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Dear Shirley,

It has been quite cold here but we have had a lot of Sunshine lately that makes it much more bearable.

We had a very busy two weeks of Christmas. Lois, Jack, David and I stayed here and Carol, Craig, Kathy, and Jon, and of course the baby came and went. There were ten at the dinner table Christmas. Al and Myrtle Slater were here Myrtle works with Lois at Red Cross and they were to be alone that day altho they would be flying soon out to spend a week at a resort in Colorado with their family. The baby was a focus of attention of course. All tho modern ideas of raising a baby appalled me at first I had to admit that they were raising a healthy happy baby and they must be doing all right. It was fun to see the new things she did just with in three weeks. The four kittens were fun too altho Kathy's and David's never became friends in the time they were here. I think everyone living alone should have a cat. They are so glad to see you in the morning that you cannot get up grumpy. As well as giving one someone to talk to during the day. I would have one if I had any-one to leave it with while I was gone. The Bennett's have too many dogs, and Eleanore wont have any in the house, Laura has too many kids for an old persons cat.

Shirley I know you will be happy to know I bought a new hair brush. I found a brush with boar bristles that works just fine on my sparse head of hair. Also a comb with rounded ends that dont scratch my head.

Lois and I have gone shopping several times but I haven't seen any dresses that I was the least interested in buying. They all look like something a wild teenager might wear.

Last Sunday afternoon we went to a local theatre groups production of " Charli's Aunt" it was very well done.

Yes Peg Miller did have shingles in her eyes and altho I dont like him I will say this for her ex son-in-law he did seem to try his best to help her with it. Hers was very painful and lasted a long time in fact I think she died before it was really well.

I recieved four books for Christmas Madeliene L'Engle's Walking on Water and And It Was Good. She makes a remark in the last one that sets one to thinking it is by doubting that ones faith grows (not her exact words I have thought a lot about that remark and I thourghly agree. You should get the book and read it. It is one of those books that one doesn't read straight through but you read a section think about it sometime and then read somemore. Lois gave Harper's Bible commentary which will be a great help when I substitute teach. And I got another book Mysteries of the Bible. Dont books make a great gift if you know the recipients interests?

Our chuch seems to be quieting down under Ken and he is streeing the lack of spirituallity in the church and each committee opening with devotion they are rather slow complying but slowly getting there. Our Church school is almost nil form the 200 that were there when I started it is down to less than 20 some days (not counting the adult class of 12 to twenty) I dont know what is wrong and am afraid to inquire. I know people dont have as many kids but the ones I know are not coming.

I worry about Laura will be glad to hear that the baby has come and is OK  
with love,

Elva