Dear Esther & Josh,

The conference at Ames went OK. Alas, Plough had been called to Washington & is scheduled to talk sometime in July. He had not turned in an outline so I can send you nothing but a conference ~~of~~ program for Bruce. We'll have to wait for a year to read what Plough will say.

Volume 5 of Heredity was being bound at Ames so I'll have to wait till Sept. to find out what Lewis has found. I did get a chance to read Case's paper on whale blood and I must agree, if his work can be confirmed, the $N_2$ fixation is to be attributed to bacterial contaminants. I introduce the qualification because Case's finding that sterile blood fixes no $N_2$ is in direct contradiction with the claim of Laurie that fixation is not a function of bacterial presence.

Now that Ames is passed we can really feel that our vacation has begun. The first night out we camped on a point extending into one of Minnesotas thousands of uninhabited lakes. An uninhibited swim before supper, a hearty wood-fire-cooked meal & a dips afterwards quickly removed the grime & the weariness of the day's drive. Among the wildlife we enjoyed were a sporting otter & a loon who laughed for us during the night.

Betty & I very much enjoyed our visit with you last week. We only wish it had been longer & that we had been able to see more of Bruce as well, & not only under conditions of evening fatigue. Hope we can see you on the way back, either in Madison again or in New York

Best regards, Sincerely,

Betty & Francis