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Lt. and Mrs. Dolph C. Simons, Jr.  
Holiday House  
372 Cypress Drive  
Laguna Beach, Calif.

Dear Pam and Dolph:

I was very glad to have a letter from you recently. I also had a letter from Mrs. Counseller. I don't have to tell you how fond I am of you and as I am blessed with more grandsons than I have granddaughters, I am very happy to welcome Pam as another and a very beautiful and gracious granddaughter.

I am so happy that I was able to attend the wedding, and as you know my experience was just a little bit unpleasant in not making proper connections. For instance, in going up I took a plane from Kansas City, but there was no landing at Rochester and I had to go to Minneapolis. You are undoubtedly quite familiar with the big waiting room there at that city and for a few hours it was all mine. Apparently, I was the only passenger who was waiting and it was not too long until Dolph drove up from Rochester, but 90 miles requires a certain amount of time no matter whether you go one way or another. I find that where you try not to let anything worry you, it is a great help, and I didn't fuss. It was nobody's fault that there was not someone there to meet me. The fault was the weather and it all came out happily and I was very glad that I witnessed a mighty pretty wedding and one which made me very happy. Out of my ten grandchildren, only three are girls.

The old home place is quite inviting and is about as modern as one can make it. We have heated our home with oil for many years. Originally my oil tank was on top of the ground and I asked the oil engineer at the University about how hot a fire could be created until the tank would become ignited, and as a result I had my oil tank buried. A man cannot afford to take chances.

I hope that someday you and Pam will be able to occupy the home. I am fortunate in having Mr. and Mrs. Scott with me. Scott was a soldier and is completing his work in engineering. Mrs. Scott graduated in home economics at Manhattan and runs the household.