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Dear Joan,

Thanks for the pictures you sent. They were really nice pictures. Oh, I'm getting along ~~okay~~ I've out stooking wheat & oats in sunny days. I couldn't tell you if I gained any weight or grew for I haven't weighed myself after I came here.

We got hit by small hail although they were about $\frac{1}{2}$ in in diameter once after the big hail. They just made holes in the leaves but it can't be noticed now. We had plenty rain so we don't have to irrigate the beets. Our boss says we may start topping this 24th.

On Aug 28 Sam came down to our place behind and I went with him to his place that is about 26 miles on fike. My legs sure was tired when I reached there. It rained that night and day after so I had to stay there a couple of days and had to miss couple of days of school.

I started school Sept 2 and live only gone about 1 week yet for most of the others I worked. Yesterday I was sick on account I eat too much the day before. The school is quite small compared to B.E. It has only 2 stories although the top is ~~just~~ the class rooms. And the bottom is the gym shop home ec. & play. Only 5 rooms on the top.

I figured on taking matric last year so I'm taking French right now. I don't know if I can take it all the time for only the smartest people are allowed to take French Physics. Alberta high school are much different than the B.C. high school. They won't let you take some subject unless you are real smart ones. They don't give credits in 9 and you have to get 105 credits in 3 yrs. In you we have to get 35 credits

The courses are different too. I'm taking Soc. St., Eng. Algebra, Shop, French, Physics, health & physical education, and art. I hate art but that was all I could take to get 35 credits.

I've only got 5 teachers and a principal. Only one fairly teacher and not all men. The teachers are a joking bunch. They all joke & push the students around in the hallway. You really can have fun with these teachers - but they sure give us enough home work to keep us busy. We get enough time at school so I'm okay. We start school at 9:30 noon we have 12:30 to 2:00 and from 2:00 to 4:30. The stores are closed by 5:00 noon but after school we're down the stores. Now he is terrible for them and a thing to do. I'm getting sick of school already for it ain't so hot. I've learn the same things.

I can't think up any more so I guess I should quit here but write soon and tell how school days are.

Well so-long

Sincerely,

Jack.