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Dear Julia and family

Your two good letters were received and we were all sorry that you had had so much sickness. Someway we have gone through the winter really with less colds than usual. Johnnies' nose trouble has been about the only serious trouble, altho Dolph a week ago, or rather last Friday morning, had his tonsils taken out by Dr. Jones. He is getting along nicely talks first rate and is eating most everything altho his throat is still tender.

I havent seen Louis since you wrote, but he may be up any day to spend the night with us. We expect Blanche and her family up this week, altho Pat will go back for a short time before coming to work. Perhaps you didn't know but Blanche is expecting the stork again next month. We are all so happy to have them here and believe that our plans can be made to work out successfully for all of us. There is no good reason why we cannot build up a big job printing business here, if we equip for it and then go after the work. I expect Pat to become the head of the job department. He is also a bug on poultry and will probably attempt to raise capons for the market

I was glad to know that Etoile had done so well on her real estate deal. She did not take me into her confidence in the matter at all. In fact I have not heard from her for weeks or months. It is also good for her to take up her teaching again as it will reawaken interest in other things and will keep her out of a rut.

It will not be long until things will again be beautiful in Hainville Hills. We sold three cows last fall, but have a fresh one now, a granddaughter of one of the first cows we bought and she has brought us another heifer so we now have the fourth generation. Time flies too blamed fast to suit me.

We did not know anything about Vera again being in the south. Why doesn't she arranged to come here on some of her trips and pay us a visit. We should be delighted to have her. I presume that Chas. is as busy as ever.

Our plans for our new building should be in our hands in a few days and I hope the architects' estimates will not scare us to death. We have rented the room next to us, when finished, to Wilder Metcalf and the Douglas County Building & Loan Assn. They will pay \$100.00 a month for the front sixty-five feet and we shall use the rear fifty feet for additional press room. Altogether we shall have approximately 13,000 square feet of floor space.

Jean and Lillian certainly have my sympathy. Had a good letter from Grace recently. Have no plans made for the summer aside