

Dear Fred, Eva & all

I thank you for your letter & found waiting for me when I returned to Vancouver after spending my usual winter holiday of several weeks in Mexico and the "sunny south", enjoying every minute of the trip.

Congratulations on becoming great grandparents, what a splendid record! Two of my 21 grandchildren are married and several of the others are contemplating "taking the plunge" in the near future so hope to catch up to you in the not too distant future, how time flies! if someone had told us all this a few years ago we certainly would have thought that they were "crazy" so I suppose we must face the fact that we are really getting older and not ~~just~~ the age we try, or would like to be.

Edna and Betty have decided to take a year off, starting in June, they had planned on touring Europe again but owing to the unsettled conditions there - gas rationing etc. they have changed their plans and now think of driving south through Mexico and South America and follow the highway to the end, they want me to go with them but I have been thinking of going to Honolulu and the Hawaiian Islands but have not made any definite plans.

When I returned from my trip last year I found Edna and Ruth very ill but am thankful to say they, and the rest of my family are well and join with me wishing you all a very happy New Year, Love from all to you all, G.