

Sunday - 18th

Dear Bobby,

Shame on me! I should have written earlier and thanked you for the wonderful account of your trip. Bobby, you certainly did a splendid job in preparing it. After I read it, I couldn't resist letting Mrs. Elizabeth Gibson, the secretary at the high school, read it since she is particularly interested in India, and this was her remark, "I was delighted with it, and can hardly wait to write my friend in India about having read this. Judging by this, he must be a writer!" (Elizabeth is a Barber, ^{from} one of the 4 wealthy families in Moultrie. She has had an unusually sad life in that death has already claimed two husbands, and I think she is working just from a patriotic ~~feeling~~ — definitely no financial reason). I am going to reread it all, and then I shall comment further. Too, I want Willene and Lorene and the Ellison girls

to read it. Catherine will be
greatly interested in it, as she
taught the social studies, and
reads the widest of any person
I know in Cville.

Last night I finished one of the
best books I've read in a long time,
Margaret Anderson "Anna and the
King of Siam." Have you read it?
You'd like it. Anna, an English lady,
was engaged by King Mongkut (1860)
to come to the palace to teach
English to the Royal children and
the concubines who were interested.
However, when she really got into
the job she did more than
that — she took care of his
correspondence and "fought" with
the King and judges in seeing
that the slaves were given justice.
She failed in saving some of them,
but never once did she fail
to stand up to what she thought
was right. But the best job
that she did was the instilling
of her ideas into the mind
of Prince Chulalongkorn who later

out many of ³ her reform ideas,
especially the one that abolished
slavery. It pictures very clearly
the life of the harem, picturing
both the romantic and horrible
views of it. I admired Anna so
much, and wondered how she
did all the work she did,
but she was amply rewarded in
the end. The young prince once
told her when he was her
pupil that it would be his
aim to recreate a free Siam and
do so on democratic principles.
After he had been on the throne
29 years, he met Anna in Leipzig
and told her he had done the
job according to her teachings.
I never could review a book, but
if you haven't read it, that will
give you an idea about it.

Thanks giving is beginning to get
in the air. I am leaving Wed.
p.m. at 2:20 for home, reaching
Cornelia at 1:24, and will return
on Sunday that's a fairly decent
schedule in that my longest stop-
over will be only 15 minutes.
I may have a ride from Social
Circle on Sunday. That's 100 miles,

or thereabout, from Clarksville, and
somewhat out of the way, but
Daddy would bring me to Social
Circle - out from Athens.

This morning in church I heard
the most inspiring sermon on
"Gratitude." I really felt my own
selfishness and ingratitude, because
there are so many many things
for which I should be grateful,
and yet take as a matter
of course. Mr. Forbis certainly
awakened a lot of us. - And
mentioning Mr. Forbis, he is a young
Presbyterian minister here, and the
best preacher in town according to
my rating, but I hesitate to
leave my own church very often.

You asked of Arnall and the
Washington job. No, he didn't take
it, as he was more interested
in doing a good job in the
state of Ga. rather than going
to Washington. At the present, the
Speaker Harris, and Senate
President Gross are busy trying
to get ready for the next
session of the legislature. Ed
Rivers announced yesterday that
he would be a candidate

for governor next year, if the legislature failed to make any provision so that Arnall could run. Hence from politics, did I write you that the Arnalls now have a "little princess" as he calls her — Alice Arnall. So, I suppose that you have already read about Robert Elliott Burns, his wife, and children coming to Georgia, and Arnall helping him get his freedom here in the state of Ga. After their return to New Jersey, he wrote letters to the Atlanta papers, expressing his appreciation to Arnall, the courts, and the state of Ga. I wish I had clipped one and sent to you, but I didn't — Sorry.

The ceiling prices for cars are to be announced today. I am anxious to see the list, even though I haven't seriously(?) contemplated purchasing one. I could surely use one, however, especially when I think of going home.

I wrote Paul and Lancel yesterday to try to meet ^{me} inville

but I doubt if they can, since Paul ran into the back of a truck a week ago Friday night and damaged his car. It takes so long to get one from the garage now.

Moultrie will soon be normal again! Spence Field is to be temporarily inactivated on Nov. 30, the date that the French cadets finish their course here. The people of Moultrie are accepting that word, "temporarily", more as something soothing, and really feel that it will be permanent. Until now, it has been hard for teachers to get nice rooms, as the officers would pay any price. (Carolyn and I got our last room when the rumor was going round that the field was closing Oct 15th. However, during the last week our landlady has even been giving out extra attention to the teachers who eat at the Tearoom. She is one of the few outsiders who were taken in to help pay expenses. My! but she'd like

to get some of them! Besides our room she has 2 nice apartments. Carolyn and I are considering asking the 2 sciences (Chemistry and Biology) teachers - that we very much like to take one of the apartments with us. Four girls could take their room rent, and pay for it, and only cook ^{for} our Sat. and Sun. breakfasts, and ^{Sat. & Sun.} night meals, as the cafeteria doesn't stay open then, and we'd have more privacy for the same money. It has 2 large bedrooms, kitchen, living room - dining room, bath, and plenty of closet space, and furnace heat, electric refrigerator, etc., ^{bins} and all furnished. We would have a place to entertain our company. Of course, it would be nicer for 2 girls to be in apartment, but this one is large, and you can always retire to your own room when you desire more privacy. Everyone says it is one of the nicest and best arranged apartments in town. I'll let you know what we decide.

Aren't you tired of this rambling? So here I'm signing off - Gladys

P.S. I am so glad to hear you are coming by. I'll be home by 4:30. I'll be home by 4:30. I'll be home by 4:30.

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Ans

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