

Sunday, February 8, 1970:

Jeb and Carol must go to Church and Sunday School. Mr. and Mrs. Deckbar who live down the street are going to take them, and I do not know what time they will be by. Sunday School starts at 10:00 a.m., but the Deckbars may chose to go to 8:30 Mass. ^{They will be here at 8:15.} ~~or they may wait and go after Sunday School.~~ They both know what to wear. Carol has a blue Church dress and green stockings, and Jeb wears a coat and tie. If it is cold, Carol has a good coat, and Jeb should wear his heavy jacket. Ted does not have to go.

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I would rather they would not watch T. V. all the time. They will do that if you don't stay behind them to play outside (if it is a pretty day). They play up and down the street, going no farther than the Deckbar's house and two doors up to the corner to the De'Engliers. Ted should not go to the Deckbar's house unless you walk down there with him because it is across the street and I would rather he would not cross the street while we are gone. Ted may play two doors down on the carport side of the house with Keith and Phillip Cowart, one door on the other side of the house with Ellen Shaffer, and in back at Lan and Howard Finch's house in their back yard. He should not get out of calling distance for you, and I would prefer he would stay within your sight. However, I want him to have a good time and you use your own judgement.

The children are allowed to bring in only one friend at a time to play in their rooms or in the den. This is one friend, each. I would rather Jeb would not bring too many boys in at all, because they don't play as calmly as the girls. Ted really doesn't have anybody to bring in.

No one is allowed to go in the basement without an adult. If you all wish to see what the workmen are going, you please go down with them.

Baths - Jeb will take a bath by himself and can completely handle this by himself. Carol and Ted may chose to bathe together, or separately, it doesn't matter which. We usually have them bathe every other night, so it would be good to keep Jeb scheduled to bathe one night and the other two the next night. There are exceptions to this if they are particularly in need of a bath. You will not need to fool with their hair as far as washing it goes. They are to put Bubble Bath in the tub with them, and therefore will almost soak clean. Ted will have to have his face and ears washed, and maybe Carol. She usually takes care of herself pretty well.

They can pick up behind themselves, clothes and toys, but must be constantly reminded. You will just have to tell them. Usually they can wear their play clothes for two days, but they will put them in the clothes hamper automatically if you do not check them and tell them to put them in their drawers. *We turn the heat down to 65° when we go to bed.*

Bedtime is at 8:30 on school nights, and 9:30 on Friday nights. If they are going to early church on Sunday, they should be in bed by 9:00 on Saturday night. They should wear their pajamas three nights before being washed. *Making sure teeth are brushed and they've all been to the bathroom*
we all kneel down by one bed for prayers, then tuck each in and turn on night lights.
Washing - You may need to do a load of clothes every two or three days. The children will run out of underwear and other things if the wash isn't kept up with, as they don't have enough to go too long.

Jeb and Carol should leave the house by 8:00 a.m. to walk to school, which is just around the corner. I will leave money on top of the refrigerator for lunches, it is 35¢ each. If they want to take their lunch and you do

not mind fixing it, they usually take a peanut butter and jelly sandwich, a piece of fruit and cookies, and take 5¢ for milk. I will leave enough money for them to buy every day if you had rather they would. They should get up by 7:00 a.m. or a few minutes later. They can both dress themselves, but Carol may wish for you to help her to select something to wear. In fact, it might be a good idea for you two to decide the night before and you could put it out for her then. They both make up their beds every day except Wednesday. Jeb makes up Ted's bed instead of his since he cannot reach the top bunk. They don't do a very good job, but at least they do it. Be sure they brush their teeth and have all of their books and of course have breakfast before they leave. I'll write about meals later. Carol can do her hair, but please check it and you may want to help her with it.

I feel the days will pass quickly for Jeb and Carol with school, but Ted has no school and only a couple of friends to play with, and they don't play every day. However, there are two little boys his age who we usually invite over to play for a couple of hours in the mornings a couple of times a week. They may also call and ask if Ted can come to their houses, and if so it will be perfectly alright, but you will have to ask their mothers to come and get him and bring him back, if they do invite him. Both of these boys are very sweet and absolutely no trouble, and if you think he is lonely you may want to call their mothers (one or the other) and invite them over to play with Ted. Chris Garies is one of the boys, and he can only come on Mon. Wed. and Friday. His mother is a good friend of mine and they live around the corner. Phone # is 938-7309. The other friend is John Seelke and they live several blocks from us. He can only come on Tuesdays and Thursdays. His mother is a good friend, too. Phone # is 938-6869. When they come, they always are good about staying in our yard, and I usually give them juice and cookies.

Ted may want to pick out his own clothes and he can dress himself if he wants to, all except his socks and shoes, which you will have to put on for him. He must be helped with brushing his teeth, too. He's not much of an eater, so don't worry if he doesn't eat. He almost never eats much breakfast and I just leave it sitting on the table if he doesn't finish and he will sometimes come back later in the morning and finish it. Of course, if you have eggs I wouldn't save that.

Jeb and Carol get home from school at 3:00. They will come straight home, but Jeb has to go to Cub Scouts on Wednesday. He walks to the meeting and his den mother will bring him home about 4:30. Make sure he wears his cub scout uniform to school Wednesday, and give him an extra 10¢ for dues.

They are to change into play clothes when they get home.

My maid comes on Wednesday. She gets here at 10:00 a.m. and leaves at 4:30 and her bus comes right up at the corner, so she walks to the house and back to the bus stop. Her name is Thelma Peterson. She changes all the beds (you may remind her that yours will not need to be changed since I'll put fresh sheets on Sunday). She does not run the washing machine. She vacuums, dust, clean the bathrooms, mop the kitchen floor, and does the ironing. You won't have to tell her anything because she's been with me several months and knows just what to do. I told her that if for any reason she can not come, to call you, but she is very good about coming every week - never misses, so there's no reason to think she will. I will leave an envelope on top of the refrigerator with her money in it.

MEALS:

The children don't mind having cereal every morning, but Jeb likes orange juice and Carol and Ted like apple juice. The apple juice is in the green bottle in the refrigerator. I like for them to each have $\frac{1}{2}$ banana each and a piece of toast with jelly or doughnut (in freezing unit). I have plenty of Cream of Wheat if you want to fix that and they all like it with milk and sugar on it. They like eggs and grits, but you won't have to bother with this because they really had rather have the cereal.

Ted is on a bologna and mayonaise sandwich kick this week, but he may prefer peanut butter and grape jelly by next week. You can give him a choice. There are some cans of soup in the cabinet that you all may wish to have, plenty of hotdogs in the freezer and buns.

I will have frozen in yellow containers spaghetti and meat balls for two meals. The noodles are kept in the cabinet over the refrigerator. This could be used for two dinner meals, with a fruit salad. Also, plenty of hamburger patties, and a whole chicken I got for ya'll that you may want to fix. There will be a ham in the refrigerator. You can open up whatever you need in the way of vegetables and fruits, etc. None of the children eat a whole lot, and I usually put their servings on the small plates and they have milk with meals. There is a pizza mix down where I keep the canned juices, and they would enjoy that one night with a salad. If you can't find something you are looking for, the children will delight in helping you.

If they want to eat between meals, I prefer to have them eat a piece of fruit, but use your own judgement.

Bacon grease goes in the brown jar on the stove, and any other grease should be put in the red coffee can marked "Throw Away Grease" in the bottom of the cabinet by the refrigerator. We can not put it down the sink as we have a Septic Tank.

THE CAT:

The cat is not allowed to come in for very long at a time as we keep no litter box in the house. Carol is suppose to keep her fed, but falls down on the job. You may spoon out some canned cat food in her bowl in the mornings, and get Carol to do it at night. She can have table scraps, too. We put her in the utility room at night and close the door and that is where she stays until morning. She just roams around outside most of the day. Don't worry about her. The Vet is Dr. Marvin Livingston, 2485 Lawrenceville Highway, phone # 633-5566. If anything happens she has to go to the Vet, you might ask one of the neighbors to take you, preferably Mrs. Cowart, two doors down the street, 938-2490. She loves cats.

If you run out of bread, bananas or anything, you might walk up to the little store across the street from the school on LaVista. There will be some money on top of the refrigerator. The milkman comes on Monday, Wednesday, and Friday. He leaves 1 gallon homogenized on Mon. & Fri. and $\frac{1}{2}$ gallon skim on Wednesday. If you need anything extra, check it on the list and leave it sticking out of the milk box by the steps, the night before he comes.

EMERGENCY NUMBERS

Fire - 284-6611

Police - 289-3520

Pediatrician - Dr. W. Stanley Mathews - 938-3710 or 87401666

Neighbors - Mrs. Edna Deckbar - 938-1206
Mrs. Phyllis Garles - 938-7309

Grandparents - Mr. and Mrs. Horace R. Grant
Birmingham, Alabama 1-205- 871-1386

Mr. and Mrs. Edward J. Cashin
Augusta, Georgia 1- 733-5210

We will be staying at the El Conquistador Hotel and Club
Las Croabas, Puerto Rico
Tel: 809/863-1144

VALENTINES - Jeb's homeroom mother may call and ask if I can bake cookies for the Valentines Party in Miss Wallace's room because I volunteered several months ago. Explain that we are out of town but that I bought a bag of Valentine's Candy for him to bring.

The children will have their Valentines ready to take to school, and you may sit down with Ted and help him write his name on some and take them around the neighborhood to some of his little friends. There are plenty of Valentines for all of them to use.

Occasionally Jeb brings home a paper to be signed and to return to school so you may please sign it with your name and he can explain to the teach

Mr. Logan - 634-2371

The workmen will not bother you unless to use the telephone. Mr. Logan is the man in charge. Just keep the hall basement door locked, and they can go in and out the outside entrance. They want to lock the outside entrance at night and we have no key. So as soon as you get up in the mornings, please go down and unlock the door for them, until they've completed the work.

Sunday - February 15th. Mr. Gareis will take Jeb and Carol to Sunday School and Church. They will let you know what time they will pick them up.

I want them all to enjoy their week, so will leave all final decisions up to you as to what the situation calls for. Their happiness and contentment is most important to us - more than the m