

Sunday morning

Dear Helen -

I received 2 spools black crocheted thread and 6 boxes of chess tidbits for Pinkie. Thank you very much for troubling yourself. How much was it? Please write or tell me or tell Henni to do so, & that I asked.

The Kantas told me a great deal of news of the Bay Region and I enjoyed their visit with me. They came over Saturday afternoon. They reached Jopaz the night before. They gave us a box of cookies Danish assortment that you gave us 2 Christmases ago, when you came in from Salt Lake City.

They evidently enjoyed their entire trip and said they took a bus for the return trip. They preferred the bus for a short travel. In wartime, it is about the only way you can assure yourself of a seat. Their friend stood all the way from San Francisco to Salt Lake City even tho he got on at the end of the line! When he took the Challenger down to Jopaz he found a seat. That sounds pretty desperate!

Henni never sat in a seat & had to put himself away in the men's smoking room as far as Sparks, Nevada 15 mi. this side of Reno - all the way from Ogden, which is a whole night & day.

I hear they are holding lessons in Japanese cookery & people are learning how to make kamaboko, etc besides secrets of osushi making, etc. They are usually sponsored by certain blocks, with block 19 being the most active. But since there is no publicity and you have to be invited by the sponsor, I never hear of it til the next day. I don't know anyone there very well any more since they all relocated, the Nakanishis having gone last month.

Mrs. Nakanishi is a graduate of Keio Eiwa, one of the best girls schools, widely known & one of 3 that has the highest scholastic standing. I know many who have gone there since she is a niece, you may be interested in knowing her. Her daughter Mariko is the same age as Pinkie, about 5 days younger. Pinkie is a lot taller & sturdier, however, & talks more. However Mari-Chan eats twice as much and is twice less trouble, she is so well behaved. Pinkie is the very devil. She isn't bad but is so active.

The mosquitos are lots of trouble now. But heat isn't bad yet and nights are always cool. There was another group of graduates in tailoring with greater variety this time. I didn't go because the Kantas were over. Please write about the house & the guests. Love