

Dingle, Idaho
Jan. 10, 1945.

Dear Mother Kearn,

I am dreadfully late in writing - much, much more so than I had intended. I really don't know where the days fly. At any rate we think of you ever and ever so often and do speak of you daily. We appreciate the book of poems a very great deal and will always treasure them. It was so sweet of you to send the collection - we do thank you most sincerely.

We also hope you had pleasant holidays with a happy birthday in between. We think of you then in particular and would have liked to drop in for a visit. We hope, too, that you are feeling very well.

Our Christmas was a white one, tho' the snow did not cover things too deeply. We had a few beautiful snowfalls shortly after Christmas, followed by milder temperatures, a thaw, a little rain, even then more light snow. This we had really warm sunshine, a mild wind and a taste at least, of the traditional January thaw. It has been too nice out of doors to stay in. There was a definite feel of spring in the air and made our hearts turn to planting and such, with a strong urge to look for growing things. The flax is still green, also some plants of bachelor buttons (the new plants that came up

during Fall) the snow is gone from around the south exposures. Even the crises seem to be green yet where they are poking thru the snow, which really has receded these past days.

Are your roses blooming now? They are always so lovely. I suppose everything is just coming in to bloom now with hillsides getting greener, for this is a beautiful time of year in California - that is, as soon as the rainy season is over. It really does give us genuine pleasure that you derive those comforts from the heater. A good source of heat when it is cold or chilly is wonderful - we so enjoy and appreciate our heat, too. Our furnace was only off two months this year - July and August.

The boys had two weeks vacation while Bruce had to return to school the day after New Years. Soon the first semester will be over. They fall like school.

We have been wondering if Ida has already returned to school or if she will wait until the beginning of the second semester. In any event we hope she will be very careful not to overdo or take chances. Give her our love and best wishes and remember us to Kickie and Beulah.

Rodney flew over us today and gave us all a thrill, especially the boys who are wild to have a plane ride. Rodney and some other men were looking for cattle from the air - the pilot flew over just as a little extra.

The Baby is walking and thrilled with the new freedom she now has. She is so sweet - she and Joan have lots of fun together. Mother wrote me how much she enjoyed her greetings.

From both your aunt & I. We think so much of you both. We miss you & the kids. We miss them & love from us & the girls. We miss them & love from us & the girls.

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