

January 2nd - 1948

Dear Hews: My how I longed to have a nice talk with you and your family yesterday. I could not hear well enough but at least your voice sounded good. It was wonderful to hear you too - it made me so sorry that I did not get to hear the children - Cecile's voice sounded very natural and sweet. I wonder if either of you could hear me - Bobby said I had my voice pitched so high, was the reason you could not hear me. As usual emotions were so intense that I could not speak naturally - Bobby put the call in early the day before and asked that you all be notified before time for our call. He also sent a cable telling you to stand by for the call - We hoped the call would not have you worried but thought you would think it a New Year greeting - wondering about all happenings at that end.

Well, as Bob told you, you now have a new sister - I have been writing you about Margaret Hester, Mrs. Crofoots niece - It seemed she fit into our family circle from the first visit she made in September - Bob was at home then and as I have written before, Margaret has made two visits to New Orleans and she and Bob were together at Thanksgiving they were together every minute she was not working and again during Christmas - She was here every day nearly and ate with us a lot - Dad fell in love with her as I did and all of the family, whom she met at Christmas time

liked her very much. She is very sweet and has had lots of business experience, is very practical and is level headed. She is a good mixer, good sport very adaptable and she and Bobby seem to be made in love. Bobby said to me Tuesday "Mamma don't you think I had better marry Margaret," I told him to let his heart dictate. He asked me to go with him to see about the ring and we were in town until supper time - He made a date to take her to supper and we did not see him until morning. They had made plans all night and were so excited they could not think of a thing but to get married as quickly as possible. She resigned her job the next morning and they got every thing ready to have the wedding New Years day. Both said they did not want a long engagement - The wedding was very simple with Dick standing with them and Joe and wife, Dad and I the only witnesses - Mr. Walters married them in St. Marks Church - We all came home for a little while and took Kodak pictures so we could send them to you Bobby and Margaret talked all day yesterday about wanting you folks here for their wedding - Dad and I wished for you to - It didn't seem right to have an important family event with you not here with us.

Now I have received your State Civil Engineering card and membership card in The La. Engineering Society. If you want me to send them to you let me know. I will take care of them here until you tell me what to do.

We are anxiously waiting news of your holiday season. It was mighty lonesome without all of you I can assure you the vacant spot was quite noticeable and we did not like it -
We love all of you so much - Mother