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Dear Mrs Whitney

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One of our famous dust storms is on again, but I hope very much it shan't be as severe as the one we had Wednesday night. Wednesday night's storm was a remarkable one - around 8 o'clock, the wind whipped up ripping the top roof off of many buildings. Along with that, a regular electrical storm - and rain storm too. I hear these electrical storms are common in Arizona, have you ever heard anything in regard to that? The rain settled the dust alright but the days that followed were the most sultry so far. I hope if it rains again to night, it'll be as cool as it was after our first rain fall.

The night we had this severe storm, the water was shut off until noon the next day, as was the electricity. It all happened so suddenly, most of us didn't have any water in reserve for drinking purposes. To night, right after dinner, the sky looked just as it did that night, and almost all the families carried in buckets of water, at least we can say, were prepared.

Last night, the recreation department, and those who are classified under the recreational division went to the Colorado River on a meiner boat. There must have been about 140 of us. We rode in Army trucks as far as the clearing where the bonfire was started, and from there seven of us walked down to the river.

It took us about twenty minutes to get there, over fallen trees, and their "thick" bushes — but, the biggest disappointment was — the river was dry. I could have cried because I did want to see the river at its best. By the time we got back to the rest of the party, half of the food was gone, but we had a good time anyway. We got back around 11:30 P.M. — looking like Colonial Ladies. (Our hair was full of dust.) So — that meant we had to wash our hair, and that Mrs. Whitney took place after 11:45. What foolish things we do!

Last Tuesday, I received my first pay, the grand sum of \$4.67. I was quite surprised to receive that much, as I only worked seven days in June, and the payroll was only for the months of May & June. Since we are not classified under education yet, I understood we would only receive \$1/2 per month (as all who were listed under recreation were to get that amount) but according to the amount shortly received, we are on the \$1/6 basis. You know Mrs. Whitney, we had to wait in line over three hours. I often wondered what it felt like to wait in line for something, now I know.

Our relatives came in from Pinedale Tuesday morning, and yesterday, my two Cousins came over to spend the day with us. Last night, Sue went

back with them, and this morning
she came home with the Coussens and
their father. It was quite a happy
reunion for dad. So far, there is
no bus service to Camp #2, and in
order to go into or get out of there,
you must have a permit. It isn't
walking distance so one has to chance
rides.

Louise was happy to hear Prencess
has finally decided to settle down.
Perhaps she has learned she can't be so
demanding. You knew Priny would
shake hands, didn't you? She generally
did this when we ~~was~~ sat down to
eat, or whenever she saw us with
anything to eat.

Our Thursday Conference was post-
poned from that day until Saturday
morning. We are supposed to go, prepared
to give an outline of our program
and some of the things our students
have made. You should see the
art work I'm going to display
to-morrow. Some of them would be taken
by Dali's work, green hair & etc. In
time, I suppose they'll learn. I am
also going to take all the C Children's
Books you sent me. Dr. Powell or Miss
Fendley will be happy to know the
nursery school has had some outside
help to carry on, too. The little ones
really love those books.

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I can imagine how busy you are
planning for George's friends at the
beach house. I do hope regardless of
all the work that needs to be done, you
all have one grand time. I suppose
it shan't be long before George will
be sent to school. Does he know as
yet where he'll go?

I think I have written enough for
to night. Please give our regards to
the rest of the family.

Oh yes, I told Dad about his drinking
a lot of tea. He is still visiting the
doctor, and taking medicine too. The
doctor has advised against drinking
too much water - it sounds strange
to me. His kidney & bladder trouble
is partly due to his old age too,
and lack of proper food. The kitchen
has been obliged to give him plenty
of fresh vegetables, grouts, eggs &
fresh milk. It will help a great
deal, I know.

Louise sends her love to you too
Mrs. Whitney.

With love,
Turner.

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