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Ranch Folks:

Hi! Well, everything is beautiful! Thanks to Dad's great foresight to pick such a beautiful country to settle in. We are becoming well known throughout the country because of this Co-operative community and our musical talent. The musicians are in great demand in town. The possibilities are very promising and give people a first hand view of a well integrated community. Dad works in wonderful ways.

I am very happy in teaching and have combined 2 classes + 4 teachers 19 children. We are going to rotate them in small groups among us, it is interesting and exciting. We could sure always use Carol, Don + Gabriela in the lower elementary. I heard Gabriela wants to go into veterinary science though right Gabriela. Thanks for your letter. It was great receiving it. Kim I now have "Bippy" in our class so I'll be able to give you a lot more information on her development. Today she led our pledge + motto in front of the class.

it was her first time and she got kind of  
teary eyed but I stood behind her and  
she got through it ok. She was very helpful  
in cleaning things up neatly + putting  
them away. She was thrilled to move up  
to the big school. She is very warm to me  
and of course she is so easy to be warm  
with. I'll write more about her as time goes  
by. Preston spends time with her too. He says  
he's not much of a writer, I hope he's getting  
his letters off to you, he does think of you.  
Daren + I have seen more of each other lately,  
we study news together every week he's in  
my class. He knows quite a bit + keeps lots  
of notes Mauri's usually ~~in the class~~ and  
Jeff it's really nice to study meaning-  
ful things together. Peter his teacher  
says he is really reliable, you can have  
him organize things quickly + do things  
exactly. He has really "come out" Claire,  
you wouldn't know him. I cut his hair  
last week you might have noticed it  
was long in the pictures. You'll be  
very pleased with his development. Mauri  
continues to work with Chris + the  
animals she seems very content you  
don't have any worries there.

Ranch.

Marlene Wheeler (2)

She hasn't gotten thin but look  
real good, nice figure haven't noticed  
her growing any. Danny is doing  
pretty well Pat L. is his teacher  
& feels he's doing fine. He showed me  
a nice letter he wrote to you two, it was  
really neat printing. He doesn't like  
pushing pencils too well though I guess  
young folks just find it hard to sit  
down & compose a letter, I know  
Daren also finds it difficult to be creative  
therefore he writes short letters. I heard  
Clare you got a chance to talk to Mauri  
& Daren on the radio a few weeks ago,  
I'm glad you were able to.

Well they are getting ready to build  
the new nursery school it'll be a real  
show piece too. We are very excited  
about it. We'll be working on designing  
a far out playground now for the  
nursery & elementary schools. We have  
a new P.E. teacher now & the Jr. high  
loves it boys & girls are being treated

equally, in all spots. We are trying to promote some non-competitive fun, sports with group co-operation. Anyway it is interesting to see that develop. Bonnie is also doing well in school she seems pretty together & happy whenever I see her, she enjoys hearing from you so write often.

Hope you are taping lots of school specials & nature shows, we need educational films. Of course any school supplies are welcomed we really need someone to push for supplies ~~that~~ things like balls, hoola-hoops, frisbees, jump ropes & things of that sort. I know you'll all do your best.

Well hope your program is running along smooth, I know you are all working hard and we all want you over here as soon as possible. Hi everyone thank you ~~for~~ for the beautiful letter, I appreciate it, Chris hope everything is going ok for you, how's lady? Hi Sue know you're working hard, Mike all children are fine April seems pretty happy. I'll try to write again soon

Your Cde  
Marlene