

8477 Val Verde Drive
Canoga Park, Calif.
July 20, 1944

Dear Nannie -

It was such a shock to me that you and Stan cancelled the Westward trek that I was struck dumb until now. I should think you might have just mutinied against Mr Dupont for once and come on on your own momentum.

You see I would still have been here after July 15th. Due to unforeseen complications the Foreign Policy drawings took longer than expected and also life at Topside being so agreeable I didnt force myself to hurry with them, but there are a closed chapter since some days and tomorrow I go into town to shop for a train seat to Seattle.

I almost went in my own car with Colin Handforth as fellow travellers. It was this way: Alice had a baby June 5th and named it after me! Jessie - her mother, and youngest sister (whose name escapes me because I'm at this moment dizzy with the heat) came out and were with her a month before I knew it. Then Chester took a job in Salt Lake City and Colin decided to marry a girl in Seattle in August. So the little household was broken up and I dined with them 2 days before Alice took the plane to Salt Lake City. (June 30th) Among the stuff for sale was Chester's 1931 Ford coupe falling apart in all directions which, it was suggested I buy and drive Colin to Seattle. (Colin had been out of bed since only a few days so would not have been strong enough to do much of the driving. The idea appealed at first before I consid-

avoid the complications of getting gas etc. so to try out the car Colin drove out here with me to Canoga Park. Since it was the first time he had seen anything of S.A. County except the shack in which he had been confined, he was as happy as a bird out of a cage. He stayed overnight and everyone here fell very hard for him as he is not only very good looking but an unusually attractive personality.

About ten days ago after the last stick of furniture had been moved out of their house he took the train to S.F. and then on to Seattle. And now with a real heat wave turned on since the last few days (this is the hottest part of San Fernando Valley when it is hot, and 10° to 15° warmer than the city) and due to continue thru the rest of the Summer I feel more willing to abandon comforts and the best of food for the regions of the Northwest.

We haven't done so much touring about of late. Yesterday to the beach, several times to symphonies ^{under the stars} at the Hollywood Bowl. - to Camulos Hacienda the scene of the Ramona romance, very few dog shows and that's about all. If you had been here I would have seen much more of California. But, quier sales? it still may happen.

I am always considering putting my inheritance into more California Land and you should help me pick it out this time. - and a piece for yourself while you are at it.

Thanks for continuing to send us all my mail

Yours
Tom

P.S. My next address will be probably

Robe Ranch
Star Route
Granit Falls
Washington.

PS 2.

Miss Anne J. Smith,
Art Editor
Asia and the Americas
40 East 49th St. New York

wants more photos especially India
(Could have used a cover for August)

(33) You might if it isn't too much trouble send
her the Sadhu group (prints) and the
Mongol pictures returned from Toronto. It
won't be so hard to find the negatives if they
call for them.

I wrote her that it would be too difficult
to send her more, so it depends entirely upon
your good disposition

Tom