

Mrs. Don Alfred Freeman

Tree Tops - Gull Lake Brainerd, Minnesota

May 22-51

Dear Collie -

I have had this envelope addressed to you for over a month. But have been quite ill - high blood pressure etc.

I have written Janice and Dolly <sup>and Marge</sup> but told

them not to worry you - about me. I have had mes. struck from all of them also. Nothing.

Rights were when there is so very much to do - the doctor ordered me to do nothing and not to go up or down stairs.

He gave me digitalis, at first, and it brought my blood count down - but I do not get my strength back as fast as I want to - and my mouth tastes so bitter. The weather is fine and

fishing very good. Don gets his limit almost every time he has been out, when he came in tonight he said "Collie could not have stood it the mosquitoes were so terrible tonight"

Mrs Jack was over this P. M. and is  
looking fine - she was telling the  
Pickens and Mrs. Potts wife how to do  
the things over at Maura's.

Mrs J. who was very ill last winter  
is not going to do out side work  
this year. She was wearing an attractive  
suit and looked very nice - Don took  
her and her little boy home in our car -

Now you will know why I have  
not written -

Erasmus is so surprised at Mr. Peacock  
I have never been ill this long before  
or so severe -

Love from us both  
J.S.F.

December 4, 1951

Mrs. Don A. Freeman  
Route 6, "Tree Tops"  
Brainerd, Minnesota

Dear Grayce,

I was going through my desk this afternoon and ran across your letter of May 22nd, written before I had gone to the Lake. I sincerely hope that your health is good and I am sure you are finding a great deal of pleasure in your new and ideal apartment. You have the opportunity to breathe the fresh air from the Lake and to enjoy the beauty of the great out-of-doors, and at the same time have the warmth both from your heating plant and your fine old fireplace.

I presume you think as I do quite often that we two are the only ones left of our family, which for many years consisted of five children, mamma and grandfather. We had some rather difficult years in Western Kansas, but I am sure it was much harder on our dear, little mother than it was for we children.

I was at the University a few days ago and I think you will be pleased with the diorama that will soon be completed and dedicated to the memory of our dear mother. It is simply an illustration of Hodgeman County in 1878. The gentlemen who is creating this fine illustration of the scene as it was so many years ago, has made at least two trips to Western Kansas and has actually visited the spot where our mamma homesteaded. It shows a sod house, a well of the type we used to have and the grass and wild flowers. I think they will also add some striped squirrels and a rabbit. The work is nearing completion and when finished, the diorama will be dedicated to our little mother, who was a pioneer Kansas mother.

It has seemed to me very suitable to have this memorial at the State University on the account of mamma's great interest

in education. It will be there permanently and we will be happy to have you see it when next you are in Lawrence.

You may or may not know that Dolph, Jr. is engaged to Pam Counseller, who is the daughter of one of the surgeons at the Mayo hospital at Rochester. You may have met her while she was at the Lake. Her parents were here and were at our house for a brief visit just a few days ago. They also, I think, were the house guests at Dolph and Marie's. I see quite a little of my children during the holidays and at commencement time. I spent Thanksgiving with Janet and Mac. Blanche and Pat were here recently as house guests of the Weavers and Dorothea and Harry were our house guests.

Give my love to Don and tell him that I hope his affection for the nurses in the Brainerd hospital will not induce him to spend too much of his time there.

Lovingly,

Your brother

WCS:en

November 27, 1951

Mr. and Mrs. Don A. Freeman  
Route 6  
Brainerd, Minnesota

Dear Grayce and Don,

Here we have the 27th of November and we haven't had enough snow this fall to make a snowball. We had a little skim on one occasion and that was all. It has been my experience in Kansas that we usually have good weather until Christmas and then have some snow and bad weather between Christmas and New Year's, and more or less winter weather until the first of April.

I went with Mike out to the home of his parents in Minneapolis and spent nearly a week with Janet and Mac. We had a very pleasant time. No bad weather although there was some sleet and freezing on one occasion. They suffered a good deal from high water last summer and it seems surprising that so much of that flat countryside could have been inundated with the flood waters of the Solomon River.

Mary Beth, who is now Mrs. Charles Medlock, is expecting a little one about the first of December. She is a very sweet young girl, who as a student excelled in scholarship. She and her husband live in Kansas City not far from where Blanche Reineke, my sister, had her photographic studio. Of our family of five children, I, the oldest boy, and you, the youngest of the family, are the only survivors

Mr. and Mrs. Scott, who are spending the winter with me, spent Thanksgiving at the homes of their parents in or near Downs, Kansas, and they picked me up in Minneapolis and we came home together.

The 40 acres south of me is a busy place now, with perhaps a dozen or more houses under construction and I think they anticipate building 30 or 40 houses before they get through.

My health has been good. I have had no trouble with my heart, my last little attack having been at the Lake.

I have just taken lunch today with three other men, the four of us being sons of Civil War soldiers.

It is quite delightful today and while my overcoat is hanging in my office, I did not want it when I went outside.

Write me a good letter when you find time.

Love to you both,

Your brother

WCS:en

George + Ann

Nov 10 - 51

My dear Collier -

As you likely know the last of Oct. was very disagreeable and cold, for this time of year. But for about a week we have had lovely weather like spring.

My Mary-Jule and Dorothea think I am a little "off the beam" because I sent them birthday cards so far ahead of time. When I know their birthday is not until Monday the twelfth (12). I wrote the cards and over to Mac intending not to mail them until later but they were picked up with the other mail and sent in so, if you think of it you might tell Mary-Jule and Dorothea when you see them.

I have alicades written about Mac's. We thank you for inviting us to visit you and it would be fine if we could. We always enjoy being with you and when you are up here next summer - you and I can have some nice private visits in my new boudoir which is going to be very nice. I have all my little things in the wonderful cedar chests now and the decorating and floor are very attractive. I have

still quite a lot to do in the furnishing etc  
We are going to redecorate our bedrooms next.

If the matter stays like this, which it won't, Howard  
It would be fun to motor to Lawrence and  
take in the N.U. - M.U. foot ball game Dec 2 -

It looks now as if the Mining Company  
would take out Paudal property first  
you see there are so many for owners (21)  
to have to agree to everything concerning the  
Arcturus - while only Warren, Sam & Zelah  
are concerned in the Paudal - and they agree.

If things go well - we will make this a  
Happy Christmas - if not it will have to be  
like the last ones -

Monica always wants to greet you - she is  
going to the hospital (tomorrow) where her mother  
under went surgery yesterday. Her mother is  
in the St Cloud Hosp. now but when she  
gets better we are letting Monica go home for  
a week to take care of her. The other sister,  
who is a trained nurse is with her now.

Loads of love from Don and myself.

Affectionately  
J.S.B.



Oct 19 - 57

My dear Collier -

But the reports - are all back and they found nothing very bad - but want me to be careful not to overdo in other words to lay off.

I still have to have my papers examined and have an appointment for Wednesday.

We are very glad you are feeling so well - and it must have been a fair party you gave your office force!

Warren Freeman is lots better and says to "tell Collier to hang on" as he, Warren, wants to be with you at our Golden Wedding in '53

C. Elmer Anderson is now our Governor and is giving a good account of himself so far.

We have a nice warm bed for George & Sue. It's in the garage it is built up high and is just what he likes. The weather is quite cool but our flowers are not yet frosted but we expect to see them frozen every morning. Don has to go to Duluth again Monday. I mean to there Monday he will leave here on Sunday. His appointment is for Monday. Roads of Don for you and hope K. U. wins tomorrow - as ever J. G. S. T.

October 24, 1951

Mr. and Mrs. Don A. Freeman  
Route 6  
Brainerd, Minnesota

Dear folks,

I have Grayce's letter of the 19th before me, and am very glad that the examination at Duluth discovered nothing serious. While Grayce does not look it, still she has lived to the age when a little care and precaution are apt to pay good dividends.

I presume Terry will have a "high" old time in his new bed. It has been so long since I have seen heavy snow drifts that I can hardly imagine how things look up there a little later. I know snap shots sent me by Ruth showed a snow drift entirely covering our cabin, and that was certainly some drift.

Give my kindest regards to the Purintons and the Framptons.

And so you are going to have a golden wedding in '53. It doesn't quite seem possible, and we'll know better about whether I can be there or not as time passes.

I hope that Elmer Anderson will make you a good governor. He has been very sane in his conduct since he was first elected to the office of Lieutenant Governor, and I wish for him the best of luck.

It seems queer that the flowers have not yet been frosted, and yet we have not had a killing frost. I was out to the fish pond, but did not see the long gold fish, which I have been informed still inhabits the pool. I did not know that we had had a fish in the pool for several years. I have already given our landscape gardner a request to put things in ship-shape order as soon as we have a killing frost, and I may put

some more gold fish in the pool to keep the "Long Ranger"  
company.

In regard to football, we have had a good team, which  
although not always a winner, has given a good deal of  
satisfaction.

Lots of love,

Your brother

WCS:en

# DON A. FREEMAN POSTER CO.

TREE-TOPS --- GULL LAKE  
BRAINERD, MINNESOTA



Oct. 6, 1951

Dear Collie:-

Grayce is in the hospital here in Brainerd for a check up so I have taken over on the letter writing as far as I can go. She wanted me to write you and ask you to tell the girls that is why she has not answered their nice letters.

Since last spring when Grayce had a little heart flury, we don't think she has come back the way she should so we made up our minds to see if there is any reason that could be corrected. She has been there since last Wednesday and will probably come home to morrow or the next day. They are giving her a real going over and building up a case history as far as possible and if we are not satisfied we will take her to Duluth with all the records. She is feeling pretty good but has never had a real check up in her life.

As you said in your last letter, it is beautiful up here now as the foliage is at its peak of beauty. The weather continues warm but still rains. The fish do not bite so have not spent much time on the lake. We are getting a lot of fall work done so maybe next summer we will have some time to play.

Thanks for the invitation to come down an see a foot ball game, and oh how we would like to but we are right in the middle of making a new lease on the Arcturus mine. The mining company want it finished before the first of the year so they can plan their winter work. They expect to build a large processing plant on our property that will take care of five or six mines in that vicinity. It looks awfully good as they stated at a meeting on the 10th. of Sept. there were 72,400,000 tons left in the mine. That is six times as much ore as that taken out in the last 47 years.

# DON A. FREEMAN POSTER CO.

TREE-TOPS --- GULL LAKE  
BRAINERD, MINNESOTA



We were very glad to get a nice long letter from Marie telling us you were feeling fine and look much better then when you came up north this summer. We were glad to get this news and hope you will let the young folks do the work. You worked many years for them.

The little room I put on to Grayces room is going to work out fine. She has a big ceder closet with a lot of over head storage and the little room in front is nearly ten foot square. It has hard wood floors and beautiful birch sliding doors. There will not be any need of her going up stairs as she will have room for all her clothes in her own room. She is now planning getting a new living room rug and re decorating.

If possible to get away before the foot ball season is over you will be seeing us.

Love from both of us.

October 8, 1951

Mr. Don A. Freeman  
Route 6  
Brainerd, Minnesota

Dear Don,

I received your letter of the sixth today, and sincerely hope that Grayce is not seriously ill. I know she has had those temporary disturbances of the heart, and I don't know that one needs to be very much alarmed about it because I have had a number, but not for several months. I do think it is well for her not to go up and down stairs, and I try not to do any more climbing than is absolutely necessary. Some months ago, I took over the downstairs bedroom, and have only been upstairs once or twice since I came home from the Lake.

I shall be glad to have you report her condition as soon as she has her examination at Duluth. However, I don't believe she should take the drive unless you have the doctor's OK.

This is the eighth day of October, and we have not yet had a frost, but we have had an abundance of rainfall.

We had an all-office party at our home a week ago, which was a very enjoyable affair. Everyone came together with husband or wife, as the case might be, and the children. We had two long tables on the lawn south of our house.

Eight new houses are now under construction on the 40 acre tract south of our place, and I understand about fifty houses are to be built. The houses evidently are about five rooms, and at present prices, would probably have to sell for \$10,000 or more each. The houses have been partially constructed somewhere else, and then come to Lawrence in trucks to be assembled. They have not bothered me, excepting that they have cut up the road a bit. I have paid, during the years, at least \$1,000 in hard-surfacing the road, and so far as I know, two loads of crushed rock is all that anyone else has ever put, and that fairly recently.

Dolph and Marie are in the east where he is attending a meeting of the Associated Press, of which he is first Vice President. We are expecting him home Friday, the 12th.

If I remember correctly, our father died on October 29, 1877, and the 30th of October will be the third anniversary of Gertrude's death. I have the oil painting of her, made several years ago, and at least two other framed pictures of her on our mantel, but I still miss her very much.

Dolph and Marie witnessed the football game between the Marines and Dayton, Ohio, in which the Marines were defeated. Dolph, Jr. plays on the Marine team.

Janet and Mac are in to see me quite frequently, as Mike is a sophomore at K. U. Mary Beth and her husband are also here frequently.

I think I have told you that Pat has fully recovered from his long seige of pemphigus. I have been expecting Blanche to visit me, but am not sure when she will come. Dorothea has not been down for a long time. The boys are in school, and it would be hard to get away excepting on a weekend. I am not making drives to see them as I did formerly, although I believe I could do so. However, it is probably unwise for one of my age to take long drives unless accompanied by someone else.

I am sending you herewith a marked copy of the University Daily Kansan. I am sorry that a couple of errors still persist in this writeup, that I have been unable to correct. I think I told you that I paid \$1,000 last spring to have a diorama made describing Western Kansas in 1878. I hope that it will be satisfactory.

I had dinner a few nights ago with Mary Jule and family, and she had a very nice dinner. A son of Mr. and Mrs. Boothe, friends of Julia's, was to dinner at the same time. Mary Jule's oldest girl, Vera, is a very sweet, promising girl, and has a part in a play soon to be produced by the students of the high school. Little Mary Jule, who was three years old last July, is a beautiful and lovable child.

I am sure that Grayce will find her enlarged quarters very comfortable. I don't know just what you will build next,

but it is hard to think of you as not building something. I hope that your fall tenants were well pleased with their quarters, and that you will have little difficulty in keeping the apartment rented.

It was mighty good of you, Don, to write that nice, long letter, and I hope to hear from you again. I recall about the making of the new lease, and I hope you will have no trouble in securing one that is perfectly satisfactory to you.

Love to you both,

Your brother

WCS:en



October 1, 1951

Mrs. Don A. Freeman  
Route 6  
Brainerd, Minnesota

Dear Grayce and Don,

I have no doubt that it is quite beautiful at the Lake at this time. You have doubtless had frost enough to bring nature's bright coloring to the foliage. I have never seen the Lake or Minnesota at that time of year since I was six years old. We have not yet had a frost and while there has been plenty of moisture, the leaves are drying up a bit on account of the season of the year.

Pat Maloney was with us over the weekend and we also say Janet and Mac and Mary Beth and her husband, Charles Medlock.

Dolph and Marie are leaving this week for New York City to be gone a week or ten days. He is a member of the Associated Press board and will attend the annual meeting.

I have not seen Blanche nor Dorothea and family since coming home. We always enjoy our summers at the Lake and my daily walk up to your house for a short visit.

I Hope that you are both in the best of health. With lots of love, I am,

As ever,

Your brother

WCS:en

Mrs. Don Alfred Freeman

Tree Tops = Gull Lake Brainerd, Minnesota

Sept 13 - 51

My dear Edna -

We were very happy to have your nice letter and to know your return trip was pleasant. I have not seen Bill but Mance did and gave him your message. What were your cuff links like gold or silver? Hope you may have found them by this time.

We have only just returned from Minnesota where we spent from Sunday P. M. until Tuesday evening. We saw Mance's daughter Dorothy and her husband and this P. M. they stopped here on their way home from the iron mines. Mance's daughter is married to a nice man and they have two daughters and a son - She is nice but not as beautiful as her mother.

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The summer has gone so fast, and such a cool mt on but no frost so far - and nice

blooming flowers. I have had nice letters  
from all your nice daughters since they returned  
but have not had the time to answer them  
as yet. Also our Macey-John our frequent  
son's time.

Our Mr. and Mrs. McDuloh are back in  
our guest cottage again. He went away  
this A.M. at 11 A.M. although the weather  
was very cool at that time.

On Saturday while in Mpls. we thought  
it was the hottest day this year.

Had an invitation to spend this even-  
ing week-end with the Coler in Sattell  
but Am was too busy to accept.

Saw in the J-W that Dolph G. was in  
Lawrence for a few days. glad he was  
able to make it.

We miss you and wish you might  
walk in every day for a little visit.

Don't forget, say I like our new rug  
the other night - it is just about an hour & half  
Labor day was a beautiful day here  
and in my all out on the lake with Mica  
but when Jerry backed very load on canoe  
it and found a man and his family here  
from Brainerd. Much love to you, father as both  
also love to Dolph & Mavis and boys  
Grace

Sept. 18, 1951

Mrs. Don A. Freeman  
Route 6  
Brainerd, Minnesota

Dear Grayce,

I have your letter of the 13th and was very glad to hear from you. I too miss the daily walk up to your house. My health is good and I am at the office for a few hours every day.

Dolph and Marie have been in Rochester, Minnesota in order to find out what was the matter with Marie's knee, which has been sore and to correct the condition. They will soon be home and I understand that Marie's condition is much better than they had feared.

Having missed my cuff links, I bought me a new pair, but I should like to find the old ones because they were given to me by Gertrude. The links were of the dumbbell type with an engraved setting. They were faded and show wear. Please do not put yourself out too much to try to find them, although I should hate to lose them because Gertrude gave them to me.

I am glad that your renters are there and feel sure they will be well pleased with your apartment. It is a beautiful spot, and a well-arranged, convenient home.

I have been feeling quite well since my return to Lawrence, but have been careful not to overexert.

It would be nice if you and Don could come down for some of the football games.

Much love to both of you and kind regards to Monica.

As ever,

WCS:en

Sept. 4, 1951

Mr. and Mrs. Don A. Freeman  
Route 6  
Brainerd, Minnesota

Dear Grayce and Don,

Mac and I arrived home Saturday evening and without any special effort, we kept in touch with Janet and Mary Beth at filing stations and lunch rooms and for the evening at Carroll, Iowa.

Before sending my shirt to the laundry, I am quite sure that I removed my cuff links but if I did so, I put them away so carefully in the cabin that I could not find them. I think it might be well to ask the launderer if the buttons came with the shirt, but I doubt if they did.

We enjoyed our summer very much with you and hate to look forward to the many months before we shall again be with you. I hope that everything will move along fine and that you will have all improvements completed so that you can thoroughly enjoy your very complete modern home. Please give my regards to the Purintons. I think I thanked her personally for the fine birthday cake and then had them for dinner guests at Pine Beach. I think you have very pleasant neighbors indeed in the Purintons and the Framptons.

I found everything all right at home, but it had been very wet and I think has rained every day and night since I got back. Fortunately, our home is well-drained with the water running south to the Wakarusa River.

I went down this morning and renewed my driver's license. I don't know just what age they quit issuing licenses, but no questions have been asked so far.

Let me hear from you often.

Lovingly,

WCS:en

Don A. Freeman  
Poster Co.

TREE TOPS - GULL LAKE  
BRAINERD, MINNESOTA



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**DON A. FREEMAN POSTER CO.**

TREE-TOPS --- GULL LAKE  
BRAINERD, MINNESOTA

June 15 - 57

My dear Ollie -

Your last letter just received and I am so sorry you have not been having your usual good health but am sure you will be able to come up about the first of July when Blanche and Eileen are going to motor you up. You will spend our night on the raft as usual and then arrive in good season the next P.M. -

You bet we will celebrate July 5. in any way you will enjoy the most -

Don is out on the lake tonight fishing and has worked hard all day, on the place - He just hates to go into Brainerd unless he just has to go.

The days are warm but nights cool and nice for sleep - Harriet Irons is in a hospital in Minneapolis - we expect to hear from her night about nine o'clock, as she is on West River and will call us after she gets home. If he wants Don to come down he will go tomorrow. He has had an operation and was getting along real well - but had a little set back today. Doctors say they think he will be O.K.

DON A. FREEMAN POSTER CO.

TREE-TOPS --- BULL LAKE

WISCONSIN, MILWAUKEE

I spent Wed. forenoon in the Drained Hosp.  
for a general check-up. I have not yet had  
my report but think I'll get it tomorrow.

It is nice to have Dolph and family here  
the boys are looking wonderfully fit.

John displayed with pride the beautiful  
"flat" pin which he said his uncle Pat had given  
him.

So glad you have another nice young couple  
living in your home. It is nice to be good to  
you because you are good to everyone else.

Monica has been very kind while I was so  
sick. She is always pleased to have your nurses  
Mrs. The Transcripts are fine and always enquire  
about you also. This is getting too long and  
I do not wish to tire you -

Loads of love to you and Doree if she  
is still with you - Love from  
Gregor and Doris



June 18, 1951

Mrs. Don A. Freeman  
Route 6  
Brainerd, Minnesota

Dear Grayce,

I received your good letter of the 15th this morning. I am glad to say that I have been feeling a little better each day, but am not putting in very much time at the office. Just enough to read a little proof and to dictate a few letters. I am glad that Don is enjoying fishing and hope that he will not over-do. You know and I know that he is apt not to use good judgement in looking after himself. Because he feels real work he is apt to over-tax himself with unfavorable results. I hope that nothing serious is the matter with his brother, Warren.

I am glad that your annual check up proved satisfactory. Generally speaking, you have been blessed with good health.

My new couple, the Scotts, are proving very satisfactory indeed. Blanche is not here but is planning to meet Eileen and "Mr. Wayne" in Lawrence Sunday, July 1, which is just two weeks away.

I know that Dolph, Marie and the boys are having a wonderful time with you. Take good care of yourself for you and I are all that is left of our family of five children. As we look back, the years seem to have passed quickly. I used to think that anyone eighty was as old as the hills and perhaps, I have been right. But it will not be long until I have another birthday.

As ever,

WCS:en

June 12, 1951

Mr. and Mrs. Don A. Freeman  
Route 6  
Brainerd, Minnesota

Dear Grayce and Don,

In a recent letter from Blanche she enclosed a card she had received from you dated June 3. Blanche and Pat have a very fine family. Eileen and Owen Jr. are each the parents of a fine little boy and Marilyn's daughter died a few hours after birth.

Dolph and Marie have certainly told you all the news. Our home has been surrounded with an abundance of flowers, including two large Paul Scarlet vines, one on the south door and the other on the lattice to the south of the garage. Many other flowers are also in bloom.

I have not been in quite my usual good health for the past couple of weeks, which may have an influence upon my coming to Minnesota. I was in the hospital for about a week and have since been at home. Again I have been fortunate in having a fine young couple with me which has added both to my recovery and to my enjoyment in living.

The eighth of July is now less than a month away and you and I are the only two left of our family of five. I hope that you and Don are in good health and that you will take good care of yourselves. Give my regards to Monica. I don't know just when I shall be up there. Lots of love to you both.

Lovingly,

WCS:en

June 5, 1951

Mrs. Don A. Freeman  
Route 3  
Treetops  
Brainerd, Minnesota

Dear Grayce,

Your letter mailed May 23 probably came while I was in the hospital. I woke up one morning about two o'clock very short of breath and called the doctor who had me taken to the hospital where I remained about ten days. It would probably be called heart trouble. I am occupying the room on the first floor and shall try to avoid going up and down stairs from now on just as much as possible. I found your letter in my coat pocket this morning and just when it was received, I can not say, but it had been overlooked.

I am sorry that you have not been feeling in your usual good health and sincerely hope that you are coming along all right. From what you say in your letter, you probably have also had a slight attack of heart trouble. This is the first time I have been to the office for about ten days. I hope that both you and Don are feeling fine now and certainly would be glad to join Don in his fishing. Just what we shall do in regard to going north, I am letting the decision rest until later. Presumably I shall come up as usual and one of the daughters will come up with me. Blanche has been with me for several days and when she leaves, Janet will take her place. Irene and Leslie, who were with me for about a year, have gone. They were fine young folks and treated me as they would have a father. I have now a Mr. and Mrs. Scott whose home I think was Downs Kansas, which is as far west as Salina and I think a little to the north. They seem to be very thoughtful.

Our yard had not been cut this year until today when a power machine was working nearby and we were able to have our yard mowed by a mowing machine. Flowers have been very beautiful and profuse. I had had the planting done at the

Dear Grayce,

cemetery before I was taken sick so that everything was ship shape for Memorial Day. Dolph and Marie went to Shawnee, Kansas to look after the graves of Father and Mother Reineke and other members of the family.

Dolph Jr. has graduated from the University and I understand made a most excellent talk at a recent gathering. He has already joined the marines so he doubtless will soon be called to duty somewhere. John, the younger son, has been a member of the marines for some time, but may not be called to service on account of his age and being in attendance at the University.

I had a recent letter from the Framptons and I wish you would call them, giving them my best regards and telling them that I shall write them soon.

I hope that both you and Don will continue to have good health. Give him my love and give my regards to the neighbors as you may see them.

Lots of love from your brother,

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**DON A. FREEMAN POSTER CO.**

TREE-TOPS --- GULL LAKE

**BRAINERD, MINNESOTA**



April 12 - 51

dear little man's birthday

My dear Collier -

It is some time since I have written but I think of you often and am very thankful that I have such a few brothers.

Tommy Wm is going, with Dr. John H. Baber Jr. to the clinic, in Duluth. In a complete check up. I am so glad Dr. John J. is going to take care up to Duluth as he knows Wm's condition so well and will give the Duluth doctor a history of Wm's case and x-ray pictures etc - which will enable them to go on from there. We are in hopes he will not have any operation - and if he should have to have one it would be some time later.

It is not only his stomach but hernia, sinus and hemorrhoids - so you see he has his share of troubles as well as some of the good things. For we are now quite sure of selling the iron property at Rondell - where they had struck a very good grade of ore - and now that our Company is dickering to buy it now.

We think Sumner really showed how small and mean and dangerous he really is in dismissing Gen. McArthur - We shall await the General's reply -

I dread having Don away - as it will leave  
Mornica and Mrs here alone as Ping Pursinton  
is going to Minneapolis on Sat. and expects to  
return on Sunday eve - Ruth is very nervous  
and restless since her operation - The weather is  
very disagreeable but she left on the bus for the  
city this (Thursday) A. M. - and he will bring  
her back on Sun - Of course Don had to go where  
the doctors were ready to take him for his ex-  
amination - I know you will pray for him as

I shall - that they find no serious trouble.  
The first few days of April were fine and  
gave promise of an early spring but now  
in about a week it has been wet and cool.

Irish's second daughter, Grace, had a fine baby  
boy on Feb 28 - which pleased everyone as they  
already had two lovely little girls 8½ yrs and 4½ yrs  
Grace was her Grandfather Emma's favorite and  
I am very fond of her - she writes often and sends  
pictures of the children.

Love to you from both of us and write soon -  
Glad Pat is getting in good health again -  
Where is Owen Jr - living now.  
Some times I can scarcely resist calling you by  
phone -

Affectingly  
Yours

Love for any of your family that may be around -  
Glad the Hodgeman Co. folks have stuck out -

Apr 18/23

**DON A. FREEMAN POSTER CO.**

TREE-TOPS --- GULL LAKE

**BRAINERD, MINNESOTA**



April 18 - 51

My dear Collier -

You had your voice on the phone, sounded like a man in the prime of life, and I enjoyed talking to you.

It has been very lonely around here since you went to Duluth last Sunday - but now we are going after him tomorrow and will all be together again. According to his tests he has no bad complications and most of his tests - heart, liver, kidneys etc were

100% =

He has phoned me every evening I know he has missed being in a hospital where he is so well known as is the case in St Cloud and Brainerd, but he has liked his doctors.

But seems very strange since his operation but being true to be very thoughtful. I am very sorry for Redd -

Our spring is also very late - but  
it will warm up soon - & how it really  
all goes.

When I think of some of the voices  
on bars, on the radio, that tremble  
and quaver - and perhaps they say they  
are 65 or 70 years old - that I like  
to think of your voice, which  
sounded as young as your grandsons.

I am scrambling this without glasses  
in a dark room so fuzzy the looks -  
I am just about to lean for Dr. Brainerd

I like Monica, very much, in many  
ways she is very bright but does  
not care as much for conversations as  
I would like. - But you can't have every-  
thing perfect - and I am thankful  
Love for you -

Affectionately  
J. S. F.



May 16, 1951

Mrs. Don Freeman  
Route 6  
Brainerd, Minnesota

Dear Grayce,

I don't know whether I owe you a letter or whether you should write me. Today is the 16th of May, which would have been a birthday for Gertrude. Due to flowers that had been planted and others, her resting place in the cemetery is nearly always covered with flowers. On my desk is the little paper weight that I think Blanche Keineke gave me some months or perhaps a year before we were married. It is a darling picture of Gertrude and while the picture is a poor substitute, it means a great deal when the original is no longer here.

I am expecting a visit from Blanche soon but she has been a little uncertain on account of Pat not being quite so well. He has certainly had a very long and severe struggle but has managed to keep up his courage although he has turned business affairs very largely over to others. I haven't seen his little grandson for several months, but letters advise me that they are coming along fine.

Janet and Mac simply dropped in on me for a minute a few days ago, hardly taking time to sit down. I haven't seen Dorothea and family for some months but presume they will want to spend some time at the Lake as the little boys love the water.

While our flowers at home, like Topsy, have just "grewed", yet it seems they have never been more beautiful. We have whole hedges of spirea so full of blossoms as almost to resemble drifts of snow. Owing to Gertrude's love of flowers, we have something in blossom all of the time. To you spring has hardly come and it may seem strange that our trees are largely in full leaf.

Dear Grayce,

I have had a very capable and kindly couple, Mr. and Mrs. Parrish, with me since early last fall. He will complete his work at the University some time next month and then they will leave, but I have already arranged with a Mr. and Mrs. Scott to take over. She also is a graduate in home ec at Manhattan. I think they will come to the house early and perhaps will occupy it during the summer while I am away.

Plans have been made for the opening of a residential addition to Lawrence which will include much of my ground but will not disturb the immediate yard, which will be 330 feet wide and with about the same depth.

You have not been to see me for a long, long time. Dolph, Marie and the boys have been a comfort to me but I don't see the other children as often as I would like but probably as often as could be expected under the circumstances.

Lawrence has been growing and seems destined to grow still more. Wesvaco Chemical Plant has located in North Lawrence and the Sunflower munitions plant 14 miles east of Lawrence has been re-activated. Lawrence, which was a town of 9,000 when I came, I think showed 23,000 at the last census and is still growing. A half million dollar school building erected a few years ago has been out grown and bonds have already been voted for additional schools, which I think amount to about three million dollars.

The World Company which we started March 1, 1892 is now 59 years old. While the town was full of papers when we started, all of those then in existence have either passed out or were taken over by The World Company, but a weekly paper was established some years ago, which is still being published.

I do not recall whether you have expressed an opinion in regard to the Genealogy or not, but it has met generally with a favorable reception and I had a nice letter a few days ago from Mahlon H. Cowdy of Providence, Rhode Island, whose father and himself made possible the publication of the Cowdy Genealogy in two volumes some years ago.

The daughters plan to spend some time with me at the Lake this year the same as they did last year.

I hope that you and Don are enjoying good health and a happy life. Please remember me to Monica and to the Purintons, also to the Framptons should you happen to see them.

It seems quite a while since I had a letter from you.

Your loving brother,

WCS:en

Grayce

April 23, 1951

Mrs. Don A. Freeman  
Rt. 3  
Brainerd, Minnesota

Dear Grayce,

Glad to have your letter of April 18th. Nothing new here. I rather expect Dolph and Marie home from New York by Wednesday but it may be a day or two later. I have no doubt he has had quite a busy time. It would be enough to keep him fairly busy with the Associated Press, if he didn't have anything else.

Our weather here is rather pleasant today although the thermometer registered 35 last night on my front porch. Flowers are still belated although they are beginning to blossom some.

I hope that Don is continuing to improve. Ruth seems to be rather temperamental and Ping is probably to be commended for his efforts to please her.

I went to the cemetery yesterday and placed a pot full of blooming red geraniums between the graves of John Louis and Gertrude.

This is a short note but it brings my love and best wishes.

Lovingly,

WCS:en

Grayce

April 16, 1951

Mrs. Don A. Freeman  
Rt. #3  
Brainerd, Minnesota

Dear Grayce,

I enjoyed talking over the telephone with you yesterday and your voice was as distinct as if it had come from another room. I am glad to know that you are well and that Don is not quite as bad off as he might be. I rather think that Don is his own worst enemy in that he attempts to do things that he ought not to do because they injure his health. This is the way one usually speaks of a man who is a drunkard but with Don I mean that he is apt to lift or over do. I think maybe if you put mittens or hand cuffs on him and kept them on him for a while during the daylight hours, he might soon be as good as new. Either I am tough or I have learned my limitations. Occasionally I have a slight difficulty which the Doctor seems to think comes from the heart although I have not had a Doctor call on me now for perhaps six months. If I wake up in the morning choked up a bit, a digitorious tablet and some hot coffee usually overcome the difficulty. I do think however, that I take fairly good care of myself because I know I can not do the things that I used to be able to do without any bad results.

Mr. and Mrs. Parish, the young folks who have been with me have looked after me about as carefully as they would have done had I been a parent. I shall lose them with the closing of school and shall then try to secure someone else for the coming year. They have already recommended a certain young couple whom I have met through them for the job but they have not made an application.

Letters from Blanche and from Dorothea indicate that they are planning to spend some time at Gull Lake. While Janet has not spoken of it lately, I know that she too enjoys

Dear Grayce,

being up there. Right now I think District Court is in session which keeps Mac busy.

I had a telephone call a day or two ago from Mike and I think Janet must have jacked him up about not seeing me more often. It is the first time I had heard his voice for several weeks. Dolph Jr. graduates this coming commencement and looks forward to military service. John, who is a freshman, is already in the marines but does not anticipate a call to active duty unless conditions warrant it.

As I told you yesterday over the phone, Dolph and Marie left last night for New York to be gone about ten days.

Last night, Mr. Rankin, one of our good friends, came over and brought with him a Miss Linn, whose father used to be an abstractor at Salina and for all I know she may be still carrying on the business.

Our spring has been very late. We have a few blossoming plants sheltered by our house and at the cemetery, I noticed a number of white and blue violets on the lot where Gertrude, John Louie and Julia rest. The sun is shining bright today but it is too cold to be comfortable on the street without an overcoat.

As you know, our chancellor has accepted a call to the Presidency or Chancellorship of Cornell University and leaves with the close of this school year. I have liked both Mr. and Mrs. Malott. Mrs. Malott especially endeared herself to me in remembering Gertrude at the hospital with her home-grown flowers. I have wanted to entertain them at dinner but have been unable to do so.

Blanche has just returned from a couple weeks visit in the south in which she was accompanied by one or more of her girl friends from Tulsa. I think that Marie, the wife of Owen Jr., was also in the party and took occasion to visit her family at Philadelphia Mississippi.

While I make no special plans, I look forward to another summer at the Lake. Bill's letters have been to Dolph rather than to me so I don't know what he has done. I think he was expected to remove one or more oak trees that had become more or less unstable at the roots. I think Dorothea plans to be up there again and perhaps will come early as she did last year. Her boys love the water.

Dear Grayce,

I enjoyed very much my telephone conversation with you last night and I hope that Don is coming along fine. As soon as I get the cloth bound covers of my Genealogy, I shall send you one.

Love to yourself and Don and good wishes to Monica and Purinton.

Your loving brother,

WCS:en

March 27, 1951

*Grayce*

Mr. and Mrs. Don A. Freeman  
R. R. # 6  
Brainerd, Minnesota

Dear Grayce and Don:

I am enclosing a page from the Wall Street Journal. I am glad that they have found oil in Hodgeman County, but it was in the southwestern part of the county while our ground was in the northeastern part.

I hope that they develop a real field out there, and I was surprised a few years ago on talking with a tax equalizer to find that most of the ground in Hodgeman County now was presumed to be worth about \$100.00 an acre. I have no regrets about our leaving Hodgeman County, and I hope that those who have stayed will profit greatly by the new discoveries.

I have just returned from spending Easter with Blanche and family and both of my darling great-grandsons were there with their parents. Pat, Sr. looked the best physically that he has in a number of years, and it looks very much as if he had finally quit that skin trouble which has bothered him so severely for several years.

With love to you both, I am

As ever,

WCS:bjh  
Encl.



March 19, 1951

Mr. and Mrs. Don A. Freeman  
R.R. # 6  
Brainerd, Minnesota

Dear Grayce and Don:

I note by the paper that you have been having considerable snow and cold weather in Minnesota. That is the natural thing to expect. Although I left the state when I was only six years old and had been away from the old farm for more than a year undoubtedly at that time, I can still remember the tremendous snows which used to cover the fences so that people in their sleighs would go across lots, gliding over the tops of the fences as if they were not there. There are not very many things that I remember of the old farm, which is quite natural since I was so young when I left.

I am planning on being at the lake again this summer and hope that I will find you well. While my genealogies have been printed, the cloth bound copies have not yet been received at our office. As soon as they arrive I shall send you one.

Give my regards to the neighbors and to Monica.

With love,

WCS:bjh

# DON A. FREEMAN POSTER CO.

TREE-TOPS --- GULL LAKE

BRAINERD, MINNESOTA

March 16, 1950

My dear Collie-

In your last letter I note what you said about having a little more heat in your cabin and think it is an excellent idea.

We have made a few inquiries and shall make more. We find there is a small heater put out by the Blau Gass company, that is proving very satisfactory, you set your thermostat at 70° or wherever you want it and it keeps the room or house at that temperature night and day. It costs from \$75 to \$100.00 and could be installed, I think, in the little coat closet, in your living room, and you do not need a chimney just a small pipe from the stove to the roof to carry away any fumes etc.

I do not know of anything you might buy, for the same amount, that would give you and your family, more pleasure. It is so nice to be warm in the morning or evening when dressing and preparing for bed.

Just as soon as we know more about it shall write you again, Don just told me the stove we enquired about was put out by the Gopher Gas Co. but I am almost sure the Blau Gas Co. would have one too. In either case they service the stove from Brainerd and supply the tanks etc.

I think you will remember that the cottage we rent has a Blau Gas cook stove, which has proved to be most satisfactory but we put in a very nice new oil burner, which heats the house in fine shape, even when it is 27 -

We had a very nice Febr. but March has been just one snow storm after another.

We listened to the Kansas - Okla. A @ M Basket ball game last night and just know how pleased Dr. Allen must have been over the nice showing his boys made, even after his big centre went out on fouls.

I almost forgot to tell you that a mining company, now working on the iron land near Randall, have struck a nice vein of ore and are stock piling it. Don says to tell you that we will take you over to see it when you come up, as it is only about thirty miles from here. It is an open pit mine.

I attended a "tea" last Thursday, in a very lovely new home there were about seventyfive ladies and the table was beautiful. We also went to StCloud a week ago Friday and took a friend to the hospital for a deep therapy treatment.

Received a very nice letter from Marie last week and am so glad they are planning to come up this spring same as before.

Lots of love for one of the finest men and most loving brother  
Affectionately

Grace & Don

Love to Marie andolph  
and the boys. and any of the others when  
you write them. I know it would be very  
pleasant to visit you but Don is not quite  
well enough to make that long trip now.  
Marie always wishes to send regards to you -

Iron Top - Gull Lake  
Drimond - Minn. - March 5.

My dear Brother -

Our last letters must have passed  
on the way. Suppose you are wondering  
if we are survived in - no! we are all  
planned out and have been able to go in and  
out every day this year - We have plenty  
of sun but not as much or as cold as  
St. Cloud and Minn. It is nothing ~~more~~  
today - and the ice on the lakes and river  
declared "unsafe"  
Dad and I took the Perivictors to St. Cloud on  
Friday where Ruth had a treatment of  
the St. Cloud Hosp. - we all returned in the  
afternoon - that night and Sat. we had a  
sort of sleighing. Sunday and today it is nice  
I noticed the little reference to Grace Putkut  
but Collier, dear you forgot to mention that  
she is now Mrs. Lawrence Beas

300 East 5th Street

Rolla, Mo.

She seems to be happy and  
prosperous - and we are glad  
She named her first son after  
his daddy and calls the baby "Daddy" the last  
little boy is named Arthur Edward and  
was born on Ground Hog day which is also Aunt Roe's  
birthdays

Grace Putkut, born in Point Barrow, the northernmost city in Alaska, was a student at Haskell institute a few years ago and still corresponds with a friend in Minnesota. From this source comes the announcement of the birth of her second son.

Former Queen of Shimmy

his daddy and calls the baby "Daddy" the last little boy is named Arthur Edward and was born on Ground Hog day which is also Aunt Roe's birthdays

Grace Stewart - now Mrs Geo. Carter has a  
fine little (10#) boy born Feb. 25-51 and is very  
happy over it as her first two were girls.  
She has named her son Warren Stewart Carter  
as "Warren" is the name of both grandfathers.  
Don is very much improved and Banthine  
the strong tablet which he is taking and  
has taken for several months seems to be  
doing good work for him.

If you will look in the March issue  
of Readers Digest - page 116 - you will  
see the article - and you know about what  
"Banthine" can do for Ulcer Victims.  
Don now weighs 155 pounds and gains  
a little each week. He never wishes to  
weigh as much as he once did as all  
doctors say under weight is better than  
over weight.

I am glad you and Dorothea are  
planning such a nice Easter with  
Blanche - and Pat and that Pat is doing well.

I think Morica will spend Easter  
in Albany with her family - so we  
will have to be home - but Ed & Ruth Hans-  
must keep writing and phoning for us  
to come to St Paul for a visit.

Have not had a letter from Dolph for ever  
so long - know he is very busy but would enjoy  
a letter - Love to all and more for you all. Love no love 25/51.

**DON A. FREEMAN POSTER CO.**

TREE-TOPS --- GULL LAKE  
BRAINERD, MINNESOTA

Feb 26 - 51

My dear Alice -

Your excellent letter, on my birthday, would have been a fine present, in itself. I was so glad to get it. Never the less I also thank you for the generous check and shall use it for some personal things like shoes etc. I also received a cuti and some Jammie, with a beautiful handkerchief enclosed. She is a dear girl to remember me.

Our Jammie was a very cold month but Feb. has been the warmest month in years we had, at this time of the year and snow and ice on lake is melting fast and we may have an early Spring. Hope so for everyone around here wants to see a garden. Our young couple, who met our cottage are very nice and in all like them very much. Their little boy one year old, has now two teeth and is a just little fellow who loves our Jesus. A little card today from Patsy our little Eskimo girl announces the arrival of their second boy.

The more sorry Lovellotte had such a "cold" night  
and that R.F. beat R.U. Saturday night. I got  
the game through the Salina stations.

Of course we shall have more cold weather but we  
expect an early spring - and soon after our much  
loved brother will be with us and you know how  
we love to have you up here where we may be  
with you everyday - so if you want to come up  
before any of your daughters do you know  
you may stay over here as long as you wish -  
also that you may use the shower in our down  
stairs bath room -

Am I now leaving so with much love  
and many thanks

Affectingly

J.S.F.

Glad you have so nice a secretary in office.

March 7, 1951

Mr. and Mrs. Don A. Freeman  
The Treetops  
R.R. # 6  
Brainerd, Minnesota

Dear Grayce and Don:

The days and weeks are passing and in another two months or ten weeks we shall be considering going to the lake. I am glad to say that my health is good, although I find that I tire more easily than formerly which must be expected.

I may have told you that Dorothea and family have mentioned that they are considering opening the cabin again as they did last year. That makes it very nice for me as everything is in working order when I get up there.

If I were to build another cabin I should try to have a flue connection perhaps with the fire place chimney, because I really feel that in a lake home there are times when you really need to have a fire in a stove rather than in a fire place. Fire places are beautiful but do not conserve heat.

I hope that Bill Miles has removed the oak tree that showed signs of decay at the root, the one standing at the south end of our house. Its presence seemed to be a support to the house but should it fall in a storm it could easily do quite a little damage. I also hope that he will have the wood cut and split so we shall have a fair supply for our summer needs.

I shall soon be sending you a copy of the Simons Genealogy. It is not a large book, having only 132 pages, but it contains quite a lot of interesting matter, especially to us who are members of the family. The branches extend in many directions and I am interested in quotations which follow: "He sit neither with Seint Johan, Symond, ne Jude.", and "Awake, Simond, the fend is on me fall." The first is from Piers Plowman, i. 240, the second from Chaucer: Canterbury Tales, 4283.

Mr. and Mrs. Don A. Freeman, March 7, 1951

I have had a very pleasant winter with Mr. and Mrs. Parrish who have made their home with me. When they go I shall again advertise for someone and hope that I may be successful in securing a congenial and capable couple.

I am sorry that we can not see more of each other but doubtless we are fortunate in being able to have our summers together in any event.

Lots of love to you both,

WCS:bjh



February 21, 1951

Mrs. Don A. Freeman  
Treetops  
R.R. # 6  
Brainerd, Minnesota

Dear Grayce:

Tomorrow marks the date of two important birthdays: that of George Washington, and of yours. I am sorry that I can not be with you, but I certainly shall think of you. I think so often of our childhood days in western Kansas when at first you were an infant in arms, and then through your early childhood and your further development into the fine and attractive woman that you are. We certainly made a little go a long way out in western Kansas. In the north window of our dining room there is a little blue glass inkwell in the form of a chair that was given to me as a birthday present during some of the early years in Hodgeman County.

I feel as if our printing department was as slow as molasses in the wintertime in getting my genealogy out. The only rush about it is whether we finally get it printed while I am living or whether someone else will have to look after it in later years.

I am in apparent good health but of course do not have the stamina that I used to have. I really think that for many years I was more vigorous and able to do considerably more than the ordinary individual of my age. As you know, our great-great-grandfather Cook, who was twice captured by the Indians and who saw service in both the French and Indian and Revolutionary Wars, lived to be 102 years old; on our chart there is another person whose name I do not recall who is accredited with attaining the same great age. If I were to have my choice I do not believe I would choose to attain so great an age. I never have been waited on very much and I shall regret the time when I can no longer look after things as may be necessary.

Next December, which is now a good many months away, will mark the 60th year of our arrival in Lawrence. It seems

Mrs. Don A. Freeman, February 21, 1951

strange, but I think it is true that The World will be 59 years old the first of March. The consolidation of The Journal and World came about in 1911 following the fire which consumed the Bowersock Theatre and with it the printing plant of The Journal. Of those connected with newspapers at the time I came to Lawrence, or with job printing, no one remains. Oscar Learnard, the youngest son of Col. Learnard, having left Lawrence with his wife for California, I think, in the spring a few years ago. All of the former printers so far as I am aware have also passed on. That of course is true with the merchants on the street. There are a few firms still bearing the original names, but with one exception there is only one man in business on the street who was in Lawrence when I came, and he at that time was working for someone else.

I hear from my daughters quite often and of course it is a comfort to me to have Dolph and Marie and their two boys so near by. I should like to have you know the capable little stenographer who is taking this letter. She has been with us for some time now, and her husband is employed in Lawrence. Of the long-time employees we have Joe Murray and Katherine Wilson Stevens upstairs, and Mr. and Mrs. Earl Farris downstairs.

As I may have told you, John Simons has been a midshipman for some weeks or months, and Dolph, I think, would prefer a position in the navy if he had his choice. The spreading of the doll among the voters in the United States has seemingly given the Democratic Party a lifetime hold on the presidency, but with the number of wars we have had under Democratic presidents compared to the many years of peace under Republican leaders, one would think that fact should have its weight in our political life.

As you know, Deane Malott, our chancellor, leaves at the end of this school year to become chancellor of Cornell University at Ithaca, New York, and we shall be in the market for his successor. Dolph has found that being president of the Alumni Association and first vice president of the Associated Press has called for considerable of his time. I think now that he is also one of the group upon whom the responsibility is placed to secure a successor to Malott.

This is a long letter which started out largely to simply express my love for you and my best wishes for your birthday. Find herewith a check which I hope you will use to buy something that you will like. I send it realizing that money no longer has the value that it formerly had. Give my love to Don.

Lovingly,

WCS:bjh

**DON A. FREEMAN POSTER CO.**

TREE-TOPS --- GULL LAKE  
BRAINERD, MINNESOTA

Jan 25 - 51

My dear Alice -

I usually write in such a hurry that I forget half the things I wish to say.

We appreciated your inviting us to visit you very much, and would keep bringing with you but Don says he would hate to be away from home until he knows for sure whether he has to have an operation. Mr. John Thaker Jr. said he would take him to the Clinic in Duluth for a complete check up and then if they advise an operation, Don might have Dr. Nagasawara of the University Hosp. in Minneapolis operate.

After writing you about Ruth - they found a small particle that was malignant so last Sunday she had to have one breast removed. She and all of us felt just terrible. She came home from Hosp. - last evening and seems to be getting along quite well - all this has kept me from writing - all my "thank-you" letters - even to Dr. Wroth and the Hornells.

As I told you before I am enjoying  
my electric blanket and now wish  
Dor had one too - for it certainly makes  
one feel better all day - for having it  
at night. The weather stays rather  
cold but in an comfortable - warm  
because yesterday and evening was  
saying how cold it was and I did  
not feel cold at all.

We shall be listening and pulling  
for K U on Sat night.

Ruth and Ed called up and asked us  
to come to St Paul for a visit and that  
Dor could lie down and watch TV

but Dor said he did not feel like going  
any place right now. Clyde & Norma  
Parker have gone to Fla - they are not very  
well where they left.

Am truly glad the boys do not have to go  
for a while anyway - have been thinking  
about them a lot and all the young  
men & boys - that are sent to a foreign  
land to work & train and all - Lots for a dear Mother

From  
Dor

Jan 17 - 51

My dear Collier -

Ruth Parinton told me yesterday she had not written you to thank you for the flowers you had sent her, she thought beautiful red roses which she used in her centerpiece on New Years day when they kept "open houses". She had worked very hard getting her house in splendid shape all over - and soon after commenced to feel a pain on one side of her breast. Last Friday she had a lump removed which was examined by experts who said it was not malignant.

It was a great relief to know as she had had a similar one removed from the other side about sixteen years ago. She feels a little better now but has to be very careful. The weather has been wonderful for over a week. Don got well enough to go to Duluth on business, he picked up Mr. Knudsen's new Beech and I expect him home this P. M. late.

I have not written my "Thank you"  
letters to your daughters but shall soon.  
Blanche sent me some very nice  
pictures of all of her family and  
you, which I was very glad to get.

I liked the news about Chas Stought,  
and your nice editorial about him.

I have been watching N. U. Basket  
Ball and sorry they were beaten  
by N. State but it was a great game.

I must say Bey Bey as  
Pey is going to town!

Love you

J. G. S. F.

MRS. DON ALFRED FREEMAN

Tree Tops — Gull Lake

Brainerd, Minnesota

Jan 6 - '51

My dearst Collier —

It was nice to hear you voice  
the other night and I thought it sounded  
so young that I might have the  
young man who lives there until  
we had talked a few words —  
I might have known it was  
you as you voice does not sound  
old at all, not even —

Your Christmas to us was wonderful  
and very much appreciated.  
I select of the boxes of eatables Mr.  
Don select of your list and sent it to you.  
Don was not well enough to make  
the long cold trip to St Cloud so we had  
Christmas with the Purnelons and Purnoses  
eight of us. I let Monica go to her home.

we are much interested in your  
new black hair coming in - I have  
heard of that happening to some our  
boys.

Don has the radio in livingroom  
tuned in to the Mumsies - I like  
basket ball game. So I went into my  
bedroom and tuned in on the Kansas  
Net. game and when I found out  
what station I had - imagine my  
surprise in hearing the announcer  
say "You are tuned to the Great Bend  
Kans. station etc. I came in very  
clearly and I was pleased at  
the echo 66 K-453 Net. I shall  
be listening Monday night when  
I hope K.U. beats M.U. I expect  
the Kans. Aggies will be the toughest one  
I'd like to see you and us both - and  
I may write you tomorrow.



MRS. DON ALFRED FREEMAN

Tree Tops — Gull Lake

Brainerd, Minnesota

Sunday -

I did not tell you in my letter, last night, what Don gave me for Christmas, but I have been using it since Dec 22 - and oh! what a joy it has been to me during these cold weather. It is a Gen. Electric

Heater Electric Blanket full size and so off came all the heavy blankets and all I have now is my white sheet and this light weight wool blanket all mind and so relaxing and I awake in the morning feeling fine.

It can be adjusted to any temperature and some people take them with them where ever they go. You better look into the place who carries them in Lawrence. you would enjoy one I know,

Ruth is planning to go to  
Specers Iowa for the first birth  
of Jan. which is her mother's 89<sup>th</sup>  
birthday.

We received a very nice letter from  
Marie telling of the nice trip and  
pleasure the four of them had together  
in New York. I could not understand  
just what you were telling me about  
Wolfe Jr. and John, concerning in-  
listments. I am most anxious about  
them also. Mike MacNalley and  
Cora and the son in-law etc  
I do hope national affairs may  
be settled out of war -

We think of you and love you  
and are trying to take good care  
of ourselves so to enjoy another summer.  
I may have a check up before long  
they will know if ~~the~~ <sup>the</sup> ~~last~~ <sup>last</sup> ~~can~~ <sup>can</sup> ~~urgency~~ <sup>urgency</sup> -  
affectionately Grace & Don.

February 1, 1951

and Mrs. Don A. Freeman  
Treetops  
R.R. # 6  
Brainerd, Minnesota

Dear Grayce and Don:

I was very glad to get your letter of January 25 and am sorry that Ruth had to be operated. However, it is my opinion that operations of that character are usually successful. I think she was wise to have it performed without waiting longer. Please give her my best regards.

The cold weather which had escaped us has finally caught up with us, and the thermometer was not far from zero both yesterday and today. Also there has been quite a fall of snow which will be of great advantage to wheat. The ground was exceedingly dry and this coverage, although not furnishing enough moisture, will be of great advantage.

I had a nice letter today from Mildred McCurdy. You probably remember her father, Sam McCurdy, and his wife, Milly, which I presume was a nickname for Mildred. They were good friends of ours and had been residents of Alabama for many years. Henry McCurdy was quite a friend of Dolph's and has made good, I think, in the book publishing business in the east. Sam McCurdy has been gone for a long time, and Mrs. McCurdy wrote me a beautiful letter following the death of Gertrude, and about ten days passed away herself.

I have just written a letter to the American Historical Company which helped me gather data for the genealogy, asking advice as to the number of copies to be printed. I have probably spent \$1,500 or more already in gathering the material, and it will cost quite a little to publish the book and I am in a quandry as to how many copies to issue. I would hate to print too few, and neither would I want to have a considerable number left on my hands.

It is through the Collins family, Ann Collins being Grandfather Gowdy's grandmother, that we are related to

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Governor Bradford, but I do not believe that I want you to sound a clarion call for an assembly of Collins people in your neighborhood. As a matter of fact, the name Collins seems to be more or less general, many of the name being exceedingly worthwhile and some undoubtedly to whom we would hesitate to discuss relationship.

I do not know what to suggest in regard to Don. He comes from sturdy stock and I believe that his greatest trouble is probably caused by over doing. I myself have always been able to take on a good deal of work and thrive on it, although that may seem like a joke to my stenographer who is taking this letter. But I have never had a man in my employe who could do anywhere near the amount of work that I formerly carried. "Them days is gone forever", however, and now I am like the Irishman who says "I don't care how little I have to do today, just so I have nothing at all to do tomorrow".

Janet was with me briefly within the last few days, and Pat and Blanche were here over the weekend. I was very happy to see them. Pat keeps up his courage, but I think perhaps gets just a little discouraged when he thinks of the long fight that he has made and that there seems to be no letting up.

Write to me often.

Lovingly,

WCS:bjh

My dear Alice -

Dec 27-50

I am worried for fear  
your gift and the Hornwills  
were exchanged - they  
were from the same Co.

Ward & Young. Santa Clara

Calif. - yours was gift # 5

and the Hornwills was gift

# 4. They were much alike

excepting yours was 16<sup>#</sup> and

theirs was 13<sup>#</sup>. If it is not

too late - write yours and

"if it is 16<sup>#</sup> of Sweet-Candy

nuts etc then you have

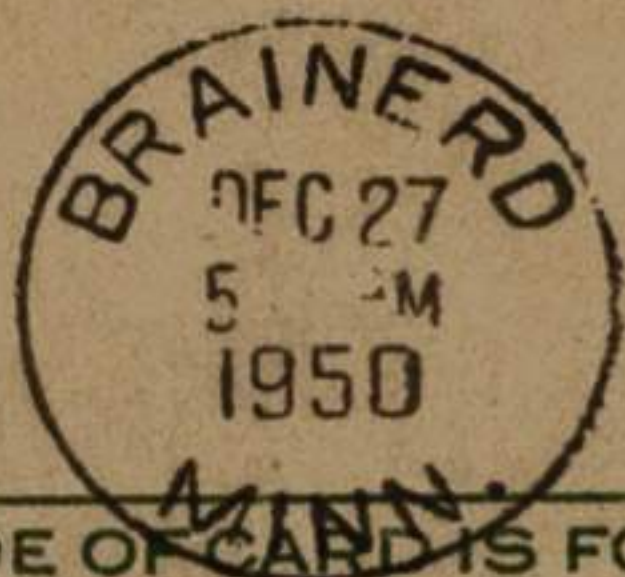
the right one. I have written

them also - but of course it is

too late to exchange now

Thanks a million for your  
lovely gift to us - had out soon  
Love  
Aunt Grace

from her  
the  
of her



THIS SIDE OF CARD IS FOR ADDRESS

M. H. L. Smith  
The World Company  
Lawrence  
Kansas

January 18, 1951

Mr. and Mrs. Don A. Freeman  
The Treetops  
R.R. # 6  
Brainerd, Minnesota

Dear Grayce and Don:

I have almost enough candy on hand to open a retail store and I rarely partake of it; but when the children are home again as they will be, I hope, in the near future, they will at least make a dent in the supply. We see much more of the children in the fall during the football season than we do later on in the year.

This week Dolph and Marie have been in New York City attending a meeting of the Associated Press of which Dolph is vice president. I do not believe I have seen either of the boys this week. When the folks are away I think they make their home at the Phi Delt house. I would gladly have them out to dinner if I could see or reach them, but getting in on a fraternity or sorority telephone is frequently a difficult matter.

As you know, Dolph, Jr. expects to graduate with the close of this school year and then looks forward to military service. John at eighteen and a freshman is already a midshipman, but probably will not be called unless the need became critical.

I think I answered the nice letter I received from Monica. In another five or six months we shall be giving consideration to going to the lake. Mr. and Mrs. Parrish, the young couple who are staying with me, have proven very satisfactory, but of course will not be here longer than the school year. I hope that I shall be able to make equally satisfactory arrangements another year.

I hope that Don's flu attack was very slight and that he is now okay. I am sending today rather a long letter to cousin Calla Cowdy Gregg who lives, as you know, in Montrose, California.