

Montevallo, Alabama
May 5, 1961, 11 o'clock

Dear Daddy - first to you and all the other scientists at the Arsenal a word of praise and a heap of encouragement that your success may continue. This morning in French class all the students gave a round of applause to Christel's Daddy since he is the only one that they know about and has come close to them. Yes, the eyes of America are upon you and Russia is right behind or ahead of you - whatever the case may be! CONGRATULATIONS!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!

Dear Parents - this has been a rough week for me - tests, a paper, a book report and the watershow. Tonight for the first time we put the whole show together. Tomorrow afternoon we have some rehearsals and then on Sunday night another complete run-through. Sunday morning Arthur Garrett, the winner of two scholarships for next year and a lab partner of mine for field botany and several other people are going on a hike to collect plants. We plan to leave early and walk about eight miles from Montevallo to Fallen Rocks, a waterfall. Last Sunday Eleanor, Carolina, Arthur, Doug and I went out for four hours and to collect and identified four plus twenty wild flowers. These trips are fun and serve for educational purposes and also help us finish the plant collection.

Emory no news yet, Dr. Cotter who had forgotten to send my reference in - has done so. Florida needs some more scores which should be ready in two or three weeks, because of my grades. They wrote and said that "very fine" references are coming. Perhaps that will take care of my grades. No news otherwise yet.

George called again last night. This is the third Thursday in a row! He is coming Friday for the show and we will leave about 9 or 9:30. Mrs. McCanless has invited me to the horseshow and her home on Saturday and I told George the I would go. Then on Sunday I will be home for Mother's day. I am just to popular.

After Wolfram had visited me, he wrote a letter which led me to believe all those things Mrs. Rothe has said were coming faster than I had expected. So I wrote a very nice letter saying that I had many plans for the future, and that we should remain the best of friends and no more. This was put in a more diplomatic way, but to tell you is quicker this way. So since no mail from Auburn!!!

Mrs. Schulze's cookies were great. Have another package in the mail today - wonder if it is from you?

You have a place to stay for graduation - Tutwiler dormitory, first floor!!!

Now enough for today - off to the mail box -

*I had only 10 minutes between
classes to dash this off - that's why
so many errors - Christel*