

Personal

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Dear Pat and Andy:

The good news of the coming addition to your family is splendid. Your home life had been postponed so long by reasons not under your control that I feel that you are entitled to all the happiness that life may bring you. I do not know of any more sincere young couple than you, and I can assure you that we are very fond of you and hope that your life may be full of happiness.

As you will recall it was the Nieu^w Amsterdam upon which Gertrude and I sailed to South America. It was on her maiden trip of that sort and we enjoyed every bit of it. I am so happy that we did some of those things when we could instead of putting them off, which in our case would soon have been too late.

I have not seen the Wilkinsons since their return, but have always considered them as friends. You may recall that for some time Dolph, Jr. and Marie Wilkins were very good friends. Undoubtedly they still are good friends. I can well imagine they enjoyed being with you. You may be non-musical, but I know of no one more entitled to a place in the heavenly choir. You have in that little frame of yours seemingly all of the worthwhile things that one could wish for.

Gene's little boy, Wayne, is a splendid little fellow and although I called to see him probably twice a week while he was in Lawrence, I never saw him when he was out of sorts. Owen, Jr. and his wife, Marie, also have a darling boy in Owen, III. He is a handsome, healthy and lovable child. John is now a freshman at K.U. and Dolph, Jr. a senior.

You might have it in your mind that you and Andy are invited any summer that I am at the lake to join me there.