

Dewey got a little
ahead with the date Thursday - Dec. 24, 1974
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we have got to double
check. or c, new Mex 87901

Dear Sam and Jessie,

Your mail is still coming
through --- am afraid this old pen is
going to give out on me. Margaret
and I do some awkward things in
getting out the mail -- it's a good thing we
"double" Check" as we go along.

I remember what you wrote
about Cliff -- we hope and pray his
problem will be taken care of by
Nature. When the doctors start cutting
away, you never know the outcome.
And we hope Jessie's troubles will be
a minor problem. Next year may
be the best ^{for} of all of us.

We all saw Dewey Carr
after Earl's funeral -- then I thought
he had aged a great deal. His
full name was George Dewey
Carr. I had a chance to get an
old photo of Admiral George Dewey
in an antique shop once, frame & all,
but passed it up for \$150!
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Do keep us posted about Jessie's trip to the Doctor. When Margaret was teaching she made a trip to a Dr.'s office and after making examinations she came out fine -- it relieves your MIND! Your Whittier friends did phone in -- did you get to see them?

So you are playing POOL? we made friends with an old Barber at the Car-wash rack recently -- he and I played a game of Checkers at the center ^{yesterday}. It was fun, I told him he gave the game to me. He lost his wife a year ago, -- he is Quite Lost. He is living in an old apartment for 45⁰⁰ a month. Has ample room and everying furnished. Our apt. costs us 120⁰⁰ this year.

Thurs. Friday A.M. we went to bed at 9 o'clock last night -- up at Eight this morn. Good breakfast and now we are ready for a full day -- sunny and warm enough. Your 3-handed bridge sounds interesting -- I like to play that game -- when the other two pass there is a good hand in dummies.

Thought I would try writing on both sides. Turn back end for end, then you have clean line to follow. We were 75 miles to the south last Saturday and got plain paper at Las Cruces N. Mex. We have done a lot of writing the past four weeks. We get some mail every day. I am using Schaeffer-Cartridge pens I used 30 + 25 years ago. They are working fine now, but I need to practice more.

We played Dominos yesterday with double twelves. It was confusing for there were so many spots to watch. Wed. night we had a couple from Lyman, Colo. who taught us how to play cut-throat ^{Pinochle} ~~pitch~~. Everyone exchanged four cards. If you had four nines in your hands it gave you 140, if you had trump nine to meet the five nines would give you 150. It amounted to this: two players held all the trumps.

We like Tommy and Linda -- in fact we like Marvin's family. Perin.

Think we would like Wilma very much, it helps to see grandma have a good time when a grandchild is the center of attraction. Shaner had a great-grandchild to boast about. John's grandson finished at Simpson and now coaches at Pocahontas, Iowa.

Hope Mrs. Harris gets to make you a visit. Extend our Greetings to her. Yes we had several cold nights, but it has leveled off somewhat. Our snow did not last. You all will have a good dinner at ~~Frances~~ ^{FRANCES'} house. Is she still teaching?

we leave here on Wednesday, December 18 at noon, a two hour wait at Albuquerque, then we get on a bus that will go thru to Salt Lake City. Will give the Trailways a try. Guess we have not been there since last Christmas we have written Jane to have a list of things written down for us to do. John and I will work one day cleaning and straightening out his garage.

Now, when you say, we will send your letter on to Mary or Maurice. we can save a dime or so -- you know. Why don't you save this letter and send it on to Mary Adair at Melrose Park. She is having a ball at Kruses -- entire house to rattle around in.

You know I've read of Africa once more, have had a trip all over Brazil, Columbia, and Venezuela, the West Indies (my there are so many islands), now I'm in Central America. There is a chapter on Panama, the Cross Roads of the World, the books are of large print ~~at~~ and interesting reading. All written on my level -- Junior H. S. Books.

We had a letter from Mary's brother, Arthur Bailey recently -- my he is a learned man, he is just now learning to understand what he didn't understand fifty years ago. He and ~~his~~ his wife are doing a lot for the wide circle of friends in Calif.

Maybe I've gone far enough for you and Mary Adair this time. Be of Good Cheer. Much love, Dewey and Margaret