

they bring with them a whole new complex of flies - just like a herd of horses or cattle will do. I believe the biting flies carry many diseases in this country.

If it were not for the oranges and bananas and the nunchonant and vitamins they supply - The people would always be ill. Fortunately these two food are plentiful and cheap. I still can not get over the idea of paying a penny for 4 oranges and as many as 5 bananas for a penny. You fill a bag and the bill is about 10¢. With these prices the well-to-do people in Guat. City will still argue for lower prices which they generally get. This is definitely wrong. The native really pay thru the nose. These poor people are required to pay for booth space in the City market (along the side of the street) and then to be talked into selling their produce for practically nothing. I tell you - the revolution is not over in Guatemala!

I think that I better stop the Chit-chat and answer some of your questions. I am glad the banana receipt book is so popular and so will proceed to Camp. When I stop in to see him again I will pick up some more.

Tell Luckan that we must mediate for normal rent or we will have to leave. She must accept some of the losses in the business. When I get back we will arrange to either make a go of the Luckan homestead or find a new place.

When you use oak it is necessary to first drill a hole for the screw otherwise the head of the screw will tear off before it goes in.

The Jay-bike episode sounds like me at about his age or older although I used to go away for a day or two. His enthusiasm for the bike will pass in time. He should tell you where and how long he will be gone. Be sure he has all the literature he needs for cut scouts and never let him become badge happy. I'm sorry that I will not be able to be at the cut dinner on 21 Feb. but there will be others.

If you are disappointed in winter in Kansas you can get some down here. Next time I will bring my parka.

Tell Chris that her drawings were well done and that I will have to paint her a picture of Guatemala while I am down here. Thank Jay for his letter and tell him to keep them coming. Polly's signature was almost readable - by the time I get home she will be writing big long paragraphs on all the walls.

Polly's name in Spanish is Paulina (Mary - maria). Annette is not used in Spanish but Christine is Cristina. My name become Jaime Guillerms Abeja.

Must close now and get some traps out. Tomorrow I am going to San Jose on the coast so will write to you from there. Then I will go to Chiquemulilla and work from there to the Coast along the coast. If this country prove profitable I may remain there for about 2 weeks.

Love

James