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Dear Laura:

I suspect that you will think me crazy, which sometimes I wonder if I am not !!!! I had written you 2 long letters to Colorado Springs, and in the last one in case you have not received it, I mentioned that we were planning on going back to Meredith for the Hunting Season; Now I find that all the elk licenses were sold on Aug. 1st, and no more are available, also that we cannot get a tent large enough for 4 people to live in for a few days even; We could have the tiny tent we had 3 years ago, but Martin has decided after all that it will be best to pass up the hunt for this fall, and by next fall, we will be able to equip ourselves with tent and all the necessities, (I am getting used to new Byfocals) necessities, for such a trip.

Well, we have the wander lust, I suppose, so when we heard some friends of ours bought a lodge and cabins 3 miles south of Eagle Nest, we thought we might go down there on a picture taking expedition; We poured over maps for several days, and finally got to counting mileage, and decided that we had better not put so much mileage on our old tires at this time; In the meantime tho, I sent out an SOS to Mrs. Robbins to see if we could locate you, and possibly be able to see you, if our paths crossed in New Mexico; also wanted to know about that ARPS for the entry blanks.

Now, that we have given up the New Mexico trip for this fall, we are not dead certain yet, but think we will go thru the Missouri, and Arkansas Ozarks, not any further than Ft. Smith, this should make a round trip of not over 700 miles, which is more the amount of mileage we would be safe in putting on these tires. We will travel slowly, and will go when it is cooler, so there should not be too much danger; We knew when we planned on going hunting, that it was not the wisest thing to do, but Martin wanted to go so badly, he was throwing caution to the winds.

Since you may now have my other 2 letters, and all the news in them, will make this brief, As soon as you get this will you let mr know if it is O.K. to put the ARPS on the blanks, They will go to press very soon, as we want them out and ready to be addressed before we leave if possible. We plan on being gone part of October.

I just received this address from Mrs. Robbins, and hope it reaches you very soon. Will be glad to hear from you.

As ever,

Blanche

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