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Dear Grayce:

When I picked up the paper and noticed the headline, "Blizzard heads for Minnesota", it reminded me that I have not written you for several days . I hope the stome will not be too bad, but I know that you are well prepared to meet anything that may come. You will be interested in knowing that the moths of the canker worms which are so bad on our elm trees are already flying. Some people band the trees against the insects, but we have preferred to have the trees sprayed and have had good luck so far.

You will be very much interested in the attractive new homes that have been built on the east side of Vermont street north of our house. I had a total of 18 lots over there which I gave to Marie a few years ago, and she sold 9 of them to a builder from Topeka who has put up six houses, each on a 75 foot lot. You would hardly know the residential portion of Lawrence today because all of the vacant lots that stood for so many years between the old Babcock home and Lawrence are now occupied with new homes.

I noticed in the paper that it was to be the policy of the census bureau to enumerate students in the towns where they are attending school. If that is the case, the population of Lawrence will doubtless be somewhere between 25,000 and 30,000 in the new census.

Pat is just hanging on. There is more annoyance to his trouble than there is real suffering. There must be itching and burning but no special pain nor suffering otherwise, and he is faithful in doing the things necessary to make him as comfortable as possible.

As you kkow, Eilene has a darling little boy who will soon be five months old.