

November 17, 1942

Mrs. Chas. Hoinville  
Miss Etoile Simons  
7539 Colfax Avenue  
Chicago, Illinois:

Dear Julia and Etoile:

I am sure that all of us have been thinking of our dear little mamma today. It was 21 years ago that she left us. I have been thinking a great deal about her during the past few days and she was on my mind last night and has been today.

We are very happy to know that you will be here for Thanksgiving and for an indefinite time. We have plenty of room and you can have all the freedom that you want. I am sure that we shall be happy to have you and I think you will be equally happy with us.

We don't worry a great deal about rationing. We have not tried to protect ourselves by buying up large amounts of anything, but find that we can get along quite well on 2½ pounds per person per week for meat and upon the allotment for sugar. The matter of gasoline will be harder for us to meet because of the distance we live from the office. I think probably that because I live in the country just outside of town that I may get some special treatment, but of course, I cannot be certain of that. We have been cherishing our tires and have not been using large amounts of gasoline. Of course, it makes it hard for us not to be able to run out to see Janet or to run up to Dawson to see Dorothea whenever we want to, but they were both down here recently, so we shall be together more or less any way.

Dolph and family spent Saturday evening and Sunday morning with their folks at Auburn.

We have had a very fine fall so far, requiring a minimum of heat. As you know, we have a fireplace where we keep it cheerful in the living room and we have oil heat for heating the house. We hope that you will come prepared to stay for some little time.

I was thinking last night about how busy you were 24 years ago or 25 years ago in looking after soldiers and sailors in Chicago.