

September 11, 1940

Dear Dolph:

The thermometer on our front porch this morning showed a low of 45. We turned on the heat last night in both the main furnace and in the heating device for the back bedroom.

We enjoyed the trip home. Came thru in fine shape. I think the girls both enjoyed the trip. At Des Moines they had a nice room with bath, just a few doors away from our room, and I think the experience was pleasant for them. While I drove fairly fast at times, on the whole made very poor showing as to time because of too frequent stops. If you are ever in a hurry, don't stop for lunch in the Coffee Shop at the Faribault Hotel. I think that our stop for lunch took nearly an hour's time.

Everything looks fine here. Office moving along nicely. People in the town, as far as I have seen them, seem to be in good spirits. Students are back and the crowd that we found after crossing the bridge was greater than in any traffic that we experienced in Minneapolis, Des Moines or Kansas City.

The Times this morning reported four new cases of polio, some, or all, of which from Kansas City, Kansas. However, I understand from Joe that the State Board of Health feels that as soon as frost comes the condition will improve, and there was a slight frost last night.

I am enclosing this note that you wrote me to give to Raridan, but I told you to see to it but fearing that you might have overlooked my statement and were counting on Raridan coming, I am sending your note back so that you can notify him yourself.

I dropped you a card from Des Moines and another last night. Julia will be with us for dinner tonight and perhaps to spend the evening. I don't know just how long she can stay.

Met the new girl, Emily Mumford, a few minutes ago. Mickelson from the A. P. was in for a while this afternoon. Oddly enough, I think that I shall have a story tonight that the A. P. failed to carry.