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Dearest Dad;

I expect you will be surprised to hear from me. It has been so long since I have written. There were so many things to be done when I returned from Lawrence. I have pretty well caught up with them now, although I am never completely caught up with things that have to be done.

Day before yesterday my church group met here; and I was pretty tired yesterday; so I haven't done much but rest and soak my right foot which has been bothering me some. A friend of mine seems to think it is my metatarsal arch. I don't know what caused it; and it isn't serious but it does hurt when I put my weight down on it.

Carrie has been sick; and has not been at the lumber yard since a week ago Thursday morning; so Bus has been very busy. He says he realizes now how much there is to do when one of the personnel is away. Of course, he is doing the book work as well as all of his regular duties.

Mother Johnson has been sick also. She had an asthma attack which then developed into virus pneumonia; and she was in the hospital for several days. Dorothy Johnson is with her now in Topeka.

I wish you could have been here Thursday night to see and hear Dolph perform at P.T.A. He and a little girl in his room were asked to sing a duet "School Days"; and they did it so well, and were just darling. I suppose they will be in demand now for programs.

I had a letter from Marie which said that you didn't feel so well when they returned from New York, but that you were feeling better now. I guess that was after the attack you told me about that you had on the morning after we left. I hope you are fine now.

We enjoyed your visit so much, It was grand to have you here. I wish you would come more often. We are still enjoying the candy although it is mostly gone now.

I talked over the phone this morning to the lady who has the lovely antique chairs; and I told her that I would take them. She has some other things in her home town that she is going to bring here for me to see.

Lance was so tickled to receive the information from you; and he had his family tree complete on his mother's side; and pretty well completed on the other side. Mother Johnson didn't know the birthdates and marriage dates of the Johnson grandparents. Lance also gave a talk on some of his ancestors at school. He seems to be very much interested in them We will all be so glad when your book is published.

I don't know how much of your own life you have included in the book; but I would like to have you write a book about your own experiences both in western Kansas and in Lawrence. You have told me so many interesting stories, but I can't remember them to tell to the boys.

Much love,

Dorothea