

8/9/49  
Tuesday afternoon-

Dear Father-

It was good of you to write but I have not replied directly before now, thinking you probably have been reading my letters to Marie. I almost missed writing one evening when some K. U. boys were out at the house attempting to keep an item out of the paper, but finally got off a few penciled lines so as to maintain the daily writing schedule.

I have missed being away from Marie while she has not been feeling well. She does not complain in her letters, and makes only brief offhand mention of her aches, but I know she has been very uncomfortable. One day ~~um~~ I almost called John on the phone because I thought he would give me a true report on her condition. Dr. Johnson states that if the bad teeth were the cause, it might take a couple of months for the trouble to clear up.

Our business remains good and the financial statement is satisfactory. If we do not have a bad break in business this fall we should have another good year. From a news standpoint, I feel we are now putting out the best we have ever done. We had our first drop in lineage last month but are well out in front so far in August both in local and national. City circulation is off because of a record breaking number of local people away on vacation.

I did not see Margaret from the time she got out of the car after our return drive, until yesterday when she and Otis came in so say they were leaving for Texas. I am checking the house while they are away and Ramsey and Leo will make regular inspections while I am gone.

Every day someone asks about you. After reading about the bad fires in Montana and the loss of the 13 college boys as forest service fire fighters, I am so thankful Dolph, Jr., did not take that job out there this summer. You will recall he had an attractive offer to work for the