

SEPT. 21, 1943

Y.M.C.A.

RICHMOND, VA.

Dear Sally:

How are you and the kids? Have they taken Mike yet. Gosh! it makes me worried about her, but its all for the best. I'll bet KAN III is huge now. Gosh! how I'm sick of this whole mess. I want to get myself a place and quickly settle down and bring us out. Just for ourselves, we would have been finished long ago; but I must spend considerably more time on farm prospects. It is taking up most of my time now.

One thing is pretty certain if you are working for someone — \$75⁰⁰ a month with a house, and anything in the way of food raised or grown on the place is standard top price for any farm all up and down here. People make a fair living on \$75⁰⁰ clear though. People will just have to try it to really

There are staying at Dr. & Mrs. O.E. Baker,
geographical economist of University of Maryland.
He really went out of his to help me
get information. I stayed at his house
as his guest over Sat and Sunday.
If you ever read "Little Women" you would
understand the great kind of man he is
with his wife and 2 daughters & One son.
From his talk, it seems as though Poultry,
Orchard & Truck Farming region is
around Maryland, & Virginia. He
recommended to me the East shore of
Maryland and further down Virginia.
Look on the Map around Chesapeake
Bay. The peninsula looking like S.F. peninsula
except facing the opposite way, and opposite
Norfolk is the part that he interested me.
It is good land used for potato and he
said that there might be some farm
houses for sell cheap there. Many
farmer went broke there, I don't know
why.

find out. Higher wages for seasonal
things perhaps but for year in year
out, \$75⁰⁰ seems tops. Offers like that
in camp doesn't mean the people are
exploiting Japanese because that is
what I am seeing in U.S. Dep of Employment.

I got more people to see about farms
and etc. than I really have time for
but I'll do the best. I'm going to make
a report to Mr. Hansen or Mr. Lindley.
tonight I think. It takes such a long time
writing too.

Sally for ourselves, it seems that
most of the people I have talked with
don't advise going down much further
South than Virginia or N. Carolina.
Educationally and prejudice etc. I
stopped to see Lafayette Node and Fred
Kishi. I was just going to see them
Sat. morning and travel on to Richmond
Sunday, but things changed.

The shipyards etc are around Norfolk.
I found out that a few Jap. aliens (Issei)
had been moved out of that area (Restaurant
owners). I phoned the F.B.I. about
this region because the ^{Assistant} Flat Agriculture
commissioner said that it was fortified
zone. F.B.I. said as long as one had
Eastern Defense clearance it would
be O.K. I thought Dick could come
out later for his sea weed drying.
I also asked F.B.I. about this sea weed
drying on commercial basis. O.K. they
said as long as Dick had Eastern Defense
Clearance. Labor here is cheaper than
Mass. I'm going that way the day
after tomorrow. I'm trying to make it
a one day stay but it might take
longer. Tomorrow I have an
appointment with the U.S. Dept. of
Employment about some fruit picking
job that may turn out pretty

2 - good. I also asked for a packing house
job for Min. These fruits are apples
mostly - Peaches are all through. There
may be other work later because this
district cans things. This will give
some people an opportunity to come out
here and see how things go so that
they may either rent, lease, or buy
land after looking around. Down by
the coast they have over 220 days of
growing weather. The peaches & apples
are in the Shenandoah Valley - very
beautiful. Chickens (brooders are in S.E.
Maryland. I think these districts have
more possibility than the middle
Western States (altho I haven't been around
St. Louis or Cincinnati). Mr. Baker
thought that Richmond would be better
for me arch. speaking than the County
along the East Shore. It is I guess

hands. He is working pretty hard at odd times. Lafayette is well liked too. He gets around the church groups pretty well. He and I took bicycles and went to a nearby Presbyterian Church last Sunday. It was a good sermon. Friendly people. On the way back we saw a housing project. Cheap, concrete floor, one wall thickness, (asbestos covering with celotex interior one inch thick) Shed type roof. There were three types.

1. Long barrack types (6 apartment)
2. Square types (like I tried to talk
A.P. Sondras into for
Dormitories)
3. Two story things.

These all had stoves, heater,
ice box, ^{Toilets & shower.} very cheaply done
to and yet more pleasant than our
barracks

but there is no work here for me.
U.S. D. Employment + Chamber of Commerce.

These stores here are very nice looking -
Modern fixtures + plan. This is a
growing city too. Not too big bet
between the size of San Jose and Oakland.
Phone book only about one inch thick.
But I could get a job around Norfolk,
Well at any say, I'm going to look
around down the East Shore opposite
Norfolk day after tomorrow. I think I
will start real early in the morning.
I've got a lot of letters of introduction but
it is sometimes a waste of time, but
you can't overlook the chances, darn
it. At least it gives you the "right people?"
to see. Take some talk with a grain
of salt & also check up on some
lines not in their specialties.

Will you tell Mrs. Kishi that Fred
was all right and is very good

Probably because of better workmanship.
Sunday Night, Lafayette, Fred, & I went
& the Friends Discussion Meeting.
We got along swell. I met some fellows
there that wished I was going to stay
around. One of them is an architect
who was working on the Maryland
Post War planning. He lost his
job because he is a C.O. and his
boss is military minded. I'm half
tempted to write for that position.

It worries me a little where I should
pick because I can't talk with you.
How does Virginia strike you. The
reason Dr. Baker chose East Shore
was because of some peculiarities
the weather down the South tip is
very similar to around Columbia,
S. Carolina. Close to Wash, Philadelphia,
N. Y.

3. Gosh! how I hope you will agree with me. Of course I haven't finished my tour. I would wish that the trip was reversed in a way. Altho the other way, I wouldn't have all these introductions etc but probably could have them from the people I would meet down South.

What I probably will do Sally is to see if there is a decent house to be found fairly cheap rent and more or less hold it until I finish my trip. This way I will know just about what to expect and have something to fall back on.

I hope it is furnished which is hoping too much.

Gosh! I've got a long ways to go but and most of the hard work is

coming up. Well I'll write again
tomorrow I guess. I wonder how the
Nursery are down Mdils way.

While I am in Norfolk, I may
as well inquire about working
down there in some defence work
too.

Have patience Honey! I will
make it up to you somehow nice
for this long trip. Keep your
fingers crossed. Show Mike how!

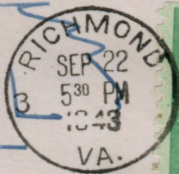
Love

Kam

KAN DOMOTO

6F-5D, AMACHE, COLORADO

AIR MAIL



MRS. K. DOMOTO

6F-5D

AMACHE, COLORADO

