

December 20, 1949

Mr. and Mrs. Ed Hammerel
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Saint Paul 5, Minnesota

Dear Friends:

I was glad to receive the Christmas greeting and regret that I did not have the pleasure of seeing you last summer.

Grayce and I are the only ones left of our immediate family, but I am fortunate in having four children, 10 grandchildren, and one great grandson. He is a beautiful boy who looks more mature than his ten weeks, or less, of age would indicate. He is the grandson of our daughter, Blanche, and his parents are Mr. and Mrs. Carl Olander.

We have had a remarkable season so far, no real cold weather, and I had budding calendula out doors on the south side of my house as late as a week ago.

My son, Dolph, and his two fine sons have their home in Lawrence. Dolph is with me in the newspaper business. I also have my granddaughter, Mrs. Olander, and another granddaughter, Mary Beth McNalley, and her brother Mike, Janet's children, who are attending the university.

Wishing for you the best of health and happiness, I remain

Cordially yours,

W. C. Simons