

Hoinville

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Chicago 49, Illinois  
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Dear Collie:

I have your letter of the 29th. We arrived home about 4:30 P.M. on the 30th: had wonderful weather for the trip - the snowstorm struck Chicago that night so we were in luck. We took two days to drive - stopping in Madison overnight and saw some of the state officials. Then stopped at my sister's for a couple of hours including dinner which she called my birthday dinner. On arriving home there was a call from Avern Scolnik and invitation to have dinner with him at the Officer's Club of Fifth Army Headquarters where he is doing some special work for a month; so you can see I faired very well.

We had quite cold weather up north - 16° above, lots of sunshine, and people up there dress for the cold. We used chains on the car for about a week and there was no trouble in driving.

I note you will have some pictures of the family, both sides, i.e. Pat's family and yours and we certainly would appreciate it if you could spare one print of each group for us.

I haven't been able to check the newspapers that were here as yesterday I was busy closing accounts, but will look for the article on John from Topeka Sunday the 27th. We are proud of both John and Dolph as they are outstanding boys.

I trust that Charles Stough will be elected or nominated chairman of the Young Republicans of Kansas, and know you and Dolph will do all you can to assist him. We need somebody to lead the Republican Party in the right way as some of the so-called leaders have certainly made a mess of things, and the sooner we get rid of the Democratic Regime in the Capitol the better off we will be in this country. I trust that if we do get in the Republicans will have economy fever, as 45% of the income of the country is too much to spend running the Government no matter how high the wages are.

I am enclosing the picture which I would like on the fly leaf of the Christmas booklet, and it should be labeled - Hoinville Hills ~~Headquarters~~. I should like also to have the envelopes mailed to me at the earliest possible date so they can be addressed before the last minute. I hope to mail the booklets by the 15th. For your information I received my first Christmas card for 1949 yesterday; the one who leads all the others - John Purcell who was Asst. V-P in Charge of Mechanics on the Santa Fe - now in his 80's and still going strong; insists on using a room in the Santa Fe offices and lives at the I.A.C.

Please do what you can to hurry the envelopes. With love and best wishes from both.

Bob Elias  
Mulepurs about last week