation as I would be quitting & if I didn't say anything but just 'left' during my vacation they'd brand me a sneak & a great big meanie - you know.

Oh yes & besides Vera & Gene are changing plans & are going to the knob down here. Gene will be here early this week. Vera's Brother is in ^{the} mission home this week & her parents are here also which look like the "I do's" will be spoken very shortly - within 2 wks. She stayed here Fri. Sat. night. we went to Jefferson road Sun. morning - then to her sisters for dinner (the one who married last Oct.

She's so thrilled she acting almost foolish and judging from my actions already, I hesitate to picture myself ^{when} ~~when I am~~ as near the climax as she now ^{is}.

Gosh! are we having fun discussing plans & everything? Saw ^{all} your folks yesterday too. Helen talks of going to Chicago next Sat & is very thrilled.

Saw your Aunt Ellen too. She looks
very sad yet I want you & I to be
sure to come & see them on your return.
We mustn't forget.

Saw Lexie Keppler — ? & her mother
in Kress today. She asked where you were
said she was going to stay in Utah now —
that you were certainly liked in G.D.
Haven't heard from Master Bill yet.
Guess he's peeved at my hospitality or
maybe he feels obliged to disappear from
the picture or maybe his illusions were
unrepairably damaged.

Called over tonight to Knaphuses &
took Grace for a ride. Olive had a young
man visitor there. Oliver, Virgil, Lois & I
had Stringham's car & drove up Parley. Would
have stopped at Shepherd's but we had a
terrible time trying to start the car every
time.

Rec'd a card from T.K. today saying
he had just visited Can. & Niagara Falls.

Madam just returned from vacation
today but hasn't said anything to me yet.

Won't the boss be surprised when I
break the news in Aug? He leaves for Swis this Sat.

Haven't heard from Marv lately tho'
I wrote a nice bit of the good news to him.
Will he come sometime next week I guess.
Guess I'll spend this 5th at home doing

some sewing etc & maybe go somewhere
with the kids

To L.P. a principal-no? Is his wife
going to teach too or does she hang around
to keep his nose wiped?

Haven't seen anything of Fred since you
left. Evelyn W is very busy with her school.
Guess it's time I was breaking the secret to
her. It's so darned hard to keep it a secret
especially when people see you around buying
lace & prints & gown materials etc. Two girls in
the store know you & them especially I want you to
meet. A sweet kid whose fellow is a mining engineer &
who is leaving for Montana soon to stay 6 mos. or so
these kids can keep secrets so there's no danger.

We haven't moved yet & may not for some
time. It's doubtful about the reception too if we
don't have a larger place.

Well sweet man I'll be anxious to get
a letter today telling when school starts etc.
I get lonesome between letters & but am
quite busy.

Will close & get this posted.

Always, Dot.

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