

November 20, 1948

Owen W. Maloney Jr.
Odessa, Texas

Dear Owen:

I have had a note calling attention to your birthday on the 16th of November which has been there for several days. I always recall the date of your birth because my mother, your great grandmother, passed away on the next day.

I hear from you occasionally through Blanche and Pat and recently I read one of your letters to them. I think you have always excelled as a writer of letters.

Having driven across the state of Texas some years ago when your grandmother and I were going to Tucson, we spent the night at Midland and, undoubtedly, went through Odessa the next day. So I can recall the sort of country you are in. I understand that business has been good and that you are doing well.

Your dad came in yesterday, and your mother has been with us for a week. She has probably told you that we drove to Wymore Tuesday, returning to Lawrence the next day. Your doubtless, recall that Dorothea and family live in Wymore, Nebraska.

This is the big day for football--K. U. against Oklahoma--and you may be listening in, if not, you will see by the papers which way the game went. Unquestionably, it will be a hard game, but the K. U. team is going in to win, and I hope they will. They have not permitted Dolph to play in the line since Pattee was hurt as they depend upon Dolph for punting and feel that they cannot afford to run the risk of having him injured. He had good luck in kicking for the coffin corner in the Manhattan game. One punt went across at the ten yard line, another on the four yard line, and one was caught by the opponent where it would have gone out on the three yard line.

I am figuring on going to Tulsa with your folks to spend Thanksgiving but may be detained because of things that I should attend to.