

October 5, 1944

Mrs. L. A. McNalley
Minneapolis, Kansas

Dear Janet:

When Marie called this afternoon, she asked if I would write and bring you uptodate on plans for the folks' wedding anniversary. At first dad balked on a big reception, but mother has swung him around, and he seems well pleased with the plans. I am ordering the engraved invitations today for a reception to be held in the parlors of the Baptist Church from eight to ten p.m. on Tuesday, November 14th. The invitations will have the notation "no gifts".

Acting upon the suggestion of you and Blanche, Marie and I have done some thinking, and Marie has some ideas which she believes will make the party a little nicer and will please the folks. I do think it would help a lot if each of you girls could be here a day or two early to help decorate the church and look after other odd jobs. It is my idea we should employ a florist to look after all flower decorations, but there will be the problem of rugs, lamps, etc. We hope to have the food be a little more unusual, but the matter of help will be a real problem. Marie is discouraged over using the china at the church, and perhaps we will be able to rent or borrow some from another source.

It is my thought that on this important occasion, the four children should go together and give the folks something which they would like and would stand as a memory of the occasion. Marie suggests a new set of china which has been approved by both Blanche and Dorothea who was here last week. We estimate it would cost up to perhaps \$50.00 a piece for each of the four children. I hope this will be satisfactory with you. I don't want it to appear like I am putting the lug on you, but both Blanche and Dorothea have agreed to that amount, and I believe it would require approximately \$200.00 to get what we would like to have the folks receive as a gift.

If this is satisfactory, please let me know, so Marie and I can go to Kansas City some day soon and start looking. We will have several other things to look after in Kansas City, and we probably will make a day of it. I have written a catering house in New York City on an idea for small individual cakes, but have not had a reply.

Love to all,