

June 27, 1950

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Dear Grayce and Don:

I have your good letter of June 19 before me. Dolph and Marie received a wonderfully fine letter from Holmes Meade regarding John. He spoke so highly of him, both as a guide and as a man. He said in his letter that when they came in with a good string of fish and some of the others had had very bad luck they said, "Well, you had Simons for a guide."

I spent the weekend in Tulsa, returning home Sunday evening. Both Owen and his wife and Eileen and her husband were there, so I had the pleasure of seeing both of my great-grandsons. They are bright, interesting babies, and quite responsive to friendship. Pat, Sr. continues to have the will to recover and expresses confidence in his recovery, but he has been a great sufferer and has been very brave in regard to it. I think that Blanche needs a vacation and rest, but it is impossible to consider anything of that sort now.

It is awfully good of you to invite me to take my meals with you when I am up North, but I rather expect to have either Dorothea or Janet with me. I sent letters yesterday to all three of the girls. Probably Dorothea will be the first to go up, and I shall drive to Wymore and then we shall go up together as each of us will want to have a car up there. As soon as I hear from the girls I think I shall be ready to leave. Margaret and Otis King, who have been with me for a year and a half, will be leaving Friday of this week, and I shall be very sorry to have them go as she has cared for the home remarkably well, and both of them have been pleasant folk to have around.

Delph was operated as you know, and the occasion for the operation was a fistula. Why the fistula happened to come he does not know, but having had it, it was essential