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Dear Elma:

Received your dear letter with great pleasure when I got home from work to night your letter was waiting for me in your place at my room to greet me with all that love and those kisses of yours, Elma I had to read it right away couldnt wait till I ate supper, I wanted to get those kisses first for I felt a little cross myself when I got home because we was a half hour late coming in on account of the test board holding us up on a job where I was okaying a telephone about 6 miles out in the country that damn fool of the test board I guess was crazy didn't know what he wanted or didn't know what he was doing, so our time was fooled away for nothing, well Elma it didn't look so pleasant out this morning when I got out of bed I see there was a little snow on the ground but the streets were wet where the snow melted as it hit, so it was a little nasty to start out but before we left town this morning I bought me a pair of Rubbers, paid a \$1.19 for them they seem to be very good they are heavy enough and so I put them on and wore them all day

I thought it would be best to get them because I had a little cold and I didn't want to get wet feet by all means and make that cold worse for I want to get rid of it in a hurry. I don't want anything like that at all while I am away from home. It keeps a person to much worried to have a cold nowadays and I don't want to get sick here by myself, so I am still feeling very good only like I told you in the other letter. a little sniffle and I guess I will get that knocked in the head before long so don't worry Elma I will let you know in time if there is anything not quite the way it should be, and I will take the best care of myself so there won't anything get a chance to be wrong.

Well Elma we charged or got nine more farmers satisfied. O Elma I have something I stole today and If I get a chance I will send it to you sometime but I won't tell you what it is now I want you to be surprised when you get it. I still have it in my grip or tool bag I forgot to bring it home tonight. Elma we was at a real place today you sure would be surprised to know

Elma we changed a telephone out in the woods today it is a big dance hall or club house it is called the Welfalfa Park, well it is a pretty nice place for a park it is back off of the road a piece, honest Elma we didn't know whether we would get shot as we drove in the park or not so we got real bold and went any way, Elma just think how you would feel if you drove up in front of a park and at the entrance was a big sign positively private Members Only and looking ahead you see the big hall and on the top of the roof way in the front of the hall you see a big red cross about twelve feet high all set with electric lights, I forgot at the gate it also was painted in big letters Klu Klux Klan Of Kokomo, & boy don't you think Elma wouldn't that make you shaky in the knees to see all such stuff, and think you had to go in there to work, well Elma that all is alright but we went right in and changed our telephone and there was nobody there but an old woman, her husband had gone to town so we didn't have to worry, while we were in there I seen I don't know now either he is senile or what he is but it was Robinson's picture hanging on the wall all decorated right in the K.K.K. hall.

Elma I just had to stop and sneeze a few times and the old man

come and knocked on my door and gave  
me the Vicks Vapo Rub bottle and said here  
try some of this, boy they worry a whole lots  
about me the way it looks, but it isn't  
near as bad as they make it, well I  
have to say they are real good to me they  
at least try make everything pleasant for me  
as much as they can, well Elma I guess  
I will take another shot of my doff for a  
cold and use a little vicks so they can  
smell it on me anyway otherwise they  
might think it isn't good enough for  
me to use their stuff so Elma I will  
write again soon and hope you are yet  
in good health as I am as good as  
can be expected. so I am sending you  
all my kisses and love and a real  
sweet kiss for a Goodnight kiss, Elma X

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