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Dearest Dad:

Well, the woes of housecleaning are upon me. Last Saturday morning a painter came to do some woodwork; so I suddenly decided to start spring housecleaning right there and then. To date I have almost 5 rooms finished. The weather has been lovely until today. It began to rain during the night and is still at it. I never like to clean in cloudy weather, but I'll finish what I can today.

How have you been since our nice trip to Tulsa? I enjoyed it so much, and I know you did too. I hope you weren't tired out by it.

Mother Johnson met me at the bus station, and we had luncheon together and did a few errands before leaving for Wymore. We had a nice drive home, and found everyone and everything in fine shape.

Sunday afternoon we drove to Lincoln and met the Dibbles, Carl and Dorothy, and Jack and Barbara Beck for a nice visit and dinner together at the Cornhusker. The children went too; so Mother Johnson was hostess to 15 at the Continental Buffet or Smorgasboard. Lance and Charles had all they could eat; and I don't believe went back for the permissible second or third helpings. There is a television set there; so they were good as gold while waiting for their parents to visit, etc. Mother Johnson went home with the Dibbles for a visit before going to Shubert. She may return here for Lance's recital, the 17th, then go back to Topeka.

We have decided to carpet the living-room and dining-room; and I am so glad. I know it will make our house look beautiful. The men were to have come tomorrow, but because of laying some linoleum in the front hall, they won't be here until next week. That leaves the house looking pretty bare, as I have taken up the rugs and cleaned them.

One good thing about this rain is that it is gentle and is watering carefully the grass seed that we planted yesterday. We have some bare spots that are so hard to grow grass in because the pitcher, the batter, and the catcher stand there. There seem to be no bases however. Our yard looks pretty nice this spring without much effort on our part. We cleaned it up very good last fall, so there aren't many leaves or twigs etc. around to be raked up.

Bus is attending a Masonic dinner tonight for which I have to furnish only two heads of lettuce. I am going to a P.T.A. Board dinner for which I am taking a jello salad. I guess the boys will eat at home, and I don't know exactly what I shall furnish for their dinner. I may let them go to the show.

I hope you got along fine until Irene and Leslie returned. I hated to leave before they came back, but I had responsibilities at home.

Loads of love,

Dorothea