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August 13, 1960
Dear John Allen and Sue,

Just a line to let you all know that we got to Puerto Rico finally and have embarked on the rugged road of married life. I have never cleaned and painted so much in my whole life, but it is a pleasure when I have such a sweet "young'un" by my side!! We have really done very little as far as the honeymoon is concerned. We plan on going to Saint Thomas on Monday and won't be back to P.R. until Thursday night. Then I want to take Ethel Barnes all around the island and show her all the sights of her "home under in sun".

When we got here the other day, we played the recording of the wedding for my father and grandmother. The recording was real good and we got a chance to really listen to the beautiful message you delivered for us. We could never be able to tell you enough how much we appreciate the wonderful job you did and I still think you must have studied us a long time to be able to speak so close to our hearts. We will have to bring the recording back to Cookeville when we come back Christmas and get together and listen to it again. Ethel Barnes and I have already decided to listen to it periodically. I hope you will find time to go by and see Ethel Barnes' mother and father occasionally. I know that they are very lonesome without their darling there to keep them company. I know how I have felt being away from her all these years. I'm so sorry that I couldn't have enjoyed you and Brother Salmon that day, but I was "just a tad" sick as you probably remember.

The next time maybe I'll feel better and then we can really have a good time singing and talking. I was really embarrassed at the way I fell out on you people, but I guess a fellow only gets married once in a lifetime and he can pull a trick or two at that time and get away with it, don't you?

How are things at Flat Creek? I was sure sorry we couldn't take advantage of your messages and thoughts on Wednesday night and Sunday night. I feel it will be a long time before we get the chance to hear as good a speaker as you are on such an important subject!! Ethel Barnes and I think you are tops!!

Ethel Barnes says that during our vacation that she certainly wants a good long visit with both of you and of course that goes for me too!! Please tell Sue that Ethel Barnes was in such confusion when she was there Sunday, that she could hardly say hello, but we will make up for that later.

Give everybody our very best regards and think of us. We would like to hear from both of you when you have time to write.

Affectionally,

Bob and Ethel Barnes

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