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Dear Leo

I told you that I would write you and here I am making good. This morning the thermometer in our living room registered 54 degrees, but I had laid the fire the night before and it was not too long until it was comfortable. It is now 77 on our front porch, where I am writing.

We have been ~~bust~~ and yet it does not seem that I have accomplished much. My boat is beached on the shore, and Mr Freeman has his boat parked by our ~~pier~~ pier. He invited me to go out one evening but for some reason I could not go. Today Mr and Mrs Freeman have driven to Minneapolis, but will not return till tomorrow, as it is 140 miles there and he does not feel strong enough to make the return trip the same day.

I had the oil in the Buick changed at Pipestone, and will have the thousand mile check up, Saturday at the Buick agency in Brainerd. It is a pleasure to drive the car. I drove at fifty most of the time as Mrs Simons gets a little nervous when I drive a little faster.

I enclose receipt for the express on our trunk, \$4.93, which I paid because the tag on the trunk had torn loose. Please check with the express company, and if it was sent prepaid, please send me the receipt from the Lawrence Express office, and also the Brainerd receipt so I can get a refund.

I was surprised when I found that the trunk weighed only 80 pounds, as I took it out of the car, trunk and carried it into the cabin. It felt like a ton-but I haven't been doing too much in the way of weight lifting lately.

From various sources I learn that the Walleyes have been biting pretty good, and it is still closed season on Northerns, which we do not value highly, and never eat. No one has mentioned crappie and I think the season on them has not yet opened.

We shall be glad when Mrs Dolph, John, and Miss Gilliland arrive, so Mrs Simons will not have to do housework. We have had no dinners at home, but have breakfasts and usually one pickup meal here.

I broke into the preceeding paragraph to run up to Freeman's because a truck came in there and we have been expecting a truck and workmen from a ~~nursery~~ nursery to do some planting. It happened to be Cragun, the milkman, and I arranged for three deliveries a week for ourselves and Dolph.

It is cloudy today, but there has been ~~no~~ no rain since we

came, and little if any since Dolph was here. An insect, called a sawworm, has been wreaking havoc to the pine trees of Minnesota, and threatens their destruction. The state is spraying, and I have asked to be included but do not know whether my request went to the proper parties, or not.

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