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Miami, Florida

VIA AIR MAIL

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Mrs S. H. Smith
Pittsboro
Mississippi

P.S.: The cake is fine, if
we've eaten about $\frac{1}{2}$ of it
we also get 3 fruit cakes -
not as good as yours! -

2219 Biscayne Blvd
Miami, Florida
December 31, 1944

Dear Mom,

Well, I guess Christmas is good and over now that it is New Year's eve. I spent Christmas Day down at Cuss' and Loretta and I ate Christmas dinner there. It didn't seem much like Christmas Day. We had already opened all our presents a couple of days ahead of time so we could open them together. Betty went home so we opened them before she left.

I sure was glad to get the dress. I put it on and wore it Christmas Day. It fits exactly and I surely am proud of it. Besides what I got from you all and Martha, I got this paper from Loretta and also some from Fay. It was much needed. Betty gave me a belt which was much appreciated. Woody gave me a book and Cuss a sweater. The sweater was bought at my suggestion, for I wanted a dark cardigan to wear at the office. It is so cold there, so Christine gave me a very pale pink sloppy Joe slip over — altogether unsuitable. She informed me that I could swap it, but that would mean taking off a day and as I've stayed cold this long I guess I'll just

continue doing without a sweater. That was the only useless thing I got. So I guess the percentage was pretty good after all.

We had a real pretty Christmas tree. Did I write you about it? The home made decorations looked real good. Betty and I took it down today. We sorta hated to; the room looked so bare without it. I washed and ironed today, washed my hair, and listened to the good radio programs. Most of the time I rested. I was so worn out at the end of the week I didn't even leave the house.

If it is warm tomorrow, I think I will wear my new dress to work on account of New Years Day.

Well, I haven't written any letters for weeks so I guess I'd better stop this and start another.

Love

Bernice

P.S. Have you noticed in the papers about the closing of the race tracks? These Florida people don't like it because most of the state taxes come from racing. But they might as well pay taxes as the people in other states. That's what is the matter with Florida. Nobody wants to make a living any way but by clipping the suckers.