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SENATOR S. H. SMITH
PITTSBORO, MISS.



Miss Christine Smith
1441 Peabody St.
Memphis Tenn-

Saturday Morning

Dearest Mother,

I've just eaten breakfast. We had biscuit and butter and hot Cocoa. I nearly burned my tongue off with the Cocoa.

Last night I went to a foot ball game. Vicksburg and McComb played. I don't care very much about foot ball, but since I have a season ticket, I may as well use it. McComb won. 26 to 6.

I have a terrible cold. I've been taking aspirin & nose drops for two or three days, but once I get a cold, there's no need to do any thing but just let it wear off. Mrs. Lawrence fixed me up a dose of whiskey, but I don't think that helped much, either.

Vera's beau from Paducah, Ken. just came in a few minutes ago. He must think quite a lot of her to come so far. She has two or three men on her string.

Vera and I went to the show Tuesday afternoon. It's the first one I've seen since I've been here. I saw Robert Taylor and Maurer O'Sullivan in the Crowd Roars. There's one advantage in staying in East McComb. You are not so close to town, and don't spend so much money - (not that I don't spend any thing here, but I spend less than I would if I were up town.)

It has been so cold here that I have already been wearing my winter clothes. I wore my grey suit to the game last night and have worn my white sweater and skirt quite a lot. I haven't got any offords yet. I haven't seen any here that I liked. I also tried to find a coat for school; but they don't have any here. I may go to Jackson next week-end and try to find something. I got me a bottle of black shoe dye yesterday and dyed my white sandals. They look very well, but I can't say much for the way they smell. I had the negro girl that works here to wash and iron some of my dresses. She did a good job, but I probably won't get much wear out of them before next spring.

I had a date Tuesday night with Purser Dayborn. I've dated him twice before. We went to a night club and listened to an orchestra and danced a while.

Thursday night, Vera gave her class a party. I went with her, and we had a time. I've never seen such a bunch of kids in my life. I thought surely they would tear up every thing in the house before it was over.

The party was at a Mrs. Smith's, and we asked her if she wasn't afraid every thing would be in little pieces before it was over, but she said "No, they had had parties before. They speared Cocola all over each other and yelled to the top of their voices from the time they got there until they left. Vera had some games planned for them, but she never could get their attention long enough to explain how to play anything. I have promised my class a party next week, but if that is an example of the way they act, I dread it to the utmost.

I like m^r: comb fine, but I surely would like to see some one from home occasionally. I don't know what I would do if it weren't for your long letters. I do enjoy them so much. I haven't heard from Chris since I've been here. I wonder if she got my letter.

I think I'll borrow me some skates and learn to skate. There is a skating rink here, so if I have a broken limb before the year is over, don't be surprised.

I hope you are feeling good. Don't work too hard. Give my love to all -

Martha -

P.S. I had to cut this sheet in order to get it off on the mail.

Tuesday Morning

Dear Chris,

Dad and I have decided
to go to Memphis Thurs. morning
and stay till Friday p.m.

I thought I'd let you know
as you might not be in
so suppose you call us
at the New Adler Hotel
around noon or 1 o'clock
and if you're working
we'll know where and
when to find you

Love

Mother