

Dingle, Idaho  
Dec. 15, 1939.

Dear Mother Beam,

I have been hoping for some time to write but always something interfered. Finishing up the season is even busier in some respects. The days are so very short now that it is night before we know it.

We have been thinking of you so much and wish we might speak with you every day. We hope you are feeling much better. It is so splendid that Aunt Rosie was able to come to be with you. You both understand one another so well and have so much in common. Real companionship means so much in times of stress. We hope she will be able to stay for some time yet.

The roses and chrysanthemums have given us a great deal of pleasure and have kept very well. They are just now beginning to drop their leaves and to turn brown underneath. They have been beautiful and we have appreciated having them.

It does not seem at all like Christmas to us as yet. We have been so busy we have not had time to think about it. I think there will be very little preparation for it. However, next week there will be costumes to make for Denise and Dale for the Christmas play at the end of the week. I'll be glad when they are made and fitted. The play is quite different since all the articles of a dinner are represented and acted. It is more for the younger children this year. The principal said they will have an operetta for the older children in spring. Just does

Nothing made you to send him Rosie's last bank statement

lovely art work. She sends you her very best wishes and love. Her baby is doing fine - he weighs 11 pounds now. She is pleased as can be with him.

Kenneth and Ruth are happy over their baby, too. It is a sweet little baby. They have named her Genella Mae. Her birthday is right on Jackie's. The check Rodney forgot arrived O.K. and we enjoyed hearing from you.

It has been warm for this time of year. Today it looks very much as tho it is getting ready for a good storm. I would rather sit huddled off until we left. We have enjoyed the sunny days of our long fall. Even the crab tree became confused before all the leaves fell off and put out 3 or 4 full blossoms.

We may not be able to leave here until the 15<sup>th</sup>. There is so much to put in order first and so little time for it. Even staying at it until 3 a.m. doesn't seem to put a dent in what I must do. I'm afraid I'll have to let the sewing ride. Horsley has been with us the past month, too, while this family is visiting in Salt Lake. Tuesday & Wednesday they, Rodney & Horsley, also Ezra, helped Ray Rich dress his Christmas turkeys.

We have kept Oak home yesterday & today. His cough was so tight we were afraid it might become serious. He came in contact with too many having colds at school. He had a bad cough & they play together a lot. The rest of us are fairly well.

I hope you enjoy the turkey and that Christmas will have happy hours with many more for the coming year. Will be thinking of you.  
Lots of love from us all.

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