

June 6, 1947

Mr. Dolph Simons, Jr.  
Forest Service  
Hot Sulphur Springs, Colorado

Dear Dolph:

Your mamma and John left this morning to meet your dad. She let me read the letter from you and I told her I would write you today.

You have a wrong idea of the economy expected of you by your parents and by me. The idea of cautioning you about needless expenditures was that you might have more on hand in the fall, but neither they nor I want you to deny yourself anything that you may want in food. If, seemingly, your food is costing you more than you are earning, nevertheless, eat plenty of nourishing food to keep your body in fine condition. That, after all, is the main purpose of your taking the job this year. It was to build you up physically to make you strong and able to meet competition in athletics. If you want a steak, don't let a sandwich suffice; and, never unnecessarily let yourself be hungry. We all love you and are very proud of you, and while we do not want you to learn extravagant ways, we want you to realize that above everything else, you are to eat plenty of substantial food and take care of your general health.

It is going to be a little lonely for your grandma and me for the next week or ten days. We expect your dad to arrive in Washington on the 12th and hope that your mamma and brother will have been able to get through by that time, after having seen something worthwhile on the way. Knowing that there had been heavy rains in portions of Northern Missouri, your mamma called the highway patrol and found that she could not use highway 36 in crossing Missouri, but would doubtless have to take 40 to Columbia and then connect with 36 at Hannibal. I think they can do that without any trouble.

I feel sure you have enough money to take care of yourself until payday, but if not, your old granddad is here and will be very happy to let you have any additional amount that you might wish.

Lovingly,