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Dear Ruth,

We were so pleased to get your Christmas letter because it sounded like you were getting better. Hope you continue to improve and are soon back to normal. Please let us know how you are doing, as we are anxious to hear.

We are all very busy as usual. Harry has been doing a lot of small additions and remodeling jobs. He doesn't enjoy that type of work too much, but it is part of his business, so he has to do it. Next week he plans to start another house to sell. He sold the last one so quickly, and there seems to be a demand for them so he's going to try another one.

It was so nice to have the children home during Christmas vacation, but the days have been very peaceful and quiet since they are back in school. The boys did quite a bit of yard work during the vacation, and we painted Barbara's bedroom. I would like to do more painting, but doubt if I can get anyone to help me.

Harry had a letter from Warren Johnson. He said they may come to California in February. We hope so. He is such a friendly man.

We had planned to go back to Redwood City to see if we could be of any help, but so far haven't made it. There are so many things here that have to be done that we don't get far from home. No doubt there are things that I could do for you. It is too bad that we live so far apart.

My Uncle Jake has been very sick, but now is beginning to improve. He has been in the hospital over three weeks. After his surgery the family was called in twice because they thought he was dying, but each time he came out of it. Just this week he was taken off the critical list, so we hope he is going to be all right. Our next door neighbor has been quite sick too, but he is better.

We have been having strange weather - a few days of beautiful sunshine then a few days of fog. This is one of the foggy days and it makes everyone feel gloomy. We could surely use some rain, but don't seem to get any.

Love, Virginia.

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