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Ocllo

Mrs. Riley Smith
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Our darling daughter, sugar pie:

Well, when I got home last night about eight o'clock, Mother was all in a flutter because she thought you were upset about the party, and maybe we were spending too much money on our little Princess, Ocllo Gunn Boykin Smith, Jr. Well, you know, I made a trip to Tuscaloosa and spent the afternoon and evening with that young Princess; and, as old Peter at the hunting lodge would say -- "we have it made - in the shade", and all the plans are made and you and Mother can't do anything about them now; you should have spoken to us sooner.

Anyway, here are the plans, Honey. Ocllo will be here, along with the President of the University of Alabama and the President of Auburn. The Alabama State Society is giving them a party Friday night. There will be five or six hundred people there. We are getting a little room off on the side, with a little "sheep and champagne" in it, where we will have our special friends in it and make the plans. Congressman Kenneth Robert has been wonderful about this proposition.

Then Ocllo, Mother and I will leave for home about 4:30 o'clock on Saturday afternoon, and we will get to Mobile about 8:15 Saturday night. We had a ticket for Ocllo to come back that way, too, figuring there would be a ride by which she could go back to Tuscaloosa Sunday, so we could all plan this pretty heavy, as Mother has invited all of the family for lunch next Sunday, March 22, at 12:30; and I hope she can, but what I will do is to talk to you all about tomorrow, after the plans have developed a little more.

Jack Stallworth was here; he had been running the Azalea Show -- the Queens, etc. He accompanied Miss America, Jr., here. She was from Pennsylvania; and they wired us to go out and see her. So, her Congressman, who did not know she had been selected; as a matter of fact, never heard of her, from Harrisburg, Pennsylvania, and his pretty little wife, and Mother and I went out to

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meet them at the plane. The plane was late and we had to wait two hours in that awful snow and rain. However, it was all right and we did get a little fresh air, and lo and behold, there was Earl McGowin, bless his heart, our new State Docks Director, with the Queen, and also that wonderful Jack Stallworth, the maker of Queens. You know, he is the one that was in love with Bebe. Anyway, he is such a nice fellow and he stayed over two days to help us work on the float.

Anyway, we are going to have a fabulous float, and Oclo will be standing on the back; or at least, kind of sitting where she can rest, and there will be about a half-million people that will see our little Princess; and if she has the luck I had Saturday -- and by the way, I had better tell you about that -- they insisted that I go to the races. The races are only 25 minutes from where I am dictating this letter now, but I had never been, because I have never had time. But Lykes Boykin and Frank DeFrancis, representing Mr. Desser, who owes Albert and me 6-million dollars, told me Mr. Desser was here and he likes races, and so does his pretty wife. So, they insisted that I go, and they picked me up in front of the office here, where we were all working as hard as we could, and Lord knows, we are behind, and I went out to the races. Well, the sun did come out and I enjoyed the sunshine, and J. Edgar Hoover and his whole group were there; also Senator Beall of Maryland, my good friend, and so many other people that I knew. Well, Mr. Desser knows about horse racing, and I don't. Anyway, they bet a good deal and lost a good deal. I made one bet -- 12 to 1 -- and I only bet five dollars, but I did make seventy-some-odd dollars. So, you see, that will pay for a plate or two at the luncheon.

By the way, we have reserved tables for a pretty good crowd. I think we have three tables, and maybe there are twelve to the table. This wonderful woman here, who has been so fine, Lady Lewis, wants to help out. She is quite a leader in society and has the prettiest home in Georgetown, and she had Mother and me over there at her pretty home last year. We have never had her back; however, you will recall that she was at the luncheon I gave for you in the Speaker's Dining Room.

Well, we are going to have our cousin, Libby Moody Thompson, Congressman Thompson's wife, and our cousin's wife -- the one that owns the Admiral Semmes Hotel, the Washington Hotel and many other fine hotels, and also owns Galveston. Anyway, she had to have a little wrangle, but she managed to get \$8,500,000.00; so she is "tip-toeing through the tulips", but it came a little bit too late, and she didn't get to do much for her children, so she tells me.

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She reminds me of Mama more than anybody I know. Her father, who was from Selma, told me he was kin to both Papa and Mama; and he was crazy about one of Papa's uncles, whose name was Buck Boykin and who had the fastest horses in Dallas County. Well, some day we will look that up.

Anyway, all of these things are arranged and there are a lot of people who want to help us on the expense. M. C. Stallworth, Jr., in talking to me from Vinegar Bend Sunday, said he would like to pay it all, because it would be such an ad for Alabama. I guess his brother, Jack Stallworth, had told him about it.

Anyway, there are a lot of people who are going to help on it and it won't break us if they don't. Mother said that you didn't have anything to wear. Well, you look pretty good every time I see you, with your furs and curly hair and pretty shoes, and "tip-toeing through the tulips" out there with the mint juleps, etc. However, if you don't have anything to wear, you couldn't possibly come; but just wrap up in that fur until you get here.

By the way, you know we have Vice-President Jack Garner's suite, and just across the suite from us, about 50 or 60 feet, they have a little store there named Garfinckel's, and they have the finest things in the world; and while I have never been in it, Mother must stay in it, according to the bills she has. Anyway, Mother has a charge account there and I understand she and little Ocllo, Jr., are going over there Friday, and I told her to get anything that Ocllo would need; and I am telling you right now, you come and just go over there and get whatever you need.

Another thing -- there is another store -- I think her name is Madam Agasta -- I think she charges about three hundred dollars for making a dress, if you will furnish everything that goes in the dress, like this red dress from Rome and all that kind of thing. Anyway, she is still there, too; and then there are several other stores down there, and you just come up here and you get whatever it takes to make you feel like the Princess that you once were; and if we have good luck, we have a 50 to 1 shot that little Ocllo will be Queen; but whether she is or not, what a great and glorious time it will be. The pictures will be all over the world in color, in all of our papers and everywhere else; and the little girls will be sitting around under her while she stands up, with her crown on and all that kind of thing, and it will really be something.

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By the way, be sure and tell Oello to bring her crown Friday -- the one she had when her sorority crowned her -- because I understand the Alabama State Society is going to crown her Friday night. Helen Pitman is working like a Trojan on it and has bought herself a new outfit and all sorts of things.

Anyway, I don't want to hear any more about your not coming, because you are surely coming. This is almost as important as her wedding, and you know, you were the first Cherry Blossom Princess, and I understand you are the only Princess that has ever had a daughter that is going to be a Princess, too. So, you had better "put on the old grey bonnet with the blue ribbons on it" and go to "tip-toeing through the tulips".

Now, one more thing -- I have just talked to Chief Justice Ed Livingston, who will be at Mr. Gaillard's party and will bring his wife. I told him they ought to come down the night before, so he could rest a little bit. You will remember, Mrs. Ed Livingston had a heart attack at the last party that we had for Mr. Gaillard a year ago.

Anyway, I guess you all are coming along on that. I wrote you, Lulie and Lena pretty fully about it. In the meantime, I will see you and we will get everything straight.

We have to dedicate a post office up at Thomaston in Marengo County next Tuesday. Then, Nate Twining is coming down Easter, and he is bringing Homer Gruenther, Special Assistant to the President, Lykes Boykin, Mr. Art Desser, Congressman Bill Colmer, Congressman Bob Sikes, Congressman Charlie Halleck, the man who has charge of the Republican side; he has the same job over there that Sam Rayburn has on the Democratic side. By the way, Ed Ball will be there; and Colonel Albert Ernest will be there to meet me next Monday.

So, all in all, we are ready, and you get ready, too. If you need a shipment of some of these things to try on before you get here, let us know and we will send an express car down. Anyway, don't say anything about not having anything to wear, because what about that pretty red dress we bought in Rome? Mother just shines in hers. They honored Sam Rayburn at the Congressional Club Sunday and she wore hers, and we had some of the boys from Mobile -- Commissioner Haas and a few other fellows from out at that St. Frances Courts -- and they all said Mother had on the prettiest dress. Well, when I ordered that cloth for Mother, I ordered

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enough for you and little Ocllo, too, because you all look alike; so I am sure the cloth did get here, and that would be a pretty dress to wear, but not for this occasion. She is going to need white or pink or something; but call Jack Stallworth. We have talked to him and he was wonderful and spent two days with us, working on it, and the Azalea Trail people are going to send all sorts of things here, and so is everybody else. I don't think it is going to cost us a cent, but if it does, what's the difference? "Everything is made for love" and you don't live but once, and happy days are here again.

We will be seeing you Sunday back home in our little house, where we will have one of Mother's fabulous meals, if that great cook, Martha, can just get in the cold storage plant and get out some of those wild turkeys, venison and ducks. Tell her to fix everything up good. I think it takes about 24 hours to unfreeze them; so begin to get everything unfrozen, because we don't want anything cold; we want everything hot, and especially for Ocllo's float, which will be the prettiest, in my judgment, out of the fifty that will represent every State and Alaska, that comes down Pennsylvania Avenue and on up where all of the people from everywhere will be looking at your daughter, and where the pictures will last forever, and we will be showing them to your children, your grandchildren and everybody else.

So, get in the mood and let's go, and God bless you, Riley, Ocllo, Sandra Lee, Doykin and all of our loved ones back home, now and forever.

Devotedly,

Mother and Me

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