

Lawrence, Kansas May 2nd. 1950

Dear Grace and Don.

Hope that your cold weather is about over. We have had bits of spring, with warm days and some not so good, but nothing serious. The grass is very green hyacinths have bloomed and are gone, so have jonquils and narcissus. This morning noticed the first tulip blooming in the year. Forsythia has all but finished blooming, and Japonica is a mass of red. Spittia is also in bloom.

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Dorthea and little Dolph came down for the week end and we took them to Topeka to join Mrs C. W. Johnson, Sr. who I believe will accompany them to Wymore and Mrs O. W's car. We had a nice week end together and this week end I am expecting Janet. Dolph and Marie have been away a good deal lately. I presume that you noticed that he was elected First Vice President of the Associated Press while in New York City. Quite an honor for him and for Kansas.

Have the Bill. Miles become reconciled, or is it off for good? I am sorry for she kept such an attractive home, and it will probably be hard on him, but I guess I do not fully understand domestic matters in the backwoods districts.

April 30th marked the 18 months since Gertrude left us. When I see others getting remarried, I cannot understand it.

By the way would any of the women you have interviewed be suitable to keep house for me this summer at the lake? It does not really matter as the girls will be up from time to time, and there is the Lodge and your home, but I would not want to put any extra work on you.

Next Monday will be Grandfather Gowdy's birthday, his 145th. It does not seem possible. I have most of my data in the hands of the American Historical Society, of New York, so we shall have a genealogy some of these days.

I am sorry about the death of Bill Bohmer, and should you see her please give her our sympathy and best wishes. Give my love to Don, whom I love very much. He is a fine man in every way. Lovingly Your Brother.

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