

June 13, 1950

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Dear Mrs. Whitver:

I received your good letter dated May 30, and it is all right to address me as you did. You write such a good letter that I am always glad to receive them.

As I may have told you, Mrs. Simons and I had planned to go to the Hawaiian Islands a few years ago, but at that time it was impossible to secure proper reservations, and by the time reservations were available, Mrs. Simons' health would not permit such a trip.

She was largely the instigator of our several trips, which included a month in the Caribbean, forty-six days out of New York on our South American trip, auto trips to pretty nearly all of the states of the Union, and a month in Old Mexico. It would probably be better for me if I could snap out of it a bit, but I have not been able to do so, and at my age it is perhaps unlikely that I shall plan future trips.

As you probably know, we do have a nice cabin, well furnished and beautifully located on the south shore of Gull Lake near Brainerd, Minnesota, where we have been spending summers continuously since 1938. Gertrude and I went north in May of 1937, picked out the site which consists of thirty-three acres on the south shore of the lake, and superintended the building of two cabins. At that time we lived in one of the resorts nearby. She enjoyed it there very much and was there even a few months before she left us.

I like your cheerful, newsy letters, and hope that you will not drop me off your list, although I realize that my letters are somewhat somber.