

Wilkerson's
COLD STORAGE

Lubbock, Texas

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Dear John:- Night before last I got home between twelve and one - eight hundred sacks of spuds unloaded after closing hours. Last night it was about eleven when I got home. Had a new hand knocking off some frost in the east freezer and of course he had to break an ammonia line after all of my cautioning him to be careful, so by the time I got that pumped out and repaired it was ten o'clock. Howard and I were both so tired we could hardly wiggle. This morning I feel better, but can still stand a little rest later in the day.

We managed to get the dog house built out in the front yard. It looks like a wart on a sore thumb, but maybe it will look better after it is painted and trimmed up. Carpeting will be next up I guess, then comes the job of paying for it.

The fish business is rocking along right nicely for this time of the year - stock very scarce all this month up to now, but we manage to get enough to take care of the situation, but the freezer stays empty.

We have had a nice season for the cold storage business, and have had a very nice volume to date Buster and Alpha are still on the job over at the fish market - I have a new hand down here Glen McDonald - to date don't look too good. Robert has started working out at the house again week ends, and that takes care of the yard work, lawn, hedge, flower beds etc in very good shape. We have decided his principal trouble was that he wanted higher pay, and that the conversation from next door that disturbed him was that in which he was told that it did not make any difference what we were paying him, it was not enough. He seems to be wanting to get back out there regular now, but I have discouraged that since fall is so near, as we would not be able to use him very much longer full time.

Now about the trip after leaving camp. I have not had much time to check routes, but that will be easy for you. Any filling station has maps of the U. S. and sectional maps too which will pretty well cover any routing you wanted to check. Your Mother probably would not propose the routing I suggested in my last letter, but it is still all right all except one if - and that one is if you had a car accident it would be my fault for not telling you to come straight home. From Asheville to D. C. the traffic will be wild and reckless enough. When you get up around D. C. to Atlantic City the highways become speedways, so again I say be careful.

Did you take the title certificate for the car? I doubt that you will need it, but if you did not take it and thought it necessary I could mail it to you in Washington if you will just let me know you want it.

If you have any desire to see Washington D. C. Baltimore, Atlantic City, Philadelphia, Indianapolis, St Louis, etc better see them this trip. A few days more or less would not count for a lot of difference one way or another, and as close as you are to them, now is the time to see them if you want to as it may be a long time before you get back over that way again. Facts are I guess I would not object if you wanted to go on up to N. Y. City, across to Niagra falls and back down to Philadelphia and across. If you go out to Atlantic City plan it for some day through the week, not Saturday P. M. or Sunday as the traffic is too heavy those days, and don't plan any overnight stops there as accommodations would be nearly impossible to find, and impossible to pay for if you did find them.

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