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Dorothea

March 3, 1952

Dearest Dad;

We are having a real snowstorm. It started Thursday night, abated Friday until Saturday night, stopped Sunday morning, and started again this morning. It has snowed all day, and is really beautiful. I haven't been out since Saturday night. The boys are rather

hoping that there will be no school tomorrow.

Harry has gone to Lions Club and a School Board meeting. Lance is rehearsing a speech he has to make Thursday night. I wish you could see the fine poster he has just finished ^{drawing}, which will be entered in a State art contest. It shows delegates ^{Francisco} going to the San. Conference, and has hundreds of figures.

Dolph has been playing solitaire, and Charles, as usual, is shooting baskets in his room.

I believe I told you that we are going to enlarge the upstairs bathroom as soon as it gets warm. You must come up this spring to see if you approve. It is surely going to be nice. We'll redecorate the boys' room at the same time, and get some new

furniture and carpet their room. They enjoy their room so much, and spend a good deal of time there - not as much now as before we had television.

We are hoping reception will be good this Friday night, so we can see the K.U.- Kans. State game.

I am planning to come down to see you when the roads are clear again.

Loads of Love,
Dorothea

March 27, 1952

Mrs. H. F. Johnson
Wymore, Nebraska

Dear Dorothea,

I had a nice little letter the other day from Jean Dibble. If you think of something that she would like to have for Christmas, please let me know.

It won't be long now until you will be planning for another visit to the Lake.

Yesterday was the birthday of your Aunt Julia, who was quite a remarkable woman in many ways, and most generous and helpful to mamma and a wonderful sister to the rest of us. She taught her first school in Western Kansas when she was 14 years old. It doesn't seem possible that one so young could teach a country school and make life-long friends at the same time. She was a wonderful sister and a great help to mamma.

The next time you come to Lawrence, I hope you will be able to see the diorama that I have had placed in the K. U. museum honoring the memory of my blessed little mother. The artist has so constructed this comparatively small space in such a manner that you will believe you are looking into the great outdoors of Western Kansas. In a small, but easily readable part is the dedication to the memory of Jenny B. Simons, Kansas pioneer and educator. I am quite pleased with the way it is working out.

Much love,

Dad

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February 19

Dearest Dad;

This is peculiar stationery to be using for a letter to you; but, for once I have finished my shopping before time to meet the other ladies for our return trip to Wymore. I have been wanting to write to you; and my time at home is always taken up with household duties.

I am so glad that you were able to attend Dolph, Jr.'s and Pam's wedding. I am sure you enjoyed it. I read about it in the J.W., K.C. Star, and Topeka Journal.

We are planning to come down to see you before long. Charles is anxious to go to Lawrence again. I'll let you know when we are coming so that you

and Eleanor will be prepared.

The boys are all fine - all 4 of them. Bus is a year older now, but doesn't look it. I had a surprise party for him; and he was really surprised.

Thank you for my pretty valentine. I didn't receive as many as the boys did; but I had some. That is a big day for them. Dolph was so thrilled.

He loves school, and is a good little student. He had 2 A+ on his last report card. He wants to work all of the time (when he isn't playing).

Lance is to play the piano for a large group of Masons this Friday. He has been invited to attend the dinner first. His room at school is having a skating party in Beatrice that same evening; and he is disappointed that he may have

February 23, 1952

Mrs. H. F. Johnson
Wymore, Nebraska

Dear Dorothea,

I was very glad to get your letter of February 19, and I think that you are quite a remarkable young woman in keeping young and up to date in spite of your fine family of boys and husband.

I am sorry that you did not attend the wedding of Dolph Jr. and Pam. It was a mighty pretty affair and you would have enjoyed not only the ceremony, but meeting their friends.

I notice you use the long spelling of Elinor, although Mrs. Scott uses the form I have just used.

I know that you are happy with your handsome and energetic husband. I have always been very favorably impressed by him. I think it is too bad that you were not blessed with some daughters, but you certainly have three fine sons.

I shall be very happy to have you and the family come down anytime you can.

Lots of love to all,

Dad

WCS:en

A Valentine
for Someone Swell





A special little Valentine
From someone that you know

Who knows

how really swell you are

And wants to tell you so.

With love from
Lance, Charles,
and Dolph



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Dorothea

Dearest Dad;

It is cloudy and cool today - and I guess a good day for basketball as there are four boys and more to come - shooting baskets toward our garage. Wymore should have a good team someday.

Yesterday the Wibbles came; so we had a houseful. The children are old enough now not to cause much trouble; and we all had a good time. They left soon after 9:30 p.m. for Bennet. Jean spent a good deal of

time at the piano. She plays very well and likes to practice. The other youngsters just played and had fun.

Tonight the Lions Club is having a bridge party, and I baked 3 cakes today to serve tonight. Harry is on the refreshment committee.

We are planning to go to Omaha for the day Wednesday. Barlene and D. will go with us.

You will be happy to know that as soon as the weather permits we are starting to remodel the upstairs bathroom.

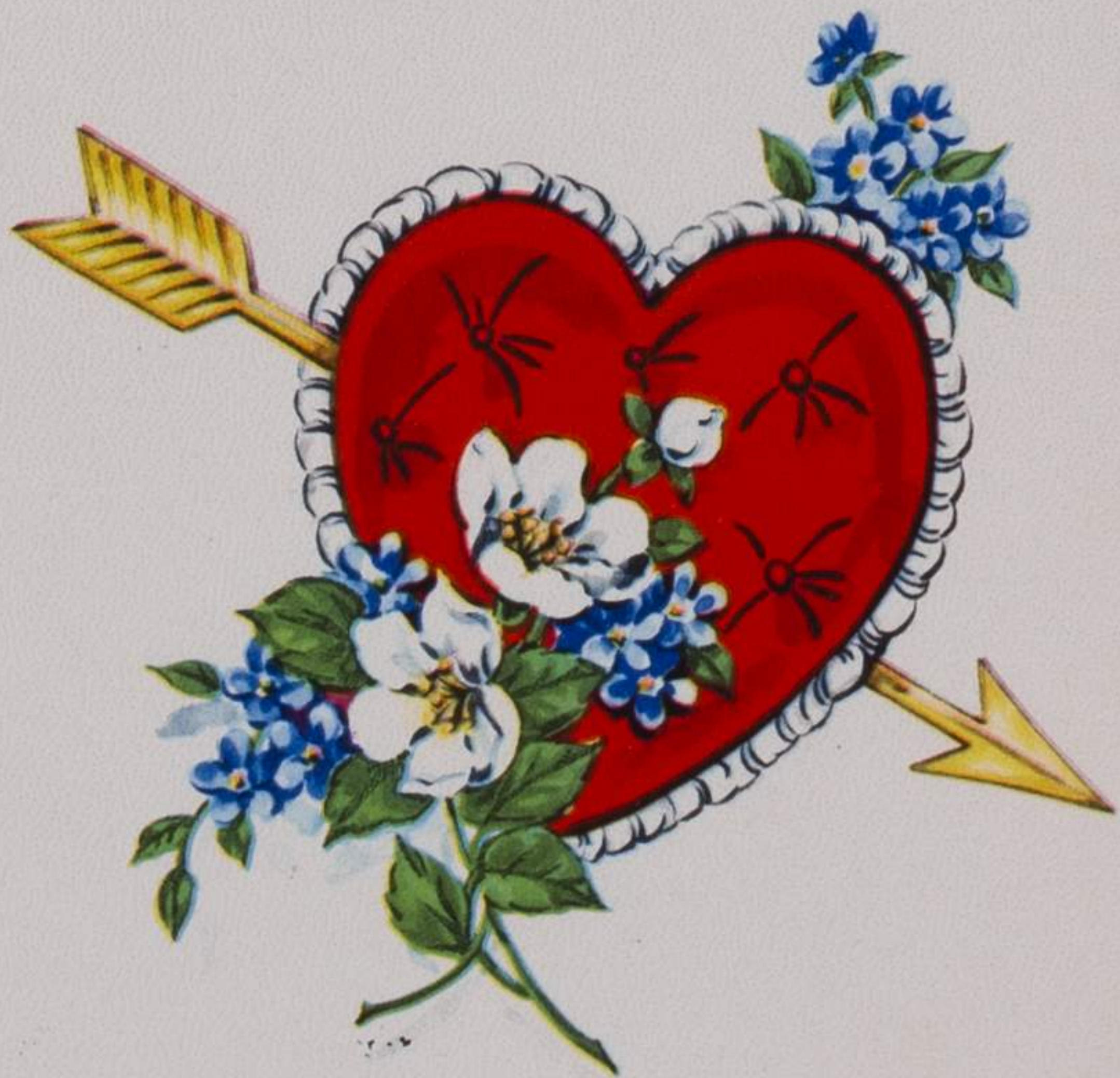
At the same time we'll redecorate the boys' bedroom..

I hope you are feeling fine and that we'll see you before long.

Loads of Love,
Dorothea

To
Dad
ON
VALENTINE'S
DAY





I love you, Dad—
You know I do!
And this Valentine's sent
Just to tell it to you.
With love from
Dorothea and Bus



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