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Dear Sam,

Find enclosed clipping from today's paper,
I think you can repair the broken corner of the picture with casein glue, “Casco” is the trade name. It is very strong. Some reinforcement with a thin strip of wood or paper board on back may be necessary stuck on with the glue.

Tonight is the big night (Halloween) for the youngsters. Think I’ll go to town in a little while.

The pavement is crawling east from the Five Mile House. One can’t see the mixer from the Five Mile House and one cannot go beside the pavement, but from a point down by Walter Walkers day before yesterday could see the mixer at about the Rennel’s School. Now they must be to the Edward Russell’s place or more. They move along at about 400-500 feet a day when things are going well. Unless the weather gets bad, the road will be done for the 1 ¼ miles in another week. I would guess they had a break down some days back. The road is double track, 20 ft. wide. The other pavement to village roads in county are just single, we are better off—it is a new ruling by state.

The weather has been fair and warm until today—looks like rain.

I have been painting steadily. The color is about done, a light rain took most of the colored leaves off. The oaks still have most of their leaves and some oaks as green as ever. The early color maples and hickory were very good, but the oaks are not up to standard, they go gray, mostly without much color. Along the river bank are many green and yellow trees.

I have been trying to get a good large picture of the big white oak near the woods west of house—the oak nearest the administration building. That tree is dying, the east side branches are dead and the top, it won’t last much longer. The twin oaks are still alive but both are showing dying.

I think I have improved some in painting this fall. Things I have tried to do other years I have been able to do this fall—light effects, etc.

Guess I better close and get started to town before the rain sets in as it looks as if it would. Still very dry weather. Getting
many more tomatoes from garden now than in Aug. A little frost occasionally—has hurt nothing yet.

Hope Pearl is better
Sincerely,
Paul

p.s. I’ll send you change for the envelope later.