



## ***WHAT A NICE GESTURE***

The GAHS office received an inquiry about the location of 1919 Kove Circle. Graham Van Breems inquired and said he remembers attending elementary school in Glendale, but also lived in Phoenix. His mother recently passed and he found a personal letter in her belongings from First Lady Mamie Doud Eisenhower to his mother, Mrs. Beatrice Van Breems, dated March 11, 1959. Graham would have been three years old. Mamie thanks Beatrice for her kindness and thoughtfulness during her stay at Maine Chance. The Maine Chance was a health and beauty farm owned by her friend, beautician Elizabeth Arden, located at the site of the Phoenician Resort. The portrait

is of Mamie in 1959. The Maine Chance spa was Mamie's favorite place to vacation. In 1958 she spent two weeks there trying to lose weight. Columnist Drew Pearson pointed out Mamie violated the Railroad Act by accepting *gratis* train travel to "Maine Chance" by her friend Elizabeth Arden, from which she received her first public criticism. Mamie fought a terrible rumor that she drank, since she had trouble keeping her balance. She finally came out publicly and explained she had carotid sinus which affected her balance. She also suffered from "Claustrophobia". Call the GAHS office if anyone knows about 1919 Kove Circle. This is the address on the White House letter.