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Dear Mom,

First, thank you so much for your Easter gift to the girls & the cards. I can't say exactly what we used the money for, but between their Easter outfits & baskets it came in very handy. They both got new shoes & hats & Karen got a new coat (navy blue with white trim) & Kelly wore Karen's light blue coat from last year which is just like new. Of course the bunny put candy in their baskets & a big bunny for each. They had a wonderful time Easter morning hunting for colored eggs all over the house. He gave them a quick breakfast & then dressed them up for church. Afterward we went out for "brunch" since Jim &



I hadn't eaten in order to receive.
Then we went to the kiddie park
for a ride on the carousel. When
we arrived home they were ready
for a nice long nap til suppertime.
It was a very pleasant Easter
Sunday for us all. I hope you
had a very nice day too.

I've been waiting for Jim
to write to you about the house,
but I guess you know by now
how he is about writing. He's
still working on the crash & says
his desk is piled high with work,
but they keep calling meetings so
he has trouble getting it done. He
brings some home to do meetings
but that doesn't help much.

Anyway, we've been doing a lot of
house-inspecting on week-ends &
we finally decided on the one we
want. It's a little smaller & less
expensive (\$23,300) than the one we



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 talked about when we were in N. Y.
 This one is called a daylight basement plan which means it looks like a ranch from the front, & 2 levels in the back. The full basement has windows & a glass door across the back & you enter ^{exit} directly from the basement to the yard. (This is possible because the lot slopes from front to back). We preferred this over the other house because you enter the front door on your main level instead of having a flight of stairs to climb from the entryway to the living room. The attached garage is also on the same level (enters directly into the kitchen) which we thought would be more convenient (for carting groceries especially).



The hall house has an entry hall, with a kitchen with

7. eating area in the front, & the living room-dining room area at the back of the house with large windows & sliding door to the deck which has steps down to the yard. We thought this would be nice since it should be quite picturesque behind the house. There are 3 large bedrooms, 2 bathrooms (one with tub, one with shower) upstairs. The laundry room is in the basement & there's room for a shop & 2 bedrooms ^(with windows) if we ever need them, & a large rec. room area with fireplace. (There's also a lovely fireplace in the living room) The main living area is 1211 sq. ft. plus the 2 car garage & of course the basement is as large as the two combined, so it's as big a house as we'll ever need. We have to apply to the J.H.A. & then they will probably start building late this summer & we will move in sometime this winter, but first of course we'll have to sell this house.

Kell, that's about all our news.

On my last visit to the doctor everything was fine & I've been feeling very well. We've been hearing good things from those who have seen the World's Fair & we hope to take a vacation day soon & go before the tourist crowds begin.

I hope Tommy had a nice day for his First Communion. It must have been a big day for him & we were sorry we didn't know about it to get a card off in time, but I guess he'll understand.

In his spare time, Jim has been making a beautiful redwood picnic table. It's round & has 5 curved benches which seat 2 people each. The perfectionist as always, he has been working on the finish with his new belt sander & experimenting with fiberglass.

I hope you'll like your Mother's day gift, as Jim picked it out himself. We all wish we could be with you on Sunday, & we hope you have a wonderful day. Karen "signed" the card from her & Kelly & insisted on climbing up & mailing it herself.

Any news from the Army about Tom yet? Hope not!

Love from all,

Kathy, Jim, & girls