

Thursday A.M.

Dear Albe,

Went down to French Quarter last night and ate at Cafe of Two Sisters - sent Jim a card from there. Very interesting. It was raining so and we went early, so we had no trouble getting a table. But it began to pick up about eight and several tables had moved of cards just as then.

We drove down to Canal St. - main St of town to see decorations by night & to get please some bandages. When we got in the car the battery was dead as it came be. So I went to a drug store & called on A.C.A. the second one was all night Service (Standard Esso) that they had to come 53 blocks down - they were long blocks & we had to wait for the truck to come back. So it was ^{after} 10 - ~~at~~ after when he came. He put in a rental battery. I had to buy a new battery and a new cable. This hit a terrible chuck hole on New Orleans Boulevard as we came into town. It was right in middle of drive & wide & deep & no sign - the traffic was heavy & car ahead of me must have straddled it - but when I saw it I put on brakes it didn't help much. Any way ~~the~~ I think that loosened the cable & it began to rub through the casing - when we came down the rough pavement on one St. in French Quarter

we began to smell rubber. After we left
Cafe & drove down town we still noticed it
a bit but my headlights were off & it didn't
smell after ~~so~~ I got out of the car - so we
decided it was something burning around
there. The rubber coming on cable had
burned through & melted the lead &
stuff was coming out of the battery.

So I followed him out & he checked
the car underneath to be sure I
didn't crack anything or bend anything.

In sending you the birds I have
collected along the way. You can throw
away the ones you don't need to keep.

After 10.00 you sent me I have \$1.00
left. Our dinner here cost about 1.50 to 2.00
but with it was 1.65. The usually eat
late breakfast - no lunch & dinner but
yesterday we ate about 7:00 coffee & juice
so we had to have lunch. I had a new
dinner 15.00 and a new 24.00. Our room
here 7.50. That about right. Then spent

15.00
54.00
13.00
64.50
31.50
93.00

about 5 for food for Sue & me,
A beautiful day today but cool
Lave.

Also bought 1 movie film. Quick.

Had only 1 left at drug store ~~when~~ from where I called so
there was 5:32. (Sue & I must not have eaten after all)
Will mail other film out to-day. Hope some is home when I

get home

