

Feb 9-1943.

My Dear Wesley and Mamie and Helen -

I was so glad yesterday to get your nice letters. I don't know why it takes so long for letters to come after they are posted. I guess it is because we have no mail delivered Sundays. Any ^{way} I was glad to get it. The same day I got your cards last week I got a lovely letter from Jean. He wrote on the train on his way to Florida and posted it after arriving there. I answered it right back. I was so glad to get it. He gave me the same address you gave on your card. Now you say in this letter that he is in Clearwater - will this same address he gave me reach him? He told me how he had enjoyed his visit home. Told of the nice dinner and evening all had when you had the other boys and their wives at your lovely new home. I am

so glad you had that get together.
Wish I could have been with you all.
We expect to be with you all next
summer. Hope every thing works
out that way. Hope you all keep
well and happy in the meantime.
I am sorry you have had some
losses with your cattle. Hope from
now on, there will be no more losses
and above all that the family all
keep well. You said Mary Ida
had been poorly and not very
strong and would probably give
up coming down. Now that will be
alright. I am doing fine - and if
she should come, you would
probably worry about her health.
I love her and would have enjoyed
having her - but I would worry too
if she should get sick and I know how
you would feel. I am getting along fine
and am really very well and feel strong. I am

used to being alone again and don't
mind it so much - I surely miss Jean
If any of you have the time and opportunity
to come down for a visit, I would
love it. We have had quite a cold
winter for down here - and a lot
of rain lately - and worse, lots of
wind. Flowers are very scarce for
this time of year down here. I have
not got my roses pruned yet on
account of the weather. I have
a lot of narcissis in bloom but
not so many other flowers. Some
roses but ^{not} as many as usual.
I das family are all well, but she
is working very hard - with all
she has to do and no help but
what the children can give. They
are surely good to help. Ricky is
very dependable.

I hope, Helen, if you do go down to

see Karl before he goes, or marry
him - that you will have time and
opportunity to see us - If your time
is too short - and you can't come
we will understand and not be
hurt but only disappointed.
We surely wish you all the happiness
that should come to you. We think
you deserve it. We all love you.
We appreciate all your nice letters.
You have been so good to write.
We are so glad to hear from you all.
Hope you all keep well and not get
too cold and don't have to work too
hard.

Love and good wishes to all

Lovingly

Mother (P)