

December 30, 1948

Mr. and Mrs. L. A. McMalley
Minneapolis, Kansas

Dear Janet, Mac, and Children:

I want to thank you for the knitted tie and the stockings, Mike for "Mr. Blanding Builds His Dream House" and Mary Beth for "The Good Shepherd."

I am sure you had a happy time at your home. As you know, I went to Wymore. We were delayed a bit at Manhattan, and by the time the bus started north, the hilly roads near Manhattan to the north were quite dangerous. We were fortunate in having a careful and skillful driver who avoided risks and finally got us through to Wymore only a few hours late.

We passed at least four cars that were in the ditch, and the driver made a detour of some miles to avoid a steep hill which he felt sure he could not make on the icy roads.

I found that arrangements had been made for the Johnsons to have a family gathering at the Dibbles at Panama. Mrs. Dibble is the only girl in the Johnson family. They have two nice daughters, one 14 and the other 7, and a nice little boy of 3. We had an excellent dinner and a very happy family gathering.

The trip there and back was made without incident, except that in returning, it was deemed wise to go farther over better roads and to pass through Lincoln. Dorothea, Charles, and Dolph came back with me. I think she returns home tomorrow or Saturday.

Much love to you all,