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Manzanar, Calif.

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Dear Joe,

I believe the last time

I wrote you was last Friday. Gee whiz, I don't know why, but I just can't keep upon my letter writing. I think the reason is because my other friends from back home all seem to write me at the same time, and slowly but surely I get them answered.

Well, we are in the new semester now and it really feels good to start fresh again. In your latest letter, you wanted to know of my grades in my finals. Well, I didn't come but shot. We didn't get our finals back and we haven't even gotten our report cards yet so off hand I can't let you know. You also mentioned that reading books is really essential. I more than agree with you on this, but I'll have to admit it right now,
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my eyes poop out and my memory
 doesn't hold good on what I read.
 I think my eyes have gotten to
 be a lot worse since I've come
 up here and my glasses don't
 fit me any more. I'm going to
 see doctor Statanis about it right
 away. We had a I.Q. test on
 reading last Thursday, and believe
 me, I didn't do so good in it,
 although we don't know our
 results. You mentioned subscribing
 to some radio magazine, but
 nowadays radio magazines are
 so limited due to national
 defense and the material you
 get is only on national defense.
 I think it is wiser not to do so.
 However, I think that if I get
 some back copies of Q.S.T. (a radio
 magazine) as listed in the Radio
 Amateurs handbook, they would
 really be of great value. Well,
 I had all of my radio junk
 sent up although I haven't received
 it as yet. You see, Mr. Wetzel ~~is~~
 sent it through railway express and
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it comes only as far as Lone
pine. So a school teacher is going
down today to claim it for me.
So I'm expecting to receive it
tonight when he comes back.

Well, nothing new has happened
out here and its still same old
dry monotonous place. Probably
"Moscow" will be telling you this
in her letter, but we got word
from Mrs. Clavalot that Carmen
Hastings got married in her house.
What a laugh; I can just see
that divorce one year from now,
although I shouldn't be thinking
that way. You know, guys like
Ken Mayeda and Henry Mikami
ask if its favorable to go on the
outside, and I just tell what
you say, but if you give me your
full opinion, maybe I can give
them a more complete answer.

Say, that was some joke you
pulled. I could hardly believe
a preacher saying one like that.
At well, I got a great kick out
(over)

of it. "Moscow" and Mama kept hounding me because they didn't get it. The only part they thought was funny was where the cow flew out in bits of hamburger. "Mama" finally caught on though, and you know how once she starts laughing, she can't stop. We received the "Japanese book" from Reverend Fertig and will send up it up pretty soon. There are just a couple of things I want to get out of it first. Boy, that katakana letter was sure sharp. Mama and Papa got a great kick out of it and if you wrote a few more of those, I think they will really enjoy it. My ~~brain~~ brain has run out of things to say, so I guess I'll be closing. Don't study too hard and keep up on your health.

Sincerely yours,
Dowm Nagano

P. S. keep looking for the soldering iron & solder. George + Tom Ichien asked me to say hello to you father.