

April 28, 1945

Mrs. L. A. McNalley  
Minneapolis, KANSAS

Dear Janet:

We are always very glad to receive your letters, and I like the way you have of addressing them to both your mamma and to me so that I don't feel like a sneak in opening them.

If Mc finds that that lawnmower is really worth the money, you might find out if the chap could build one for us. We happen to have two small motors that were connected with our Nokol oil burner. I think perhaps the larger of them would be powerful enough to operate the machine. If the maker will tell Mc what power is required, I can easily ascertain the power of the motors we have. To me, your lawnmower looked rather fragile, and I am afraid the blades might be damaged if they came in contact with a little sapling or a heavy weed. Mc can tell me about that.

Give my love to Mary Beth and to Mike. Mike is going to have a birthday pretty soon, and maybe he might tip me off to an essential need. Mary Beth's birthday comes first, but I let Gertrude do most of the worrying about presents for the girls. Give them both my love and include Mc in the bunch.

Our housekeeper seems to be willing, is a fairly good cook, but so far it seems to take quite a little while for her to get things done. Maybe later she can handle the job more easily. She was all the forenoon practically in making a batch of two or three dozen cookies. That might be a week's work for me, but I imagine it wouldn't have taken you much over a half-hour.

We are still having a lot of water.

Hope you can come down soon and stay with us for a good visit.

Lots of love,

Dad

WGS:df