

June 20, 1949

Mrs. L. A. McNalley
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Dear Janet:

I don't often have many thoughts of that nature, but I had felt just a little bit lonely Saturday night with all of my children gone. But I was not forgotten. Blanche sent me a wire, I had the beautiful blue tie from you, and a letter and tie from Dorothea, and then in the middle of the afternoon yesterday, Dolph and family returned from their pilgrimage. So it proved to be a very pleasant Father's Day.

At dinner I entertained Mrs. Rankin, Charles and Lili, Charles and Mary Jule and Vera Stough, Margaret, her sister, and myself, making a party of nine at the Castle:

I had a nice visit with Dolph and family, but declined their invitation to take a bite to eat with them as they had hardly gotten straightened around again.

Marie received word today that Mrs. Nelson had had another slight stroke so she and John drove up there this morning. Mrs. Nelson has been feeling quite well, but she is getting along in years, and it is feared that she may be taken most any time.

I also had a very recent letter from Grayce in which she told me that the docks were out, the shutters off, that she had arranged for the opening and cleaning of the cabins, and that Don would have someone rake and clean up the yard. That was the best news of all because raking that yard is a mean job. The houses are surrounded by Oak trees which shed an abundance of leaves and unless they are removed it makes an ever present fire hazard.

I think there is no question that you and Dorothea can arrange, if it has not already been done, for the times of your stay at the lake. It is quite likely that we shall leave not later than Friday of this week.