

Tasta, Staranger, Apr. 23 47.

Dear folks at home:

I didn't write home last week, so now I had better write before this week is too far gone. The weather here is rather ~~spicy~~, cloudy some rain & wind, it is a late spring, very few have any seeding done of any kind they are getting anxious to get the potatoes in. Alfred has a pretty good man to help him so when the weather and the land is ready it shouldnt take so long. They butchered a pig last week they have been busy making head cheese etc we have also had bread dumplings & pan cakes for & I have not been very fussy about them. to-day we have been at Petra's for dinner & had waffles for lunch. I went to see if there was any mail but was disappointed. Had a letter from Evelyn about a week ago also from Aunt Olga. She has not heard yet if she can get reservations this spring.

We had a phone call from Skudsmers yesterday, they want us to come there on Sat. This week. so to-day we washed a few things. I have to get my hair done too before we go. Last Sat. evening we were out for the evening and had a very good time

If I should tell you it was 2 o'clock when we got to bed, and still not sorry we stayed so late, dark and drizzling rain, no car and about a mile to walk!!

They sure are nice to entertain, Mr. Kormmedal is quite an artist, had a lot of beautiful paintings on the wall, he also played the organ very nicely and we sang the old national & some hymns. They also talk a lot about the war, I sat next to a man by the name Severin Finnestad, he asked about Canada and if there ^{had been} ~~was~~ much bombing over there. So I told him about the R. C. F. bombing the 'cow' en ma'ar daa. he said, of course - that was what I wanted him to say. Did they ~~ever~~ laugh

I also had to tell a story I heard on Stovangerfjord. Two boys were talking one boy said: Min far fisket en tok som var saa stor - Ja han var saa stor som far min - Nei saa stor tok som far din er der ikke.

I had a letter from Eleanor Rosnes she had seen our name in the paper (the passengers on Støfford) and wants to meet us in Kjeudnes, she had the idea that you, ^{children} also were with us and was so anxious to see you. I sent the parcel to Mrs. Lien's sister in law but have not heard yet if she got it, I also wrote and asked her if she would let me hear from her.

Pa just came in from a walk, tell uncle

Ludvig, He was on top of a big hill called
 Seder, he also saw the myra and
 could see almost home to Canada.
 one day we intend to go to ^{to} dlands huen
 but will wait until it gets a little more
 summary. Evelyn wrote that they expected
 Dr. Burnett in May and that that might
 drive down for the weekend. Hope to
 hear soon how every thing is at home
 and if you have Ruth Eunice & Jennie
 also, write. Perhaps you had better send
 the letters by air mail. I must call up
 Mrs. Yestel and ask how they are getting
 along. We were in the Dorn Church

Sunday morning and the Methodist in
 the evening they had lots of choir music
 solos & violin & piano. The Bus goes every
 hour to & from town so it is very handy
 to get around. The churches are beautiful here
 nice big pipe organs in the back of the church &
 also the choir. (Thursday) today it is raining
 again, if it only would pour down and be
 done with it, you know how well I like the
 sunshine. Pa & I think we have to stay inside
 when it rains, but if we are going to get
 any where we'd have to go when it rains too.
 Alfred & his man are hauling out dunn. Pa has
 not helped yet. They have rubber boots on and
 so rainy day is ideal for such a job Alfred says

We often wonder how the weather is at home if the snow is all gone, the roads how are they? They have good highways here and a big traffic ^{an endless stream} Cars Trucks busses motor ^{by} cycles boys girls & old people, some walk, just now 2 busses went by. I forgot to mention the one horse carts on 2 wheels, I think the horses are so pretty, some a redish color others a pale cream some dark with long tails & fore locks with short manes?

Today I helped to get dinner we had eat meal soup boiled potatoes & meat balls & pickles. They don't serve bread & tea with dinner but we have coffee later on I never see them drink water. Sophie came home from school a while ago and now they are washing clothes first time since Easter, they rub on the board & have a vacuum washer, kind of back woods, some have machines they say. Petrus said yesterday that Marie had ordered one. Must close and have Pa take this to the post office before five o'clock. We have a Co-op store & Post office about 1/2 mi from here, a nice walk.

Best love & good luck greetings to Uncle Ludwig and all from Petra Jennie Marie and the folks here. Love to all the kiddies from Grandma Grandpa

Mother & Dad.

If Aunt Olga sends back the \$200.00 we sent her you can just return them to her as Alfred has paid us in crowns.