

Topeka Kans.

Jan 5th 1919.

Dear Irene, Delma and everyone

Guess you think I am
never going to write and
let you know that I
saw your picture all O.K.
I was sure glad to get
it and thank you ever &
ever so much for it.

But I really don't think
they are very good of
either of you. Irene I never
saw you look so sober.
Your large photo is fine
but this one does not
do either of you justice
but never the less I am
thankful to have them
anyway, and was not

trying to find fault only
think they are not as
good as the originals.

Tom and I intended having
some of our photos for Xmas
but we have ^{never} gotten
farther than the intention.

Tom got back from Texas
the day after Xmas. It was
a long week while he was
gone. I spent Xmas day
with Grace Stalons there
was quite a number of
us there for dinner.

Tom intends to make
another trip to Texas in
about a week. wish
some of you were here

to help me batch.

We have been having some very cold weather with lots of snow. Don't know how deep it is on the level but it is pretty deep. some thermometers here in town registered 20 below. There are still a few cases of "flu" but not many it was pretty fierce for awhile. We had a letter from Abb last week. they were all well. said they had 14 in of snow on the level. said the refinery he is interested in is running good & they were

expecting some good wells to
be brought in. Did not
say if Bertie is home this
winter or not. We have
not been down to Carls
for a long time. Don't
suppose the roads will
allow going very soon.

I would go down and stay
a few days while Tom goes on
his trip. But I am afraid
my plants and fruit my
forge. I don't know any
news, as I have been
staying in pretty close
this cold weather.

How is everyone there
including Walter, Fern & girls
(over)

Wish we could see you
all. but guess we can't
for a while unless you
will kindly come up.
Must close with our
very best wishes to one
and all for a very
Happy and prosperous
New Year.

lovingly.

Tom & Emma.

P.S. We still have our car.

Tom took the engine down this spring and cleaned the grease and carbon all out and it is running like new.

We have never had to do the cranking act yet. Sorry you have had to, and got hurt.

Roll Shirley is married but Theo is not. I sometimes doubt if he will marry the lady but I guess time will tell. I understand she keeps him pretty close beneath her wing, but come up
(over)

and I can tell you better
than I can write it.
Tom says he is too lazy
to write. but for you
to come up and he
will help you paint
the town red.

Much love to everybody.
E.