

Memorial Day

Dear Mum, Olive, Frances, Ruby, Ralph,

What fun we had Saturday, the day before our anniversary! Your package arrived. The boys went wild over their books, socks, and cut outs. Mum and Dad were happy with their beautiful and cute cards. And the Pussy Willows! Oh those Pussy Willows. Everyone has enjoyed them! Mum you sure are a genius. Your packages remind me of my mother's when I was away at school.

Well Mum by all the signs Max will add a note to this letter before it goes telling you that Susan Maude or Joel Snowman has arrived. You don't need to worry a bit about the kind of care I'll get. There are two nurses, the famous Dr. Strangway and Lillian Steed, who is a licensed midwife, all ready to lend a hand. They have a room at the ladies house all prepared for me. The baby already has three wool sweaters, two blankets, a lovely knit shawl, two new nighties, a bonnet, two pairs of booties, and a rubber sheet. All brand new things made or ordered from America by various missionaries.

Tommie and Kennie have a new metal cart that came out with Doctor Strangway. It has even more fascination for them even than their bicycles. This morning with seven attractive little girls to choose from they were quarreling over who was to have Nancy Henderson in the new cart. Isn't that just typical of the male sex?

Ken and Tom want to say "Thank you" for the picture she drew for them too. They have taken awfully good care of the crayons. The pictures you sent are wonderful. They came while I was in Dondi awaiting the arrival of Dr. Strangway. So I just got to see them. The second package arrived the twenty eighth. Wasn't that perfect? I was awfully pleased with the beatitudes for Tom and Ken.

Thanks so much to you and to everyone who helped with the pictures.

Love, Betty

Will, Mother, and Olive,

Yes, it is Susan Maude, and what a baby. You'd like the way she cries, Mother real lustily, from the moment she made her appearance. What a thrilling moment and how grateful we are to the Giver of Life.

I was in at the birth. Betty had only a tiny whiff of chloroform to give her a brief respite. She knew when Susan came and is so very happy that now there is a girl in the family. We are truly blessed. Weight of Susan, 7 pounds, 8 ounces. Don't know her length yet. Betty was in hard labor about an hour. Birth was very easy. Head first and slipped right out. Susan immediately began crying. Born at 3:49 p.m. African, Angola that is, time, or 10:49 a.m. your E.D.S.T.

I haven't any pictures yet, but shall certainly take some tomorrow. We thought it very thoughtful of you to send the pictures taken in January. Not much of a winter huh? Ours gets colder.

Good night, all and our love and may God bless you, Mackie