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P to S Jan. 14, 1938

Dear Sam,

While I wait for a frame to get right for leafing I will scribble a few lines.

By this time you may have learned of the death of Ross White. Before Christmas (in Oct.) he went to Whipple, Ariz. to try to recover from tuberculosis but did not. He was buried a week ago tomorrow. I intended telling you in fall about his being in Whipple, Ariz. as you could write to him, but kept forgetting it.

Just right when I got in about midnight, a snow storm was just commencing. From weather report I guessed it would turn warmer and rain but this morning it was four or five inches deep—the first snow of much consequence this winter. In Nov. had a 2 inch snow and that has been all. Ground frozen hard. The snow hung on the trees better than usual, there was no wind and even a wire had snow on top of it. It was too warm and about half of it went before night. I made a sketch this afternoon at the creek by Salisbury.

I will have to get at the leaf—two frames.

The frames were too dry. I’ll have to try them again. Have to get the size just right so it won’t dry too fast or too slow. If it dries too fast, the time to put it on is cut short, if room is warm. If too slow, drying takes too long to get dry after the leaf is on. Three or four hours seems about right time to dry and be longer and sticky a long time.

I sent two of my best mountain pictures to Philadelphia ex. Have not learned if they got in yet. They were two blue ones, one a 25X30 with a long slope of mountains in blue shadow. Maybe I started it out there. The other was 28X34, this one from one of my last sketches of the gray mountain to east of Mr. Wilson road—the blue sketch of the mountain not the gray one of the same mountain. I thought these most likely to get in as they were simple and cool in color.

Am getting some ready for Hoosier show in Chicago end of this month. Have to be in Chicago next Friday. The largest is 28X40 of some corn shocks and a hill back on a frosty morning. Made sketches in Indiana this last fall.
Guess I told you about my exhibit to be in Indianapolis next March. It sort of worries me as I will have to get them over there about time the roads here will be what — that is about Feb. 15. Would like to get them ready and in town before that and maybe I can the larger ones. Will be about 20 in all.

My class is getting larger—expect about eight tomorrow. Got some young ones, 11 and 12 years old. They work on still life, the other ones on portraits. Ivy Ashby was there last time. She worked in pencil. She will get along all right as she knows how to draw better than most beginners. I think she will learn to do portraits, but says she wants to do landscapes.

Rumor circulating from Happy that he has the promise of $20,000 federal money for use on Hutton roads. Ruts between here and Salisbury, near Flavins, are deepest I ever saw there, can straddle them now but will be impossible when the thaw comes. Since gravel has been put on road south from Harvey B. corner. I can get out that way any time. I think that I can get out to the mail box.

Not much to write about it seems.

Might tell the Chinese girl that I waited quite a while at San Diego fair to get a chance to talk with her, but she had a customer that hung on, so I had to go.

Today's paper said U.S. would send three cruisers to maneuver with the British fleet at Singapore. While we need that money the British owe us, I think it a good plan to let the Haps know our line up in case of need. It seems to me that if the Chinese back off a long way from the sea, the Japs cannot so well use their planes and by the pioneer way of man behind a tree, the Japs can be made to pay a higher price for holding China=--too high for them to keep up indefinitely. With Russia's passive help—planes and supplies and aviators--the Japs will have a tougher time holding what they take. Another thing the Chinese are putting a drag on the Chinese that help the Japs by assassinating them with that scare there won't be so many helping the Japs.

It appears the rebels in Spain are losing their force as they could not hold Terell. What I read about mutiny in the rebel camp may be the reason. The Spanish rebels have no use for the
arrogant Germans and Italians and if given a chance a lot of them would go over to the loyalist side.

Guess this will do.

Sincerely,

Paul

p.s. Am reading a large book about bull fighting in Spain by Hemingway. The big idea seems to be to let the bull’s horn graze your belly and not flinch.