

Single, Idaho.  
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Dear Mother Kean,

We have thought of you ever so often in the past two months, especially when we heard of your brother's death and again when that of Aunt Belle's followed so closely. I know it must have been very upsetting and depressing as well and wish we might have dropped in on you frequently, at that time in particular. We are deeply sorry over this double tragedy. I would have written much before now if I could have followed my desire. However, we did think of you a very great deal.

The storms began here just after you left and have continued until about the past week. It has been a great aggravation to say the very least and has proven a big detriment to our harvesting, making everything go backward this fall. Rodney has been up at the flats almost constantly trying to make the most of every little opportunity the weather would allow. If all goes well, the combining may be finished today - just two months late. These constant delays have made Rodney very nervous for all fall work has been delayed just by that much also. There is so much of it waiting to be done. Of course the grain crop is only a fraction of what it would have been, had the rain come at the proper time. We even had a good snow fall last month. It was a genuine winter scene with everything white and flakes thick against the gray sky. The youngsters, of course had a great time rolling large snowballs.

This week and part of last week the days have been wonderful - real Indian summer and most too nice to be indoors. Today it is a little cloudy and last night there was no frost. It has been frosting every night previously.

The children enjoy school. Denise seems especially delighted with it this year. She won first prize for her Indian necklace at the Fair. She was more than thrilled when her check for 75¢ arrived. It was her first check & made her feel ever so proud.

Duck season opened yesterday morning with a regular bombardment all around. You sure if the ducks were not all shot, they should have been thoroughly frightened. Sunday, I believe, deer season opens for 10 days. So we will hear much shooting for the rest of the month.

You will undoubtedly soon be seeing Kenneth and Ruth. I understand they are planning to have sometime Sunday. Ruth's flowers have been beautiful this Fall and so many of them.

We were sorry you folks had that car trouble and forgot the fair cooler on your trip back to the Coast. It must have been a relief when it was over.

We hope you are feeling much better now and that there will be no more upsets, for a long time to come at least. We wish you all that is good.

How are Ida and the children? Give them my love. As yet we have heard nothing from Beulah, since the day we talked over the radio. How are they there?

Tonight I will undoubtedly go in for the birth of our twins. We will let you know how every-thing goes along.

Lots of love from us all  
Norma.

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