

October 19, 1943

Mrs. W. C. Simons  
c/o L. A. McNalley  
Minneapolis, Kansas

Dear Gertrude:

I have no doubt that you had a good trip home and are enjoying yourself with Janet and family.

No special news here. Pitts came over about 3 o'clock yesterday afternoon and had the storm windows all washed by the time I went home. Mable had told me yesterday morning that she had opened the screens and I pitched in with him and fastened the windows from the inside and assisted him a bit. We got the storm doors up on the south and then when it came to putting the screens away, I let him go up on the upper deck and I handed them up to him. I found that he had had to bring the storm windows and doors down from up there one by one down the ladder as Brown had gone home before he arrived.

Mable had a real dinner for me last night--potatoes, sausage, sausage gravy and salad with dessert--really a little heavier than I needed.

Everything seems to be moving smoothly out home and Mable relayed your message to Brown and told him that you did not think you needed him any more this week.

Mr. Thomas and Mrs. Rankin came out about 9:30 or maybe a little later Sunday evening, and I had just gone upstairs. I worked several hours Sunday afternoon sorting scrap and wore the loud slip-over shirt that Dolph gave me several years ago for fishing. I had just pulled off that shirt when they came. I talked to them out of the window and told them I would put on a robe and come down, but they did not come in. Yesterday Mr. Thomas asked me to preside at the meeting tomorrow night which I agreed to do.

I don't think of any other news to tell you. Give my love to all and keep a lot for yourself.

Lovingly,  
Your husband