

166 Coatsville Ave.
Salt Lake City
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Dear Dad + Mother,

I have been very glad to receive your nice letters, and happy to hear that you are both feeling as well as you are. I hope that Milton will be able to fix up Dad's ruptures so they won't trouble him so much. I realize how uncomfortable they can be.

We have had a lot of tough luck lately, I was under the weather for about two weeks before the end of the winter quarter of school. Then in the middle of Exam week Dale got sick. He seemed to get a little better until Saturday then he became very sick again. This time the Doctor pronounced it Diphtheria and in a very bad case. He did not wait for confirmation by a culture. He gave him a double dose of anti-toxine immediately, then after seeing the results of the culture Sunday morning he gave him another dose of the same size. The anti-toxine surely worked wonders with him. He probably would not have lasted through Sunday

Mother, I have just read about Uncle Fred's death. I am so sorry. I always liked him.

if he had not gotten it. Sunday night he rested well, and by Monday night he was breathing quietly and regularly. Since then he has been getting along fine but the doctor advises us to keep him in bed at least 10 more days. This morning he seems to act as his normal self. He is eating well too. To day is the seventh day since the other children have been kept away from him, and they have not come down with it. So I feel much better. We probably will be able to keep it from spreading to them. We will have cultures taken again today. They take them every other day. The object is to start treatment on the disease as soon as possible and to keep the patient isolated.

Dad just called in to ask me to tell you he has nice automobile. However I think it will be some time before he will be able to run it again.

I have lost so much school that I think, when we are out of quarantine and the family is able to travel, I will take them back to Dingle. I am making plans to raise turkeys again this summer. How long before you will be coming up Dad? Also is Kenneth planning to go to Dingle soon?

I hope you are all feeling fine.

I will write you and keep you posted as to our sickness. From your loving son - Rodney

Dear Mother & Dad,

We are surely glad that today is not as it was a week ago. Dale was so sick. We hope so hard that neither of the other two will come down with it. We have tried to be very careful and watch their throats constantly, Dale gargle + use nose drops. It is still a puzzle where Dale got it in as much as there are only six other cases in town + those supposed to be confined in a hospital. It has completely upset our plans for the time being at least!

It has been colder, blowy + even more wintry at the beginning of the week. Everything is green + leaving out. Bulbs are getting buds.

I hope you are all well. Tell Da and family 'Hello' for us. It is rather a problem to provide suitable occupation for in door confinement for B. But the main thing is that we keep any new infection from breaking out.

Now I must go.

Lots of love to you,
Norma.

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