

added one whole inch to my  
waistline & a lot of my clothes  
I can't get into. Course I <sup>can't</sup> <sup>now</sup>  
have gained pounds & inches  
too, but if you could count  
the number of visits we make  
to the Center, you won't have  
to stop & wonder why! I'll  
probably do as I generally do -  
add in summer - lose in winter.

<sup>2/9</sup> How is everything in Upland?  
Is George still in Upland?  
Dad always asks about George  
& Skaddo, and would like you  
to give them his regards. Is  
Mr. Whitney in good health now?

I must hustle along and  
do some work - the afternoons  
just seem to fly by.

Are you still planning to  
visit us sometime this month?  
It will be a happy day for  
us - if & when we see you  
again.

Love,  
Dumeto

4-9-C  
Paston, Arizona  
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Dear Mrs. Whitney,

Here it is already September  
the first, and there really is a  
distinct change in the weather.  
Late nights, and early mornings  
have been so cold we've had  
to wear a sweater to the  
mess hall. I dread to think  
what kind of weather will  
bring the late winter months.

The afternoons are still warm  
enough to keep the cooler on,  
but it isn't that unbearable  
heat we have been having.

We received a letter from Alma  
yesterday, and were quite pleased  
to learn she's facing facts. I  
don't think she feels so badly  
about her not being able to  
come to Paston as she did before.  
George, she says, is in better  
health now and I really believe  
as long as he is well, and the  
three of them are together, it

Doesn't matter too much where you go, or where you are sent.

Many of the Japanese girls who are married to men other than Japanese are leaving camp to return to their former homes. The two girls I told you about that lived in our block are returning to Riverside to marry, and our pre-school leader is leaving camp to return to Berkeley either Wednesday or Thursday. For her sake, I'm glad to see her go - her position is open at a small school in Kern County (she was principal) - but for Portia's sake - I hate seeing her go. She really is a very unusual person, sensible, well-educated, intelligent, yet down to earth. Because she has fought so whole heartedly for pre-schools, she's been an inspiration to all of us at #4 nursery.

So next we are having a farewell party for her. There will be about 40 teachers, and 15 special guest from the office. I only hope it goes off smoothly. I know we'll miss her as a friend too since Virginia & she were very good friends and she came over to our apartment very often.

Pay day has rolled around again, but our block manager didn't turn in the list of workers earlier so we were skipped in our queue (until later). It's made all of us in block 3-4-13-14 just too furious as all of us are "broke" - so the saying goes. I hope tho' - we'll get our pay soon.

I sent for samples of material from Miss Harada in Upland. Too frequent washes, the sun bleaching our clothes, & the Cretchets eating <sup>2/8</sup> what is left of them has made it necessary for us to hustle & do some sewing. Then too Mrs. Whitney - I've gained weight - in fact I've