

August 20, 1948

Mr. and Mrs. Don A. Freeman
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Brainerd, Minnesota

Dear Grace and Don:

I should have written you earlier telling you of our trip home, but you doubtless heard the report that was made through Marie. The trip home was made in two and three quarters of an hour, and our landing at the Lawrence airport was very smooth. There we were met by an ambulance which took Gertrude to the hospital where she now has an excellent room and excellent attention. We are well pleased with Dr. Belot, who is looking after her. She had two blood transfusions and another today, making a total of three since she came to Lawrence. While I was in the room this afternoon, of her own volition and with no help she assumed a sitting position on her bed with her feet out to one side. This was the first time that she has done anything of that sort since she was taken ill. She is showing unusual recuperative power, and we sincerely hope that she may be able to come to our home before a great while.

Dorothea was with us for several days, and then Janet came. Both Dorothea and Blanche will be here for Sunday, Blanche for only a day or two, but Dorothea long enough to give Janet a chance to get home and get things checked up. I don't like to have the girls think they have to be with me, and yet it's mighty pleasant to have them around. It will be almost like old home week at our house. Mac and Mary Beth will be here and Mac will go on to Culver to bring Mike home. Blanche and Marilyn will be here for the day or more. Janet will still be here but will go home soon after and Dorothea and Harry will come down, possibly bringing Lance with them. Of course, this will be at our house, and we will try to not have too many at a time at the hospital, although Gertrude has permitted a few friends to drop in.

Now, lest I forget it, I should like to have a couple of