

March 24, 1928

Mr. Joy Morton
135 Grace Trail
Palm Beach, Florida

Dear Mr. Morton:

I received your letter and am glad you are in favor of the evergreen planting above the cactus pit. It seems to me plantings of that kind on poor soil which is no good for anything else are the plantings that will be of most interest to people who would think of planting trees on their lands.

We are planning to start planting Monday. There has been no rain to take the frost out of the ground. The top six inches is in good shape but in most places there is hard frost below. There are a lot of larches in the residence orchard which we expect to dig Monday and move to the Puffer Lake. Teuscher has many plants in the nursery he wants to start digging. The gardener is busy getting his ground in shape for planting. De Vos, is also working his ground getting ready for his vegetable crop. Mrs. Barnet tells me they had radishes and lettuce yesterday from De. Vos' "hot beds". He will also have spinach by the time you come home.

Thursday and yesterday I graded roads west of the Joliet Road. The roads on the east side are dry in most of the places. I had a man go over them yesterday with a harrow so as to loosen the top. I am anxious to get the wood hauled out before the leaves come out making it hard to find the wood. We have a lot of wood on hand now which will probably all be sold by fall.

It was a grand and glorious feeling to get back on the old grader again Thursday. Last year the jiggling upset my appendix, but this year it goes fine. Burnsides is my grader man now, but he has a bad cold and is going a little easy for a couple days. I think he was getting a little too ambitious after his sickness and the cold he caught would not be shaken. He is better now and will be working again Monday.

There will be lots of planting activities from now on and by the time you come home I hope we shall have a good share of the planting done. We shall try to have the flower garden pretty well shaped up too by the time you arrive.

I assure you everyone will be glad to welcome you all home again.

Sincerely,