

"SCALEBY"
BOYCE, CLARKE CO.
VIRGINIA
JANUARY 20, 1948

DEAR LAURA;

AS YOU KNOW, KENNETH WAS ALWAYS SO FOND OF YOU, AND MOST ANXIOUS TO DO SOMETHING FOR YOU THAT WOULD BE OF REAL USE. FOR A YEAR OR TWO BEFORE HE DIED HE TALKED ABOUT WHAT THE BEST METHOD MIGHT BE, AND THEN LEFT IN A NOTE OF REQUESTS TO THE BOYS AND ME AGAIN A MENTION OF THIS EARNEST WISH.

I HAVE GOTTEN TOGETHER WITH DOROTHY AND DONALD, AND EACH OF US ARE PUTTING IN \$4,000., WHICH IS TO BE PAID TO YOU IN REGULAR MONTHLY SUMS OF \$100. A MONTH UNTIL THE PRINCIPAL IS USED UP, WHICH SHOULD BE A LITTLE LESS THAN TEN YEARS, WHEN COSTS ARE SUBTRACTED. THIS IS TO BE HANDLED BY THE BANK OF CLARKE COUNTY IN BERRYVILLE, AND I HAVE TODAY SIGNED THE LETTER OF THE AGREEMENT, AND HAVE FORWARDED IT TO DOROTHY AND DONALD FOR THEIR SIGNATURES, HOPING THAT THE FIRST \$100. CAN REACH YOU EARLY IN FEBRUARY. THIS IS NOT A LARGE SUM TO COME TO YOU EACH MONTH, BUT I KNOW FROM EXPERIENCE IT CAN BE COMFORTING! IT CERTAINLY GOES WITH MUCH LOVE AND EVERY GOOD WISH FOR THE PART THAT WAS KENNETH'S.

WE ARE HAVING QUITE A TOUCH OF WINTER HERE IN THE EAST, AND I DO HOPE YOU ARE WARM AND COMFORTABLE IN SANTA FE.

THE BOYS HAVE JUST FLOWN BACK FROM THEIR HARD WORKING TWO WEEKS RUNNING THE

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MAYER HORSE SALE IN HOLLYWOOD. IT WAS A GREAT SUCCESS, I AM GLAD TO SAY. BETTIE IS AT THE GARRISON FOREST SCHOOL, AND COMES HOME WEEK-ENDS, AND IS VERY HAPPY THERE.

IT IS LOVELY THAT MADELAINE AND DONALD HAVE FOUND TRYON, IN NORTH CAROLINA SO ATTRACTIVE, AND I HOPE TO GO DOWN TO BE WITH THEM A FEW DAYS IN FEBRUARY.

I AM SURE YOUR BOOK IS GOING TO BE WONDERFUL, AND I AM EAGERLY AWAITING ITS ARRIVAL.

BE SURE TO LET US KNOW WHEN YOU ARE COMING EAST, AND PLAN TO COME TO SCALEBY.

ALL BEST WISHES,

AFFECTIONATELY,

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