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

The children are being very thoughtful of me, and the girls have been taking turns so that I have not been alone.

Dolph and Marie have had their hands full ever since you left with a frightful case of Poison Ivy on John. It seems that John went out to the K.U. practice field and leaned up against a fence upon which there were some dried branches and leaves which he did not recognize as being Poison Ivy. I have never known of so severe a case, but he is now on his way to recovery. Dolph Sr. and Marie were very faithful in looking after him, and Dolph has a small outbreak on his right hand which has been exuding plasma for several days. In spite of John being terribly out of condition, he played for a short while in the game last Friday night but could not play enough to save the team from its first defeat for more than 35 games. I shall try to see him again next Saturday and hope our team will win.

The enclosed clipping was from the Kansas City Times of this morning, November 15.

Yesterday, the 14th, was the 54th anniversary of Gertrude's and my wedding. All we could do was to place fresh flowers on her grave which has been sodded and looks as well as anything of the sort can.

I am sorry that I could not have been with you more during the few days you were here, but I think you understand.

I am a little afraid that Mrs. Murphy is not going to be able to stand up under our work because of poor health. She is suffering from rheumatism and despite the help of her