Sept. 22

Dear Mary Ann, Richard and kids,

We were so glad you wrote about the TV program; we wouldn't have missed it for the world. Rich seemed so natural; it must have been a fantastic experience. I imagine they are filming all the time during the week; the editing job was super and the whole family enjoyed seeing you all again. The classic line of all time, tho, that brought down the house here, was the final "O God, I'm about ready to collapse," or something like that. We just roared.

Would you believe that Chuck's mother is actually going to be here in a couple of weeks? She finally sold the house in N.J. and is visiting her sister in California since Sept. 1 before moving here permanently. Her furniture is in storage in Phoenix; she insists she wants to buy another house but we will try very hard to discourage this idea. At her age she can't manage the maintenance and apartments are so nice and plentiful around here it doesn't make sense to us. We are looking forward to her being here and the kids having a fulltime grandmother on the scene for the first time ever.

Our summer was very very nice. Spent a marvelous week in Colorado with Ruth and Werner Heidtke. Rented a fine trailer in Pueblo and camped around Colo. Springs. On short trips, we spent a weekend at a luxury resort in Scottsdale and also went over to California to see Chuck's mother over Labor Day.

Linda is super involved in school, band, and candystriping again this year. Is on the band council and is President of the candystripers; she also is historian for the band and as such is in charge of taking pictures of anything noteworthy that anyone in the band does - these slides become the evening's entertainment for the annual band banquet in the spring.

Carol is loving being in high school with the "im-

portant people" and is involved in the female auxiliary for the cross country and track teams. She is holding an office in Rainbow Girls now too and went to the state meeting in June for 5 days.

Patti is developing a babysitting business (when she isn't stuck sitting for me because her sisters are off gallavanting someplace).

Jill and David are cut from the same mold - look alike and are the same kind of friendly, happy kids. Hard to believe that Jill is in the 3rd grade already.

We are going thru the pottytraining fiasco at the moment - to be sure it is different from the four females that preceded.

Chuck is very involved with his forms selling. The company has offices in California and Las Vegas and this involves his driving to these places occasionally. So far I went once to Vegas that's all. Hope to have more freedom when Mrs. Buesser is here and can stay with the troops.

I was super busy with my accounting this summer - much to my amazement; usually the summers are rather slow, but this year everything hit the fan at once and I was really working.

My folks and Aunt Elsie are coming at Christmas again my mother was going to come in October, but that is a bad time for me and she can't make it now when it would be good for me.

Trust you are all as well as you looked on Wednesday night; we are just fine. Think of you so often; hope we can get together one of these years.

Love, Marilyn

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