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August 11, 1947.

Dear Bertha May:--

A busy day is almost over -- it is 7:30 P.M., and both Mother and I are tired. We've canned peaches, made conserve out of peaches, cantaloupe and nuts and lemons, picked and sorted and stored pears, and all that sort of thing, till both of us are plenty weary. But we've just had our suppers, and I'm going to write a bit to you.

It was a treat to have you home again. Hope you'll not stay away so long again. If you were out here every week, that would not be too often to suit us.

Saturday was a busy day for us, and so was yesterday. First we had that meeting of the Heifers for Relief committee, and we really had that meeting over and over, for I was the only member of it who was on time, and they kept stringing in one at a time, and with each new arrival we had to go over what we had done before. I heard about Handsaker's trip over and over, but it was interesting each time. We sent \$2,000.00 that had been raised for goats to the committee in California that are collecting 200 goats to go the first of next month. And we authorized the quick purchase and shipment of another carload of heifers as soon as the committee in the east can arrange for transportation across the ocean. They seem to be having a hard time to get ships.

After this committee meeting, we had a luncheon for Gilbert Bowles, with something like 30 present. And after that he secured his airplane passage to Seattle for Sunday morning, and then I brought him out here. I had telephoned Mother, and she had got busy with the telephone. I took him to Careys and Conovers, for they could not be in in the evening, and he wanted to see both those families. Then we had between 20 and 30 here in the evening to listen to Bowles and to ask him questions about Japan. He was a Friends missionary there for over 40 years, and since Pearl Harbor has been working with Japanese in Hawaii. Early last January he went back to Japan for a six months stay, his wife coming back to the United States. He is just back from that stay, and has most interesting things to tell about the situation in Japan these days.

He stayed all night, and I got up at four Sunday morning to get him to Portland in time for his plane. Then I came back and went to church, and the rest of the day I took it easy.

Emmett and Ross Gulley took the rubber boat that they bought from the war surplus, and fished at Carleton Lake Saturday evening from five o'clock on. They made a fine catch of perch and crappies, and got one bass.

Must end this and rest a bit.

Lovingly always,

Bertha May Pennington,
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