

July, 6, 1939

Dear Wak:

Well glad to hear that all the sisters and all the kids are well/
So Kaech is getting her former figure back again, Heh. Good for
her. Don't tell her but they do say, 'Fair fat and forty'. Don't
you two get fat ahead of time. It ain't right. Not by this poem.
The next time that you see Tok, say hello for me. I think I wrote
a letter to her but there was no answer. I'll ring again some day.
The weather here has not been real hot yet. We had a darn good
week end up to the Fourth. Not too hot but just right. Today
it rained just a little and the sky was overcast most of the day.
It still is.

We took a Holiday Monday. Mr. Rubel, the man that we are doing
the rock garden for, was rather peeved because we didn't come.
He wants to get the garden done as soon as possible. You see he
was so disappointed with the other rock men that he had on the job.
I come right back at him when he says anything. He likes it all
right. Yesterday I saw him in the morning. He wasn't feeling so
good. He told me the rock garden had to be better than 100% good.
It had to be 105%. And he wanted me to rush. Well we worked on it
until he came back from the office about quarter to six. I broke
up a cement bridge that he had because it looked terrible. He didn't
like it much but I told him that we weren't satisfied with only
105% perfect, we wanted 200% perfect. And that if he wanted only
105% perfect, we would have left the bridge as is. I had all
day to figure out answers for what he had said during the day
morning. I told him that if he wanted me to rush, I would think of
only of rushing and not about placing the rocks 200% perfect.
He started having a merry twinkle in his eyes and I breathed a few
extra breathes easier. We moved some big rocks today. They are
looking all right too, I think. We quit at 6 o'clock and since
nobody came after us, we started to walk home. I don't believe in
pushing the work too much. After all it is a hard work. and you
can't finish up in that day.

Today was the great day for the Garden Clinic. They sponsored
a Mme. Oshikawa, a arranger of flowers, from Japan. They had
a great deal more people then they expected. Miss Cooks effort
Mostly, I guess the people numbered up to 230. I believe the
most that Mrs. Oshikawa ever exhibited in front. They were all
garden club members and the exhibition was free too. Some of
the Japanese Official that attended later went to see the Estate of
Rubel. Good thing I wasn't there.

Say tell Pa that just because I'm not home an, He doesn't have to
take my place by going out like a Beau Brummel. I guess it does
him good though, It may be a bit trying to 'yaese guys'.

I guess the S.F. J.A.C.L. is quite the affair. I got a letter
from Min. He said that it was too bad because he didn't have any
one to go to on a vacation with. He was in bad with the
Yoshioka family because he didn't come home early enough last
year. Well He is going alone this time. I guess he will enjoy
himself.

I got an answer from the Secretary of Frank Lloyd Wright saying it was all right to come any time for an interview but to let him know ahead when I will be there. I am going as soon as I finish this rock garden. It will be in a few days, I think. I guess I'll leave Shogo finish the planting. He wouldn't agree with me much on what to plant there I guess anyway. I will be leaving in just about a weeks time. Most likely I will leave about the middle of the month. It will take me about three days to get to Chicago. I will most probably spend a day or two in Chigao. I guess I will like to say hello and meet Prof. Dorner any way. Oh, Yes, There is Mary in Chicago too. We'll from Chicago to Spring Green Wisconsin will take about a day or day and a half driving. I am going to take it easy. It will take about three easy days to get to Chicago. Before I go, I will go to New Jersey and see Hill Nursery and a few other things that I haven't had the chance to see. I don't believe I will be in Taliesin before the the 25th of July. Gosh I haven't planned on what to do if Mr. Wright doesn't accept my apprenticeship. I guess I'll come home by easy stages before my money gives out. I'll keep you well posted on my whereabouts. maybe not as good as on the train but I will send out cards. I wonder how the country would be like. I would like to take a trip through some of the New England States but I hardly think I will have the time. If Mr. Wright doesn't accept me, I will have plenty of time to think on what to do next before I get home. I don't believe I will go back to New York, although I'm sure I could get a job from the garden clinic. But for the things I do, I rather work at home. I do get a chance to work out a lot of ideas though. Most of the time I follow it through all the way. I mean selling it to people or stores and etc. I can at least have the pleasure of going to Taliesin. I think with Misumi pulling for me and all the family crossing their fingers, I'll be able to get the appointment. I don't know which thrills me the most, Wak; The trip East or the trip West to Wisconsin.. Both are something, if you get what I mean.. But this coming trip should mean more to me. I'll find out something or other quick enough.

The Monday that I took off, I went to see the Bronx park. Tell Nich that I saw in the conservatory an orange with the small leaves like the one that he got from Lewellyn's place. This tree was about seven ft. high. and bushy too. It has quite a few fruits. The attendant couldn't help me out on the name. Saw a lot of ferns and palms and things.

I went into New York and Saw Robert Donat in 'Goodbye Mr. Chips' It is very good. I think I liked the book a whole lot better. After I got out of the show, I stood around on Broadway for about half an hour just watching all the signs working. They have some marvelous moving signs here. I guess you read about them. Well I saw them all. Had a lot of fun watching them. I mustn't forget to see Coney Island either. Do you want me to really see and talk with Major Laguardia before I leave and give him your best tegards. I may not have time but I will try my hardest. I'll be here sure for another week though. and maybe more.

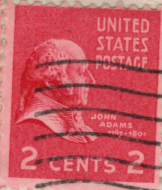
What a break. You know Maybe I haven't thanked you, but I really enjoyed that Pisture Nich sent me of Pa and Kate Sesson Well so long until the next time.

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I use the office typewriter. I got a reputation
now of writing letters. Mrs. Cook teased
me tonight and asked, "Now, who is this
letter too?" I told her it was to my sister.
She said that I said that before and that
I should say "to my cousin" the next time.
Well, just before she went up, she said
give her best regards to you - maybe
just to make sure the letter was to
you. I have to watch my step in
this household because both Mrs. Cook
and Miss Cook are fast on the
"trigger". But I had six sisters
so I still can hold my own.

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