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OK



Mr. D. H. Smith
Pittsboro, Mississippi

July 16 - Sunday

Dear uncle Sam

Haven't heard from you folks since
the wedding and was just wondering
if you got as good a deal in the
seam in law as Tom said he had.
you remember he said he got one
about the type of Bathing Box,
but ^{son} I am sure he is not that Coluber.

Things here are just about as
usual, however our days here
now are few because we are
possibly moving on shortly to
another place. I am not sorry
because I feel that it's just a
step toward home and the end of this.

Uncle Sam, I have been wondering
about what some of us fellows are
going to do when the war is over,
and what to get into to make a
living. I think I have found out
from the few years I have been
working that about all to expect
from a salary is just a few things
and I have thought about going in

some kind of business. The way
I see it there is going to be a hell of
a big building boom an' after the war
repairing and building houses, if a man
avert in the contracting game building these
houses, like the cut bit that built Leona's
there would sure be some good money
to be made. we have a good location there
for something like that in as much as
Dupelo is the closest and only competition
in that section and ^{we} could possibly get
better prices on material.

This work will no doubt be
backed by the government and the
chances of losing money would be
small, but how would the average
person business a contracting business
like this is the problem that has
been bothering me mostly. If you
are interested in this see if you
can get some information about how
it could be financed and any other
information you can get and let me
know what your appuriance is.
Love as ever
Jesse