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My husband and I were married Oct. 19, 1952. It was a beautiful fall day. Bill was in the Navy and had been sent to Okinawa for 18 mo. He was shipped back to the United States five months early, so all wedding plans for April of 1953 were set aside. One week from the day he came home, we were married. We had not planned a honeymoon, as we had no car & very little money. My father said we could use his car for two or three days, he had arranged for a ride for that short of time, so he could get to work. Bill's folks gave us some money for a wedding gift so we could have a honeymoon. We knew it had to be Niagara Falls, as we had

heard so much about it. When we got to the border, Oct. 20, we thought we would have to turn back & forgo our honeymoon. My father had forgot to give us papers etc. proving it was O.K. to be driving it & everything was legal. When the officers found out my husband was on leave from Navy & we'd just gotten married, after a lengthy deliberation we were allowed to enter Canada. It was everything we had heard about it, the view was fantastic. Even tho it was very cold, windy & lightly snowing, we still enjoyed it. We stood there and thought how it would be if the sun was shining and a nice warm day. We said that hope-

fully one day, we could return,
hoping to have a little more
time & better weather. We will
never forget the beautiful view
and the feeling of being close
to nature.

Cordially,
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