

Manzanar, California  
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Dear James,

Hi there, I am sorry that I didn't answer earlier. My days are occupied by school works and other things so I wasn't able to write. I hope this letter will find you well and good spirit. I don't blame you for not answering earlier since I know that you are busy helping your parent.

I am glad to hear that you liked the slipper. I was afraid that you might throw it away since it wasn't <sup>good</sup>. The slippers were made by hand labor.

Couple days ago it rained here and also it snowed on the nearby mountain. At that moment I thought Mrs. Winter was back again but few days later it was bright and clear again.

The school ~~closed~~ <sup>open</sup> on Sept. 11 and since then it has been 2 weeks already. Are you going to school now or are you planning to work? The teachers shortage is pretty bad here, even the vice principal is teaching. The school system is very different from Elk Grove. They are junior and senior high school combined and together the enrollment is about 640 pupils. Junior High ~~is~~

from 7th to 9th grade and Senior High is 10th, 11th, and 12th grade. The enrollment is decreasing due to relocation.

This semester I am planning to take things easy so I took auto mechanics, English, and Social problem, rest of day I work part-time.

I saw the 1943 Annual few days ago. The pictures were all swell and I recognized many of the students and also I saw many new faces too. Although the annual is small, it will help you to remember the good old days at the school.

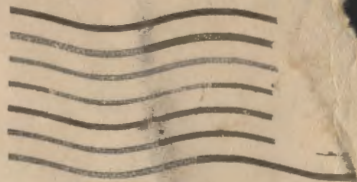
~~Some~~ <sup>Few</sup> weeks ago the first group of draftees left this center for active duty. Most of the fellows were 1944 graduates. I received a notice a few days ago to register for army. I guess I am hooked.

So you predict that War in Europe will end between Nov. 7 and 30. My bet is on October 30. and Pacific war sometime in 1945. I believe Mr. Dewey will ~~elect~~ Mr. Roosevelt on Election Day.

Well I guess I have chattered enough so I'll close.

Your pal.  
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