

Air Mail



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Gainesville, Thur. A. M. July 10th.

Dear Uncle Jesse:

I have been slow about answering your letter, partly because of lack of energy and partly because it was impossible to make any new plans about Ragin's getting away until I should know when I would be able to take over here so he could be away. I have gotten along all right I think but was so terribly sick that it is taking a long time to come back. I am still draining and still just up and down during the day, unable to do very much but keep the girls busy.

Lula's letter came the other day and I'll answer her questions now. There could be no better place to prepare for the teaching profession than right here at the University in its department of education. The state laboratory school is here and in their senior year the prospective teachers intern in the various schools over Gainesville for the practice teaching they have to do. Any high school youngster who has ambition and makes good grades can take a competitive exam in her senior year and get any one of several college scholarships that will pay all four years of university fees and give you a good job beside, and these scholarships are more in the teaching profession than in any other because of the scarcity of teachers. She will not have to wait at all to get in to school so far as I know. Last year the high school had a whole family here from somewhere in S.A., the parents were learning English by sitting in on the classes and the girl was going to school. There are exchange students at the U. from all over the world. I had an Egyptian address my scout troop a while back and someone quite often brings one to some department of the church school. Good student as Lula is she will sail right along, don't worry.

I was so in hopes all this was going to work out so you would be here early in the summer, partly to get settled and partly to put up the abundance of various crops that we could have for the getting. We have had water and muskmelon given to us, far more than we can eat (and there are 9 of us here eating) and tomatoes and peas and beans and squash and peppers have all gone to waste because I was not able to fix and can and the girls think only of the hot work of doing it and fuss about it. Pears and peaches will be in in August and maybe you will get in on that.

As near as we can figure now the next date that Ragin could get away other than right away would be either the 1st or 9th of August. We definitely want you to come and he will come prepared to take care of what it will take to settle up there so you can leave. He could have gone next week but we did not know it in time to let you know and he does not want to have to be away any longer than necessary. If I am able I should go to Florida Southern in Lakeland for a course from the 4th to 8th of August. If in another couple of weeks I see I am not going to be able to go, then Ragin could go on down there on the 1st and bring you people back. But if I can go to Lakeland then he can go right after I get back. I think school registration is the last week in August this year, I'm not sure yet, so the sooner you get here the better for the children.

Sat. A. M.

You see how I write letters now. I told you I wasn't any good to myself or anybody else. I went to the doctor yesterday for dressing and got put back on shots again so maybe I will finally get rid of the infection and be some good., someday.

Chance to send this to P.O. so will stop.
Letbme hear from you if Aug. is O.K. and any new developments.

Love, Lorina.