

is certainly a beautiful little girl. I told Ida I wished I could have a dark complexioned daughter this time, but we will be happy with whatever we get.

The children are fine -very busy with their school, music and helping me.

Love from all,

Lucile

April 23- Dear Mother Ream:
You see how long I had to wait before Douglas had time to write.

I am joining the Daughters of the Pioneers and need to know the names of your Father & Mother. Will you please tell me.

Thank you

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April 21, 1939.

Dear Mother Ream:-

I just read the letter which Douglas received from you and I am pleased that you wrote. I have been wanting to write to you for a long time.

You must have not read the letter which I wrote to Ida the morning after we learned that she had left. We did feel badly about not seeing her oftener and as for calling her up never thought of such a thing as she didn't have any phone, did she? She never called at all while she was here and I often thought I wished I could talk to her, but how? If we had known when she would be at Milton's we could have called, but we didn't know. We knew that Ricky was getting very good care and with Milton as the Dr. he couldn't have better.

Of course, you know before now, about what we are expecting about June 1st -our fifth child. I would have told you sooner, but decided this time to not tell anyone - not even Father. Other people keep the secret, why couldn't I, have always told our folks so soon, but Evan came to see us a few weeks ago, then Ida, so decided to

tell. I guess it was foolish anyway. I want to write Beulah as soon as I can.

You know how we have always felt about babies -well we are just as happy about this one. I was three months when I was operated on -since my back hasn't felt extra good, so I do have to be careful.

I believe Milton called us that ~~E~~ Ida had arrived on Tuesday. Wednesday I took Forrest and Marilyn to the Fair (they were on vacation) -called Douglas that evening and he came over about 6:30 and we were lucky enough to see Ida, Milton and Helen. Thursday, Douglas as usual, had office hours. Friday morning he suggested going out to see Ida that evening -I thot it would be fine, but she came in here that afternoon, so we didn't go out. Saturday Forrest scrubbed and waxed the linoleum. I supervised and told him he was getting careless -got down and did part of it to demonstrate. I suppose that with the other work was too much. I had the terrible back ache which developed into quite severe pains. We got Douglas as soon as we could (he was out making calls) and he gave me a shot of morphine and about midnight another shot. Neither of us slept more than $1\frac{1}{2}$ hours that night - so very worried all night, afraid of a premature birth. I stayed in bed all day Sunday and Monday. Douglas had an important meeting Mon. evening, he went, but was late - hard to get away. Tuesday I was better, but had to be careful -and Douglas had office hours late Tuesday nite. Wednesday, we planned all day on going out that night - called Helen to get Ida's address and she had left the day before. We were disappointed. I wrote to her right away trying to explain and heped to hear from her.

Really, I never thot of phoning -believing she wouldn't have a phone. I told her when she was here and in the letter to please come back and stay with us when we get moved. I have always thot so very much of Ida and have been disappointed that we didn't hear oftener. She generally sends a card at Christmas, but we didn't get that this year.

I think that we do take each other too much for granted. I felt quite hurt when Leanoire was born (in Oakland) that Milton and Helen never came in to see us, and didn't call up. They didn't come in until she was six weeks old, but I am use to that by now and don't notice it. We are thotless too, but we do love our folks just the same. These boys of yours have always been use to hard work and sometimes I think that is all they think of -the big reason for their success, of course.

We are thankful you are feeling well Grandma and will be anxious for you to see our new home. I am doubtful that we will be in it before the Baby comes -we expected to be moved in March or April when the Baby was ordered. The finishing seems to require a lot of time.

We do hope that Beulah Lee gets along alright. She

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Dear Mother:

We were very happy to hear from you recently & to learn that you were feeling well.

We are extremely sorry that Ida felt so neglected. You may rest assured that we would not intentionally hurt her feelings thereby. We are all very fond of Ida & spoke of her often wishing we might call on her.

Lucile has explained guiltfully the reasons the major one which was a threatened premature labor. — We were also invited to a party but event that was refused.

Again, when she was so close to Milton — there is not an able Dr in California — we know that Lucile would receive the best of medical attention. Measles as such are a simple condition & when properly cared for is no cause for worry or alarm — so naturally we didn't consider him seriously ill.

One only need look back a few years to see that the Reams have always worked hard and seldom would they

let visitors interfere with their work.

Now, this vocation - or profession is a little different from farming. I have been dealing with human lives and when ever a doctor enters a sick room he takes the total responsibility on his own shoulders. With numerous people ^{continually} demanding our services there is a tendency to delay the things or calls which seem to be safe or well under control.

When ever I have called on members of the family in Idaho they rarely if ever altered their plans because of my presence. I don't feel hard toward them - merely that they are not particular about the visits.

He most certainly do appreciate the way you & Ida treated the girls & we wouldn't want anyone to think for one moment that we deliberately hurt his feelings.

When we did see Ida we invited her to come back when we get moved & to stay right with us. If she has forgotten that invitation you may mention it & also that we expect her & your Dad as well.

It may sound silly but I have not been to see the new house for over a week at a time even though it is less than a mile away & is costing a awful lot of money. I guess I'm just lazy.

Well Mother you know ^{that} we all love all of you - today Ida!! even though actions may be differently interpreted.

Wear all well & trust you, Ida & family continue in good health.

Living by yours truly Douglas.

Ida says that you must believe it is not for me to be so sure that I can live without complications.

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