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Dear Ruth:

We were very happy to have your very interesting epistle of the 16th instant. My how time flies! This is the fifth week of summer session here and it seems as if we have only begun. We have had marvelous weather this summer up until yesterday and then it bounced up to 104 and they say it is 105 today. But it doesn't seem like it to me because I refuse to get a heat complex. If a fellow just keeps busy he forgets about the heat and all the things that the human flesh fall heir to.

Congratulations on your Intersession grades. When you can pick an A from a complex prof you are okay. That is not saying that you did not work for it, but even then I know some people who work hard and still they do not get them, so orchids to you.

Tell Alice hello for the P.E. group who are holding the fort here. Dr. Elbel and I are both teaching, and our summer recreation course has bounded to a new high. They say it is the talk of the town and, really, I believe it is bigger and better than ever. Tuesday night we had a street dance, using corn meal with no mush, and the aggregate numbered 650. Next Tuesday we go to the Union Ballroom, which has just been re-finished, and we expect a juvenile mob because it will be mostly jitterbug. We are having a twelve-piece band, and having a special cooling system installed; one that is portable. It is big enough for a pool hall, but of course you do not know what a pool hall is--well, a billiard parlor then. They have sold two of them to billiard parlors around here, so we turned our personality on them, used the necessary sales resistance and got them to loan us one for this frenzied festivity. We can work out something practical--for next year when it is excessively warm we will have the street dance--between the anatomy building and the quadrangle, the short street that runs north and south--and when it is cool we will go to the Union. We will play the weather on a hit and run basis.

Yes, we are quite sure that Catherine has received the favorable nod of the Board of Regents, and her appointment should be announced in the very near future.