

Roundup, Montana

Box 874

26 December

Dear Erlene,

Another Christmas has just gone down in history and I maintain that it was the best yet, one reason may be is that it is fresher in my mind than any of the rest.

The folks who live here are plenty good to us while we are away from home. We spent Christmas eve and day with a family of members who has 2 children and are managers of the Safeway store in Roundup.

We helped line up over \$50.00 worth of toys for them. Table, chairs, dolls, Iron Board, for a girl (7) yrs of age and a train set, Construction set ~~set~~ which includes tractor, trucks, etc; Tractor & trailer, timber toys for a boy 3 yrs old are a few of the things that I can think

of just now.

We set all the packages that come in the mail under their tree to be opened on Christmas Day.

The children awoke about 3:30 A.M. & we made to the room to get in on Sergio's first Christmas when he could talk. Day you know it was great sport to see him when he first spotted the train. It wasn't long till he was wide awake and in the middle of things.

All the rest went back to bed but I stayed up & refereed the kids when they took to swing things.

I heard the Refugee children speaking to their parents in different sections of the world & I thought as I listened how good it was that it wasn't that way around Zion, and how blest we would be to live in a place like Utah & Montana.

About Noon we went to Sacastamions

for dinner. She is a T.D. but he has the
Nicotine habit that stops him from being
Baptized. We helped them work on a
good turkey dinner with all the trimmings.

All in all we had a very fine Xmas.
The presents you sent are just what I need.
The bath robe, socks and all are appreciated
very much by this fellow and they will be
useful in this section of the world especially
in the morning while we study.

Companion has a robe that he has
had for 4 years. So far as I can tell they
are identical, (same color, size, trademark,
Pattern) and he had the appearance of a new
one till they were put together; now one can tell
that it is worn a bit and a shade difference.
So me that is added testimony that you done
a right good job in selecting.

To round everything off right good a
Package from home arrived that was about
the size of the box the bath robe was in.

Dexter, Arnold, & Junior wrapped ~~up~~ a handkerchief
each with green paper & on each (To Tedrand)
Ilyade made a tie hanger for me, Ella sent
a scarf (wool woven), Albert sent a box of stationery,
& Dad & Ruth a pair of fleece lined knit gloves -

Another thing we had about 2 or 3 in
of snow, just enough to make the roads
slick and a white covering -

Now the weather is plenty cold. All
day & more it never got above 10° F. And
today it is still colder -

My love for you grows stronger the
longer I am away and the more people I
contact & see ~~that~~ you how much your way
of doing things are better than theirs.

Thank your folks for me and carry my
love with you. There is a good big warm spot
in my heart for them all.

Lovingly & Faithful to you,
Ella Tedrand W.