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Mr. A. D. Weaver
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Dear A.D.:

Next Monday will be the happy anniversary of an important
event which happened in the life of your father and mother quite
a number of years ago. You see, I knew your father and I am sure
he was delighted when he looked over his square shouldered, well
formed baby son.

And your life since that time has been one that could well
have had his commendation. It is mighty fine to have lived in
one community as long as you have been in Lawrence and to have been
identified with so many forward looking movements. You have had
your influence in the educational, Christian, social and business
side of this community and we all hope for you many more anniver-
saries of this important event.

Analyzing the situation here, I think that on the whole
Lawrence has acted wisely. We have taken care of our new residents
without having entangled ourselves with increased indebtedness. It
was fortunate that we built our community building when we did for
it would have been exceedingly difficult for us to have otherwise
handled the many things that have been housed there.

I think there is every indication of a slowing down in connec-
tion with the war plant. Building for a continuous supply in case
our coasts were seriously attacked, it is quite likely that our
big war plant and others like it will never be called upon for
any large output. Of course, we are losers in any extravagance
that may have been entered into by our government, because we are
the ones who in finality will pay the bills, but in this case the
government stands to be about the only loser. I understand that
the building of the Happy Homes was guaranteed by the government,
and I feel that there will be some loss there, but meanwhile Law-
rence has enjoyed the acquaintance of the new people, the University
has done a splendid work in training thousands of young men for
naval and military service, and the churches have all done their
part in trying to throw proper influences upon the community.