

Brainerd, Minn. Route 3, July 24, 1940

Dear Sister, cousin:-

I was visiting with Grace this morning and if tradition is true, your right ear should have burned, for we were saying many complimentary things about you.

We hope that your plans worked out, so that you are enjoying a visit with your loved ones. To tell the truth it has been beastly hot up here at Gull. While the thermometer goes higher at home the heat is usually drier and we know how to take care of ourselves.

We had our living room lined with Nu-wood this year, and it makes the room more comfortable both as to heat and cold. But on the screened in porch it is now ninety, and 86 inside. I am inside and Gertie has the fan on the porch.

Grace has probably told you how much they have done to their grounds. Concrete walks, stairway, and sodded spots, which makes it beautiful, while inside the upstairs is very attractive and the finish in the living room has become more beautiful with the mellowing which has come by age.

Dorothea and family came up a week ago last Sunday, but Mr Johnson returned home Sunday. Their little one is a delightful little boy who is very loving and precocious. He has acquired a vocabulary so large that he can express himself unusually well for one not yet two years old. We hardly expect any of the other children up this year, for various reasons. If you have Life for July 8, on page 64 you can see a picture of Leo Mc Nalley, taken immediately beside Willkie.

Don has announced himself as a candidate for the legislature from Cass county, and so far no one has announced to oppose him, but someone may before August 1st. He has good backing and probably has a good show for the nomination, which should mean election in the fall as Willkie should carry the state. It looks as if Roosevelt has ventured too far on the limb, and will have the experience of thousands of others who have been equally foolish in their ventures.

It has been dry and hot in Lawrence for a week or more and I believe that corn will suffer. Someway we haven't had a year of all kinds of good crops for a long long time.

Love and continued good wishes from
Your Brother-Cousin.