

Arcadia

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My dear Mary. It is a  
raining afternoon and I did  
not go in to L.A. as I  
usually do for the week  
end - so you will have  
to listen to me for a  
little while. Your note  
could not have contained  
more surprising news  
as we had not heard  
of Phil's death. Dick's  
card came the same day  
but had evidently been  
mailed before. He was  
sick later and from a

letter from Helen to  
Sister - after her return  
to New York - is not  
getting well as fast as  
he should. I wrote Anna  
at once after your card  
came - but never heard  
from her. I would  
so like to know your  
new daughter and am  
so glad you have her.  
I believe you wrote me  
that Bob Henry was  
permanently deferred so  
you don't have to worry  
about that - I guess George  
Mr. May's has said will be  
called by July 1st. The

other son-in-law would not  
be accepted - he has had feeb  
and his work here is important.  
By the way - a friend of mine  
from Hantsell sent Sister  
the program of the convention  
held there last summer. Thought  
may be then would be some  
familiar names as it Mr. Kellison  
who was the chief speaker is a  
great friend of Hemmets and  
has lately come to be our pastor  
at Welshia Church. I have not  
met him yet but shall very  
soon. My little families are  
all fine now. All have had  
slight spells of flu and  
Janice had a bad time with  
her ear - but is fine again  
now. I am still chief cook &  
baker - tender for Ma May - It is  
almost impossible to get help  
and they demand such prices.  
Annanda has a fine housekeeper  
program - and is holding on  
to her - at least until after the  
war - and she can quit teaching  
I guess that is what Ma May

expects to do with me.

Dess is met and adjusting herself to the change in her life - She misses Len but he was such a care and so hard to care for - She needed relief - She was almost a nervous wreck - When he got so they had to take him to a hospital. She is planning to make that long wished for trip to Ala. in the early fall. Henry wants her to go and can hardly wait to

see Kirk - she wants  
me to go too but I may  
have to stay on the job  
here until June May!

Sister is not very well  
Keeps me a little uneasy  
all the time - I went to  
see Marie so many  
many times - and she  
never responded so I  
thought may be since  
they have made over  
friends they didn't care  
so much - so haven't  
been in some time.  
I fear we are to have  
some new problems



out here. They are morning in  
the Jap. quarters - attracted  
by so much work and are  
very insistent on cars etc.  
The porces - that be on  
working on the idea of  
segregating them - "Georgia"  
fashion. I had a note on  
my Christmas card from  
Marcia - Things are not so  
good with her. She is not  
well & Mr. Crittenden is in  
bed most of the time. I  
feel ashamed to think I ever  
had any trouble when I  
hear about her. Did I write  
you that Joe Sr. has been  
in A. A. for the past year  
and is behaving nicely and  
being very friendly. He was  
out to dinner with us last  
night. I must stop and keep  
fit dinner right now. Love  
lots for you - and the others  
Write when you can  
Yours ever Lou