

Personal

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Mr. and Mrs. Don A Freeman
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Dear Grace and Don:

I have in my hand a Christmas card from Mr. and Mrs. Floren Pickar and Francis. You will remember Francis as the little black eyed girl who used to help the Pickars with their work. She was only eleven when I saw her last, but I have felt that she really has possibilities. She is not pretty, but she is intelligent and energetic. She is a niece of Floren Pickar, and I don't believe I saw her last summer. The year before she walked a long distance through a swamp in order to take the bus to go to school.

If it is not asking too much of you, I should like to have you check up on her and, perhaps, buy her a dress or a jacket for school wear this year. I am quite sure that if you took the child in to rear her, that you would be proud of her. Some of the backward people up there have little opportunity for advancement, but I am sure that Francis could rise above her surroundings if she had the opportunity for an education. Although she was small when I knew her a year and a half ago, Mrs. Pickar said that she was the best help on the place that she could get.

I have arranged for a man and wife to take over soon. Mrs. Murphy will return to her home at Caney, Kansas, for Christmas and will not come back to Lawrence. Ann will find board and room until she completes here school work next spring. I have told them they can remain at the house until they are ready to go.

My plans now are that I shall spend Christmas with Dorothea at Wymore. I was with Janet last year and, although invited to be with Blanche this year, I do not believe it wise to accept on account of Marilyn's recent operation for appendicitis and the house full of company that they are expecting.

I had the driveway to the home repaved yesterday.

Much love to you and Don, and
also regards to the Purintons,