

1

August 21, 1945

Dearest Lee:

When you return home you will be greeted by a prospective brother-in-law, George Wolf. As I wrote you, he is spending a few days in Wilmington with Kirk Mearns, who was with him at Gettysburg. Yesterday he came out to see us and asked daddy and me if they might become engaged. It took me a little unawares, for although he and Shirley have been in school all year together they really did not begin going with each other until the last week or two of school. This does not seem very long to us older folks, but they both say they are sure of themselves. In fact, George told me that the first time he saw Shirley he went home and told his mother that she was the girl he was going to marry. Shirley is going to Williamsport this weekend to meet the future in-laws and she may come back wearing a ring.

From all we have seen and know of him he is a fine fellow and they seem very much in love. Of course there will be no wedding until he has finished his college course. Daddy and I thought they might have waited to announce their engagement but they want to do it this way. George feels that after this much is settled upon he will be able to more easily buckle down and do some real work at school. He wants to finish as quickly as possible and will go to summer school in order to do this.

Shirley will no doubt write you within a few days, so just do not say anything about it until you hear from her. I don't know how Fred will feel, but she says there was nothing serious between

2

them. I am sure Ben will not be too happy about it, for although Shirley has discouraged him for some time I know that he still thinks a lot of her.

I am still shaking a little bit from the news, but both daddy and I feel that George is a boy with good background, feet on the ground, clean and all of that and he and Shirley should be very happy together. I am glad that she is going to be home this winter so that we can see as much as possible of her. I think she is a fine youngster and of course we all wish the best for her. I know you do, too.

Love to you from all of us.

Mother