

Dayside Calif.
March 19th 1964

Dear Dorothy -

I "take it" that you read my letter to Elva - so no need of my going into detail on my trip home - it was a wonderful one and every minute and mile enjoyed to the full. Not having been to Las Vegas since 1948 it was amazing to see the changes, many beautiful places but the trip to the Valley of Fire was what I enjoyed - have you been to the Overton Museum? Its artefacts & relics from the Lost City, now under Lake Mead - are of great interest to me and the rebuilding of the houses & dwellings - quite different from others that I have seen - especially in Arizona. I should have taken up Archaeology years ago - but women did not go in for that sort of thing when I was young - but I love it and have ever since we went to Arizona in the 1920's and came in contact with so much of Indian life & prehistoric places or ruins. Well - maybe I can be one in the next life, sort

of preparing myself in this! About the
tourist travel through the valley - you
know as well as I do - when coming into
Lone Pine the curbs are lined with local
cars & the side streets off the main one
no shady "resting areas" - so many of the
places I drove through have shade - and
along Walser Lake are attractive spots -
tables & benches & shades of slats over
them - look like brown rail. Any way
what I wrote Elva is true - Lone Pine is
just another town with no attraction.

Dick & his friends & business associates
travel through the valley several times
a year to fish at Rock Creek and Crowley
and tho Lone Pine holds many fond
memories of his growing up days, he no
longer makes an effort to stop. I had
intended going in to see Al Steller this trip
but the "Pip" kept me from seeing anyone -
and tell him - for what it is worth, how
travelers feel - he mentions quite often
in Mt. View - in fact bewails the fact
that the tourist trade is needed badly.

3) tho I no longer live "up home" anything
that concerns "God's Country" is of concern
to me. So I thank you for not saying
who the "old timer" from the lower end of
the County is - just keep my name out of
the paper! I didn't see Russ Leadabrand
after all - he was on leave of absence to
work on his book - I called once but he
wasn't home Art River - Agnes' son-in-
law is now on his third voyage across
the ocean in one of his Trimarans, 38 ft.
left Florida on the 11th & arrived at the
Bahamas on the 13th - next stop Jamaica?
Jamaica & then north to England, has one
ship-mate this trip. His last book is just
out, on his voyage in 1962 to Tahiti &
New Zealand. He writes well and his books
are full of interesting ^{adventures} - one feels they are
right along enjoying smooth sailing along
with the frustrating days of being be-calmed
& the violent storms encountered... I
wish I was close enough to go on all the
Museum trips - maybe next time I'll be
there and can take one. Maybe you heard
or read of the Trimaran in distress last

week near Hawaii from Tahiti - well
the "story" seems to be a killer whale
attacked and bit a hole in the main
hull - center, and the two men had to
get out on the pontoons - outside hulls
and were finally sighted and brought
into port, the story is being "run down"
may have been a publicity stunt - as
it is not known that whales attack
boats! ... Did you know that a Mr Buller
of Irona rebuilt the Ballarat monument
doing a fine job - while awaiting the casting
of another plaque a temporary placard with
a thumbnail history of Ballarat was stapled
on the monument. This placard has been
torn off & the back board sprayed with orange
paint and the word "Nuts" discernible.
Do you suppose some local squatter does
not want company! - That kind of people
is the U.S.A. producing - In the thirties
the "Okies" were blamed for every thing -
but the older ones who "took California
with-out a shot being fired" have passed
on & the young ones grown and counted
as some of our best citizens ... Do hope
this finds you well & happy - which of course

5) you are, in the fine work you are doing.
Have a happy Easter and take care
of yourself. Love from
Elizabeth.

Fri. A.M. A disastrous fire hit Eureka
at 1 A.M. this morning on the main
street 4" between F and G. Ten business
houses burned out and the fire men
still on the job 10 A.M. and at about the
same time a home in Fortuna - 20 mi.
south blew up and the mother & 2 sons
died in the fire. The daughter was able
to get out. "It never rains but it pours"
and we seem to be having too many
accidents up here - Small planes dis-
appearing - boats & barges piling up
along the coast. I'm glad the fire in back
of Jack Hopkins caused no serious
damage to the town - sad about the man
burned in it - probably had gone in there
to "sleep it off" and maybe smoking. Cloudy
and gloomy this morning - rain on the way
Elmer