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Dear Sally:

Well I got your letter alright. It was in General Delivery yesterday. No mail today - not even from Zak Maricchi. I figure that he has run into some good luck and is so busy he hasn't had the chance to let me know of his whereabouts - probably when I see him, he would have already seen Mr. Guilford and tell me that it won't be necessary to go down because he has seen him already. Tomorrow is Sunday and I think I'll take it easy. I would have gone to N.C. tomorrow because I'm all finished here. I saw the Engr. Service

living room and we are on good terms. He has a lot of good common sense. Gosh! I think most people are probably this way if we can get a chance to talk with them.

Did you know that I went into a Chinese restaurant last night and I had only my traveler's check as cash. They wouldn't accept it - they just have a policy that way. So they said just forget about it. Gosh! It made me feel queer. I told them that I'll bring it in the morning. Well, I had to wait until the bank opened so I went to mail your letter. While at the P.O. I saw the sign for Civil Service

and the Civil Service too. There has to be more people contacted in this state to make it a success.

These people here are definitely harder to meet on a bus than any other place. N.C. was even better last time. But if you can talk with them for awhile, they really chow out.

Last night I had to stay in a sort of run down rooming house. Gosh! I slept well but it took some effort first. The place was opposite a Chinese Baptist Church. Tonight I had help from the U.S.O. in a private place. The family is called Lorenze. The man is a plumber and he has a cute husky kid of 14 months. We had a little chat in his

So I went to fill out an application
~~It~~ took me almost $3\frac{1}{4}$ hrs.

I had to get my check cashed
which was very simple compared
to Salisbury where the cashier
went into the huddle with the
bank pres. and asked me for
identification etc. This cashier
didn't even look at my identification.

Well anyhow I went to pay
the Chinese people off. There
are lots of Chinese here.

According to Mr. Thrasher of
the Greenbrier Farms, Inc. Duran.

The Japanese were considered
high class and Chinese lower
class before the war and now
it is reversed.

Josh, Mr. Lorenze invited
me to drink coffee and eat
a piece of pie with him.

2- I went several times to telephons
to the Y.M.C.A. and went there once
to see about Jake but he hasn't
left any word. I left a message
for him. This bed isn't large
enough for two.

I went back to the Civil Service
but they didn't have anything.
I don't like this town much, altho
out in the country it's O.K.
One really has to go to N.C.
to get the climate. East Shore
is lovely. But probably for
business, it would be best
to start out in Maryland.
Short cut flwr. season outside
but large market close by.
I wonder if I can get into
a greenhouse or rent one.

looks like, thinks and feel like.

It won't be someone explaining to people that Jap-American are like this and like that. I will be a living picture of one.

I got the idea because of Odino's trip into N. Carolina. He told me the people there knew of the U. P. A. etc. He thought that some other district director was hounding in on his territory until I told him I met Kerr Scott and other people.

Also there is no doubt the great advantage of leasing, cash-renting, or just sharecropping the first year.

Not so much as getting the to know the soil & climate as to an ^{welcome} introduction to the people around. It is easier to get around in a vicinity if you

Gosh there are a lot of sailors etc here. The officers are the one - but sure give me the eye. I went into a police quarters to find out about the county agent's office. The sargent asked me what I was doing here - and asked me if I was Japanese - I told him American - born & raised in U.S.A. of Jap. ancestry. Then I told him about farmers inviting us out here to farm when he told me that farmers would shoot us!! ha! ha!

I'm going to eat pie and drink coffee! Say, What do you think of my asking Dillon Myer for a job as a contact man in new territory. You see I can show them what an average American of Japanese descent

borrow land from a well known
person. Use that as an introduction.

I think I'll take a bus to Washington
N.C. and to Aurora later. I'll
probably leave in the morning. Stay
overnight and come back here to
pick up any letters etc. and then
take a train back to Baltimore.

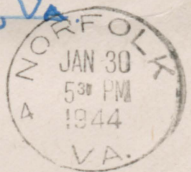
One thing is certain. If you have
big ideas on farming or Nursery,
the South just around here ⁱⁿ N.C.
is ideal. Weather, labor, and
Market.

If you want high grade trade (retail)
it would be best to be in Maryland.
Then one must have a greenhouse.
One could get into just any defence
work for the money???

How is Kaneko's little spot on
his hand? Gosh! its god to hear
Miki is making life miserable to
you in the evenings - she is healthy.

Love
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