

February 8, 1949

Dear Dolph:

I was very glad to get your long and interesting letter of February 2. I take it that it must have been written from Dhahran, the spot we have been unable to locate on the map. This seems likely as, being an oil town, it may have been developed since the maps we have were printed.

Your letter is very interesting. I think it fine that you can see the good points in men and women whose civilization seems quite dissimilar to ours.

I can imagine that you left your Arab hunting companion feeling kindly toward you, although your only source of communication was the expression of voice, smiles, and motion.

Everything here has been moving along very nicely. While I have been keeping in close touch with the business, I have in no way been overworked. As a matter of fact, being busy at this time has meant a great deal to me.

I have missed you, and I have missed Marie. We enjoy having John at home and have seen more or less of Dolph, who seems to be getting along well.

One Lawrence man already sees in you a candidacy for president of the United States. It, at least, indicates good judgment on his part and shows where his heart is.

You will be pleased to know that the first fruits of Ernie Pontius' campaign with Montgomery Wards appear today in five full pages of the Journal-World. Not only this, but I think the company plans to make a thorough test by continuing the campaign through one or two more sales periods.

The general health of the office has been good and no serious accidents have been reported. There has been good cooperation in all departments.

The girls, my daughters, are planning to be in Lawrence on February 19.

The weather here has been quite severe with quantities of snow and ice. Due to yesterday's thaw, we are about to see the ground in spots for the first time in, what seems like, a long period.

We sent the pictures received some days ago on to Marie. We love you a lot and will be glad when you are again home.

Lovingly, your father