

Leroyal, Mable Heights and back into Balboa.

Uh gee! Uh gosh!! Here I have rambled thru 'steen pages of dribble and never even told you how much I appreciated your using some of your precious vacation time to write me. That was "swell" of you!! Even it that isn't a very elegant way of expressing it -

as a woman once told her up-to-date granddaughter "there are two words I don't want you to ever use - one is 'swell' + the other 'lousy' - the granddaughter said: 'alright' - 'grandmother', what are you up to?"

How wonderful to ^{not the lake - the cabin -} have a cabin on a lake in Minnesota? Is it log? That was always one of my desires to have a log cabin some where. But must any kind of a cabin (even a shack) on those beautiful lakes would be a real treat in the summer - I always have enjoyed "roughing it" - Think some of the greatest pleasures in life are obtained by communing with nature - just to get away from the artificiality of so much of our modern life is beneficial to soul and body.

And how jolly it must have been for you and your children to have several weeks there - Do you fish or hunt? Or do you have boating or swimming up there?

Now I am wondering if you have