



Ruth Tanbara Papers

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June 3, 1942

Dear Ruth,

Well, the General and I got our timing pretty well organized, didn't we?-- Imagine my surprise when, just after mailing your letter, I read the new order for Military Zone No. 2!

It would seem that my prognosis of a few weeks ago was right. I only wish that I could have given some more constructive advice then.

At least, it would seem that you will be able to join your families. I trust so. Do let me know what is happening down there. I think about all of you and your people day and night. There are many of us who feel that way, and you may be sure that we shall continue to give our time and effort, for as long as this dislocation lasts, toward trying to temper the mood of the public opinion which has been instrumental in bringing it about.

My very best to Earl and the Minamis and to Yone's brother.

Sincerely yours,

Ruth Kuniyama

535 San Luis Rd.
Berkeley.
Calif.

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June 15, 1942

Dear Earl,

I had given up hope of hearing from you until after the war, when your welcome letter arrived.

Many of our mutual friends have been asking about you and now I can answer their questions. However I hear that you may be moving again — is that right?

This world of ours has certainly changed in the past year. It has done a somersault for you and the way business is going yours truly will probably be in some kind of war work within a year. I am trying to keep the place intact as long as possible but advertising is a non-essential business if there ever was one.

By the way, I suppose the mail order food idea is out if you have to go inland, but if you do get any ideas where I can fit in be sure to let me know. We've had a lot of experience with a Vaca Valley ranch selling dried fruits by mail and maybe that experience could be useful for something you have in mind.

Did you ever run across Bill Hayakawa? He was going to Reedley Junior College when I last heard from him. He sure was a swell kid. Cliff was crazy about him and keeps asking "when he is going to come back?"

Do you want some startling news? George Filiberti is going to be a father in September! After 19 years — can you beat it?

He is now a Captain in the Chief Signal Office at Washington D.C. Also my fine farmer friend, I'll have you know that I too will be a father for the third time this fall.

You'd better watch out as the change of climate might play tricks on you.

Well kid, whatever happens in the days ahead we all sincerely hope that it isn't too tough an adjustment for you.

One thing that has come out of this affair is real appreciation of the cooperation shown by all concerned. I have talked to several men with the Federal Reserve Bank and they are loud in their praises of the Nursei as well as the others.

Let's drink a toast in that creamy milk you speak of, to the day when you'll be back on California street telling "tall tales" of milking cows etc.

Give our very best to the wife and be sure to write me regularly — particularly when there is something I can do to be of service.

Best regards

Clif

29 California Street,
San Francisco.



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Mrs. E. K. Tanbara,

Route #1 Box 319,

Reedley,

California.

6/22/40

My Dear Mrs. Tanbara:

There is so much that I want to say, perhaps I should wait until to-night to write, but I want you to know that I have been to the W. S. C. A.

Mr. Crosby says that there is little that he can do until he knows what you would like to do. If your Mother and Father are old and need you he is certain that it can be arranged, that is in his department. He says that the families have developed into clans. He is interested, if you decide to go to Minnesota I will have to see Mr. Paul Vernier.

Mr. Vernier has written Reedly, and will have some information when I go to see him again, he is quite a nice person, in discussing the case he had much to say, he feels that you would be an asset to any camp, also he said that you are the group that the office is anxious to help, this office must pass on all cases.

From what I can understand Reedley office has been so busy that they are not putting as much heart in the cases as is possible. However they send in the information and it is acted upon here.

There are always exceptions and when you decide what you really want to do I am sure that it can be accomplished, I am told that many cases who were on their own have asked to be placed in camps. I sent you Mammie's letters so that you might get some idea of what it is like. There are restrictions, but there is always work to do, and you and Mr. Tanbara are well qualified, and, I was going to say be able to help your own people, but I think you are our people.

Will a wire reach you -
also - if you send mail to
29. California Street I will
probably receive early enough
in the day to go to the
office the same day.

Do hope that we will be
able to help you do what
you want to do -

With love to you, I am

Sincerely

Clair M^o Rhetts

My Dear:

Yesterday was a hectic day, this has been about the same. I am sure that you understand, and were able to grasp the idea that I was anxious to know what you and Mr. Tanbara would like to do.

Discovered why Mr. Crosby was so kind about you all, it seems that he had a Japanese nurse of whom he was very fond, I wish that you could have seen his face when he was telling me of her, it was radiant. He was remembering her many kindnesses, I am sure that she carried sugar cookies in her pocket just as my Mammy did. He is the right person for that job.

Wednesday

Received the enclosed letter from Mamie this morning, am sending it as it may help you decide what is best to do, evidently they are being well cared for, I am sending the parasol, hope that I can make her realize that it is a pleasure, and that I do not want her to pay for it.

Some day when I at the "Old Ladies" home, you and Mamie will probably come to see me, and that will more than repay for anything that I may be able to do now.

When you let me know what you wish to do I am sure that it can be accomplished.

Mush love to you

Sincerely

Clair

Dear Mrs. Tanbara:

Received the hide, it was not important, but I have seen a knitting ^{bag} that I think we could copy. Would you like for me to send you patterns of bags that I see in Magnins from time to time.

You know that I am sorry that it is necessary for you to leave your comfortable little home, and that I sincerely hope that it will not be for long.

If you would like to ship anything to me, I will take the best possible care of it, do save the things that you love, you will be able to have them with you again.

Do let me know if I can do anything to make the way a little easier.

Much love to you all

Sincerely

Clare

6/11/42

Dear Mrs. Tanbara:

This is a quick reply to your letter which I received last night, am indeed sorry to know that you must leave your little home.

Through a friend I have been able to contact Mr. Crosby, of Major Goebel's office, who is with the Wartime Civilian Control Association. I found him a very delightful person. Since I had with me all of the letters which you have written I had him read them, also took one of the Club magazines with your add in it. He was very much interested, he must have been a farmer at some time, pleased with ~~the~~ the garden and the bees.

Mr. Crosby knew that Reedley had been as he expressed it "frozen". He says that no one knows when the order to evacuate will be given, or that it will be given. That it might be wise for you to remain in your comfortable home until that time comes. He feels that it might compensate for any inconvenience a little later.

There are two courses open to you, you may go to a concentration center now, and ask to be transferred to Tule Lake with your family, or wait until you are evacuated, then ask to be located with your family. Mr. Crosby suggests that you let me know what you decide to do, and he will make things as agreeable as possible. If you write the Association your letter becomes one of many, and it might not get the personal attention that he will give to you.

The Government is willing and anxious to keep families together, at times it may be difficult, but if it is

at all possible, it will be done.

I am enclosing Mamie's letters, they will interest you, please return them.

This has been written at odd times so if it seems disconnected you will understand.

Do wish that I could save you from all of this worry. Will write again as soon as I can find time. It is easier for me to do things on the out side than it is to write here, I am up and down dozens of time a day.

With love to you all

Sincerely

Clair M^cAlister

6/4/42

The wires are generally mailed to us and sometimes come in the morning mail which is about 11 a.m. The postal telegraph office kindly forwards the wires to us through a friend who goes into town every day.

Thank you for Mamie's letter, she is charming and I am ~~sure~~ hoping to meet her someday real soon.

We may have the

pleasure of seeing

[June 29, 1942]

My Dear:

Received your file this morning just before the lunch hour, so was able to take it to the department. Mr. Vernier was out but Mr. Crosby took charge of it and will see that Mr. Vernier's office gets it this after-noon, and will have it acted upon at once.

Hesitated to leave it, but Mr. Crosby assured me that it was in order, and his office has the last word, in a way I was glad to leave it with real friends.

Mr. Crosby wanted to know if you would be able to finance you trip East, I told him yes, if I am wrong let me know at once.

If you decide later for any reason that you would like to be with your mother I will see that you get there.

Will write again as soon as I hear from either Mr. Crosby or Mr. Vernier.

Love to you,

Sincerely

Clair

29 California Street,
San Francisco.



Mrs. E. K. Tanbara,
Route #1 Box 319,
Reedley, California.

VIA AIR MAIL



My Dear:

This is going to be a series of short notes.

Thank you very much for the plums, they arrived in excellent condition, took the very large ones to Mr. Crosby, he was delighted, I told him that I was sure that you had intended that I should divide them with him.

It seems that your "Fairy Stone" is bringing you luck, Mr. Vernier says that you have selected a fine location, that they have placed several families in Minneapolis, and that they are

getting along nicely.

Returned your file by registered mail, having it here has helped, Mr. Crosby says that it will take about twelve hours to clear through his office, see that your board sends your request at once. If these two men can help in any way, I am sure that they will be glad.

Have you done anything about your war insurance, you should place full coverage on your home, you know that it is only \$1.00 per \$1000.00. Will take care of it for you if you will give me necessary information.

These are very busy days, will
write a real letter some day, but one
of the nice things about you is that you
do understand.

I sincerely hope that you will
be happy in your new home, if not, and you
want to join your mother, I will help in
any way that you suggest. Then too I
know that you will keep your promise,
because you know that I mean what I have
said. In a world where there is so much
one should not want. My sorrow I can
bear, but I do like to share my joys.

Much love to you,

Sincerely

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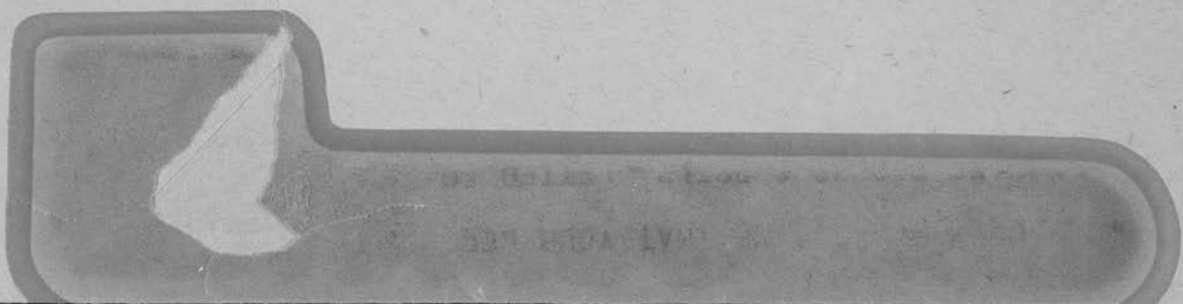
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My Dear:

It was nice hearing your voice, but I was sorry that it was necessary for you to phone, I should have had the information for you.

You realize that my time is not my own, while Mr. Hunter is very nice at times he seems to resent my writing letters, even to my family. He is old country Irish, they are worse than the Yankee slave drivers of Civil War times. I can always take care of any thing for you at lunch time, or Saturday after-noon so please do not hesitate to ask me.

I am glad that you are going to be able to go Minneapolis and do hope that you will be happy there, if not you can join your mother later. Mr. Crosby will always be glad to assist.

Mamie has drawn her first check, while it is not much, she is very happy about it, it is sufficient to give the family the little extras that make life a bit more normal, she is a very sweet child, we will be glad when you both are back home.

With much love to you, I am

Sincerely

Clair

535 San Luis Rd. Berkeley,

June 2, 1942.

Dear Ruth,

The very nicest day of my two weeks' trip over the state was the one spent in Reedley with you and Earl and the Minamis and the rest. You've no idea how much I enjoyed it and how very greatly I appreciated your dashing about the countryside with me.

I talked with Richard Neustadt about the possibility of Japanese, alien and citizen, rejoining their families in camp. He said that he felt sure that it could be done, and certainly should be done in cases of individuals who are without work and whose presence in a community might be creating tensions. I asked if they would be able to go to the camps where their families were and if their expenses would be paid. He felt that they would, and suggests that anyone interested be told to write to

Lt. General John L. DeWitt,

Civilian Affairs Division,

Hotel Whitcomb,

San Francisco.

Be sure to use the "Civilian Affairs Division" address so that it will be routed to the proper authority. Such correspondence can be merely for information or can actually be a request for permission to go.

I would definitely advise anyone who cannot leave the state to give serious consideration to this action.

I am wondering if Yone's father has had his hearing yet. I told the Scotts about it and they were going to write to Yone immediately. However, they have suddenly been given orders to Tacoma, so they may have been unable to make any inquiries.

Tell Yone that Sylvia has a baby boy, born ten days ago.

I wish that I could tell you people something that would be helpful, but I simply don't know a thing to say. The whole mess seems increasingly bad, and there seems to be no easing up on regulations or orders. Jo Blaisdell had a good letter from the Hayashis, and they seem to be much happier. I wonder, however, if her daughter won't meet with some pretty bad times in trying to make social adjustments far from girls--and particularly from boys, of her own group. I feel totally incompetent to give any of you sure advice as to whether to go to camp, to stay in California, or to leave the state. It is obvious that future developments will depend largely upon possible enemy successes in the Far East, and on probable attacks here on the coast.

Do let me know what your plans are. If I get any information which might help you make your plans, I'll be sure to send it on immediately.

Meantime, thank you again for the fine day with you in Reedley, and once again--I do wish that I could offer something more constructive in helping you develop your plans for the future.

Affectionately yours,

Ruth Kingman

535 San Luis Road
Berkeley,
June 17, 1942.

Dear Ruth,

I have just had a fine reply from Harold Jacoby at Tulalake. I shall quote a part of the letter, that which refers to your question.

"In answer to your inquiry concerning Mrs. Tambara there would certainly be a place for her at Tulalake, and at any other relocation center for that matter. At the moment, however, I cannot tell you just what the answer is on voluntary evacuation. Only yesterday I initiated an inquiry concerning a family in Spokane who wish to join relatives here at Tulalake. As soon as we receive a regional office ruling in this matter I shall certainly communicate with you.

So far our project here has less than 2,000 of the ultimate 18,000 so as yet I do not have a great deal to write about. Next week however, we will receive approximately a thousand persons every other day for a two week period so it will not be long before we are a real city. By and large everyone is eager to work and we are trying to find something constructive and challenging for everyone here. Farming operations have already begun and we hope before long to have industries in operation.

With very few exceptions our whole staff sees eye to eye on the objectives of these war relocation projects. I have really been thrilled at the attitudes and plans that have come forth in our discussions. Everyone looks upon our work not as a job that has to be done but as an opportunity to be of a service to the colonists here and to the country."

So you see, Ruth, that while I can't give much of a constructive reply as yet, at least Mr. Jacoby's letter seems to be the basis of some degree of optimism, don't you think so? He certainly confirms my own impression of the personnel and program of the W.R.A., as contrasted to those of the people in charge of the Assembly Centers. I certainly hope that you can skip that particular step.

Beverly, who has heretofore done all of my typing, is now working as a full time typist with the Student Relocation Committee, the government blessed group who are working to place Japanese students in Midwest and Eastern Universities. My typing will have to improve a lot before I can do my her previous letters justice.

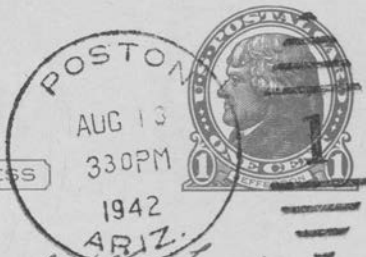
Do write me just what goes on down there. I shall write you airmail just as soon as I hear again from Tulalake.

Sincerely yours,

Ruth Kingma

Yone Miami
Block 308 - Barr. 13 - Apt. 4.
Camp #3
Poston, Arizona

THIS SIDE OF CARD IS FOR ADDRESS



Mr. & Mrs. Earl K. Lanbara
1725 James Street
St. Paul,
Minnesota

We see Kelly, Jim & Robert of 1942.

Dear Ruth & Earl:

August 13th, 1942

This note must be a great relief to know that "our clan" is all well that ends well! Your folks are fine. They are living right near me - Blk 308, Barr. 14, Apt. B. My folks & the Rokutanis are also living near me. They all seem to be quite well adjusted to their new environment by this time.

We certainly hope that you are well & safe. Please write during your spare moments & give us the latest. Camp #3 is considered very good. The weather is very hot about 115° now - Will write again in detail later. We tried to get Heave & Minoru to come to Camp #3, but Pomona is leaving for Wyoming & it's too late to make any request. Love from all.

Y. Minami
308-13-H
Camp#3
Poston, Arizona

*over
Aug 24*



Mr. & Mrs. Earl T. Tanbara
1725 James Street
St. Paul, Minnesota

308-13-H
Camp #3
Poston, Arizona
8-21-42

Dear Ruth and Earl:

All's well that end's well! -- We hope that you have been able to make readjustments in your new environment.

This camp life is a bit boring at times, but at the same time, it is something very new - and a bit of a novelty occasionally. The latest is we will start intake next Thursday - 1200 coming from Santa Anita. My boss is leaving for Santa Anita Sunday night to discuss various matters with officials in Arcadia so I'm all ears about all the new developments. We're all keeping our fingers crossed hoping that the bad element will stay far away from the gates of Camp III.

See very much of Sim and Kelly around the Director's office. Kelly has the new job of Bus. Mgr. of the Medical Clinic of Camp #3. Sim is still loafing. Sally is fine now - at first she felt a bit low on account of the terrific heat. Mrs. Togasaki is taking things on the chin. The Furutas, etc., etc., are living in Block 306 - it's known as the Furuta block. Zibby is Postmaster here in Camp 3, and my bud, George is his asst. temporarily until the Ag. Dept. is set-up. Kei is going into teaching - ag. to the high school boys. Later he expects to go into ag.

Toru made application to enter U. of Minnesota, but was turn^d down. Right now he's in a quandry as to his next step. At present, he's big chief of the dishwashers' union in Block 308.

Your folks are faring well. I see they're passing the day by sitting out in their luxurious (lounging chairs) -- oh yes - plus the big umbrella - and taking in the crowd that passes by. The old foggies are taking life very easy.

The food here is getting better and better. The heat is bad at times, but right now the evenings are getting cooler. Occasionally, we have to throw a sheet over us. My folks were able to get a release on the aircooler so their quarters at present seem to be the central point for visitors.

PS#2 - By the way we heard from Geo. Domoto. It seems as tho
Gila is 100% better --but they're prejudiced! We know
better. y.

Bike has been trying hard to find a cooler
because it seems as though the market will be clear
of these items soon. Hope we'll succeed in getting
one. We have several letters out inquiring about
them so I know it will be soon now - favorable or
otherwise.

Now for additional dope --

Michi R. is acting as temporary dietician
in our Mess Hall. Rokie is head mechanic in the
Camp Garage....Sam is Head Timekeeper -- so much
for the R's.

George Furuta is Manager of the Employment
Office---He's all there, including his big cigar!
Ben F. is acting in the capacity of Mgr. in the
Housing and Registration Dept.

Oh yes, did I mention that Bike is Chairman
of the Recreation Dept.?

Heard yesterday from the Insurance Company and
they decided that it be best to make a cash settlement
on the deal. Bike is happy about this! Strange as
it may seem, Toru didn't feel the after affects of
the accidents.

Well -----gotta turn off the lights and put out
the cat -- so --- until again soon.

With best regards from all.

Love from us all,

Yone

PS - Mrs. Minami is in the Hospital at Camp #1. She's
very happy to be in the hospital where it's cool
and dustproof.

Mrs. [unclear]
Jan 6, 1943

Berkeley, Cal.
Jan 6, 1943

Dear Ruth and Earl:-
Thank you very much for everything at Christmas time. For Earl's memo, which was as welcome, as we were afraid one; or both of you, was sick in the cold weather. It was good to know you were only cold and shoveling snow.

Thank you for the grand pecana, so delicious. Some day, when Deane craves enough of them, I'm going to make a pie by the recipe a friend brought from Louisiana. Thank you for the sweet angels and the so beautiful globe. You should not send presents to us. You must be very, very busy with business and other activities.

It is good to hear the glove business is going still. What have you in gray for a man's glove?

Will you please send samples
of mocha or leather? And what
of the teal blue sample for
Deane's cousin? Her coat is
blue green with darker overplaid,
an all year coat. I'm still seeing
Byram's white doe. Slow?

We hope you had a happy
Christmas so far away, and
that the new year will bring
you good luck, and most of
all that you may be able to
come home.

How is Paul? and how is
the little dog? and isn't cooking
difficult now? and isn't shopping
worse? we would be without
butter & eggs but our neighbor, a
conductor, brings supplies from
Fresno and Sacramento. So far our
butcher has supplied us with
sufficient meat.

Again thank you for the most
generous ^{knave} packages. You
are ever kind and thoughtful. We
miss you both. Much love
Nettie Jan

Berkeley, Calif.
Dec. 18 - '42

Dear Ruth and Earl:-

Time to extend season's greetings, to wish you a happy Christmas. We hope you are safe and well, and have friends there to make the day seem like a real Christmas. We will drink a toast to you, our loyal, courageous friends!

For the New Year our only wish is that the war will end and you will be back in Berkeley, among your many friends. So we can enjoy long talks, tea, and bridge games with you.

In the meantime, please write often. We enjoy your letters very much, and grow anxious when we do not hear from you. With love and best wishes

As ever yours,
Nettie Jane.

Berkeley, Calif.
Dec 9. '42.

Dearest Ruth:-

Weeks have passed since we received a letter from you, and our anxiety mounts daily. Are you well, and is Earl alright? When you are busy it is very difficult to find time to write a letter. Just send us a postal. We are neither proud nor fussy.

Today I'm making you a little jar of walnuts, to make some cookies - if you have sugar. Think of tea when you have a cup of tea.

I'm in a whirl of duties, at the club, and elsewhere this week. Will write again very soon.

Much love
Nettie Jane

Berkeley
Nov. 19.

Dear Ruth:—

Jack Frost arrived in Donville and laid the tomato vines low, so I am out of a job. Deane thinks it just as well, because it was very hard work, and he usually had to begin the dinner. However, I enjoyed being in the country, and meeting the different farmers and workers! Every day was an experience, some of them very funny. Most of the workers were Cakies, good pickers, very congenial, but so dirty. One couple brought two little children to the field, and they had the same dirt, and more added to it, day after day. The mother did not mind because she sang all day. Only two women picked more tomatoes in a day than I, and they reaped this high only once while I picked 40 bds two successive days! 40 of those big lugs is

about one ton of tomatoes. My average weight for the ten days was 461. My legs still ache but I expect to recover soon.

How is the glove business? Have you any suede or doe in teal blue, similar to my lovely gloves, or a darker blue green? Will you send samples soon? Deane's cousin, Mrs. Bailey, has a beautiful new coat and wants me to teach her to sew gloves to match. She has very long fingers.

I hope you are feeling well and getting used to the cool weather. It is rather nippy here, too, with a sharp wind.

Deane is well in spite of his working six or seven days a week. Several tasks at the club have been given to me so I'm busy as two bees, with much telephoning. Time goes so fast, which is good in these uncertain days.

Much love

Nettie Jones

October 20.

Dearest Ruth:-

Thank you very much for the beautiful handkerchief. It is sweet of you to remember my birthday. Some fine day we shall have a gorgeous cake for our birthdays. We are glad you like the candy-stick gown.

The white gloves are lovely, but I have not started to sew them yet. Mr. Wall wants a pair of black mocha, as soon as possible. You can mail them direct to her with the bill for both pairs - 126 Palm Ave., S. F. Mr. H. H. Wall.

We are so glad you have a class and hope you will do well. With the shortage of material don't train them to be too fussy.

The reason the white gloves

are not made is that I've
been too busy with my war
efforts, going to Red Cross to
fold surgicals and to help the
farmers at Walnut Creek. One
day I gathered tomatoes, 29
big bags - \$4.35, and two days
picked up walnuts. The first
day I gathered 10 bags - \$4.00,
but the second day the mean, old
farmer gave us a poor row of
trees and we got only 5 each.
We figured we wasted our
time, not because of the money,
but because we did not save
more walnuts from threatening
rains.

There is nothing easy in
either job altho' walnuts are
lighter to carry to the containers.
I've been stiff and sore as an
old horse, but shall go again
tomorrow. Dressed in blue jeans,
shirt and heavy shoes I look
like the answer to the farmer's
prayer for help. It is so

beautiful in the country and
when I can forget aching
muscles and stained hands
it is really enjoyable to work.

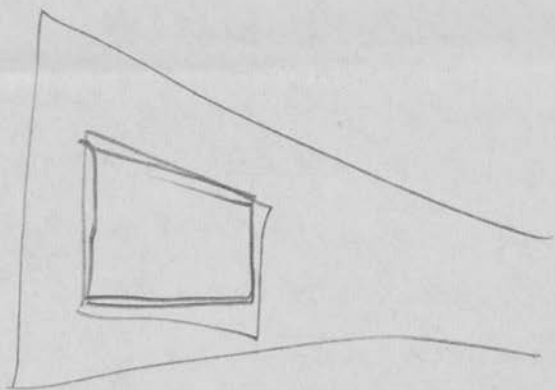
We hope Carl will soon
be over his dental difficulties
and able to eat what he
wishes. Finding a new, trust-
worthy dentist must have
been something but easy. Isn't it
grand to hear of Jerry and his
brother's finding work at last?

We would love to see little
Gretchen. Is she brown or
black and tan? Dachshunds
owners always praise their
sweet dispositions.

Thank you again for the so
dainty Bonkie, and best of
luck in your class. Do hope
you make some good friends.
We are sure you will.

Much love

Nellie Jane



Berkeley, Calif.
Sept. 23, '42.

Dearest Ruth :-

It was a coincidence that Earl's rainy day letter came when the first rain of September was pouring here. It found a hole in the roof and made a big stain on the dining room ceiling and dripped on the floor. Such a mess! And Mrs. Lewis has been unable to get a roofer to fix it to date and it looks like rain today. Think we should take out insurance for water damage, next.

This is certainly a congested, busy area. Last week I saw a "gazette" and there was one single item for rent. If Mr. Kaiser brings in 50000 more work men he will have to requisition all the spare rooms in the East bay. Street cars and buses are crowded all times of the day.

Deave has a family of cousins now in S. F. from Buffalo, whose company we have been enjoying

the last three Sundays. They have rented very unsuitable furnished rooms so we are trying to find something better for them. Mr. Bailey is in the Navy and expects to leave in a few weeks, and his wife and seven year old Mary Anne will stay here. They are good company, very much interested in California history. Of course Deane enjoys telling all his earthquake and fire experiences.

We went sight seeing in S. F. Sunday, Chateaux, Top of the Mark and Fisherman's Wharf, then came here for supper. The Wharf has lost all its color completely swallowed up by the military. The vacant lots, where the nets used to be spread, are covered with equipment and railroad tracks. M.P.s are every where, no fishing boats unloading and not an Italian fisherman in sight. All that are left are the restaurants and crab

pot's — and no crabs. We bought
prawns for salad, which made
us wish for Tenkin tempura.

The Baileys seem to enjoy my
cooking very much, especially
the barbecued steaks two weeks
ago, which were their first. I've
promised to make a chocolate
cake next time — and I'm sure it
will be my first in a year. Here's
hoping it will be a success!

It is really very nice having
the cousins here, they, in a way,
fill the great void left by certain
dear people who went to far away
St. Paul and Dallas.

How is the glove business? It
is a shame you did not have
an exhibit at the Fair. It would
have been a sensation. Will you
please send a pair of white
doe skin for Mrs. Wall, regular
length, any pretty markings? I
hope you have some fit her.
She is president now of California
Club, and glove lover. Also can
you supply a pair of black

doe, or suede, ready sewn for
her? Let me know the price
on them first, but send the
white and I will sew them.

My blue trimmed shorts
are doing good service with the
third Mason black suit. I enjoy
them very, very much, always
getting compliments.

Tell Earl to write again
soon. We enjoyed his letter
very much, it being just like a
letter visit, lacking only you
and a cup of tea. We hope all
will be well for you in St. Paul.
Did you get a service flag
yet? Do so by all means. You
have a perfect right to proudly
display it. Remember us to Paul.
Much love to you and Earl.

As ever

Nettie Jam

Senda couple
more needles please

Received
by Oct 6.

Sept 27th
[1944?]

Dear Ruth:-

The gloves arrived
and I'm delighted, as I
despaired ever getting
gloves again to make.

You certainly did the
smart & wise thing
to go east, and you'll
make a place for
yourself there just as
you did in San Francisco.
Don't get discouraged if
you do get a dark look
that's nothing, for with
your very fine attitude

you'll make friends,
remember, the second
generation have many
friends, yet tho' it
doesn't seem so.

Enter into church
activities also keep on
with the Y. W. and
pioneer a way for
more understanding
of ^{and} generation.

My daughter, Elizabeth,
sees the Koicki family
in Dallas, there feeling is
so strong, they are having
a lovely time.

Best wishes for your
success. Elizabeth Lynch

Hello Paul!

Monday October 9
[1944?]

Dear Ruth:

Just a little
note this time to tell
you we finally after
many "near-misses" made
the acquaintance of your
lovely Lucille.

I only found last
Thursday night that she
could come to us on Satur-
day (her friend called me
while Lucille visited the South)
Funny this, how on the
spur of the moment one

the Campus, just skimming-ly over the high spots.

We both wished we could have seen more of her ^{and} felt happy to know you have such a grand friend.

I took the liberty of extending a San Francisco greeting to Lucille from you in the form of a box of Blum's Candies - it was \$2.56 - Is that O.K.?

I told Dad about the house reaction and he said he'd cash the checks as soon as he called on the

can often get folks to say "yes" more easily. Both Nettie Jane and Ruth joined us. Edith found it impossible to get down; she was sorry and will be mopey when I tell her all about it. My mother, this, was here. We felt we'd have a better visit at home than in a tea room and I knew you'd not mind as long as we got together. It was a beautiful day so Nettie Jane and I walked Lucille thru

tennants and tried to
impress them with the fact
that the house when vacated
should be left in as good
condition as when they
took it. That he'd try that
anyway and tell them why
he hadn't cashed the checks
letting them know that
there had been some thought
of ousting them on account
of the mess they're making
of the place. It surely takes all
kinds of people but there
are some who are super - that's
the joy of it all. Love to you
Have you any gloves or
how is that situation?
Irene.

7050 Dale Ave.
St Louis 17, Mo.



MAIL
EARLY
FOR
CHRISTMAS



Mrs. Earl Janbara
218 S. Avon Street
St Paul (5), Minn.

November 29, 1944.

Dear Ruth:

I hardly know how to begin as it has been such a long time since I last wrote!

I do hope you are both well. We often talk of you and wonder how you are, but my efforts to do anything about it ends there, I'm ashamed to say!

We are all fine, and Elizabeth is quite a girl now. She's grown to be a lot of company now and keeps as busy as I do, imitating everything I do. You should see her, she's the greatest little duster and cleaner. If I give her a rag she keeps busy for a long time. We'll soon be sending a snap of her so you can see what she looks like.

I wonder if you are still handling gloves? Would you please let me know what leathers are available and what the prices are - for men and

to buy or choose a pattern now?
What can you tell me about
dishes?

One of our first friends in St Louis,
a family from Minneapolis, is moving
back there soon and when they get a
chance or are even in St Paul, they
want to look you up. Are you still
at the Y? This fellow, Gene Gould,
is in advertising and is joining the
Foulke (?) Adv. Co. in Minneapolis.
His wife, Ruth, has been very nice to
me and I've gone to her for lots of
advice, especially about the baby as
she has 2 children. I do hope they'll
get a chance to meet you and Carl.

In March when I visited camp, I
made arrangements to get a few
of the stored goods, including our
new kitchen stove, and do you
know that I haven't received
them yet! I got a form recently

women, if you are still handling
them. Stewart thinks I should
have started making them during the
summer if we are to have them soon,
but anyway, I'll try to make them.

About a month ago Mrs. Lynch's
daughter, Mrs. Low, visited us for
a week from Dallas. We had a
wonderful time as she is so full
of enthusiasm and an interesting
person. She talked of Marian
Hayashi and mentioned that
Marian speaks of you often.

Ruth, what Lenox pattern
did you have? Stewart and I
have been looking at dishes, but
can't decide on the pattern.
We chose one, but when we went
to look at it a second time,
we didn't like it at all. We
are considering "Ming" pattern now,
but we will probably change
our minds yet! Is it a bad time

telling me the goods were picked up
on Nov. 16 by Bekins, so I'm really
anxiously waiting now. You had
all your goods shipped, didn't
you? Were they all in good condition
when they arrived?

I do hope you have the gloves!

Please give our very best
regards to Earl. We hope to hear
from you if you have the time.

Love,

Alice