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Dear Mrs. Whitney,

How is everything coming along at the beach house? I do hope you are finding time to get a good rest.

Here at Poston, the dust storms aren't as frequent as they used to be, but we've found out what it meant when people used to say, it's too warm to sleep. What sultry nights we do have!

I missed mass Sunday morning as I felt I just couldn't walk that far feeling as I did. I haven't suffered with cramps during my period since coming here, but Oh - these sickening dizzy spells. Hence - since Saturday night, the farthest I have gone is to the mess hall - back. I feel like a little old lady staying home so much, but after all, I realize unless I take care of myself, no one else will!

Oh yes, we are not going to have mass next Sunday, and Virginia says, Father Clements said something about having mass only every other Sunday until things are a little more settled. It seems as if there are not enough Fathers to take care of the Camps (various ones) every Sunday. I'm really sorry to hear that too. And another thing, it seems as if the Bishops from the

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different Dioceses are permitting the Catholics in all camps <sup>to</sup> eat meat on Fridays too (an exception) as otherwise sometimes there would be nothing to eat. I think they are being very considerate about conditions here.

We have been thinking - very seriously about getting an air cooler for our apartment. What do you think about it Mrs. Whitney? Today, the two families on either side of us got their air coolers in - but they were not able to get the pump attachment for it. The idea of the pump is to keep the water circulating from one tank to the other (a special attachment) as there is no way of connecting a small pipe from the hydrant outside to keep the water running through. George can probably explain what I mean.

The girl next door said, the cooler amounted to about \$26 - the pump another \$6. Since four of us are working, we thought we should be able to save about \$50 in a couple of months & get one - & then we thought, we are in need of one & if we drew that amount out of our fund, we could replace it "via" our pay later, which really amounts to the same thing.

To state it simply, if we plan to get  
one later, we might as well have it  
when it is needed the most. Do you  
think we are being too extravagant?  
Some day, when you have time do  
you think you could possibly  
go to Montgomery & Ward in Pomona,  
Ride Western Auto - n. Freestone  
stores (Corner of Ft & Euclid, Ontario)  
& see what they have in the line  
of air coolers. It doesn't have to  
be a huge one, but one large  
enough to cool a room about  
25 x 30' - (we have five windows)  
It'll have to be the type with  
a pump (as I explained) as there  
isn't a way to connect water  
from the hydrant to the cooler.  
The neighbors got theirs at Sears  
but no pumps. Of course, if they're  
too expensive, we'll just forget  
the whole thing, but I know  
Dad wouldn't suffer with the  
heat so much.

This is another thing we are  
thinking about - if we do decide  
to get the cooler, we do plan to  
replace what ever it costs in our  
fund as we want to go back  
home with some money on the  
other end - but, if - when pay  
time comes, there is a shortage of  
cash, we'll probably be issued

Coupons. I wonder if we'd be permitted to use that on the outside too? It's getting much too confusing!

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Saturday at the Conference we heard good news. Altho we do work only 3 hours a day (Class work) and about 2 hrs home preparation daily, we get credit for full time pay (\$8.00 per day) - and we'd receive  $\frac{1}{6}$  per month - unless we have just one standard wage scale. It seems likely it will be, <sup>2</sup>one wage scale set up, as many do not think it is right to pay only \$12 a month to those who are really doing the hardest work. At least, a good many of the doctors have requested they do that as they feel the common laborer is working harder than his pay denotes. But I don't know!

I think I have written almost enough. There is always so much to talk about.

Dad sends his regards to you all, & says to be sure, tell Mrs. Whitney he is drinking a lot of the green tea you sent us. We can't use our hot plate, but the water from the tap in the kitchen is almost boiling water. Thank goodness! I hope I shall hear from you soon.

With love

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