

Dear Chief:

I was delighted to hear so much from you about the doings of the Lab and I appreciate very much your taking particular concern over my study here. God willing, I do hope I will be able to hurdle all the difficulties. I was allowed to take the second semester subjects but of course, this means that I have to do more reading than any of the other students so I will understand what they are talking about—especially in connection with the first semester work. I am fully aware that there "is no royal road to success."

The tentative plan for me is this: 12 credit hours of academic course work (minimum requirement for academic units) and 18 credit hours of thesis making a total of 30 hours—the requirement for M.S. I expect to finish this in 1-½ years, maybe two, depending on my thesis. One can never foresee or be able to predict what troubles may come up, especially in one's experiments. My work in school is not very heavy though—correcting students' papers, assisting the Professor in his work, etc. but very seldom. I am more concerned with my studies, so I can maintain my scholarship.

Saturday of the first week I arrived here, I was brought in to the office of Dean Shirley by the head of our Dept., also my major Prof., Dr. Jahn. He did not forget you and Mr. Aquino and the last time I saw him I extended your regards, of which he was very glad.

One evening, two weeks ago, the telephone in our apartment rang. Who was at the other end, but the PRO of the College, saying that the Syracuse Herald Journal was requesting an interview? I never thought my studying here would stir so much interest. A clipping is enclosed for your perusal.

Sometimes people can be over-solicitous and sometimes, too, I'm not sure if I am doing right or wrong. The Secretary of the Graduate Office is suggesting that I be made to stay with American girl students so I will learn the American ways of life and other insights into American culture, etc. My stay here will be too short, so I have to make the most of it, I was told. Arrangements are being made, but the final decision will lie with me.

Prof. "Teddy" Delizo will have arrived by the time my letter reaches Los Baños and he will provide you with more of the grape-vine. My regards to everyone in the FPL and Mrs. Cruz.

Sincerely,

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IN ONE OF THE BARRIO SCHOOLS IN THE PHILIPPINES

Barrio teacher: Children, tomorrow our lesson will be elementary home demonstration. This row will bring hens, the next one vegetables and rice, and the third, spices and fruits and the last will be kitchen utensils. (To the class) Any objection?

Junior: (son of a Forester) I object Mam.

Teacher: On what ground?

Junior: Well, I will bring 2 cubic meters of firewood for cooking. My Pa gets them free.

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FOR BETTER OR FOR WORSE

Instructor—Fritz, will you illustrate the difference between verse and prose?

Freshman—"There was a young lady named Betty, who waded out up to her ankle." That is prose. If she had gone a little further, it would have been verse".

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SPILLING THE BEANS

First Frater—"What was that clatter?"

Second Frater—"Bro Ed just fell down the stairs with a quart of whiskey!"

First Frater—"Did he spill it?"

Second Frater—"No, he kept his mouth shut."

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HIS USUAL FORM

"If I refuse to be your wife," she whispered dramatically, "will you really commit suicide?" "That," he said grandly, "has been my usual procedure".

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BELL HAIR TONIC

Mrs.—It's a bottle of hair-tonic, dear".

Mr.—"Oh, that's very nice of you darling."

Mrs.—"Yes, I want to give it to your secretary at the office. Her hair is coming out rather badly on your coat."

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IN FLAGRANTI DELECTU

Many—"Did you ever catch your husband flirting?"

Mabel—"Yes, that's the very way I did catch him."