

# DON A. FREEMAN POSTER CO.

TREE-TOPS --- GULL LAKE  
BRainerd, MINNESOTA



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Dear Collie:-

You might know by this time it takes a lot to jar a letter out of me. Well to be truthful, you folks have us worried. You have not mentioned coming up this summer in any of your letters for months. We would miss having you up here for the summer and if there is anything we can do before you get here and while you are here, all you have to do is give us the word. I know the transportation isn't the best while here but you are certainly welcome to what we have in the way of a car. My car is running a lot better and my tires are pretty good. We probably can't do as much riding around as we would like to but both motors are in good shape so we could do a lot of fishing.

I intend <sup>a</sup>staying at home more this summer than ever before because there is so much to do and no one to do it but myself. I have one bunch of young chickens and expect to get several hundred more in a few days. I bought 200 day old chicks on the 27th of Feby. and have only lost three. They are all feathered out and will be ready for the pan the later part of May. We have about 70 or 80 laying hens but only about 35 are laying so we are culling them out. I sold 8 yesterday, weighing 42# and got 33cents a pound. I killed one of the capons yesterday and it weighed 7 $\frac{1}{2}$  pounds, I got 45cents a pound for it. I will cut the old flock down to about forty so as to make room for the young ones.

The Iron mine did not do much last year and the prospects are not good this year. The mining company is changing their washing plant so as to treat the iron some new way, as their recovery will be so much more. My posting business is good for the summer and I am getting contracts for 1946 at the present time.