

Bayside Caly.
Feb 27th 1964

Dear Elva -

Congratulations to you
and the Johnsons on the new baby.
I am glad it is a boy and that
both he & Rosie are doing well.
I finally made it home by a long
round about way, arrived in Lone
Pine at Vera McElroy's on the 5th
took a drink of water and immedi-
ately came down with The Lone
Pine Pip! so for 4 days could
not get far from the bath room
and so did not see anyone in
Town or get up to Independence
to see you, or Dorothy & others, a
disappointment to me - but while
the weather held good I wanted
to go to Las Vegas to spend a few
days with Al & Hazel Hughes and
had a fine time & trip - we drove

2) over to The Valley of Fire - very interesting country - & the upper end of Lake Mead where the Virgin & Muddy rivers come in & where the pre-historic lost city & the little Mormon town of St. Thomas are under water - tho the lake is now quite low - then to Overton and the very fine Museum. Vegas has grown mighty since I was there last in 1948. Then back to Beatty & on to Goldfield & Tonopah - the only bad day on my entire trip - ducked a head wind & snow flurries - stayed that night in Hawthorne 15° above! That is an interesting country, valley covered with the ammunition dumps and the drive along Walker Lake - Fallon Valley must be lovely in summer, lots of snow from Sparks on over the Mts. to Golfax - wanted to see Helen Gunn in Truckee but streets were not cleared only the main one through town - a dirty town at best - but snow covered & mud - did not invite hunting old friends.

3) Stayed in Vacaville that night and the next day over the Richmond bridge to San Raphael & back to Mill Valley and several days with Ligner Reid, we went over to San Francisco Sat. & Sun. I love that town. so finally I got home, spent most of the week getting every thing back in place and settling down in my old routine - a pile of letters to answer & too many interruptions at Dick's, so they got a head of me - have a lot of yard work to do also, sun is shining & no rain this month - but it will probably make up for it when once starts! I liked your note paper with The Pioneer Church. also your type writer which does such a beautiful job. I am glad the Court House itself is not to be changed, nor the fine trees torn out for the new addition, there is too much destroying of old things in this so called progress - only to be sorry when too late. Love Pini just another town - fine old trees cut down & no appeal to the tourists they are begging so hard for, no place on the main street to park - all taken up by the locals.

4) no shady resting spots for the hot tired
travelers - so they just go on through the
town - the road-side part filled with
children & home people - & no room for out-
siders - the town better wase up! - also do
some thing about the drinking water or
quit doing what ever they are do it! - it's
poison - every one just recovering from the
Pep - or down with it or soon will be!

I hope you are alright and work is
best for all of us left alone. You are
in my thoughts & prayers - let me hear
from you. Next time I get back to "God's
Country" I'll not drink any water and
so miss seeing my old friends. I hope
Clarence & Agnes keep well - suppose
Bill will be marrying one of these days.
I wouldn't know him grown up. I don't
like this thin paper - was a gift - I suppose
I shouldn't look a gift horse in the mouth!
Take care of yourself. My best to you.
I must write to Dorothy. affectionately
Bill