

Sulzer Assembly Center
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Sulzer, California
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Dear Miss Sell,

Here we are in camp and what a life! I'm not much of an illustrator so you'll have to come and experience this condition here. I imagine ~~you~~ ^{you} ~~has~~ ^{always} told you most ~~of~~ ^{of} the life we live at the present.

My sister-in-law's sister, Sumire and I took the typhoid inoculation together on Monday evening and were together in bed for all day Tuesday - just moaning and tossing in the heat of 110°. We two certainly had it bad. The lavatory here for women has no privacy - such conditions giving many of us constipation; therefore I believe our illness was due both to that and the shot and also the heat. I'm - rather Sumire and I are both very well now except for this heat. We feel as though we're floating in our own perspiration.

Also could you suggest an ideal way - a simple form in card catalog? Since it's a camp life and a very small library, ~~and~~ like the filing need not be complex. This is all we can think of to ask you, but if you have any other suggestions for a small library, I'm sure Sumire would appreciate it very much and I'd be very grateful to you.

We are getting the list of books which are most necessary and sending it to organization like the churches for aid. We are attempting to obtain good recommended books since school will be starting for children from kindergarten age to high school age, and part of their assignments will be to spend ~~the~~ days they are not ^{attending to} ~~going to~~ class in the library. Since it's so hot classes will be in session half a day every other day.

I do hope these requests will ^{not} be too much of a burden for you, when you already have so much to do.

Miss Bell - every time mother and the rest of us think about your last visit to Altadena we feel as though it was a God send. It was mighty

Sis just had her inoculation for typhoid last night and is feeling quite lare. At the present she's lying out the cement floor since it seemed to be the coolest place in the apartment. The bed is 45° or more and the articles one touches are as warm as if they had been on a heated stove.

By the way, Bud has a job as the head of the Maintenance Bureau of the camp. He needs a secretary, but will not hire any of us girls since he thinks it will give a suspicious impression on the ^{other} girls. Milton has a job as the director of juvenile delinquency.

Sumire has obtained a job as head librarian. (The reason for paragraph here is because I wished to talk about topics concerning her work - I hope this will not exasperate you) Sumire would like to obtain a list of good classical books ^{as well as} recommended for adolescence ^{and smaller} children. She already has a list for the older people. I wondered whether you could kindly give a list of good books? I think I will assist her in the children's section.

will allow you - I'm glad you came to the house & I'll never forget your visit even if it were a short one.

Mother isn't complaining much, she's taking everything very well. The only complaint from the kids yet is the food.

By the way - Miss Smith is in Uvalde now and I just got a permit for her to see us Saturday morning. It's going to be so good to see a Long Beachite. Oh another thing - I don't know whether you know him or not, but sis & bud do, Mr. Howard Stump? He went to Poly and L. B. J. C. and was quite outstanding in debating according to bud. He went to school same time Bud and sis went. He seemed quite happy to see some one from Long Beach. Mr. Stump is director of this camp.

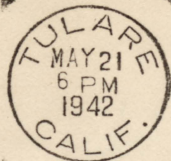
Well - I believe I had better close now and write a more well informed letter next time. All I can say is I'm homesick for L. B. Please write soon.

Regards from all.

Sincerely yours
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