

RANDOLPH HOTEL



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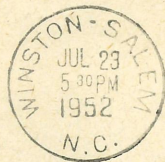
EL DORADO, ARKANSAS

ashville n.c.
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Tuesday, 10 P. M.

Dear Daddy;
As you can tell by the time above it is late
at night. I am tired would be asleep but Mother
has the light on reading & I knew I could sleep. I hope
you got the gasoline tickets, papers & sewly & letter.
This morning we got up cooked breakfast & ate got Stella
and Ruth packed & headed for camp. Found the boys
they & if we hadny been so glad to see them. we would
have never claimed them. They were filthy dirty sleeping
tired. Looked around camp. They were filthy dirty sleeping
the log cabins they built. went up to look. saw
from walking up there. I found some pretty
rocks, leaves & flowers. I picked up some pretty
before. Howard because I had never seen one
they built. I took me up the watch tower
on the tower. I picked black berry
up there & ate them. later left camp took the
to laundry got them washed to wash. asked Aunt
Ruth to go with us to Washington D.C. will
us she wanted to go pretty bad but
insisted on going home. John & Howard got
hair cut. John got his glasses fixed. Stella &
Aunt Ruth left. I came to same cabin took bath
it was nice. Cam to same cabin took bath
& went out to Ridgecrest. Martha or Katie
Billiepie & on Billiepie's sister showed
around Ridgecrest. mother put letter down
(over)

+ dozed off to sleep. I finished sentence about
taking a bath + going to Ridgecrest. I then put
up letter + turned off one light + was fixing
to turn off the light right above the bed when
mother wakes up. Says to hurry up + get to bed.
I got good + comfortable + mother ask me if I mind
to get her the mentholatum so I get up +
go look around the cabin for it. I couldn't
find it so I came back + told her I couldn't
find it. She asked me to look some more I did
but it wasn't there. She was asleep snoring
so I got in bed + she wakes up + asks me if
I had got it + I told her I couldn't find it + I went
to sleep. Yesterday we had planned to go after
going to Ridgecrest to go to Chimney Rock. But
Martha Billiepie said it was too late + too
far to go then. We picked up some things for
supper + cooked supper + ate. Before supper we
went to pay Mr. Spencer a nice old man our
cabin bill. We visited with him + ^{his wife} + ^{his} showed
us the gallery. His wife draws quite well
+ they have the ~~science~~ pictures in there
that she has drawn. This is pretty well
an old timer. They have programs, stamps,
coins, family tree, foreign currency, vases + pictures
from all over. Those things above he has them
from 12 different countries. I was sort of like
a museum + was quite interesting. This
morning we cooked breakfast + ate + are getting over
things ready to go. We may or may not see Chimney
Rock. Mr. Spencer will call the cabin + believe
except I think I can help finish himself.
I need to close so I can get home + pack up.
I wish you were with us + I am missing you.
Lots of love
Mary

P.S.
mother says she loves you a lot + is missing
you + is busy cooking, washing, dishes + packing
while I play secretary.



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