

December 8, 1943

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Dear Mr. and Mrs. Clarke:

I was very glad indeed to receive your good letter of November 4th together with enclosures. I realized the picture was so dark that it would not reproduce well in a halftone, but I thought the very fact that having received it from you in our distant western territory would make it worthwhile to use anyhow. We enclose a copy of the clipping of the picture and story.

It is mighty nice to be remembered by you, and I have looked over the group purposely to see if I could spot you. I was able to do so, and funny enough one of the characteristic things about your picture was your hat. I don't know of any article of man's apparel that takes on his characteristics more than his hat. If you have never thought of this, speculate on it a bit. Even with the soldiers and sailors there is a difference in the way their caps are placed upon their heads.

I haven't taken the music home yet for Gertie to try, but I did have it taken to Bell's Music Store. With the prevalence of canned music, radio, records, etc., the sale of sheet music is not what it used to be, but Mr. Houston, now Manager of the store and the husband of Bonnie Bell, said that he would be glad to have the music consigned to them, so if you wish to take the chance, we shall try to see what sales we can effect here locally.

Take all in all, it would be difficult for me in my rather long life to recall a finer couple than Adna and Birdie. You have always been loyal, energetic, intelligent and good Christian characters. I am sure that your influence for good has been far wider than that of most other couples. I regret that I have not had the opportunity to know your children and to have you know mine better than you do. Since Blanche, Mrs. Maloney, moved to Tulsa last May, Dolph is the only child we have left in Lawrence. Janet is at Minneapolis, Kansas, about 175 miles away, and Dorothea at Dawson, Nebraska, about 120 miles from here, so we see each other quite frequently, but that isn't like having them next door.