

May 2, 1949

Mrs. H. F. Johnson
Wymore, Nebraska

Dear Dorothea:

The letter I have in my hands from you was written on April 22.

I am glad that Harry has gone into the Shrine. It is the "playground of Masonry." One very good admonition given to Shriners is that nothing should occur on that playground that could not just as well have occurred if there were ladies present.

I love you and I love your boys and I think it fortunate that they are so bright and so vigorous, physically and mentally.

Dolph and Marie left this morning for Dodge City by air where he speaks to an intercity gathering of Rotarians and their Anns. He has another pleasant date at Detroit. I do not know how long he will be called upon to make these addresses.

I think these talks carry with them the seeds of appreciation for our form of government and will do much to counteract the inactiveness that permitted the election of Truman as president and recently permitted the election of a Democratic candidate for may of Lawrence.

Everything looks very pretty at the home. I am having the porch floors repainted and I am keeping things up generally. I think that in a few years our showing of lilacs will be second only to that of Lilac Lane at the university.

I shall be glad to come up and help you mess up your kitchen when I can. Just when that will be, right now I am not prepared to say.

Let me hear from you often and come and see me when you can. I am enclosing a check for \$5 for you to buy yourself a Mothers Day gift.

Lovingly,