

Gertie is getting along well, has an excellent nurse and hopes to have the cast removed next Monday. She exerts herself to walk about a bit twice a day, with a "walker" prepared by Dr. Francisco, for the purpose of keeping her muscles fit and ready to go when the broken leg has healed.

Dolph is improving rapidly and steadily. Pat acts like his normal self, but will have to exercise more care than he used to, in order to avoid undue strain.

The schools close the middle of next week and then vacation will be before the children and a rush will be made to get to Gull Lake as soon as possible. I have little idea when Gertie will be able to go. We have had an abundance of well spaced rains and vegetation shows the healthiest condition for several years.

The news from abroad is terribly discouraging, but personally I can see no real aid we could render the allies just now excepting in sending munitions, and thanks to the incompetent in the White House, we are in poor shape even to defend ourselves. We are like the allies at Munich we are not yet ready to engage in battle. It is heart rending to think of what is happening.

Please do not try to do too much house cleaning yourself, but hire others to do it, and try to save in some other way.

I love you a lot and feel guilty that I am not able to take more from your shoulders. It seems that I am handicapped in so doing, because of responsibilities here. We are putting in acoustilite ceilings in the office to lessen the noise, and must have a general cleanup. Have also had to work over the front of the Service lunch building and get it in readiness for a new tenant. Roofs need attention etc. It seems that if a man does little then he feels the great responsibility for finding work to meet the ordinary needs and demands of life. The more he takes on the wider becomes his responsibilities and it becomes considerable of a burden.

Charlie knows how it goes for he takes on a world of responsibility and carries it well. Much love. Let me hear from you often.

Lovingly Your Brother

Collie