

7-27-88

Dear Shirley -

We just finished breakfast. I don't feel pushed today but will at least wipe up the kitchen floor. Laura has gone to market with early cauli bracciali & etc. Yesterday I did green beans. I froze them. We've never been too fond of frozen beans but I hate to get out the pressure cooker.

We haven't done anything interesting for some time. Our book sale kept me busy last week. The only Blueberry event we took in was the Rotary breakfast. The town has been really full this summer.

Cindy came yesterday & brought Cookies, 2 kinds, brownies, & a pie for Pete to pay for produce.

Laura still hasn't learned to quit early & get her baby. Her days are

long & hard. She could say Jim
quitting at 4:00 or at least at 5:00.

We still need rain. We had $1\frac{1}{2}$ in
the 17th & 2nd once since then.
They have picked cubes twice.

The demand for produce is good
so maybe if they can keep up with
irrigation things will pay off.

How did you like the convention?
We enjoyed it. It makes me sick to
read the goat is going ahead with
manufacturing of chemical weapons. It
seems like everything Reagan says
is a little dumber.

We thought the reunion a big
success. The relatives only, by marriage
who came & the number of young people.
I'm having some prints made of the
2nd generation picture we took.

It sounds like you are
suffering from let downs. It will
take a long time to get over the

feeling that you should be accomplishing something everyday. I had that for a long time after I retired. This summer is very dead. Neither the kids played baseball so we don't even have games to go to. Pete is getting as hot as Bess about wanting to ride into town in the evening. Nothing to do there. We didn't go to Church camp. It was hot and the thought of getting food together & etc was too much. We have loaned the camper to Ron & Maxine Ridley. We told them the price was paid for & we would be glad to have them take our place. Guess I'm getting old.

We & W & Susie are going to Baldwin to Penny's this weekend. Will probably stop by either going or coming.

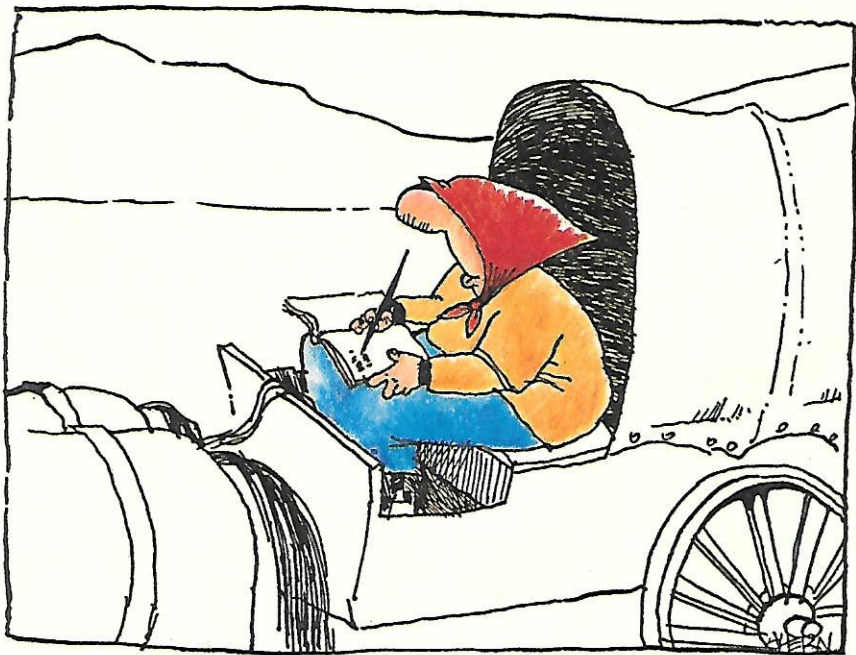
Janis was out last nite to get some broccoli. Elva still seems extra lively this summer.

I'm sending Debbie's Card because
I thought it so good. Cindy
sent me the same one on my
birthday. They think we old
folks eat out a lot but what
else is there to do. Besides we
eat cheap. I should entertain more
but thinking of one big meal a
day I run out of ideas. I
must have the Ringle, Gaff, Rowe
(Mary Haugh) bench before long.

I'll have the preacher & boys
for sweetcorn this week. This is
school, Missions & his wife went.

Love & will see
you soon.

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II THINK IT WAS ONE OF MY
PIONEERING GREAT-GRANDMOTHERS,
ON A TREK ACROSS THE GREAT PLAINS,
WHO SUMMED UP MY PHILOSOPHY
OF LIFE IN A QUOTE FROM HER DIARY...

June 14, 1847-

Ate out again.
It was good.

I think it was a Lyman
don't you?

We stopped in Indianapolis at
the zoo. We were disappointed.
I guess it's still too new.

We had a good weekend with
all the folks - thanks for
everything. I always miss
every one.

Love to all,

Debbie