

Columbus, Montana

Box 566

24 October 1942

Dear Gene,

As it is Saturday once more a few lines are scheduled to come out your way so stand by - When it's snowy and blowing a fellow has the desire of staying in bed but when it's good sunshiny weather he has the desire of turning the world upside down then putting it back together right. Today we have had a little of both of these types of weather.

About 6:00 A.M. the old moon was peering in the window, but when it became late enough for the sun to shine the sky was over shadowed with blackness and a 40 mile per hour wind was blowing around the corner and through the window cracks. I have been up for 10 hours this day and wandered out of the room once this A.M. to get the mail, and the wind and snow about got me down, so we resolved to iron our shirts make a few reports write a few letters and study a bit.

Lots has happened in the past week. On Wednesday morning we received a letter from the Mission office telling us ~~to get~~ that Elder Nielsen would leave to another District and that I would have another companion, which was right because Elder Nielsen boarded a 12:55 ~~PM~~ east bound train and the following 8:30 AM a big tall fellow came and knocked on the door and told me that ~~was~~ the one he was to labor with. Well I was looking for someone but not quite that way but at any rate I have another fellow to kick me about because he's 6 ft. 2 in tall - and just as determined and sincere as he is tall. A genuine fellow from top to bottom.

Well now that you know the major events of this week we are all O.K. and happy in the service

of the Lord. We have held 4 cottage meetings this week and have one scheduled for this evening - you know, it sure does ones old soul good to attend a cottage meeting and tell the people about the Restored Gospel of Jesus Christ. Pat and Allen Mark are doing a good job of helping in this section also by their right living -

Pat has been to the ranch this week so we have spent a number of good days with Allen - who is only 16 yrs old but who knows plenty about the Gospel. The night before we left or Elder Nielsen left we were to be at Allens place at 9:00 P.M. for venison steak. We hit there and his radio was on also the light but he hadn't been around for some time - so we made ourself to home for a spell till 9:30 & he came in. He had been in to the Land Lodge to pay his rent & while he was there he got to talking and before he got away from there he had been answering questions on L.D.S. Religion for about 1 hour. When he came out we had the fried venison and was it ever good. plenty of fat and a good fry job, itsure was a good remembrance for Elder Nielsen to have with.

I suppose you have been seeing the old moon for the last few nights. I was just thinking that only two more of them would pass away while I am in the Mission field, or in the terms of the Indians two moons left in the service of the Lord.

Well, sweetheart its time to sign off for now and will do so with lots of love to you and you alone.

Sincerely and Lovingly yours
Ted Grand