

October 23, 1945

Mr. and Mrs. Don Freeman
Rural Route 3
Brainerd, Minnesota

Dear Grayce and Don:

Your letters have made us anxious to spend a full month or a portion of it with you, and perhaps we shall do so at a later date.

You don't say whether you have disposed of the chickens or not, but I doubt if they will give you enough eggs to pay for the feed and care.

I hope that the weather will stay open until you can complete the improvements on Ping's house. I think that Frampton's new home at the west end of our tract will give both you and us still more protection from thieves and vandals.

We can envision your comfortable home and imagine that you are as warm as toast in the house no matter how cold it may be outside, but one can't stay in the house all of the time. There are other things that have to be seen to.

How did the billboard business pan out this fall? I remember a year ago that many firms were signing up, fearing that boards might not be available.

I hope that Don is feeling better, and I hope that the time will come when he can leave Minnesota during the cold period and spend time in a warmer climate. I believe that would do more for his sinus than medication.

One thousand times it comes to my mind that we two are the only original members of our family left, and it makes me want to keep in as close contact with you as possible. While you look remarkably young, you have reached the age when it would certainly be desirable for you to have good help. To secure and retain such help, you will have to be even more considerate than ever before. Yesterday a woman called Gertrude in regard to household work, and when Gertie offered her \$15.00 a week to start, she said, "Well, I am getting more than that doing nothing." Our federal government is so anxious to continue in control, that it is willing to ruin the nation. It is difficult to see how Congress will have the courage and the loyalty to repeal the laws that are destroying our country. Well, enough of this.

Love and best wishes,

From Your Brother

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P.S. Enclosed is my check for \$3.50 for the laundry bill. Thank you for looking after this.

W.C.S.