June 6, 1944

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Dear Ernie:

When I didn't hear from you Sunday, I called Bertha and learned you were not making the trip.

She told me about Burton's grand experience on the farm and how much he seemed to have grown up in only a week's time. I can imagine he was a proud fellow to be able to run a tractor all by himself.

The boys had another good month as shown by the attached check for $20.12 for the local gain of 2,032 inches. Dorothy was greatly pleased with a 1,049 inch gain in national, the biggest in several years.

We were all up early this morning working on an extra which went on the street a few minutes before seven o'clock. It really was a good extra, full of hot news, pictures and an excellent map. The boys sold about 1,300 copies which is proof folks were waiting for it.

Here's hoping that three-day leave will come soon so you can have a longer visit at home.

Until I see you, the best of wishes.

Sincerely,

Dolph Simons

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