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Dear Dr. and Mrs. Peeples,

I guess this is too late to reach you in time, but just in case--

The Rittermark Company (Audi-Volkswag n--etc.) is having a car show over there this Sunday afternoon. The object, of course, is to sell cars. Now you wonder why I care! Eric Greig Mitchell (my grandson who has a BS in chemistry) could not find a job in his field that paid enough to allow him to get married and he wanted to marry. His parents threw a fit but he decided (after all he is an adult) that they would work it out. This job is not what he would have preferred but he likes people and he enjoys it. He hopes to get a masters' at night when they get more or less settled. His wife, Laurie Leigh Hedgecock, is just before getting her Associate Degree. She changed majors (she is a chemistry major also) in order to reach the milestone of "something completed." She will then work further for a degree in chemistry or radiology. She frankly wants something marketable for whites. There is such a thing as reverse discrimination. Laurie also works.

Laurie is a beautiful girl, outstanding in literature, a good artist, an outstanding seamstress who can make her own clothes, and if I can believe Eric's best man "a girl every man in Armstrong was in love with." I find her overly energetic (since I have been practically crippled from a fall down the library stairs!) but we have known her for years off and on, but two years rather closely. I am the one Laurie "leans on" for advice (she is smarter than I am unfortunately) since her father lives in North Carolina and her divorced mother works.

Even though I have not been able yet to do anything for you, I still dare to ask if you know anyone over there who might be interested in at least looking at the cars, will you tell him/her to ask for Eric? I am going to drop a note to David Heape (he is my Heape distributor for family information) and ask him also. The Crews family is related on the Davis side but the son I know is in Columbia so I won't write the ones over there. By the way, Laurie is Lutheran and Eric is like me rather strongly attached to Christ as the most important part of any life. I always said Eric would never marry anyone except a Lutheran! Hope this does not offend a wonderful Episcopalian!

As ever,

Ruth