

June 25, 1945.

Mr. and Mrs. Erwin Stugard,
41 Chatham Road,
New Rochelle, New York.

Dear Erwin and Jessie:

Mrs. Allen and I acknowledge with thanks and pleasure the announcement of your daughter Barbara Ann's marriage to Dr. Jerrold von Wedel, medical corps, United States Naval Reserve. May we take this means of expressing to you and yours the sincere desire for a long, happy and prosperous wedded life. Of course, with the war on we always have misgivings, but I have always been an optimist.

This morning I spoke to a group of boys, as Secretary of our Selective Service Board. Sixteen of them went away, and I told them, "You are coming back, because I know that you always feel like the fellow who drives an automobile. It is the other fellow who is going to have a wreck."

So I am optimistic when I express for Barbara Ann and Dr. Jerrold a happy wedded life. I know how Mother and Dad feel when a daughter leaves the home. But you have gained a fine son and I know that while Jessie will be lonesome, there will be a deep understanding between mother and daughter now that could not have been before.

With all good wishes, I am

Sincerely yours,

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Director of Physical Education,
Varsity Basketball Coach.