

January 18th

Dear Mother and Dad,

Am writing a joint letter because there's quite a bit to write about and no point saying it twice.

First, Dad, I want to tell you how much we all enjoyed your visit. Hope you had a good trip back and are feeling well. The unusual thermometer arrived today and will be put to good use. It's very cute - I've never seen one like it, thanks.

The Art exhibit we were busily preparing for for weeks is a huge success and we hope will be the beginning of many wonderful things to come. A conservative estimate of the number of people attending the opening Sunday afternoon is from 450 to 600 which is fantastic in a city of this size and shows that there are many people here hungry for this type of thing. We've set up a meeting for Sunday afternoon at the college for interested organizations and individuals to offer their two cents worth to form an arts association here. Hope it's as successful as last Sunday's opening.

It's quite warm today but we had a couple of days of sleet which made getting around very miserable. Glad it didn't start till after Sunday.

Last night we had a cub scout pack meeting - cub olympics was the program. Each den sent entries into each of six games, the den winning the highest total of points winning metal cub scout emblems for their key chains. Our den won the second year running, and the boys were real pleased with themselves as they should have been. Such bedlam, though, the noise was fantastic. Wish I'd thought to bring ear plugs. Olympic night is always like that with the boys shouting at the top of their lungs to encourage their own entries on to success! Treva Boucher is in the hospital so I've had the kids by myself, but Stevie has been a big help. I don't think Treva's illness is too serious, but her blood count was way down and she's been very draggy so they've had her in for a series of tests. Starting next week one of the other mothers will help till she's back on her feet.

Stevie had ordered a subscription for you for the Stamp World. Don't know if you got it yet, but this latest issue (it only comes out 4 times a year) has his ad in it. It looks very professional, but he hasn't had any mail orders yet! Of course it only came out the end of last week, so he has high hopes.

I had a letter from Frieda too a while back. We went through the area she described on our trip, and have some beautiful pictures of it.

Today is old Dr. Keagy's 80th birthday, and his son and wife are having a party in the ballroom at the hotel. It's from 5 till 8 and should be fun. From there we go on to the Symphony concert..

All fine here and send our love.

Ps we're still eating and enjoying that huge hunk of cheddar!

*Judy*

