

March 17, 1944.

Mr. Don Isett,
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Dear Don:

I am to speak at Hutchinson, Kansas, to the P.T.A. on April 11. I plan to get out of Hutchinson at 11:30 p.m. on a sleeper, going to Kansas City and will leave Kansas City the night of the 12th on the 11:30 p.m. Rock Island as you suggested in your letter.

I thought I would buy a round trip from Lawrence, Kansas, to Des Moines, or perhaps Iowa City. I could then take the interurban out of Iowa City arriving at your place at 10:10 in the morning if the schedule is o.k. I have assurances from our Sante Fe man that the Rock Island for Iowa City always waits for the Kansas City train arriving in Des Moines. For that reason I thought perhaps I better buy the round trip to Iowa City so they would hold the train in Des Moines. I have made that trip several times when we used to go to Grinnell and they always waited for it, and I believe they still do it.

If anything would happen we could still make the connection by going to Ames, as you suggest.

What is the chance of getting out of Cedar Rapids for Iowa City that night, or would I gain any time? Maybe the best thing for me to do is to stay in your town over night and catch the interurban out the next day for Iowa City. What I would like to do is to catch a Rock Island train out of Iowa City so I could get in Des Moines and catch a day train back to Kansas City, arriving there in the late evening. Isn't there such a connection?

I am writing you because you know the connections better. I do not like to lose an extra day over Saturday. I would like to be home by Friday night, if possible. The only reason that I am hanging on the round trip proposition is that the fare is much cheaper in buying a round trip and that is why I am thinking of going back the same way I came, rather than going over to Fort Madison. Won't you give me the best connection possible for the next morning out of Iowa City for a daylight ride back home on Friday night?