

Fri. April 8 9th

Dear Helen.....and Papa,

It is very inconvenient here because there is no running water inside the house and Henri is awfully upset about going out to get the water and throwing it out all the time. No drain. There is also not enough fresh vegetables, either, until they grow, but Henri hasn't planted them yet.

It is also very cold here. The only nice thing about it is the scenery, which is very beautiful, but that does not help us much. The nearest neighbor is very far away in the valley, and we can see their light at night, and the houses in the daytime.

After a couple of weeks, we will have to live in a tent which is being made ready for us now. At present we are at Mr Tanner's house. The boys have cozy places to stay. It is lined with sheet rock, like at camp. They are saying they never can get away from the atmosphere of Topaz because of the sheetrock.

The turkey chicks are very cute, and love to come to Humans. Not like chicken, which run away. They are very precious, costing 80¢ each, one day old. The ones here now are born last Sunday, arriving Tuesday, 2,500 of them, being taken care of by Kaz and Ben. Atsushi takes over for Ben next week. They come from Santa Ana, California in trucks built with shelves, racks, heater and fan, and thermostatic control, designed especially for turkey chicks' transportation.

Another 400 came today. Next week another shipment will come. As they grow older, they will leave the brooder and go into a wire cage, then finally into the field to eat and grow. Ben and Kaz take care of them while they are in the brooder. At this stage, many die, and in the first 3 months, they expect to lose 25% of the flock. While they are in the brooder, they are more important than we are. Mr Tanner gets up every night at 1:00 or 2:00 and takes care of the stove to keep them warm. It is never below 70 degrees there in the brooding houses. Look in the mail order catalogs for pictures of brooders for chicks. It is just like that.

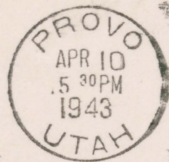
This is very far from anyplace. By rail it is more than two hundred miles from Topaz, taking 17 to 24 hours for the trip. It is two hours or two and a half hours by good road by machine.

No electricity in the big house, but the boys and the chicks have it.

bye till next time.

Tell Atsushi don't come if he doesn't like ham & eggs  
Tomoye

Tommie  
c/o Ray S Tanner  
Fairview, Utah



Mr. Atsushi Sawai

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Topaz, Utah

Important

Tell Helen to get my coat at  
carton #26 cleaners Tues 13<sup>th</sup> AM  
early sure so that you can bring it  
to me - please - thanks. +  
Will send money in next letter. got