

August 8, 1945

Mr. and Mrs. Dolph Simons
Route 3--Gull Lake
Brainerd, Minnesota

Dear Dolph and Marie:

We are near the end of another working day, and the paper will probably be a few minutes late. Hurley is on vacation and the big news of Russia's declaration of war upon Japan reached us at two o'clock. Believe it or not we are carrying a 4-column headline at least an inch deep and Joe did it all on his own. We have 10 pages today.

We are going to have a mess of green corn tonight from your garden--some of the ears which were not developed sufficiently to put up.

I had a telephone call from Hoinville last night in regard to the distribution of the Luella stock. I told him what to do with the stock from Etoile's estate and then told him that the \$4,000 worth of stock which had never been issued to me but which is now available, I would sell to him for \$500.00. Inasmuch as I had paid \$4,000.00 in cash, that would enable me to claim a legitimate loss on my income tax reports. I told him that the \$2,000 worth of stock that we also had in the name of The World Company I would let him have on the same basis. (We evidently have a mixup, which we shall try to adjust.)

Owen came in shortly after noon today, and I gave him the Ford car and told him to go out and see the folks, and they would come down and get me at the proper time. He looks well. He said that Eileen had bounced back and wanted to be up and around again, but Blanche is trying to hold her back. The particular scare apparently came from the fact that a girl with whom Eileen had been associated had been stricken with sleeping sickness, and so when Eileen complained of a headache, it was perhaps that fact which caused her mamma to be particularly careful. However, that proved to be a false alarm.

I hope you are having a fine time and will come back full of vim, vigor and vitality.

We had a bill today from Stollenwerck for a balance of \$100.00 due on contracted amount and \$12.19 incidental for which I sent him a check.

Lots of love,

From Dad