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Dear Francis:

I was mighty glad to receive today your good letter of January 12th. It must have come thru unusually soon for coming so far.

Reading between the lines of your letter, I can see you are getting a lot of experience and that you are taking it like a man. I am glad that after the many delays and sidetracks, recognition has been given to your superior qualities. You had a good record with our health department here.

I took your letter in to Ralph Pine who was also a member of our health committee and he wanted to be remembered to you. He is still on the Health Board, but I helped set the Board up, and in doing so, purposely eliminated myself. We have had some big problems on account of the SOW plant and a large number of migratory workers. Where you have a lot of people living in garages, trailers, tents, and what no, it is a pretty difficult proposition to keep things in even fairly good order.

I find that Weindel seems to be getting along first rate and like you, instead of antagonizing the milk producers, he is co-operating with them during this rather difficult period. The great demand for milk and the not too great supply, has encouraged some to want to let up a bit upon restrictions, but I think on the whole the Board has acted safely. Dr. Chambers, who is now health officer, is doing his best and is quite a rugged man for his age, but for a man past seventy, the job is rather strenuous.

I know you will be sorry to learn that Dr. Henry Asher, who had been connected with the State Board of Health for some time, and some months ago left for a better position in the northern part of Michigan, died about a week ago from pneumonia brought on by exposure and over exertion. He was trying to go somewhere with his car, got stopped in a drift and worked for some time unsuccessfully to get the car going. He then was taken to town by someone else,