

September 24, 1945

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Chicago 4, Illinois

Dear Charlie:

Thursday of this week will be the second anniversary of Julia's death. The season which started out so promising in regard to copious rains, developed into a drouth of nearly eight weeks which was broken last night. We shall be glad to see you, but if you do not happen to come this way at that time, we shall place flowers on her grave that will last until they are killed by frost.

Pastures, lawns, and gardens have suffered because of the drouth and the corn crop will probably be the smallest for a good many years--first on account of smaller acreage and second on account of the drouth.

Dorothea and baby left us yesterday for their home in Dawson. Both have been getting along splendidly, and the baby gained over a pound in weight during the two weeks he was at our home.

Dolph Jr. had his first experience in a real high school football game last Friday night when he played as a substitute for a part of 3 quarters in the high school game with Manhattan.

Owen is still awaiting his discharge, and I wish it would come quickly so that he will not be at a disadvantage in entering K.U. Marilyn is here as a senior at K.U., and Mary Beth, Janet's daughter, will attend Monticello for the equivalent of her junior year in high school.

The termination or discharge of several thousand employees at the Sunflower Ordnance Works and the return of soldiers and WACS has, as yet, not made a dent in the need for men and women for general employment. If Washington would wash its hands of any arrangement for unemployment at this time and withhold efforts to furnish pay for idleness, it would relieve the situation and would quicken the return to a time of unusual business activity, but as long as Washington dallies and holds out a bait, men and women will not accept other employment. The negro woman who has done our washing for a few weeks has secured a job as a cook on the "Hill" at \$35.00 a week. That gives you a fair idea of the situation.

With love and best wishes, I remain

Your Brother

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