

Dear Bill:-

The Sinos when they gave up the store, were missed plenty. But when the war is over I believe Mew & Wong, will sell the store to your Dad if he wants it. They like your Dad and the rest of the family too.

After Carol said Good bye to my Mother, I could hear my Mother was crying. It choked me up too then. For Mother undoubtedly realized she'd never see any of the Sinos again. It was pathetic. My Mother is in very bad shape. I expect her to go any moment. It's a great worry & fear to me.

Both Mother & I were in Alta Bates Hospital at the same time. I to have a kidney stone removed. Mother had another stroke. We are both out at Henry place ^{now} 9441 BURR St.

Sparky is back barbering again. I heard Sparky deserted a wife and two kids back east, years ago. Wonder if it's so? Ernie Rose is going to become a papa. Henry tells me, he thinks that "mucky" you know Gus's "wife" looks like she is in a family way. Dave Dominguez is going with a 26 yr old Jewess. Spouse Dave marries her. Wouldn't it look great to see Gus & Dave pushing baby carriages? I have not been able to rent your Dad's store that Joy ran. I can't tell you who has been drafted. I don't get around. The two Flori boys, I heard are in the army. That's all I know.

It's 3 weeks since I've heard from Carol. The foods alright she says. They are content. But they do miss West Oakland. I guess you know I'm collecting rents etc for your Dad. Damn it it's a shame. I'm selfish enough to think we miss the Sinos more than anyone else.

Those big trucks are still carrying fill in dirt. That "day old" Bakery next to Skaffs is doing a fine business now. Skaffs and him are so close of each other.

Mew and Wong are not doing the business your Dad did. But they like the business and are pleased with the store. I often wonder if Oakland will be bombed? And where will the bombs land? Most likely West Oakland. Thousands of extra people in the east bay area brought by defense plants. Wonder how many will stay after the war is over? Jobins came to Oakland during the last war. They stayed.

Henry's son John, we've just heard is layed up again at Pearl Harbor. A sprained back. He is carpentering. His son Jack is away at sea. So far has made a trip to Alaska also to Honolulu. He's been in a year. He didn't travel so far, did he?

Will wish I could give you more W. Oakland news but I can't. The Oakland Baseball team is in 6th place, tied with S. F.

Will hear where I jump off. Lets hope its over in a couple of days

Yours Geo. Schmaher