

Feb 24, 1949

Dear Grace:-

I know you will forgive me, when I am only two days late. I really remembered your birthday when it arrived, but it happened that day that dr. Johnson sent me home with two or three kinds of medicine to break up a bad cold, that looked a bit threatening. I really stayed in bed that afternoon, and tried to go to sleep at eight at night. I slept until 2 a.m. and then heard the clock strike every hour till morning.

Yesterday I was much better and today I am regularly on the job and happy because Dolph will arrive in Kansas City about midnight tonight to end ~~his~~ his peragrations of the past nearly seven weeks. It had the same effect on Marie, who had not been feeling well since her return from the south, but who perked up immediately upon hearing her master's voice. in

He arrived in San Francisco yesterday and flew on to New York, but first called Marie from the west coast. He leaves Washington tonight and will arrive in Kansas City night about midnights when Marie and one, or both, boys will meet him. The papers are carrying quite a bit about him and the trip. You may already have noticed a letter or two from him in the J-W.

We have had a long cold spell, but yesterday the thermometer registered a little over fifty and today it must be about the same.

John plays basket ball with Lawrence High at Ottawa tonight and Marie will doubtless go with him and from there to Kansas City.

Find enclosed a check for Ten Dollars with which to buy something, if you can buy anything there for as little as ten bucks.

I hope the dog pulled thru.

Give my love to Don and best wishes to the Pings. I have not attempted to play a game of cards since I was in Minnesota, last summer, and seemingly have forgotten all I ever knew about them. Not much loss.

I happened to see a woman pass the office window yesterday who looked a lot like you

Lots of love

Brother Collie

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