

December 22, 1942.

Mrs. Beatrix Farrand,
Box 1140, Valley Club of Montecito,
Santa Barbara, California.

Dear Mrs. Farrand:

It was nice to get your kind letter of the 8th with the suggested changes in copy for the newspapers, regarding the insertion of items pertaining to the Garden Guide Tours. I agree with you thoroughly. The copy had not gone out, the draft was for your approval, but now I have sent letters to the three Washington newspapers and hope to have favorable replies from them regarding publication dates &c.

I am on the eve of departure for my Christmas holiday and clearing my desk of unfinished business. Mr. Thacher suggested that we all leave before the rush, so I am going in the morning and will not be back at my desk until the morning of the 30th. Transportation being what it is everyone is anxious to get moving as quickly as possible and we have had our reservations made for two weeks.

Enclosed are copies of the last two reports furnished to Mr. Thacher, which speak for themselves.

The latest word I heard regarding Mrs. Bliss was that she was in El Paso en route to Washington, and expected to reach here about New Years. I haven't seen Mr. Bliss but hear he has had another cold, though this afternoon he is over at the Quarters distributing the Christmas turkeys to the men.

Bryce is bustling about as usual being called hither and yon but he seems to thrive on it.

I have had some very nice comments on the Winter Catalogue House Display - I hope Mrs. Bliss will like it too.

With every kind wish to you and yours for a pleasant and happy holiday season, with good luck for the New Year.

Sincerely,