

Sept. 26, 1943  
Ranbeigh, N. C.

Dear Sally:

Please forgive me for not writing any sooner and probably worrying you on my whereabouts. You see after I left Richmond for Norfolk, I traveled as fast as I could and left my baggage checked at Norfolk to go across the Chesapeake Bay. It took over 2 hours to cross the Bay and I arrived around 9:00 P.M. at Cape Charles. I had not my baggage but I bunked at one of the hotels there that had a bath. This was Thursday. Before that you see I left Richmond early Thursday Morning. As soon as I got to Norfolk, (the train left Richmond 2 hours later) I did as much in quiring there as I could and they told me to inquire at the Navy plant for a job as a draftsman. By that time it was 4:00 P.M. So I thought maybe I would go in the morning but changed that to go directly to Cape Charles right away. The morning in Cape Charles was raining so I bought a light raincoat. It probably would soak through in a storm,

The weather has been very nice ever since. The people on this part seem much more friendly than in Norfolk. I took a bus for Eastville to see the County Agent (Agricult.) He told me of a Nurseryman near Kelley or Queenby who was raising azaleas in large amount "Gulf Stream Nursery" owner Legendre. My dad knows him. This man was with Drees before I think. Well when the County Agent mentioned his name I thought it was familiar but I couldn't place it. Legendre himself was the one who said, "Yes, he knows the Demoto". Well on the bus ride out I was looking at the ground and what they were raising. Tomatoes, cabbages, peas, beans, potatoes, are some of the things. The soil is Sassafras and one of the best. They have tall pine trees acting as wind break and also lumber. These land rents for \$15-20 per acre cash rent. Selling value around

#100<sup>2</sup> - The trouble is like any  
place else there aren't any good  
houses. I tried to look around in the  
short time that I was around but  
more time is needed at the same  
time something in a way of transport  
ation. I had to walk almost 4 miles  
before I got a ride to go to Legendre's  
Nursery. This is very, very, beautiful  
country but slightly sultry during  
summer. Winter is mild just  
like around Bay region. I think  
it is the best place to go to.

Very near Wash. Philad. & N. Y.  
Penn. Railroad runs down the middle  
of the peninsula. 5 to 6 hrs to N. Y.

I'll tell you about something that  
happened around there later.

Well, Fri, I got back to Norfolk  
and took a train to Petersburg to  
go to Raleigh immediately.

The Conductor gave me wrong  
information & I got on the wrong train

The conductor on that train saw my ticket but didn't say no Dem! him! well this train was jammed with Soldiers etc. We had to stand up. I got off at Fairfield and had to pay out extra on a bus back to Pawburgh. Well got in Pawburgh about 6:00 A.M. After a rest I went to see the people the W.R.A. had given letters of introduction to. None of them were in town but I saw Kerr Scott, State Agricult. Commissioner, who took me to see dairy farm. He wanted help but the usual pay 20¢ an hour - pretty cheap but it is standard. House etc included of course. I got a chance to see the country around Pawburgh pretty well. A man is going to see me today about help on his truck & orchard farm. The man is Matthews. Well I'll see what I can do to get them

to raise the wages. The Eastern part of this state is the real truck farming region. Boy! these lands are cheaper altho not as cheap as there were some years ago \$35<sup>00</sup> - \$40<sup>00</sup> an acre.

Housing again is the problem. One thing is that the people here are very friendly. Many are curious. I feel a whole lot better here than in Virginia.

That land is best on East Shore of Va. though. I had a swell sleep last night and now after tonight, I'll go straight to Augusta, Ga. instead of going to Charleston. I think I will stop at Columbia for half day or so. I'll begin my travel on Early Monday morning. Hope the train isn't too crowded.

Things may change again when I hit Columbia S.C. but I'll see. Gosh! I'm trying my best to see

about a house but its pretty  
hard making a decision right  
off. It may involve another  
trip of the indefinite have  
type to really get something already  
for you. I wonder if I could  
pick up ~~an~~ second hand auto to  
travel around. We could use it to  
get to the place later and let the  
Governor pay part of the cost of it  
by using the travel expense money.  
The trains are awfull unless you  
have a ~~car~~ Pullman reservation  
and those are hard to get anytime.  
Legendre offered me a job at  
\$25~~00~~ a week Oct - November on  
shipping azaleas. It isn't anything  
but it may give me a chance to  
look around better for a place  
suitable on that place.

Will write more regular after  
this.

Love  
Ken

How is milk  
& KAN III?

Tell Dick that I didn't find out about seaweed in Chesapeake Bay.

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