

Mrs. O. W. Maloney, December 13, 1950

I have had Mrs. Lydic look after a couple of presents for Irene, one for her birthday, which occurred a few days ago, and another for Christmas. I could not ask for anyone to be better in my home than the Parrishes have been and I shall greatly miss them when he has finished his school work. Dolph and Marie, who were in our home recently, expressed the opinion that Irene was keeping the house even better than Margaret King had done and I had always felt that Margaret had looked after things very nicely.

I just received word this morning of the death of Dr. H. A. Mercer of Louisville, Kentucky. A few years ago he was a physician at Sunflower Ordnance Works and Gertrude and I called at their home and invited them to become members of the Baptist church. They accepted the invitation and Dr. Mercer was baptized, and the family, consisting of the wife and little daughter, were popular with our members. When he left here he had taken special work to qualify him as an eye specialist in Louisville. Mrs. Mercer's letter informed me that he had died on October 3 at the wheel of his car of coronary occlusion.

Please give my very best wishes to those of your friends whom I know. I certainly appreciated very greatly Mr. Huling's kindness in showing me through the new bank building and in introducing me to its officials. They are fine folks and have proven themselves capable and loyal friends for you and Pat.

Yesterday I ordered a small Christmas tree and a poinsettia for the home. It is the first time I have had anything of the kind since Gertrude was with me, but I think it only fair to Mr. and Mrs. Parrish.

This is a long letter and I hope it will not tire you.

Lots of love,

WCS:bjh