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Dear Mom + Pop,

Your letter just came and I know if I don't answer now it will be days or weeks before I get to it.

We sure enjoyed our visit but were quite dead when we got home. We got up at 2:30, arrived home about 10, Win went to work and the kids and I went to bed. But it was well worth it to get to see you even if it was for just a short time.

Glad to hear you are doing so well up there but I was sure counting on you for Christmas. We had so much fun at your place.

two years ago. I like Christmas
with the whole family
together. I guess I'll never
grow up as far as Christmas
is concerned but it is the
happiest time of the year
and I was hoping you could
be here to enjoy it with
us.

But maybe we can get
together again before too long.
It is an awfully hard trip
to make in one day but we
might do it again some day.

We have been having
rainy weather for a week or
more. It's sure hard on Chiu
to have to play inside all
the time. On me too. She

doesn't know what to do
with herself all day and
amuses herself by getting
into things. So we have
quite a merry day.

Our "friend" Glenn is going
out of business. There was
an ad in the paper. He is
trying to sell it for \$2000.

I am having an awful lot
of trouble trying to concentrate
on this. Chris is quite a chatterbox
and seems especially so today.

But I won't seal the letter
and maybe I can get Win to
write a few lines tonight.
He hasn't been having to be
out there till 10 in the
morning so we have a little
time to relax in the evenings

before bed time. And it sure
is nice. Before, we were
getting right up from the
table to go to bed. Now we
are turning into regular night
owls and ~~to~~ seldom get to
bed before 11:30.

I do have to get busy
now. It's after 11 and I haven't
done a thing this morning.
Write again when you
can.

Love,

Eric

Dear Mom & Pop,

Eric said I would probably write you a note too and she was probably right. This may turn out to be more than a note.

I told Gil today that as soon as they sell the Alder Grove store they might as well let me go. The store just doesn't seem to be doing too good this winter. It probably will be good next summer but they will have a struggle to make it thru the winter without having extra wages to pay. There really isn't enough

work to keep us busy
even part of the day.

When this all takes
place I think we'll head
for California. I think
Evie will like it better
and I will be sorta
glad to get out from
under this rain. I don't
mind rain if I have
a summer, but there
has not been a summer
here for at least 2 years.

We may take a trip
over to Colorado via the
Dalles if all goes well.
If so we will try to
spend a couple of days
in Portland and a
couple in The Dalles.
This won't be for a

couple of months yet if it happens at all. We want to get our debts all straightened around and the car put into good shape before we leave.

We had kind of a busy day and I find myself a little tired. Evie is at a sewing bee and I put the kids to bed tonight. I think I'll get into bed and read for a while until Evie comes home.

Goodnight,
Houston