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Dear Willie:

We do hope that all of your worries are over & that Philinda has arrived safe and sound long before you receive this little note. You know just how much we are thinking about you and that we wish you both all the happiness that life has to offer. We do anticipate knowing Philinda and regret

that she could not visit Ohio before starting out on her long journey to you!

We have a very busy, quiet existence here and there is nothing particularly thrilling to relate. You know what <u>January</u> spells in your father's life – namely – Inventory & this year with inadequate help. My exams are over and all the "little darlings" are safely on their way toward June & graduation.

 $Melody\ finished\ her\ first\ semester\ with\ an\ array$

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of A and B and has started out to make A this next trimester. She was initiated into Delta Delta Delta last weekend and seems to be doing quite well for herself socially. I happen to be a tri Delt – so it is very nice. Denison expects about 500 of the 18 & 19 yr. old army recruits this week. They have reorganized their plan of work into 3 semesters, or rather trimesters of 16 weeks each instead of 18 weeks as it has always been. They will run classes 5½ days a week Sat. morning. In the summer trimester one can complete a year's credit in two subjects. Melody is going to take advantage of the summer trimester as in that way she can finish a year sooner and she may as well occupy herself advantageously rather than merely waiting for time to pass until the fall session. That will give a month's vacation which is more than any individual in an ordinary job enjoys. Of course, teaching is not ordinary!! – It wears one out until they have to have more rest.

Last Sunday we had breakfast at

the Gulieh's new country home. The country was lovely and we enjoyed it very much. This Thursday night we have a dinner at the Granville Inn to which we are going, Friday night is the wedding of Marianne Upson and John Maddocks (Howard's son). It is to be quite an affair with a "free for all" at the Inn. The expression "free for all" is my own & applies to social gatherings to which most of the eligible are invited and where "encouragement drops" flow freely – sometimes too freely.

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Saturday night is our dinner dance club at the Inn followed by a party at Mary & Clarence Jones home. By Sunday we can take to our beds – Oh no! – no such luck. I have a Sunday School class so the rest period will be confined to Sunday afternoon.

Your father had a wire from Janie that she & Norman are in Texas with his family before leaving for Seattle where they will be stationed, they hope, for the duration. Norman's mother is a fine pianist, he

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says and he does enjoy good music & I found that he knows quite a bit about it. The sisters are typical "teachers" – nice but serious & not what one could call attractive in any sense.

Jim Tieman has been in Africa flying. We had a supper party the other Sunday & wanted Marge & Bill but they had just had word that he (Jim) was lost & will never return, so naturally they did not feel up to it. We hear from Bob Hughes now & again and he likes his work immensely. In his pictures he sent home he looks extremely well. We enjoyed your pictures so much and the last one is excellent. You know the letter which you wrote on Jan 14 & 15 reached us on January 23 remarkable time I would say. After all the circumstances of your wedding are inconsequential & as you say can have no effect on its success and your happiness. Here is hoping that all the arrangements may turn out to be most happy & that you have a long & happy life together. Your father joins me in greetings & love – also Mel – she was thrilled by your letter. - Sarah