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I was thinking
 of seeing when you
 got settled + writing you
 of the money to put out
 when I am I think to
 move back to Ala.
 I don't even know what
 your rents + what
 not for this year
 no way of finding
 out at R. will
 not answer my
 letter. I suppose
 you have fallen
 and gone off to
 some other place
 George H. M.
 Nov. 8th / 1923.

Fred has written me
 since he reached Calif. - Reuben
 I have written to twice to get him to
 pay the taxes on 'Mistheta' tho as
 they might have not heard a word.
 I don't know just what rent's amounted
 to for last year, don't think it was but
 little more if any than the taxes (quite
 a source of income)
 Lewin, I never get a line from you
 he sends some papers he has signed.
 Fred wrote me of your great loss,
 mine was not as great as that but
 just what I have expected for years,
 I knew would come when all the
 girls were married
 The older died last month from child birth
 there doctor + now know what to do.
 My boys, Bryce + Fulton live with

1882
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Their mother in Carrizozo + I stay
south of town on a tract I have
cleared for five years - to be near the
boys else I would be in Ala.
This land has two good springs of water
one other outside my enclosure.
Last year I was too late to try much
but found out that all vegetable, cily, figs,
melons, beans did fine here as it was.
This year I'll try cily, melons, sweet potatoes
+ small fruits, if I am satisfied I'll
buy at end of five years price set now -
old cattle ranch of watering place for
thousands in years past.
Dwyer still working in garage - getting
good wages quite an expert no (scheduling)
Always taken his share to his mother I
don't really know what he is getting - not
you tell as I am but getting fast fair but
very fast - Tim also fine the not as
healthy as I would like him to be.
The smut attacked the sorghum last
year on this land - shall I dip seed in
1 pt. to gal of water fungus solution? did not

P.S. Mr. Reuben has not paid taxes on "Mistletoe"
 with heart or has not collected that much
 it may crowd me to raise the amount.
 Why don't you have that note of Fred that
 is in bank at Tuscaloosa sent to First National
 Bank, Carizozo so should I have to borrow it
 would be easier to get it on that than otherwise

We would be glad to send our catalogue to your friends and neighbors who are interested in planting.
 Use the following lines for their names and addresses:

Names of land owners only desired.

NAME	POST OFFICE	STATE
May - so please eat or let me know		
at once what about it please		

Sanizozo N.M.
Apr. 28th / 1923

Dear Ben;

your letter & circular recd. in regard to the circular will say as yet all is too uncertain as to when I might come to Ala. so don't ^{if I think} I would care for much of the household goods - but I would not mind having a few small articles - Tableware & by all means the silver mug with my name on it - given me by mole Warr. Glad to know you & your are getting along so well.

We have had the measles in Gogo when last in town

Byre (the eldest) was sick a bed
also the two step daughters
but their children near my
youngest had not contracted
it so far but doubtless here
in this.

B- said he had rec'd a
letter from his uncle Fred
but I did not see it nor have
I heard from him in some
time. Think his time
is up in July.

Like R. I am a poor correspon-
dent but always glad to receive
your off. drs.

Wm

P.M. 11 X 1923

Gallion, Ala.

R.F.D. No. 2.

Dear Ben — (AT ST. LOUIS, MO.)

I've not heard from you so long but guess you are still in St. Louis. The day full of nearly two in. is broken today & we are having a good one & it gives me a little time to write you as I can't milk in the rain, can't see now a days to write by lamp light. Have not heard from any of the boys in months, Fred being the last. The Apr cyclone did lots of damage to the houses here, & am trying to ~~th~~ have them repaired for the renters, this house too will have to have some covering too. Am expecting today to try to get a carpenter to build my house at Ft. on a house too for hands. Don't see how I can get along without a board well there as fools are not dependable now & drinking water too. As to Bam & Bor & Hall suppose you hold off trading with Weatherford Collins until later on as there may be some chance of

a good tenant in Dec. Have had a time this entire yr getting my cows milked & Hay cut - sometimes would work B., get up the cows & then have them all to milk myself, twenty odd. They are not giving much now, dry pastures & water once a day. Crops here are very short & corn opened at \$1.50 a bu, I made none as I had no labor to count upon. Aunt M. & L. often ask about you & the children, Fred & boy. A gunner are still on his Montz farm wrote them twice but heard nothing. Miss Minnie says Lewie is still in profile. Did you get a package of weeds from me during the summer. I must get my house built & go to F. as shide here wont house my cows another winter & barn at F will hold 24 head then too all my hay is up there & in stack in danger of being burned by R.R. ground has been too hard to plow fire lines to protect them. I will get this done now as this rain will let us do plowing.

Mr W. - Collins says he wrote Fred about
the place for my boy & I thought he
had foid his letter to you, but it
would not hurt to hold him off for
some time yet as there are some
families about here who will need
homes about Dec. 1st, & if they were
no good then W. Collins would still be
on hand for he is not going any where
but into one of Herbert's cabins near by if he
has to move. No news about here, the Gallin
Creamery Co seem to be doing very well, lots
of beef cattle being shipped as pastures are so
dry. Hope you & the children keep well
let me hear from you when you have
time to write & I can deliver any message to
W.C. if you have not already written him.
Love to all Yours aff Bro
Reuben

July 14, 1924

Woods Hole.

Dear Father;

The play went off splendidly.
I am sending you two programs
I made, and a copy of the play. It
is supposed to be a real funny
play. It wasn't like most plays
I'm in. I mean it was better
than most. We had it at the
Morgans. They fixed up a dan-
dy stage by taking down all
the curtains and fixed them
so that a bout half ^{the living}
room had curtains ^{for back ground} they had
one curtain on each side

with screens for exits. It is
supposed to be in 18⁷⁰~~72~~. I think
I told you I was da.

Last night we had planned
a picnic but it rained so we
had it in the house. We ~~had~~^{had}
invited the Morgan's. We had
kabobs with bread, and lettuce
sandwiches and ham-sandwiches,
lemonade, and some tarts with
raspberry jelly. I iced ~~to~~^{them} myself.
We take picnics quite often.

I am going to spend some of my
pocket money to go to New Bed-
ford, as Aunt Jane is going to

take a crowd there, for she thought
that they would enjoy the trip,
and like to see the Whaling Museum.
There is a whale boat at New Bedford,
about the only one in the world.

I am learning to swim pretty
well. I am learning to row
too. Tell Ben and Louis I will
write to them soon, and George
to answer my letter.

With lots of love,

Nancy.

(written the summer I was with Prof.
Mrs. Hegner & family at Woods Hole, Mass.
The Morgan family was the famous Justice
at Calif.)