

Sunday
11-25-45

Dear Family,

Just a note to go with the enclosures.
I enjoyed reading the letters.

Will you return the report when you've read it?

Second, if you haven't already, will you send ~~some~~ the pictures of Pooch to Ken? I'd like him to see "my baby."

Third, will you please send my 1943 and 1944 high school annuals from Aunt? They are an invaluable way of identifying people.

Fourth, I have actually gained so much that my winter coat is growing definitely too small. Could you give me some idea of what your plans are for my Christmas?

You will be interested to know that Daddy's letter mailed Monday morning reaches me Tuesday in the afternoon mail!

Love, Helen

3/ The steering committee of 7
seems a fine answer. They
are going to concentrate on
service to the Japanese
American community in
town - especially the young
people. Their first enterprise
was the Thanksgiving Eve
dance which was a huge
success. We had one planning
meeting Saturday morning,
after discovering that the group
we had heard was planning
a dance thought we were.
Wednesday night we had
200 people - it was a regular
reunion. Everyone was there -
from the juvenile delinquent
group to the university students,
everyone behaved and had a
good time. The arrangements
were practically effortless.

Our next job is the directory
of mixer and a newsletter
to come out every 2 weeks.

Elmer is now getting businessmen
to sponsor basketball teams
and we are going to survey
the gymnasium facilities.
I want to get the young working
group together too.

4/ Dr. Joe has arranged it so we are quite independent of any agency and yet we have good support from all.

Last Sunday I went to McNeil Island Penitentiary to see one of the Hunt boys there for refusing the draft. It was quite an experience, not too unpleasant. Tak Hon and Chickie Ishihara and a Japanese couple and I all went together. I felt my visit very worthwhile. I hope I can accomplish something by planting ideas in weekly letters (he suggested putting me on his list of correspondents himself - I have to be investigated and approved) between now and April 1947. The kid has been under pressure from his parents who are rather neurotic. I think we can get him on his mental feet again if we work hard. He was very much surprised and appreciative of my visit.

Sunday evening Mr and Mrs Matsushita took me to dinner and to see "Our Lives Have Tender Fragrances".

9 They are very good to me. Mrs. M. said "you are my child now". She has no children. She is very Americanized - likes to read and ski and hike. She finds little in common with most Japanese women her age. I think she enjoys having Elmer and me around. I hope it can be arranged for me to continue there.

Tuesday Elmer and I took Father Joe and Evelyn to dinner and a show - Evelyn had a little extra time on her field trip and stopped here for a visit. We ate at a lovely French restaurant then saw Guest Wife. It's delightful.

Yesterday Elmer came over in the morning for a visit and stayed for lunch. Then he went back to Susakio for turkey dinner in the late afternoon and Mrs M. and I went to see "Along Came Jones" and had dinner down town.

6/ Those two occasions were
Mrs M's first and only trips
down town ^{at night} since she returned
about 6 or 7 weeks ago! She
is quite tired ^{about that} since she was
so Larr going to take her down
town shopping a few times
to get her used to it.

Kimi Jambara is
coming up for this weekend
so I shall probably be with
her Saturday night and
Sunday.

Tonight Elmer and I are
invited to dinner at one of
the families which has 3
sons we know.

Next Friday there is a
semi formal dance on
campus given by the
International House.

Since I am going to be
here longer than expected,
will you send me my
pinner watch when it's
ready? I just had this one
cleared (3 days at a Japanese
jeweler!) but it doesn't keep as

7/ good time as my own. I'll
return it when the other comes,
you didn't mention whether
the records arrived with
the radio. I hope so.

Also, did two large envelopes
come registered mail from
Salt Lake City? I mailed them
Wednesday the 31st.

Do you have any suggestions
on Christmas? I don't have
much idea of what to get
anybody.

Right now my big
dream is a fur coat. If I see
a bargain here I probably
won't wait till I come East.

My present coat is not too
suitable for dress-up occasions
and I'm gaining till it begins
to be small. I now weigh
110! That's the most I ever did.
Uncle has gained 12 lbs. in
2 1/2 weeks! We eat almost
constantly!

I hope I haven't jumped
around too much in this
letter. My life is so full it's hard
to get it all on paper.

Please give my love to Pooch. Elmer's comment when looking at the snapshot of he and Mother remarked "She looks nice and clean." I tease him that he didn't specify which "she"!

I have now had the thrill of seeing Mt Rainier. The last 3 days over practically history-making because they were clear at this time of year. Yesterday, although it was gray, we could see the Olympic range across the sound for the first. It's doubly thrilling to discover the mountains after seeing the view for 3 weeks without them!

I guess that's all for now.

Love,

Nellie