



## Ruth Tanbara Papers

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Tuesday night

My dearest Ruth

Tried to write last night but what a futile attempt. Just couldn't make sense, no matter how I proceeded, soon the effort seemed useless and without much success. I never could write furthermore couldn't even pretend if I wanted. Rather hopeless state of affairs to do the impossible but with you so far away what is there to do but make an honest effort - no matter how bad.

The day & days that we look upon as the first important stepping stone in the right direction is nearly upon us. Only a week away but I can't hardly believe that the time has come when we will be letting the world know about our good intentions & the willingness to share each other in love time. I've been wondering how our friends will accept the announcement, how will no doubt view it with much surprise, others will tell you that they knew it all the time while a goodly number will be feeling sorry to think that we're just inviting ourselves to additional burdens - not knowing what there

2 will be coming up. Not much sense in worrying, trying to figure things logically. Henceforth, will do one thing at a time.

As for I haven't done a-thing except to think seriously about it and if we are figuring on the second of May, something tells me that I had better get busy. I don't know much about the details but I imagine that I should go shopping pretty pronto and locate a piece of jewelry answering size six and get it to you in ample time so <sup>you</sup> won't feel like a novice when you do the actual displaying. Not having gone through the strenuous ordeal I have been somewhat hesitant putting off the big task each day.

Like many things that have taken place in the past, one finds sweet solace in <sup>delaying</sup> putting the agony from day to day but this can't be handled on the same line of least resistance for the time has nearly arrived. This week will have to be devoted to a shopping expedition in search for something that I don't know anything about. Life is interesting!

Now if I feel uneasy and all at sea, I can well appreciate the busy days that are ahead of you. Wish I could be on hand to discuss the many problems that require elaboration & enlightenment. You asked several questions but really I know so little that I'm probably of no help in time of need.

I think that your idea about popping the surprise at Miss S. & M. K. M. S. party is an excellent suggestion. Whoever would think of getting such a complete surprise but it would be appropriate & in all for you when it comes to surprising anyone. Be sure to stage the event towards the last and by all means don't expose the secrecy till the proper time.

Now I'm not going to let anyone throw around Rice. The papers can carry a news item coming from your city reporting about the announcement. I suppose you had better write up a suitable release varying it somewhat for the different Ind. Gen. publications. Just as a matter of personal satisfaction, I tried

4 a bank to find some suitable leadlines. This & if I try a job down whatever comes to my mind.

- ① Truth & Miss Ruth Nomura and Mr. Earl Tanbara revealed
- ② Betrothal of Ruth Nomura, Earl Tanbara announced

The engagement of Miss Ruth Nomura ~~& Earl Tanbara~~ to Mr. Earl Tanbara ~~& Berkeley~~ will cause a ripple of excitement to their many friends along the Pacific Coast.

The news, which comes not altogether as a surprise was announced yesterday afternoon at an informal party in honor of Miss <sup>Wanda</sup> Stambach who is soon departing for Los Angeles.

Miss Nomura is the daughter of Mr. & Mrs. ———— told about graduating from state & going trip to Japan. I would not try to say too much for it is much more impressive with brevity.

As for me, you can say that in the son of Mr. & Mrs. ———— of Berkeley graduate of UC. You might say that I toured Japan with the San Jose Asahi Baseball team but I'm really not concerned in fancy trimmings. Less said is the better.

You might end the story by saying although

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no date has been set for the wedding it will  
probably take place in late summer following  
which the young couple plan to make their  
home in Berkeley.

But, this is only a rough idea, in fact  
just a wild idea of mine. You can fix  
it up as may be necessary & I know  
you will do it right. The only <sup>thing</sup> that I want  
to repeat is not to include too much  
so as to make it unnecessary & create  
a wrong impression in the minds of some.  
Don't include brothers, sisters, in laws  
and the usual affiliates as  
found in the society columns.

This is getting much longer than I  
anticipated. Must take this up to the  
Post Office and then for some W.C. that  
I brought home tonight. Best week to  
be sure. Think I had better call you on  
the phone either Friday or Saturday eve.  
Will you be home & wait for a call  
after midnight?

With much love - up sweet  
Bill

Dear Ruth

It is a happy memory and reminder of your visit to use and enjoy that beautiful just sugar that you sent me. I get it out and put one or two at a time with the rest of our sugar - to make it last a long time.

You are no doubt back once more ~~after~~ your trip home. We are enjoying summer school and looking forward to your class in glove making.

Mr. Jensen and Frances join me in best wishes to your husband whom we enjoyed so much and to you too.

Thank you for your thoughtfulfulness

in sending me a sweet gift -

Cordially yours

Lillian Jensen

June 22-1936.

Corvallis. Or.

2700 Arnold Hwy

Sunday afternoon -

Dear Ruth:

The beautiful handkerchief and kindly greetings came at Christmas time, and I do appreciate both. I am sorry to be so tardy in saying 'thank you,' but I'm sure you will forgive me when I tell you that four days before Christmas we sent my dearest loved sister to the hospital, and had to hear the terrible report of the doctors that she never can get well. She is gradually growing weaker, and it is torture to us to see her just dying by inches. and you can understand that she is my whole thought these days.

Thank you so much my dear, for the handkerchief, which I prize greatly, and best wishes for your continued happiness.

Sincerely yours,

Eena Bamford.

Dear Ruth and Howard:

I have intended, ever since I received your business announcement, Howard, to write to you both; but the days have been very full with illness at home in addition to the regular schedule, and I have found little time. Even Christmas went by with the letter unwritten.

I appreciated the card from you both. I hear interesting and very complimentary reports of both of you from Arthur Rodani. He is certainly a loyal friend of yours.

It is fine that you have been able to establish your own business, Howard, and I hope it will prosper satisfactorily. I have planned to look in on you one of these days, but my trips to Portland this year have been exceedingly hurried ones on business, or confined to Sundays. Some day, however, I shall find an opportunity.

And you, Ruth, are still radiating sunshine to those around you, and

probably giving much more than you ever realize. I hope everything is going well with you.

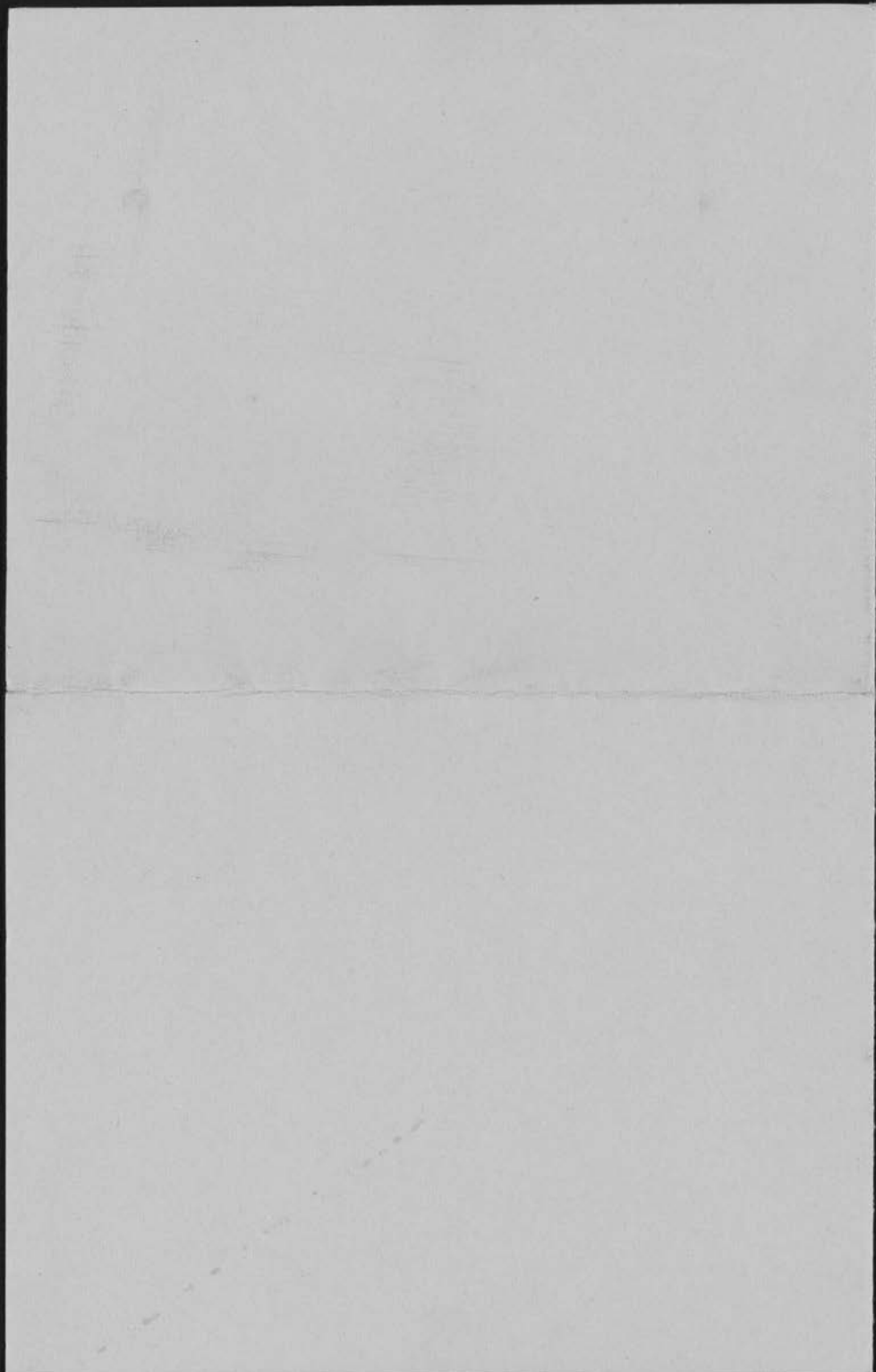
The Cosmopolitan Club is small this year, and our schedule has been interrupted more than ordinarily; but we have a group of fine young people. We all like Arthur and Ray, and they are of much help to us.

Best wishes to you both. We shall always be glad to see or hear from you.

Sincerely,

Helen M. Gilkey.

By the way, the Mr. Villalon who has just committed the murder of another Filipino in Portland, is not, by any chance, Roman's brother, is he? The brother whom I knew and who was living in Portland the last that I heard, was Anastasio, while this one, I believe, went under the name Domingo. If you know anything about the situation, I should appreciate hearing. I hope he is not a member of Roman's family.

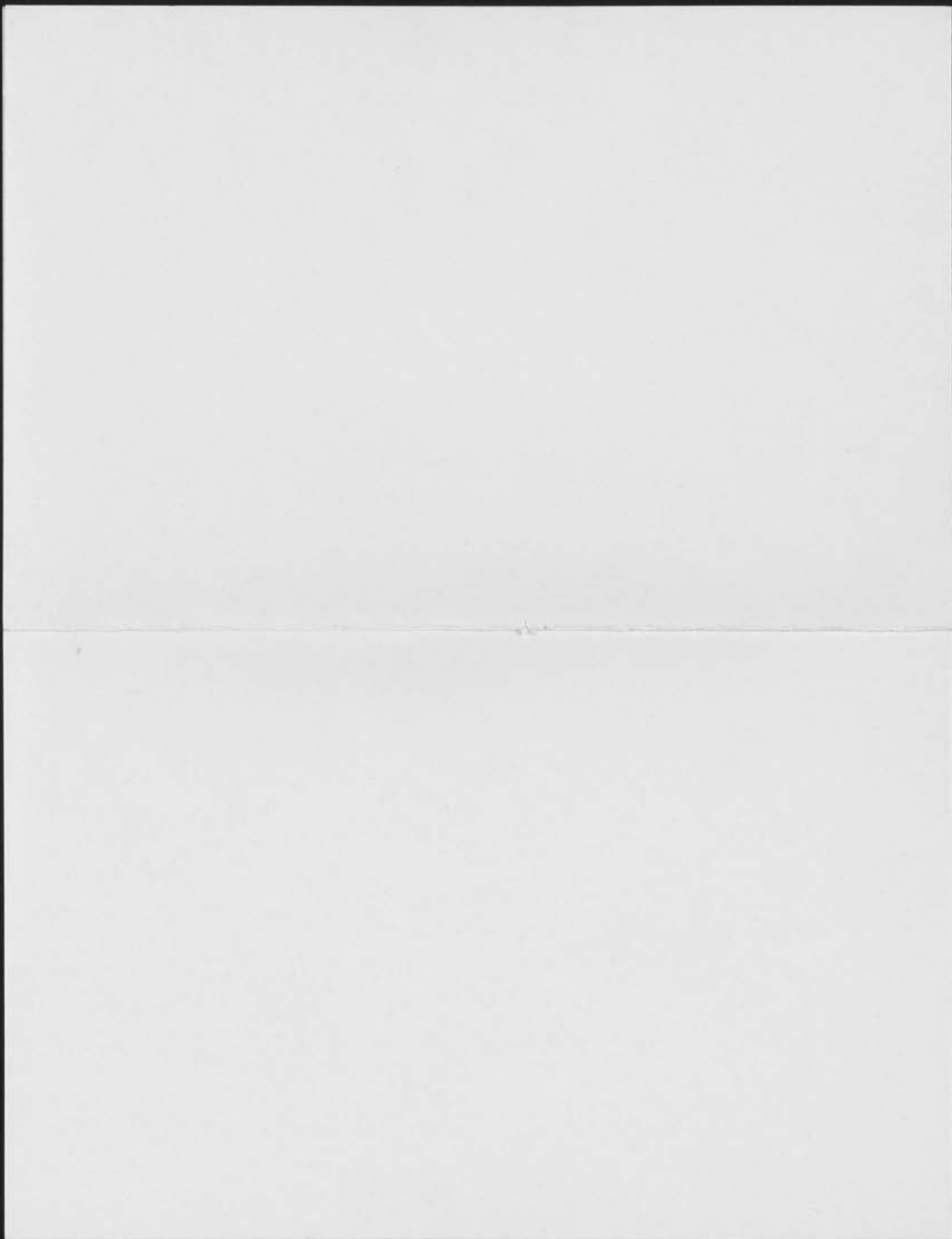


*Mrs. Shichiro Yamada*  
*requests the honour of your presence*  
*at the marriage of her daughter*

*Meiko*  
*to*

*Mr. Otoshiro Kuroda*  
*on Thursday, the twenty-first of March*  
*at half after three o'clock*  
*The Riverside Church*  
*New York City*

*Reception after the ceremony*  
*The Riverside Church Tower*



Portland, Jan. 14<sup>th</sup>

Ruth dear,

I was so surprised and delighted to receive the very beautiful handkerchief from you at Christmas time. Many, many thanks.

Mr. Jenkins and I left here Christmas night for

California and were in Los Angeles for the game New Year's day.

Mr. Jenkins left for home the following day as he had to be back for school but I stayed on and have been home less than a week.

Tonight is the time for the Annual dinner and also the 35<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the founding of the Y. N. C. A. here in Portland, so we are expecting an interesting occasion. It will be held at the Portland hotel and have over two hundred reservations. Mrs. Rice has been working very hard with the committee.

While in Los Angeles I saw Miss Steinbeck and she seems very pleased with her work there. He spoke of you and she said you were quite active in the University Y. N. Group and so very

well liked by the young women.

I'm sure you're enjoying  
your new home and the  
lovely California climate.  
So far we have had no winter  
but it's not too late yet.

Wishing you and your  
husband a happy and  
prosperous New Year,  
I am,

Cordially yours  
Jennie R. Jenkins

Thursday Morning

Dear Ruth,

I want to tell you how very much I enjoyed your wedding. You were so very beautiful and everything else was perfect.

Do you know how thrilled I was when you selected Sept. 16th? It was my second wedding anniversary and also my mother was married on that day.

Consequently it was very nice to be attending a wedding on that important date.

I do hope you will be able to find time to bring your husband and come to see us before you go so far away. However, I suppose you will be rushed to death.

I am anxious to hear all about the gifts, there were such interesting quantities evident at the church.

So let me hear from you when you return.

With all my love and best wishes for a very happy future.

Hester



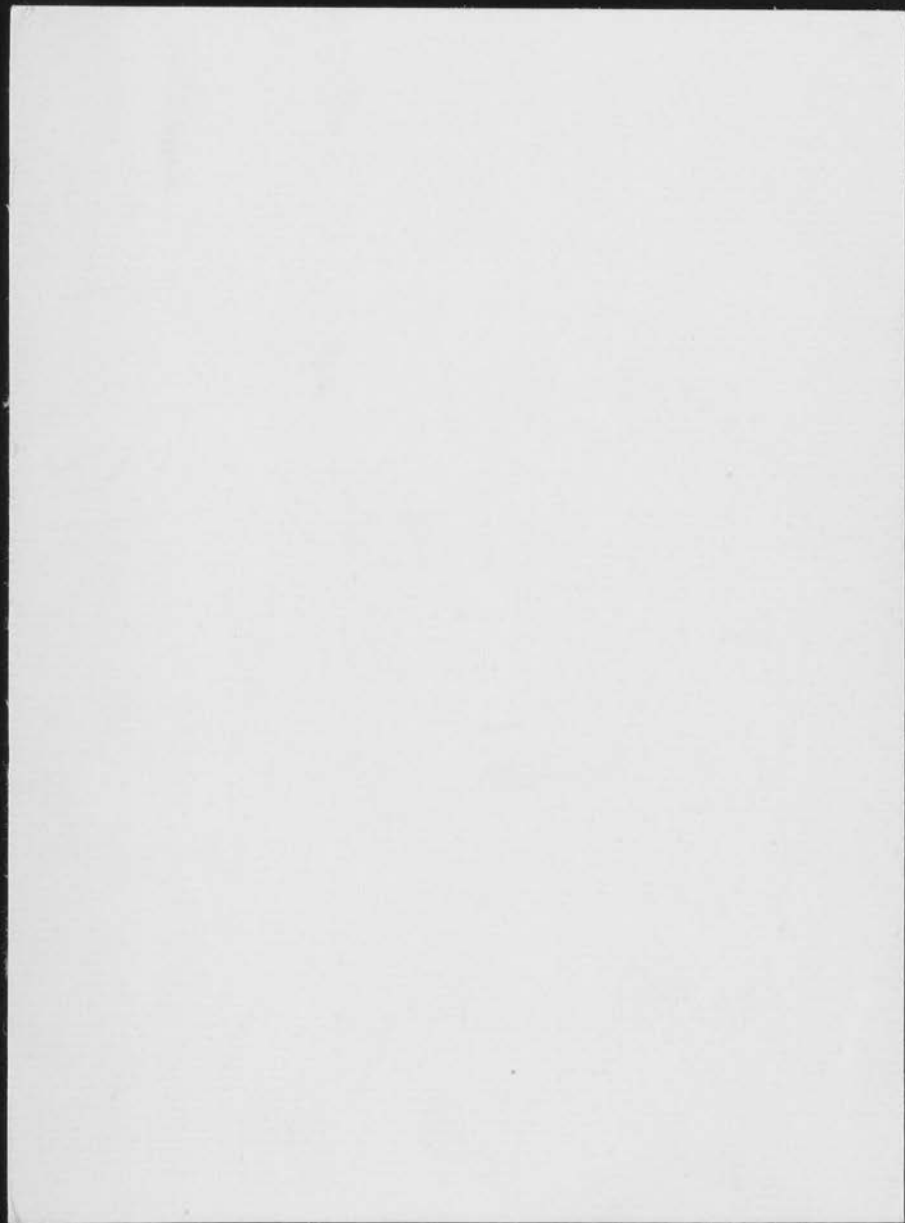


*Boo!*

*...and*  
*Holiday Greetings*  
*to You!*



EARL TANBARA



3245 N. E. 47<sup>th</sup> Ave.

Dear Ruth -

We have missed you so very much this past year, and wish that you were here with us.

But I know you are very happy in your new home, and for that we, too, are happy.

We send our love and best wishes, and if you could find time - I should be very happy to hear from you.

Sincerely -  
Frances Kirk





TO GREET YOU AT CHRISTMAS AND  
TO WISH YOU HAPPINESS FOR THE NEW YEAR  
YOU CHUNG HONG  
MABEL CHIN-QONG HONG  
NOWLAND CHIN HONG



