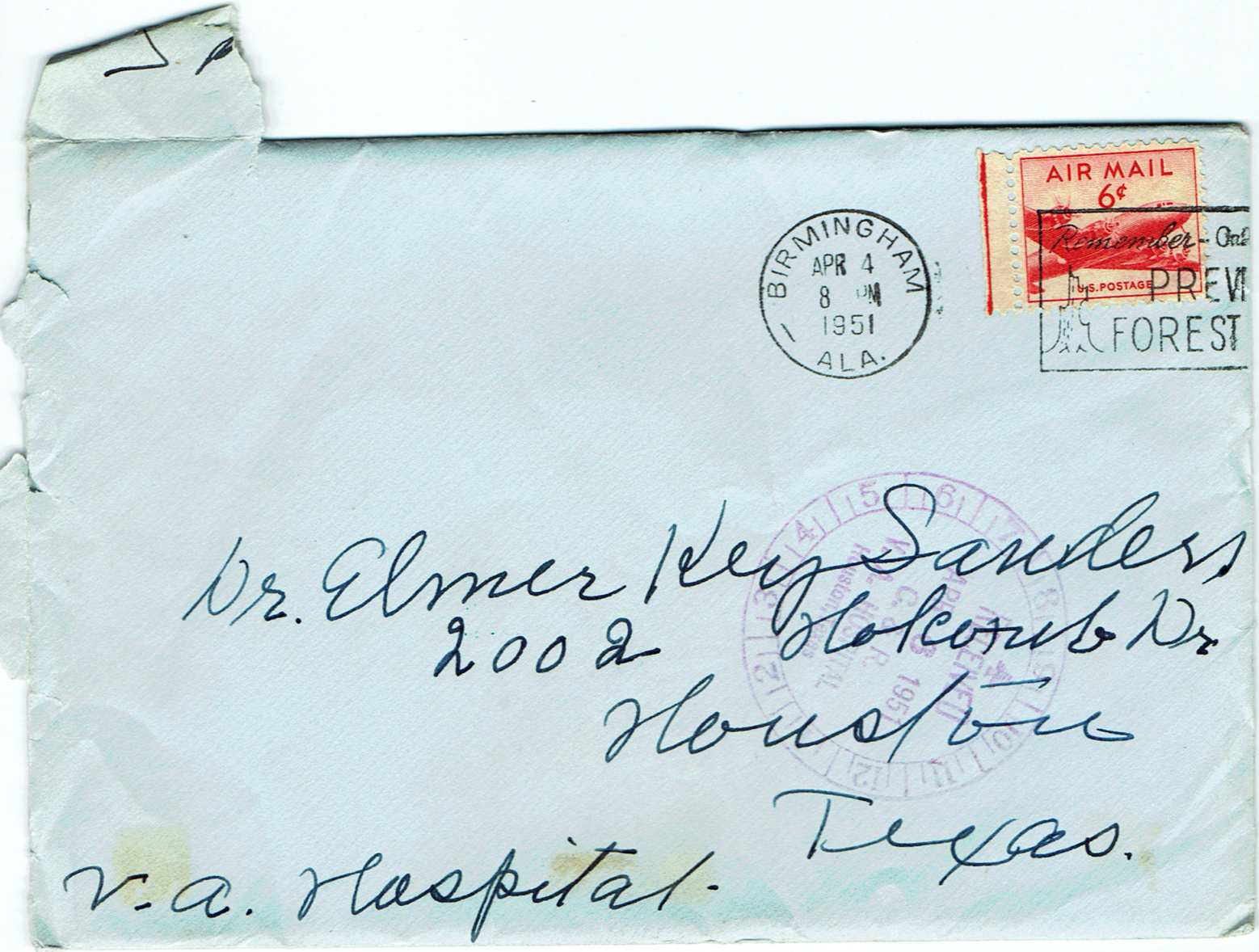

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At the Corners
Sunday P.M.

Dear Loues -

What busy times! It seemed like they had me on the go every single minute last week - & how grateful I am to have a car to run around in. Guess next week + all the weeks for a while will be almost as hectic. This is the time when a lot of the jobs & decisions on colors - tiles - fabrics - etc are mine.

Mrs. Lawson, our landscape architect, will come up from NYC for the day on Tues. & then probably make us a

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long-term plan for our planting,
which we can whittle at
a year at a time. We'd like
to get some foundation
planting in this spring, to
dress the house up a bit &
get something planted on the
lawn, so we don't have to
live in mud all summer.
We seem to be nearing the
end of the $30,000 we borrowed.
Would like to get the driveway
done too - well - we shall see.
I got an awful blow
when told the cost of
traverse drapes - to the floor -
lined & hung - for our

Mrs. William Francis Cutten

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bedroom - $189!! This did include the traverse rods - but golly! B. said go ahead & we are but I'm sorta ashamed of the price - such an extravagance it seems. The fabric was only $2.49 a yd. which doesn't seem too high - but the windows are quite large -

Mon. A.M.

The way our finances look in the house just now is this -

a - way -

to Somerville, as per contract -	$ 21,962
we've spent - for excavating, plumbing, heating, light fixtures, sewerage disposal, etc. + Joe Blazes	4,644.63
	~~24,606.63~~
	26,606.63

So, of the $ 30,000.00 we borrowed,
26,606.63 is gone -
or pledged to Somerville.
3,393.37 is left for us to use - to spread awful thin it seems like, over a lot of things. This is what we still have to spend -

328.00 more to Joe Blazes
93.00 " on heating deal
900.00 for building retaining wall in garage court
500.00 for building steps from living room to terrace
1400.00 for putting in the lawn

3221.00 That comes to - of the 3,393.37 we've got left. Close - eh - wot?

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AND – that still leaves several things un-provided for – out in the cold – no money for which – etc. – these things being –

1. getting the driveway fixed right
2. doing some landscaping – planting
3. buying drapes or spending
~~4. " any~~ any money on the [redacted]interior!

So thar! – what we'll do is to manage to carry what we can out of saving + income + it'll all work out – but goodness! – so much spending does get downright monotonous! Like the fellow we heard about who was travelling in the Far East somewhere + was

mightily fascinated by some Oriental
dancing girls. Said they first
"lighted a fire in him — then one
night they were dancing & came
wiggling up quite close to him
— whereupon it became quite
unmistakeably evident that their
lovely curls upon their lovely
heads were kept in place by
being wet with camel [redacted] the
wine! And right then, the
fellow said, the whole thing
got monotonous! —

Also heard of the old Irish
woman who heard a rumor
that "Stalin's got Korea —"
Says she — "Well, God bless

the girl that gave it to him!

We are getting the drapes now for our room, because I could show the decorator a sample of those solid blue hooked rugs & he knows the color of the chairs of Shirley furniture, but for the living room, he said he'd rather wait & see the rugs down & furniture in place before recommending a fabric for the windows — which is, I think, sound planning. So don't send the walnut furniture for a while till we get things worked out more — & let

some more money somewhat.
We've got to get the wing
chair done over - its actually
tagged. Thought I'd try an
upholsterer whom Jessie (land-
lady) used, who sounds most
reasonable + good - tho I'd like
the decorator Isaac Longs to
help me plan for the walnut -
so we'll yell when ready + bless
your hearts! I am quite taken w
antique satin as a possible fabric
for the living room drapes + that,
I think, would be lovely on
the walnut. See if you can see
some there - I saw some at
some Ford + Taylors - $3.50 a yd.

And many thanks too for the bulbs - I think we can use any amount of them. Wild like to naturalize them thru our woods like the Austins.

Too bad about Will Bennett - my goodness - lets all take care that we don't abuse our hearts - its appalling the number of folks who just topple over.

Thought you folks might appreciate the contract in Alaska just now + the boys' fishing plans in Canada, as described in the enclosed letter - written just last week! - could you return it please?

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Mama-gal - what does Pop want or need for his birthday?

We slept down town in our own apt. the other night - had been to Little Theatre w the Quins + went back to apt. for a sandwich so just decided to stay down to sleep + did - B. went out back of the barn in the AM + brought in still-warm eggs for our breakfast. Want to get windows washed + curtains up down there - me oh my - s' much to do - guess we'll make it tho. - be sweet lones - you-all are so precious to us.

all our love

B + S

Home. Wednesday

Near old Bay.

This nice long letter just came from Gusto. They are really are at it strong- will leave to see how it looks in the Summer.

Guess you are at your job and exam. and Social duties and pleasures-

Remember how your dance said if the military ever gets it fist into the

U.S. Treasury carte
Blanc. look out.
Well not even
our vivid imagination
could fore-see the real
picture.
Saw Harrat Jenkins
She & John are off to
a medical or Surgical
meeting in Florida.
Says John is now
qualified to take Surgery
Boards but cannot
see his way clear to
drop general practice.
Sent you messages
of good cheer.
Luck & Lose.
J. K. S.