

Aug. 24 '41

Sun. P. M.

Dear Uncle Willie & all:

I am sending the letters to you. Thought perhaps you would have more time to ~~copy~~ copy them than I would. And perhaps you would enjoy it these winter days that are just ahead.

Jean and Elvin have been here nearly 3 weeks. They left Fri. P. M. to be in Omaha to open a tent meeting tonight. Jean is so crazy to come back to Ill. while they are that far. But don't know if can possibly make it.

Paul + the boys and I went to Denver Tues. We intended to get home Thurs. P. M. But broke an axle on the truck so Elvin came and pulled us home Fri. We were

about 70 miles from home. Paul was in a wreck with the truck in June. It wasn't hurt any but thought might be twisted some that caused the axle to brake now. Paul wasn't hurt when he had the wreck. But the man that ran into the truck was killed. We had liability insurance and was the other mans fault so didn't have any trouble.

We have had lots of rain this summer. Had been dry now for about a month. But have had 3 or 4 good rains the last few days. Have had some hail too. Some have lost all their crops but didn't hit us so hard. up toward La Junta last week hail killed 400 turkeys for 1 man. and as many as 40 or 50 for others around there.

I haven't done much canning

this year. Would of had beans + tomatoes by now if the hail hadn't damaged them. If don't have more and the grasshoppers let them alone will have some soon. There are millions + millions of little hoppers about $\frac{1}{2}$ in. long the last week or 10 days. Some think is good for they won't mature enough to lay eggs before frost so perhaps won't be as many next year.

We have had quite a lot of hot weather this summer. But the nights are always cool. Don't think has been more than half dozen nights that haven't slept under a sheet and blanket.

Write again sometime. Enjoy hearing about all the family.

I owe Uncle John a letter. Must
write soon. Miss his letters with
news from there.

Lots of Love
Mattie.