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Maeb & I got up early, about 7⁰⁰, & sat drinking beer & talking when Edna & Don got up.

Edna took the dogs for a walk & she made coffee & cake for breakfast.

We packed & got ready for going to Dillon - we talked so much that we were very slow & didn't get away until
1:30

We had called my aunt Joie & told her we would be coming - Ben & Florence came from Fort Collins & we phoned Laura in Pueblo - she drove up directly.

We stopped in Idaho Springs - Maeb & I had a hamburger & a root beer. Just out of Idaho Springs rain began to fall heavily & we pulled to the side of the rd at Edna cd not see the rd very well.

~~The tunnel has been dug under Loveland Pass because of the numerous skiers who go across the Divide on skis - it save a good deal of time but one misses some of the scenery.~~

We arrived in Dillon about 3³⁰ - they had expected us much sooner & were

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worried - Ben had taken Laura
sightseeing - w/ Joie driving we
all followed them - we first went
to see the site of "the ranch"
which my grandfather & then my
Uncle Carl owned & where we had
spent some of our summers as child -
part of the land is flooded - the ranch
house burned down sev yrs ago -
the old barn & tool house are still
standing & are still in use - wood -
minerals & other tourist business
have been built in other places -
the whole area has had a tremen -
dous growth in population - the lake
created by the dam built by the Denver
water district is used for recreational
purposes & the water goes to Denver

We then went to Keystone to see
more condominiums & a fancy hotel
built to accommodate skiers & summer
tourists - we had met Ben & Laura
on the way

Ben is now 67 but seems to be
enjoying life, tho - - - a stroke
2 yrs ago - he is retired from the
Forest Serv - Florence had a gold

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Bladder attack last yr - our cousin,
Laura, is a home ec teacher, is
married to Ralph Cheney, who X
they have six child

Jane spends the summers in Biller &
the winters in Tucson, Ariz - she seems
the same as ever, very mild - tempered
& agreeable - Florence does in much
the same, very critical, esp. of people's
housekeeping

For dinner we had steaks, an
egyptian dish, green beans, & cake -
we discussed politics & gave & received
info on all the child. & other relatives.
Ben was quite volatile on Ben's beliefs X
X Ben is concerned about environment -
mental issues but is conservative on the
subj of economy in fact, prej. gov't
welfare recipients, racial relations -
He was even more narrow-minded
on the racial ques -

Ben & Florence's daughter Patricia
is married & they have one child -
one husband

Ben was teaching in the past but
didn't like T. Cross & ...

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x Calgary Book x

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One of Louise's daughters is in Australia
as an eld. teacher - the youngest is
going to reh there - one daughter has
and operatic - qual. voice & is a radio
announcer - one married a Mexican -
Louise was quite broad - minded on
this matter

Louise's oldest son, a veterinarian -
is teaching veterinary medicine
at the Univ. in Stillwater, Okla. -

x Allen is a veterinarian in Aurora,
Colo & Robert is working on water
resources in Tempe, Ariz

- 11³ News of Paul, by Grand & Matthews was
great "

We watched part of the Report of
Convention on TV - Jessie has a big
color id - we did not wait for
the vote but it seemed obvious
that he was to be nominated - Ben is a

We went to bed about 11:00 - we

x 11⁴ supporter of Reagan
four steps downtown

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