

The train was not as crowded as we thought it was going to be, because we found out later that an extra train had started from Newton ahead of the scheduled streamliner, which we previously were going to take. We all got seats much to our surprise. John Buescher had his radio with him and it as you could imagine was going to ~~get~~ see a lot of use. Don Blair and myself turned a couple of seats around and invited Arnold Dixon and a friend of mine, "Hank" Cline to play hearts with us. It was really a game of cut throat. We played hearts until 5:30 P.M. and then we began to get the urge to eat.

~~We came to~~ we did get ready to eat, we ~~came to find~~ found out that there was no diners on the train and that all they had on the train was sandwiches. Dean, the trainer, managed to buy the sandwich vender out, but at that we only got one sandwich a piece. However, "Doc" let us buy a bottle of pop and a Hershey bar to tie us over till we got to our 1st stop Chicago, ~~and then we were really going to eat.~~

~~around~~ At 9:00 P.M. we listened to Bob Hope's program and all got a few laughs out of it to take our mind off of food for a while. We were supposed to be in Chicago at 9:30, but at that time we were only in Chillicothe, Iowa.