

May 28, 1958
Anderson Island

Dear Murray:

I was sorry to have missed your autograph party the other day at Rhodes. I would have ferried in but for all sorts of reasons, including an uneasy stomach left over from a week-end of guests and (I suspect) that second cup of Irish coffee. One should be temperate about whipped cream.

Many congratulations on the publication of your book, which I have ordered (not from Rhodes, but from Bon) and which I will bring out one of these days for your autograph. I know that it is a fine book. I have all kinds of reasons for knowing that. And I hope that it will bring you much fame and fortune. I know that it brings you much satisfaction, which is a better thing.

I should like to say here, too, that I derive a lot of enjoyment, as well as information, from your morning newscasts. Dorothy, who listens on her car radio enroute to school, thinks that you are the "best newscaster" on the air. I think that you are the only one I know with a genuine sense of humor. (if a sewer user can be called a consumer). You have quite a following here.

Tell Rosa that Earle has been at work on her need for a kerosene refrigerator for Hartstine. He has our island junky, Windy Peterson (straight out of Sherwood Anderson) alerted. Windy bought one last week, but when we went to look at it we discovered that the fuel tank was missing. Otherwise, for ten dollars, it is a beautiful box. We will keep watching.

The toads are fine. Every night we listen to their chorus of *ad astra per aspera* from the rock garden. Their only natural enemy is (am) I. I clipped the lower hind leg off one with the grass shears.

My writing is going well, too. I am back in Picket Rock and writing short stories. I think (and I would like to talk to you about it some time) that if I ever have a book published (and I hope I may some time) it will have to be a collection. Neither of these partial novel manuscripts

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