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Dear William:

The big event in Janie's life is over. She and Norman were married in the church at 3.30 P.M. on Saturday. I shall give you only a few of the high points as Janie will write and tell you all of the details. Janie came home from New York on the 7th and she were not real sure when Norman could get in. He arrived at 3 A.M. on Saturday and I went with Janie and Mary Shinn and Melody to meet him. I think that we shall like Norman very much and I do hope that Janie has chosen wisely. Norman's sisters, Patricia and Ione came in at 8.40 Friday evening and they are very nice. Molly Starrett kept them at her house overnight. Molly is to be married in August and Beth Ann Dugan is to be married about the same time to the Elliott boy.

We had a practice for the wedding at 10 in the morning. Herb Giffin, Mary Lou's husband had to act as best man as Norman could get none of his friends to come. They got Bill Brown, of Lancaster, Jud's husband, Joe Shai, Bud Francis and Bobby Weaver to act as ushers and Mary Lou was her Matron of Honor. The church was very nicely decorated and everything went off very well. We had a reception at the house after and had a Mrs. Johnston of Granville do the catering. We could have only the immediate family and Janie's intimate friends. Had about forty in all and it was just about all that we could accommodate. The Reising's of Lancaster who's son is a very good pal of Norman's were there and they brought an extra car for them to take a short trip in. They had intended to take the train east Saturday evening. They will be back this evening and take the train for Washington at 9.39.

Janie has received quite a few nice presents and I am sure that she really had a very nice wedding considering the times and all. We had the house very nicely decorated and the flowers were very beautiful. Melody did a lot to help with the decorations and all in all it was very nice. They carried Betty up into the church and then they brought her to the house. Grandpa was there as was Harold and his wife and Aunt Maggie and Jennie.

I am still so tired this morning from all of the activity and excitement. Sarah did a very fine job and she is about all in with the rest of us. It will take several days to get rested up and back to normal. I shall probably think of a lot more to tell you when I write again. I should have written sooner but thought it best to wait until the event was over.

Bud Francis was in to see me on Friday last and he told us that he had dinner with you on the preceding Thursday. Bud said that he saw Philinda in Miami and he liked her very much. Bud is sure having quite an experience and he seems to like it very much.

Janie had a hard time to find the necessary boys to act as ushers ect. almost all of her friends are in the army and we were quite glad that Bud arrived when he did as it helped out quite a lot.

We have been having very hot weather until yesterday when it cooled off and this morning was just real cool. Had a heavy cyclone in the south west and it caused much damage and I believe our cool spell came from the tail end of that.

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I should have said that the church was well filled for the wedding, we had open church and then we called all of our close friends on the telephone, so the crowd was large. She was going to have it at 4.30 but the Owen girl, Mildred was going to be married at that hour at home and Mr. Wonder had both weddings.

Business is beginning to fall off as we can't get the merchandise to sell. As I have told you before, I do not know just what is going to become of us for the merchandise problem is getting worse every day. I expect that both Virgil and Walter will be called to the army or have to go into necessary war work and if we lose them it will put us in bad shape.

Your last letter, in fact both of your letters came through in good time. I was so glad that the packages came through in good condition. The Post Office would not give me insurance on them. I believe that they do not know much about the foreign P.O. matters, so it is well they were not lost on the way over.

We are wondering about your car and whether or not it has arrived. Bud said that you did not mention it when he was there a week ago. I do hope that it gets through alright, but it is a long chance the way they are putting the boats to the bottom.

I saw Dick Coehelo at the railroad station on Friday, he was on his way back to San Antonio, Texas and he took your address and said that he would write to you. Saw the Crawford boy a few weeks ago and also Jim Sperry. Think that I told you that the Penicks had word that Halp was reported missing in the Phillipines, he was a first Lt. in the Marine Corp and had been in China before going to the Islands. Merrill Montgomery said that John is getting along fine and I told Merrill to remember you to John when he wrote next time.

It is nice that you have such a fine supply of American food in your locker. You must tell us what the people eat in that country and how they like the native food. Has your new Consul General arrived yet. Hope that you will get along fine with him.

There were so many things that I wanted to ask you about, but I must close this now as we are quite busy and I have not gotten over the excitement of the wedding.

Write as often as you can and give us all of the news that might be of interest. Send some stamps if you have a chance.

With love and best wishes, I am,

Yours,

Eddy

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