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Dear William & Philinda:

I have been having a terrible time finding enough time to even drop you a few lines. Sarah has written several letters and I hope that they havw or will reach you in proper time.

We have been sending the letter through the Department as I sent the letter you wrote with the Army Post Office address to Janie and she neglected to send it back.

I suppose that you have had the news from Janie that you are to become an uncle around January sometime. They both seem to be so pleased from her letter and I imagine that she has written to you and you will receive it before this comes.

Your letter of June 2nd came on June 24th, your letter of June 25th came on July 30th and the letter of July 9th came on August 2nd, and needless to say we enjoyed them all very much, especially about your proposed trip to Jos, which I hope was as pleasant as you had expected it to be. Hope that we will soon hear all about it.

As usual, we are so short of help at the store that I just can't get time and the typewriter at the proper time, to get much done in the way of writing. This is Saturday P.M. and we have a little lull and I thought that I might get off a few lines. Ollie has not been able to work for the past three weeks and I think that he is finished as far as any more work is concerened. He has heart trouble and is very weak.

The merchandise situation is getting nor better and our shelves are quite bare. Do hope that it will ease up some soon. The war situation looks much better and they may let more raw materials out for civilian needs.

They have cut our gas down to three gallon per coupon instead of four and it is going to make it much harder to get around. I have only been down to the farm in Coshocton once this summer and the fruit crop is none too good. Penick did not spray the grapes as they should have been sprayed and the crop is going to be very light. Apples will be a good prices and the peaches are bringing six dollars a bushell wholesale, some price.

Our garden at Hanover has done just fairly well. We have put up about fifty quarts of string beans and about the same of tomatoes and a few lima beans. Will have several bushel of potatoes which will help out with the food situation. They drilled a dry hole on the farm at Hanover last week. Guess that we can't have any luck with oil or gas on any of our holdings. The crops look very good at Hanover, have sixty five acres of corn and a lot of hogs and pigs and forty head of cattle, large and small, think that the girls will be able to make a few dollars from it if the prices hold on for a year or so.

The Bus Company has rented the Buckingham property for an office and it is going to make a very nice one. Dr. Louis Mitchell bought the property when it was sold by the heirs.

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The Bus business has been very good and we are now hauling from both Zanesville and New Lexington to Owens Corning, as well as from Newark to Curtis Wright plant at Columbus. We have a deal under way to purchase the Lake Shore Coaches which run from Toledo to Cleveland and have the city operation in Sandusky, we run from Newark to Sandusky. Our income tax for the first half of the year will amount to \$82,000.00, so you may know that business has been good.

I had a letter from Bob Hughes yesterday and he has finally received his promotion to Lt. Colonel, he says that this will probably be the last one that he will get. His wife is working for the Federal Housing project and Mr. Graff, her father is with the Powder Plant at Ravenna and Bobby left about two weeks ago for the army which has placed him in school at the University of Kentucky, so they are all doing very well at present.

I should have mentioned the very first thing that we wish to congratulate you upon your promotion, hope that this will give you an increase in pay to help out with the high taxes. It is just fine and we are all very glad to hear the good news. Lets hope that it will not be too long before you receive another one.

I have had Irving Stirgwalt, our C.P.A. for the bus company prepare a brief analysis on the new income tax and I hope that it may help you out and I enclose it herewith.

Melody will finish her summer school this coming week and then will go back again around the middle of September. Denison is quite a busy place as they have the Army, Navy and Marines in school there.

The factories are all quite busy in Newark and if we just had something to sell we really could do some business. The Aluminum plant is running now and will continue to increase as construction progresses.

We are going to have a three day Grand American this year and we are going over on Tuesday. John Taylor is up from Florida to attend as it will make forty straight for him. Every one has to furnish their own shells and that is going to be hard on a lot of the boys who do not have any.

Well my dear children, I must close as we are getting busy and I have been having a bad time getting this much out to you. We are all quite as well as usual, Grandpa is doing quite well and Uncle Cary is much better. Talked with Betty a few days ago and she is same as usual. Aunt Rob has not been so well and has a woman to stay with her now. Sarah is fine and has been busy with the canning ect.,

Love and best wishes to you both,

Yours,

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