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Dear Uncle Collie:

Your good letter of December 21st was awaiting us upon our return from the Christmas holidays. Olive and I left here December 19th for Fort Worth, where our youngest daughter, Joan was married Saturday, January 23rd in the First Methodist Church in Fort Worth.

Joan married a boy from Evansville, Indiana, who graduated with her last June from Texas Christian University in Fort Worth. They are making their home in Houston, and he started to work in our laboratories as he was interested in the optical business. Joan at the present time is teaching school and will do so until Gene Schmidt, the boy she married, advances to a state whereby he will be able to maintain a home on his salary.

Mary Jane, our oldest daughter, married a boy by the name of William Spears, and they have two boys and are expecting another one the latter part of next month, so Olive stayed with them while I made a trip back to New York and Massachusetts to the factory. *(They live in Ft. Worth)*

I don't remember whether I told you or not, but I was transferred to Houston about a year ago, taking over all the Gulf coast area for the American Optical Company, and am happy to advise that we like Houston very much, and I am very well satisfied with my position. This area comprises all the Gulf Coast of Texas reaching from Port Arthur on the North to Brownsville on the South, in which area there are eight branch offices that I am responsible for.

Olive and I would like very much for you to come down and visit us, and if you have not been in Houston for some time I know that you would find it very interesting as the City has grown tremendously in the last decade.

If you find that you can't make this trip, just let

