

From: Director of the Mint, D.C., psmkd., D.C., June 3, 1948, 8:30 p.m.  
To: Mrs. George Tayloe, 25 E. Pkwy N., Memphis, Tenn.

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Nelle dear:

You were so fine & so smart to write that letter to Information Please. The fact is I had not heard of that blunder until about a half hour before your letter came, one of the Treasury officials told me about it at lunch & said he was going to write. I sent him your letter to read - He said he would follow it up by sending one also.

Of course you are correct. I was in the office & functioning several weeks before Mrs. F. of Texas was inaugurated, which makes me the first woman Governor. It happened this way. We were both elected in the November election but the inauguration of a Governor in Wyo. occurs earlier in the year than it does in Texas. I was inaugurated on Jan 5th & Governor Ferguson on Jan 21st. So you see I was in about 3 weeks (16 days to be exact) before she was. It's rather too bad that the man who answered the question right did not get the money awarded, which I understand was considerable. I wonder what they do in a case like that.

O, my, how tempting is your suggestion about the trip in Feb! I'd love it but you know if the Dem's lose the election that will be just about the time a new regime will be coming in & I could not be away from my post.

Though I have been reappointed for a five year term they will not have any trouble getting possession of my position if they want it - & most confidentially, I might not find it agreeable to stay even if I could. You know for my own sake I ought to take freedom & recreation. They wouldn't though presumably be ready to make a change the first weeks. Of course the longer I stay the stronger position I am in financially. Unless the bottom falls out of everything I ought to be able to get on comfortably after I quit.

Nelle don't you ever consider taking a trip to some new place in the summer time. Wouldn't you for instance like to go up to Canada of some place like that? I could do that with you - say in July or August. And then why don't you come up here & stay with me in Feb? Of course I could not be with you as much as I would like. But there is so much to see & do in Washington. That room off of mine awaits you.

Ann must be home by now. She is such a lovely, interesting girl. It must be that the first year of school does not permit girls to go out much week-ends. I called asking if Ann could come in over this

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last holiday week-end (assuming she would like to). I was told she would not be permitted to leave. I do hope that next year we can see more of her. We have enjoyed her so much.

The only family news I have is that Dorothy is going to have another baby - about Oct. She & Bradford seem very happy about it. I'll own I shrink from the thought of more strain being laid upon them. It is a good thing that youth has more courage.

Holly Tree, their beautiful home is on the market. We don't actually have to sell it but the up-keep is pretty costly - the huge lawn etc. How they love it! I would love for you to see it. I think I never saw a more glamorously situated house & the view from the windows is superb - rolling fields & white fences etc.

I do wish you would come to Washington. Or do you plan to hie you off right away to Walloon? I'm always wanting you.

Please give my love to all the family, large & small fry.

It's always grand to hear from you.

Devotedly,

Nellie

This letter is a sight - so many scratches. I've written at the office mid many interruptions.

I realize I have never thanked you for the lovely little silver scoop - the truth is I was so thrilled with the hankerchief that when I was writing you I overlooked mentioning the scoop, which I appreciate so much. The fact is I thought it was a salt spoon. It will be so useful for powder. Thank you, thank you!