

December 8/30/85

Dear Woody + Jeanne,

Sorry I wasn't home but at the hour + day you were here, I was winging my way across the Atlantic to Europe. I was on a Rural Route International Tour that included landing at Brussels, 2 days in Paris, 2 days in Switzerland, 2 days in Germany, 2 days in Holland, and 1 day in Belgium. I arrived home the 26<sup>th</sup>. Wonderful experience!

July 2 - 16 - Louise + I were on a trip to Alaska + Canadian Rockies. We met in Seattle + board the Dutch ship Noordam for a 3 night 2 day cruise on the inside passage to Juneau, Alaska. There we went on a smaller boat to Skagway where we boarded a bus that took us to Whitehorse, Ft. Nelson, Grand Prairie, Alberta, Canada; Banff, Lake Louise, and Seattle. Another great trip.

We planned the Alaskan - Canadian trip last March before I came home from San Diego.

After I got home I received a letter from the Rural Route Co. about the European trip. It looked very intriguing but I that "2 trips in 1 summer?" The more I thought of it the more I wanted to go. I decided

that I'd better go while I'm able.  
After all, I celebrated my 79<sup>th</sup> birthday  
Aug 7th. And who knows what the  
future holds!

I've tried, tried, tried - but I'll recover,  
given a few more days.

Add to the family history under  
the Dick + Van Dorn family that  
their daughter Amy married Bret  
W. Carlson at Hattiesburg, Iowa on  
Sat. Aug 24, 1985. Amy is a secretary  
in Chicago where she met Bret.  
Evidently his father has money. I  
think Dick said he is in heavy  
construction involving cleverly  
designed highways. I believe Bret  
goes into service abroad + Amy plans  
to join him later.

Her brother Wayne, wife + baby  
are in Bessau, Germany with the  
U.S. Army. He is a Sp 4. I called him  
when we were in Frankfurt.

I think I'll stay here for Christmas

with Margaret & family & then go  
to Dainesville for Jan with Evelyns.  
all her bags are gone from home.  
Jeff is returning with I & M at Boca  
Raton, FL. this quarter so he is no  
longer home. He still has a year of  
college left. He has a steady girl  
friend who is also a senior at the U.  
Scott has a girl friend too. So I might  
get an invitation to a wedding!

Mark - Margaret's youngest received  
a promotion at Crays Research &  
after completing a 4 month training  
period he will move from Shippewa  
Falls, Wis. to Edina, Minn.

I hope to see you next year!  
Oh, yes - Dorothy Ehlert's daughter  
Sharon was married, Aug 17, I  
believe, but I have no names  
or more information on that.

How is Jeanne's study going?

Aunt Dorothy