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Hi Feb 20 1966
Boy is it cold in this country. Most of Feb. has been worse than Jan. & Dec. It hasn't been above zero by much the last two weeks. I took Mark down to see the doctors at Shrine Hosp. in Mpls last Tues. again. Just got a new pair of orthopedic shoes, oxfords this time. Have to take him down again on Aug. 16. Just flat feet is all he's got I think. I'm still working the 3:30 to 12 shift. Guess I'll be on that for quite a while maybe years. It's a good shift to get work done at home. I can work 4-6 hrs here before going to the P.O. My project on that dresser-vanity is coming pretty good but it was slow work, not wanting to spoil any of that expensive birch I'm using. I'll start making drawers tomorrow. Borrowed some clamps from the orphanage. To glue

some of the pieces together. Wish we'd taken
a before picture of that bedroom wall. That
saw has really gotten the use. Just wouldn't
be without it again. Sure have a lot of
work left on the bathroom and the stairways,
also the kitchen cupboards. And that's not
even thinking of the outside. I think there will
be city water run in here on Milwaukee ave
this summer. Also, the lot next to me is available
for maybe \$40-\$60. But maybe I won't bite on it
at this time. Because all lot frontage will be
assessed \$3.00 per foot. Sure would like to get
some sort of garage built on the south end this
summer. Must make that the No. 1 project this
summer. ~~The~~ Sure has been rough on the car
this past winter. I'd also a place to put a lot of stuff
now in the basement. Still think I'll get that
baby house from the Dryph. Called Er. Fox & they
don't think they need it.

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Hi, - Clarence said to add something - I think because he wants to watch the basketball game on T.V. uninterrupted! It sure has been cold lately as Clarence said but the kids have been getting out quite a bit lately. Not the two little ones so much though. Joey got a bow and arrow for his birthday so he's been going out and doing a little practicing. He's been pretty careful with it so far as far as the direction he shoots it in. They're all excited about the carnival tomorrow and the next day they have off - Washington's birthday. There's a skating party sponsored by Northern City bank so I imagine I'll be taking them too it. Mary is the only one who can skate but there are movies and refreshments - all free.

Clarence has really been working hard on this remodeling in Mary's room. The dresser bit is really going to be nice. All I'd need in that bedroom then will be the beds, we haven't finished the boys room completely either but it's only a bit of sanding and painting. I got both sets of closet doors shellacked (?) but the varnish is still in the can downstairs.

we are still hoping to get to Wanda in April. My niece, Kathy Schilling, is getting married on April 23 and we sure are planning on going. I hope to be able to leave the kids home with a babysitter. I'm hoping I'll be able to get the same one who stayed here after I got out of the hospital. She was real good with the kids and a good cook. I have been doing too much. I have my washing and ironing all caught up and am now trying to get caught up on my sewing and patching. I've just finished all Mary's dresses & etc. Mostly they needed buttons. I sewed two new shirts for the boys - one was Mark's and I guess the other one will be Paul's. Also got buttonholes put on two other new ones that have been sitting here since October. I also got myself a pattern and material for a shirt for Clarence and some shift dress for myself.

Clarence has to go to work today so I had better get his lunch ready pretty soon. Also a small snack before he goes so best I run and get busy. I don't know if Clarence wants to add more or not but this is from me
Love,
Clarence, Dean & family