

Tuesday Jan 5 1994

Dear Shirley,

I was quite active for a little while and now I sit with my foot elevated writing on a lap board. My foot is only swollen a little but I still can only get one pair of shoes on they are 8N instead of my usual 7½N. Each gain seems to take a month to six weeks. It is a BIG temptation to just get a wheel chair and sit. Good thing we rented them and took them back. With the loss of activity my strength is not good and I tire easily. But I'll make it eventually.

Lois' church is very friendly and there are at least two adult classes and ours is very interesting with a good teacher. We have a variety of beliefs in it, one woman is very fundamentalist but willing to accept people who are not (which is unusual). She offered to teach Revelation when we get to it. It might be interesting or funny? We are in Corinthians now. I am not changing my membership. My memorial service will be in So. Haven.

I walk around home without a cane, each step hurts a little and the hurt increases toward night.

Lois and I get along very well she no longer pushes me to do things but is very kind about including me if I want to go or do anything.

I am glad you are feeling better, life is pretty gloomy when one is feeling low.

Jack had an operation on his left knee two days before he came the 24th. He drove, of course one doesn't need a left foot to drive now. He had the right one done about 6 months ago and it was so much better he decided to have the left one done a matter of removing extra arthritic additions and making it work better. He went back on Wednesday. He said he had paid for the New Year's ski trip and then told them that they could reschedule it if they had any inquiries. But if they didn't he ^{would} go and just party. I believe he never will do the big, tough slopes again. After all he was 66 Saturday. I don't worry about "partying" he doesn't drink any alcoholic drinks.

We won't be seeing so much of Colleen for the next few weeks - Carol started work at Lutheran yesterday and has to spend full time for 3 or 4 weeks getting acclimated then she will work 2 days a week. They provide baby sitting for nurse's small children and Colleen loves to be with other little folks. Carol said the attendant said she did just great yesterday.

This tablet doesn't tear where it is suppose to.

Colleen is a joy! It is so much fun to watch her grow in physical and mental skills. She has had four teeth a long time now others are coming in and the four are getting long ^{and} show more. She is bright eyed and doesn't miss a thing. One needs to be careful that she doesn't pick up any bad habits from you.

I hardly know who got what and when especially Friday before we moved there was so much to do and so little time and me unable to do much. Don't know what I'd have done without Jack, Eleanor and Pete! When I am physically tired I think my mind just shuts down, and that is often.

Craig's title is Senior Software he seems to like his new job.

We had a very nice Christmas - I missed seeing more of Kathy as she stayed at Carol's. She is fascinated by the baby, is taking her picture it seems ~~like~~ ^{the pictures} every few minutes - I haven't seen them yet. She had to work Wed, Thurs Fri before New Years. Dave went back on Thursday.

Jon + Gretta were not here as they were Thanksgiving.

Gretta has a very poor figure but she is

a music teacher and she and David seem to have a lot in common.

David showed a tape of the company recognition dinner and entertainment and Breta was with him. He was recognized for three patents.

Kathy says she is going to break up with Jon, says she wants someone more aggressive. When I spoke of Jon's good points she said "why don't you marry him". He is so kind and thoughtful. But I think she compares him with Craig + David. Craig makes a fabulous amount but they spend it all and are in debt most of the time. David squirrels his away we think.

The thermometer has stood at 20% most of the time for several days.

mailman will be along soon

with love

Elva

Fois says come down we have two spare bedrooms, one you can get to the bed most of the time the other is kept in better access.