December 26, 1940

Mr. and Mrs. Don Freeman Rural Route 3 Brainerd, Minnesota

Dear Aunt Grayce and Uncle Don:

The basket of fruit came as a most welcome gift. Everything was in good condition and we have sampled each variety. Mother and dad gave us fruit spoons so we will enjoy the grapefruit all the more.

All of the youngsters, except Mary Jule and Vera, found a crisp new dollar bill at their place yesterday with a Merry Christmas from their Aunt Grayce and Uncle Don. Naturally. they were all greatly thrilled. I have envelopes which I will give to Charles Stough and he can put them on their table when the family returns from Chicago.

We again had a wonderful Christmas; the night before at Marie's folks, our home in the morning, and then out at the folks for the family gift exchange and a big turkey dinner. Among the many gifts was a new fishing rod from dad which I hope will be worked overtime next summer.

Thanks a lot for your thoughtfulness and your gifts. The Stugard, from whom you ordered the fruit, is a highschool classmate of mine and was one of my good friends here. His divorced wife works a few doors up the street and goes by the office each day. I'll try to remember to tell you all about it.

Best wishes to all the folks at Tree Tops.

Love,