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Mt. Vernon Wash.

Melvin Morris Nelson

Dear Brothers. We received your letter yesterday, and heard that Morris was sick. Well what is the matter with him. Your letter which we got has been up in Mt. Vernon for three days, the mail came today for the first time this week. We have had an awful flood the worst I ever saw. It was in peoples houses so far up that they had to come to the ridge. La Conner is all so flooded. The water has gone down on this side but on the other side the tide comes in from the slough, so it backs up to the ridge. Lots of things were lost around down by Charley Conrad. They lost lots of things. Ball lost all his horses and cows only one horse what he had in town. Fulks lost all their cows but the horses and other things were saved. One day a team of horses and wagon came floatin down the river but the team was dead. All of Chas. Conrads hay floated past La Conner, Papa went to Mt. Vernon today. along the dike there is so much rubbish in the roads from La Conner to the Ridge so I guess we will be able to drive perry soon. Here was ice on the water so that we could skate to town for a day or do. I was half way to town one night on the ice. Dad and Elsworth day in town. They skated on the ice down but have not come hom yet. Pa gave him \$5 to stay and board on until this flood is over. They never had school in La. last week. When La Conner was flooded nobody could come. Harold has been up here two week next Tuesday. We have had do many people up here for a while but they all most left us now. Its no fun to see the flood at all. Perhaps you will get to see a little of it Christmas when you come home. Well I hope Morris will be well when this reaches you. So that you kids can come home Christmas. Papa sent you \$30 yesterday when he was in Mt. Vernon. He never had any paper to write with and now you can home then, no excuse. We haven't had the ^{La} Conner mail for two weeks neather, but will send it to you when we get it. Suppose Carter was flooded so he couldn't get to print it. They had a banquet on the football team last night, but no many of the kids could get down their. Well I guess I will have to close. Will tell you all about the flood when you get home. It awful hard to tell you much in a letter. Well write soon now.

Yours truly
Grace E/ Nelson

(only a teen-ager)