

December 7, 1942

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Chicago, Illinois

Dear Charlie:

Your note mailed in Chicago on the 4th arrived in Lawrence yesterday morning, but on account of weather conditions, I was not downtown so that I did not get it until this morning. I am sorry because I would like to have seen you if for only a few minutes. While this will not reach you, if you could stop off on your way back, we would be very happy.

Last Thursday we had a fire at the house which destroyed our barn and three-car garage. Fortunately, our Buick car which was in the garage at the time, was saved. We are about fifty percent covered by insurance.

A big snow fell Friday night which blocked things Saturday. I had not been able to get my back yard cleaned up so it was a very difficult matter getting in and out Friday, and I didn't attempt to get out yesterday. Today I have men at work with shovels trying to get the snow off of the circular drive back of the house. It is said to be the largest December snow since 1878.

I had a good letter from Etoile this morning in which she says that she thinks Julia is improving although still far from well.

Pat and Blanche will probably be in Chicago on the 12th and 13th and if they are, I am quite sure they will try to see you. Pat Jr. is now with the naval unit at International House, University of Chicago, and Blanche and Pat will visit with him, and will, doubtless, see you also.

I have been skirmishing around this morning trying to get some meat and have not located any beef, bacon, lamb, or ham. There will probably be a small supply in about noon. As Gertie does not eat fresh pork, it is quite necessary for us to secure beef.

I hope that Julia will improve more rapidly and will soon be all right. With love to all, I am

As ever,

Your brother