April 18, 1955

Dear Clarence & Ruth.

Thank you for your letter we recieved last week. We had wondered if you had gotten the Check, but Elsa looked up the Cancelled Check, so we knew it had arrived.

The Children are fine. David & Ann are outside now. Paul is walking good now & he gets around pretty fast.

It is unusually warm here, and looks like it may rain anytime. Everything is early. Grass is so green, tulips are out and the other flowers are all coming. April is early to have flowers. Hope they don't freze.

We were invited up to Art & Lovina's on Palm Sunday for Vincent's Confirmation I wasn't feeling good so we didn't go, but Carl & Elsa did. Had a real nice time Had dinner & supper for lots of relatives & friends. Believed they served in a hall, as their house wouldn't be big enough.

We haven't seen them since Christmas Eve. Will try to make it up there some Sunday this Summer.

Bob keeps real busy, besides his job he does quite a bit of refrigeration work extra. Sometimes it requires evening work or Saturday afternoons. The extra money is very useful, but we like to have him at home too, so are glad when he can come home and stay.

Carl & Elsa are happy in their new home. It is real nice, and should be less work than the other one.

Ruth, the P.S. on your letter puzzled me "Won't you & Carl get $10,000 plus interest from Your brothers insurance before it runs out?"

I thought I had explained it fully in my last letter, but apparently it wasn't clear enough so will try to do it better. Elmer's insurance policy was for $10,000 — no interest. Dad had drawn on that amount from Feb. 1945 to March 1954. I don't have all the figures in front of me, but he had ~~=~~ gotten a total of between $8,000 and $8,500. I don't know exactly. The balance of the $10,000 was to come to me, as I was the next beneficiary. It took several months to get the papers through, and I believe the first check came in October or November. it was retro. active to April.

Out of this check we paid the funeral bill, which was somewhere around $500, and we paid Jay & Art. Dad & I could contribute very little at the time, so Carl carried our part of the burden. Carl has been getting the Monthly checks since, and now they will start going to Harry. He had big expenses when Dad was in the hospital in Bakersfield and then bringing him home, in addition to his Monthly Contributions. So he will get the balance of the Checks. There wasn't quite enough to pay each one back 100%, so that is why we deducted the $25.00 from each one, to Cover the Cost of the Marker.

The new stone is in now, and Carl was up yesterday and planted one more tree, so that part is finished.

No, Carl & I are not getting $10.000 plus interest - Wish we were. However, there will not be 10% ~~over~~ and above expenses. But just think how fortunate we are that the bills are all paid. Dad had good care until the end. If Elmer had gotten married we would have had all the expenses, but no money Coming in, so let us be thankful it worked out as it did. If this still isn't Clear to You, let me hear from

you, and I will try again.

Now it is almost supper time so had better stop for this time.

Write when you have time.

Love,

Lorraine