

"SCALEBY"
BOYCE, CLARKE COUNTY
VIRGINIA

JANUARY 3, 1950

DEAREST LAURA:

THANK YOU THANK YOU FOR OUR LOVELY PICTURES!
BETTIE AND I ARE PERFECTLY THRILLED OVER THE GAY
COLORED TRANSPARENCIES OF OURSELVES IN FIESTA GARB,
AND WILL RETURN THEM TO YOU WHEN YOU NEED THEM TO
MAKE PRINTS FROM, BUT ONLY FOR THAT! BETTIE LOVES
HER RODEO ~~ONE~~ PICTURE TOO.

WE HAD A VERY QUIET CHRISTMAS. TYSON AND
CATH COULDN'T COME DOWN WITH THEIR CHILDREN UNTIL
LAST NIGHT WHEN THEY ARRIVED, BECAUSE CATH IS EX-
PECTING A BABY IN JUNE, AND HAVING HAD A NEAR MISS
JUST AFTER THANKSGIVING, HAD BEEN TOLD BY THE DOCTOR
NOT TO TRAVEL UNTIL NOW. KAY AND LUCY AND THEIR
DARLING BOUNCING BABY ARE FLOURISHING. BETTIE HAS HER
HAND OUT OF THE BIG CAST, AND IN A MUCH SMALLER ONE,
BUT WAS NOT ALLOWED TO RIDE, OR DO ANYTHING SHE REALLY
WANTED TO DURING THE HOLIDAYS, POOR CHILD. SHE DIDN'T
COMPLAIN AT ALL, HOWEVER, AND IT CERTAINLY SEEMED A
BIT THICK WHEN SHE DEVELOPED AN INFECTION IN HER EAR
WHICH WOULD HAVE CERTAINLY BEEN AN ABSCESS HAD SHE
NOT BEEN TREATED QUICKLY WITH LARGE DOSES OF PENI-
CILLIN.

EVERYONE LOVES YOUR BOOK, AND I AM ANXIOUS

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TO HEAR SOMETIME WHEN YOU HAVE A CHANCE, HOW IT GOES.
I AM SURE IT IS A BIG SUCCESS.

WITH THANKS AGAIN, AND ALL SORTS OF GOOD
WISHES FOR THIS NEW YEAR, AND LOVE FROM BETTIE AND
ME.

AFFECTIONATELY,

h. gilpin