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But, the thing is, I am going to have to take off. I have a letter from ~~my~~ my brother's wife, Irene Price, on the farm in Kansas, and she is faced with a terrific operation at Mayos around the first of April, and, inasmuch as she will be in Rochester alone, she asked me to come and lend moral support. Which I am very obliged to do, she having cared for my mother during a bedfast year. I am also, incidentally, extremely fond of her. She is a fine person.

I do not know just when I will be leaving but would like to be there when she comes into Rochester, which may be the middle of this coming week. I am expecting a call from my brother on Sunday. This will leave some things dangling about libraries. I think Ibbotson wants a job done on the proposed new branches and improvements at McCormick. I may get this done, as he said yesterday that he would try to get the material to me. He wants an architects' illustration. I had also wanted to do a story on childrens library work here, which I probably will not get done.

I have thought of some possible people who might step in and do this. There will be a small story on County Library Open house, April 15, and this school librarian's talk should be covered. Some national figure. The office eludes me. At New Yorker. Do you know Fern Almquist? She writes a good article. Or Darcea Schiesel does. And there is a Mary Jones, who does well. Fern has a car, and is un-busy. Margaret Taylor might do, but she is everlastingly slow. You might call me Sunday or Monday or Tuesday if you have time. I could arrage for a gal, unless you have an idea.

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