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EL JOAQUIN FINAL EDITION



SEPTEMBER 28, 1942

STOCKTON ASSEMBLY CENTER

Message TO CENTER-ITES

The time grows shorter and shorter to the day when Stockton Assembly Center will be a thing of the past, but will long be remembered by all: the residents, the staff and myself. Naturally, as in all walks of life, there will be many unpleasant memories. It is my hope, however, that these will be in the minority, with the pleasant ones as the majority.

I wish to commend you residents for your conduct throughout your stay here. Your ability to conduct yourselves properly has made the management of the Center much easier. I take this opportunity to thank each individual of the Council group, both those elected and those who were appointed earlier, as well as the Block Monitors. You have and are still assisting greatly in the managing of the Center and have been a great help to the management in solving various problems.

Last but not least I wish to thank the many resident employees who are willing to remain until the last in order to finish the jobs that you have so excellently handled throughout the life of the Stockton Assembly Center.

At the Relocation Center, to which you will soon be moving, I am sure you will have many more opportunities and facilities to create a more livable condition.

To all of you -- my wishes for the best of everything possible for the duration.

A. S. Nicholson, Center Manager
Stockton Assembly Center



To our worthy administration, to the residents of the Stockton Assembly Center and to the entire West Coast evacuees who, due to present conditions, have had to leave their coastal homes for the inland, we, the Staff, wish to dedicate this, the final edition of the EL JOAQUIN.

The Gila River

Final Edition

STOCKTON ASSEMBLY CENTER



SCHEDULE TO GO!

According to latest official release from Center Manager A. Nicholson, 250 residents of Block 1 will be among the first 500 to leave in the Stockton Assembly Center's opening movement to their new home in Rohwer, Arkansas. Accompanying the first contingent from Block 1 will be some families of the advance crew, who left on September 14 and part of Block 8.

Scheduled to leave on each successive alternate day are 447 from Block 2; 435 from Block 3; 439 from Block 5; 460 from Block 7; 446 from Block 9; 444 from Block 6 and 423 from Block 4. The only change from previously published movement schedule is the shifting of Block 6 from the fifth to the seventh place, next to last. In each movement, families will be drawn from Block 8 to meet the quota of 500 per trip.

It was stressed that large or bulky freights; including sewing machines, large radios, household articles, trunks, etc.; with contents not needed upon arrival must be packed, ready and placed on the tracks or graveled roadway the day before the scheduled departure for the relocation center to be picked up by the loading crew. The freight will be transported to the center on another train. (Continued on Page N6)

AMER. TRUST MAY RETURN

The American Trust Co. through its representative Jack Kern came last Tuesday to handle any banking business required by the residents.

Due to the large demand for the American Express traveler's checks, the Bank may again send Mr. Kern over next week..... Tuesday, Wednesday or Thursday, according to Center Cashier, John Gordon.

BLOCK

MOVEMENT

Oct. 3	Block 1
4 or 6	200
(tentatively to Gila)	
5	Block 2
7	Block 3
9	Block 5
11	Block 7
13	Block 9
15	Block 6
17	Block 4

Block 8 will fill in the deficit in each blk.

CENTER CASHIER: 'GOOD RECORD,' CHECKS CASHED

The Center Cashier's window will remain open indefinitely to sell coupons on books and render other services, such as cashing checks and making withdrawals.

Upon arrival of the last payroll, arrangements will be made for cashing the checks by Mr. John Gordon.

"The people here have maintained an unusual record," said Cashier John Gordon. "I've done a quarter million dollars of transactions and there has been no instance of a bad check. It may not be a surprise to the people here, but it is to me."

HINTS ON WHAT TO TAKE

1. Pillows are necessary for comfort (Extra pillow cases are advisable)
2. A light blanket or a heavy coat for night.
3. Wear simple clothes...jeans, slacks, "T" shirts, bandanas (for hair), etc. Change of clothes.
4. White shirts are taboo. Gets too dirty.
5. Toilet articles should be brought.
6. Radios are useless; phonographs are usable.
7. Food is unnecessary, since superior dishes are served. May bring candy.
8. Don't bring excess luggage--it clutters up the train.
9. For recreation, cards and mah jong are good. Other games are difficult.

GILA BOUND-173

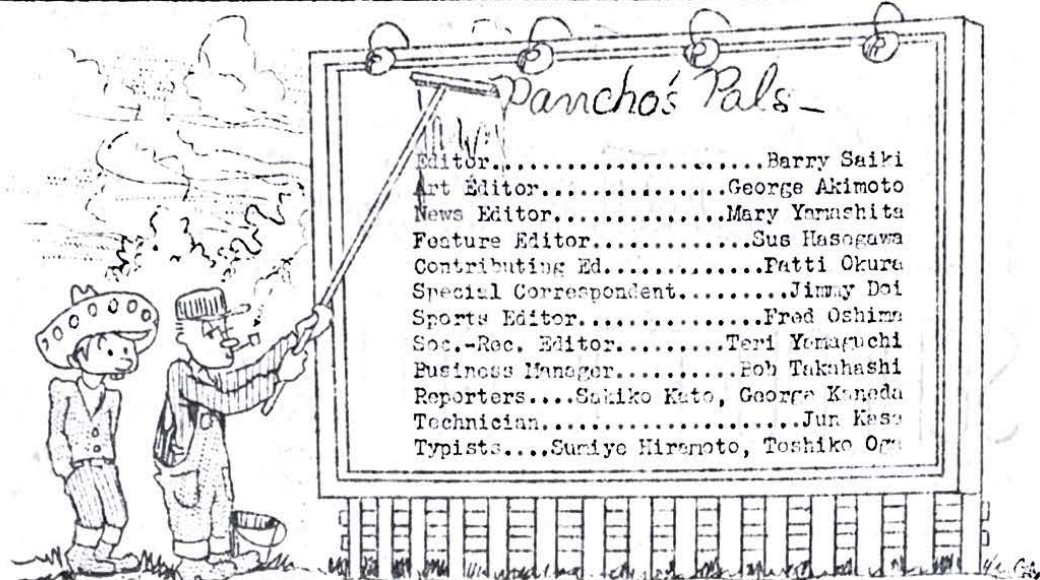
Not all the residents of the Stockton Assembly Center will go to Rohwer, Arkansas. Before the regular movement 173 persons, to be followed later on by 9 more, will be transferred to the Gila River Relocation Center in Arizona. Dr. E. Kanagawa and Nurse D.

Kato are scheduled to accompany the group and return to Stockton upon completion of the trip.

The transferees include persons and their families who are in poor health. They are being moved at (Continued on Page N6)

Notice!

HAVE HEAVY LUGGAGE ON TRACKS OR ROAD ONE DAY PRIOR TO YOUR MOVEMENT DATE FOR SHIPMENT BY FREIGHT.



ON ATTITUDE

History records the important achievements of mankind. For 1942 its annals will chronicle the ebb and flow of the second world-wide twentieth century struggle.

Tucked away in a remote paragraph will be the story of the Great Hegira, the mass migration of 115,000 people from the West Pacific Coast to the inland.

"The Problem People" are an insignificant part of the American population but to us, the ones directly concerned, our future remains the greatest worry.

For nearly five months we have lived in this community. We have come from all walks of life. We have left homes scattered throughout the State. We have come here expecting the worst, but with the will to overcome all obstacles.

Today, our record here attests that we have won out. We have carved out an economy self-explanatory in the respects of cooperation and unity.

With relocation movement imminent, the need to assume the same attitude of building toward coordinated goals has come. How will we face it? The Arkansas project will also be crowned with success—a success even stronger than this only upon the realization that each must do his work willingly.

The burden on the evacuees is heavy and the trail rough and obscure so that it will take more than intelligence, hard work and patience.

VOX POP BOX THANK YOU

Dear Editor:

I hope that a word could be put in about the hardworking mess division in the final issue.

George Tanaka and his assistants Mr. Miyashita and Mr. Sawada should be given credit, too.

(Name was withheld upon request.)

Dear Editor:

We would like to express to the residents of Block 2 our appreciation for the party they gave us.

Mess 2 crew

IN MEMORIAM

Center-ites extend their deepest sympathy to the family of Mr. S. Tamura, who passed away last Wednesday.

FINAL PRESS MESSAGE

With the imminence of relocation rapidly becoming a reality and the time for our long-awaited exodus a matter of days, the moment for the EL JOAQUIN to bow out of the picture with its final issue has come.

During the past few months, the staff has tried to present a complete coverage of news.

It is also our hope that we have contributed something toward morale-raising in the Center; to give credit to the workers in the various divisions that have contributed towards the well being of the Center; to render constructive thinking; to inspire interest in the cooperative movement; to add a touch of humor here and there; and to stimulate interest in other fields as well as record the results. We have tried to be American without resorting to flag-waving or 110%-ism.

Ere we type out thirty, the staff of the EL JOAQUIN wish to express sincere thanks to the many administrative officers who have helped them out as well as to the kind attention accorded them by the entire Center.

--- The Staff

P.S. (Editor's Note)

Worthy of mentioning at this time is the work of George Akimoto, the creator of Pancho, who exemplifies the spirit that prevailed throughout the Center. The artistic abilities of our staff artist have done much in adding color to our pages and the press personnel envisions greater fields for him to conquer.

KAWASAKI RETURNS TO CENTER
Al Kawasaki, of the American Crystal Sugar Co., will arrive today to recruit men for work in Montana.

CLOTHING NEWS

Provided Sears and Roebuck Co. ships the final clothing order by Sept. 20 (may arrive four or five days later), clothing will be distributed to the residents.

INFANTS' CARE PROVIDED

To mothers with infants 15 chuxs (disposable diapers) will be provided each day and all formulas will be made by the Diet Department on the train and delivered to each individual mother.

To all persons who get car sick an ample supply of paper bags will be provided.

One doctor, two nurses, two nurse's aides, two milk girls and two orderlies will accompany each train.

From Dr. Kanagawa comes this diagnosis -- food on the train will be good and substantial, so no one should take any food on the train trip. Fresh milk will be given to all children and fruits will be given to everyone between meals.

NISEI SYMPHONIES

With the strains of Johann Strauss' "Tales of the Vienna Woods" the first "Nisei Concert" began with a flying start on Sept. 19 at 7 p.m. under the conductorship of Miss Virginia Short, member of the Stockton HI faculty and the Stockton Symphony.

Center-ites certainly appreciated the fact that Miss Short offered her services voluntarily. Approximately 500 Nisei turned out for the initial concert.

Miss Short, who came voluntarily to entertain young Center-ites, presented a varied program. Some of the highlights were:

Peter and the Wolf.....Prokofieff
Bolero.....Ravel
Largo Factotum.....Rossini's Parlor of Seville
Sheep and Goat...Guion by Stockton HI Orchestra

On the following Tuesday Miss Short again presented a diversified program. Some of the favorites played were:

Ave Maria.....Schubert, sung by Marian Anderson
Moonlight Sonata.....Beethoven
Arias from Il Trovatore, sung by Jussi Boerling
Hora Staccato....Dinca, played by Jeanne Helfetz
Death and Transfiguration.....R. Strauss

Miss Short is planning to continue the concerts until the last group leaves. Requests for any desired numbers are accepted.

NURSERY ENDS SUCCESSFUL SUMMER TERM

September 18th brought to a close the four-month season of our Center Nursery School. In that short time, the daily attendance had increased from twenty to ninety-eight children.

Great improvement was seen in the children's ability to speak English and to cooperate with others. The youngsters enjoyed the much used sand box, and the greatly anticipated midmorning lunches.

Among the teachers who have taken keen interest so that the young children may live a normal life are Miss Mary Hata, Miss Shigeko Tabuchi, Miss Elsie Agari, Mrs. Susie Chikaraishi and Mrs. Jeanette Iwataki.

BUY U.S. DEFENSE
BONDS

'30 FOR THE PRESS'

By Bob
Takahashi

The EL JOAQUIN, on May 30, 1942, made its debut with a two-column page printed on yellow "hatcher" paper. With this issue, thirty-five editions have gone to press, and now after four months of hectic newspaper life, the EL JOAQUIN staff pulls down its "shingle" and signs "30" to its brief newspaper career.

On June 10th, our fourth edition, the EL JOAQUIN discarded the two-column page and entered the respectable newspaper field by coming out in a three-column dress. Three days later, on the June 13th edition,

PAYCHECKS, WHEN?

"I don't know why the paychecks are not here yet," stated Chief of Personnel Accounts Roland Frost, "I expected them to be here before this."

Approximately \$12,596.56 in government checks are expected some time this week.

VOX POP BOX

Dear Editor:

We wish to thank the residents of Block 3 for their generosity in giving us a party.

Mess 3 crew

the paper blossomed out on regular white mimeo paper.

After 125 days of our hectic journalistic experience, during which 700 reams of paper (400 for printed forms) were used, the EL JOAQUIN ends its brief career with the publication of its final "extravaganza".

With an embryonic crew of fourteen working under inadequate facilities, the staff has attempted to put out a good paper.

We close our press room with a feeling that we have enjoyed our experience here.



MR. NICHOLSON

Mr. A. S. Nicholson, Center Manager, who replaced Mr. H. Mundell as Center Manager early in July, has established a creditable record for this Center.

He has been ably assisted by Assistant Manager William Dougherty of Marysville Assembly Center, who has aided him in administering the Center problems.

The office personnel consists of Mildred Fitzgerald, secretary; Bessie Bancroft, clerk-steno; Doris Day, Marjorie Reed and Laura Mae Smith; PRX and teletype.

SHUT-INS

Mr. Takeshi Nakamura underwent an operation at the San Joaquin General Hospital.

Mrs. Setsuye Bingo and Mr. Rintaro Honda entered San Joaquin Gen. Hospital.

BLOCK SANITARY ENGINEERS

Public health and sanitation in S.A.C. have been good due to our hard-working block janitors who have so willingly worked without making a single complaint. It is through their hard efforts that we have been able to use the latrines and showers each morning without the fear of contracting any serious diseases. These unsung heroes are: R. Kato, J. Kasa, G. Nakao, Y. Okubo, M. Hiramatsu, K. Kawasaki, Mrs. T. Okiyama, Y. Nagao, Mrs. I. Fujii, K. Iwamoto, Mrs. E. Hayashi, I. Oji, T. Saiki, K. Saiki, K. Tanioka, J. Nakamura, Mrs. T. Nakashima, K. Muraoka, Mr. Nakai, Mr. Sugimoto, Mrs. Kurata and Mrs. Tanaka.

ADVANCE-CREW'S TIME TABLE

Left Stockton	Monday	9/14/42	2:30 p.m.
Left Bakersfield	"	"	9:00 p.m.
Left Cadiz, Cal.	Tuesday	9/15/42	8:45 a.m.
Crossed Colo. River to Arizona	"	"	9:35 a.m.
Stop Seligman (walked around)	"	"	1:10 p.m.
Entered New Mexico	"	"	9:30 a.m.
Entered Colorado	Wednesday	9/16/42	10:45 a.m.
Passed Granada	" (M.T.)	"	2:30 p.m.
Entered Kansas	"	"	2:50 p.m.
Syracuse	"	"	3:05 p.m.
Dodge City	"	"	5:30 p.m.
Wichita	" (C.T.)	"	10:10 p.m.
Entered Missouri	Thursday	9/17/42	2:00 a.m.
Springfield	"	"	7:00 a.m.
Entered Arkansas	"	"	11:00 a.m.
Entered Tennessee	"	"	2:10 p.m.
Left Memphis	"	"	4:15 p.m.
Arrived at Rohwer	"	"	10:03 p.m.

Notice MOTHERS

All mothers with infants needing diapers are requested to report to the Center Hospital to get diapers on the day before departure of their respective blocks.

All milk bottles are to be brought to the hospital by 7 a.m. on the morning of their block departure to be filled. Mothers without sufficient bottles will be furnished bottles by the Hospital. Twenty-four hour quantity will be supplied.

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On the day for relocation all baggage not to exceed 150 lbs. per adult and 75 lbs. per child over 5 years of age; consisting of bedding rolls, suitcases, handbags; must be ready and placed on leveled roadway or tracks for loading. These will be taken to the relocation center in the baggage car of the relocation train.

Evacuees will also need a hand bag containing all the necessities for a four-day train ride to be carried with them throughout the journey.

SUPER SERVICE

Congratulations to Mess 2! Mess 2 rates 4 stars by showing the most improvement since Pancho's Pals conducted the mess series. Until now Messes 3 and 5 have been taking top honors in cleanliness. But now your turn has arrived! Take a big bow!

These waitresses are known for their good service and efficiency: Eriko Oshita; Miyoko and Yoneko Ichiki; Taya Kuwabara; Rosie, Grace and Elsie Sato; Mary and Minnie Funamura; headwaiter, S. Nagaoka.

The two proud cooks are: F. Okura and M. Kubokawa.

S. Nakabayashi is the timekeeper, assisted by Botte Ouye.

Stock clerk is M. Shio-ta; assistant, N. Matsuo-ka.

Other co-workers are: T. Iwaki, K. Taushima, T. Kirio, M. Kirio, T. Matsuoka, M. Yamamoto, H. O-gata, J. Tachibana, T. Sasaki, T. Matsuoka, T. Kikumaru, Y. Taniguchi, J. Funamura, S. Hori, K. Oshita, K. Ichiki, J. Nishimoto, S. Ryuto, S. Kochi, R. Nakamoto, B. Yoshimura, Y. Shimizu, C. Shinshira, T. Horita, T. Fujioka, I. Gato, Y. Teshima, Y. Yoshioka, T. Oyo, N. Yaku-shiji, T. Uyeki, T. Yuki, S. Hirooka, T. Matsuoka, M. Matsuyoshi, S. Shiro-saki, S. Nakai, A. Okazaki, M. Tahara, K. Higashima, and M. Sugami.

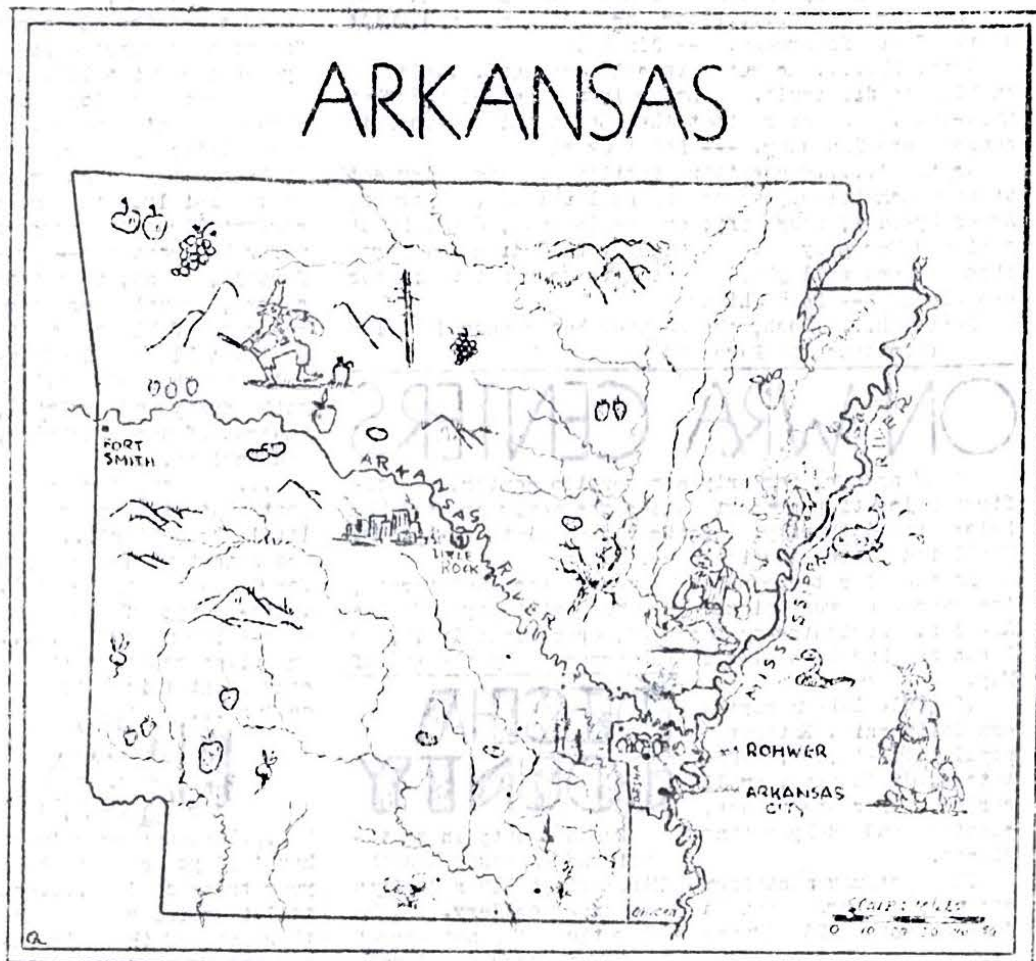
Mess 2 takes second honors! Take a little bow!

The chief cooks, H. Taketaya and M. Ito, are still beaming with pride!

RELOCATION

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ARKANSAS

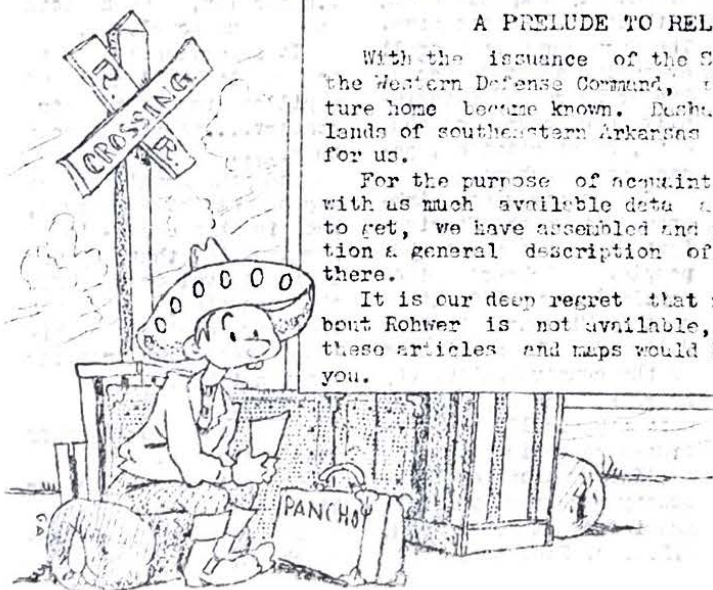


A PRELUDE TO RELOCATION

With the issuance of the Sept. 9 orders from the Western Defense Command, the locale of our future home became known. Dade County in the lowlands of southeastern Arkansas was the site chosen for us.

For the purpose of acquainting the Centerites with as much available data as we have been able to get, we have assembled and printed in this section a general description of what we can expect there.

It is our deep regret that more information about Rohwer is not available, but we hope that these articles and maps would be of some value to you.



NEWS FROM ROHWER

THRU THE MAILS

Sept. 18.....Barracks look very much like ours except they are larger in width. Also, the windows are much more numerous and larger. Each apartment is insulated. Every apartment contains a closet and also chimney for stoves.....floors are of wood and built up two feet off ground. --- Jim Doi

Sept. 20.....The water is cold and hard....clothes washing is difficult. No rain as yet--isn't that marvelous. We hear that the Santa Anita bunch is coming here Thursday. --- Patti Okura

Sept. 21.....Recreation facilities are being set up by a committee composed of Paul Shimada, chairman; Agnes Uyesugi, secretary; and assistants, James Hamasaki and Harry Uyeda. Temporary ball diamond, horse shoe pit and volleyball court have been set up in our own block. --- Paul Shimada

Sept. 22.....Gosh, the weather has changed! The
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ON W.R.A. CENTERS

(1) Manzanar, formerly a reception center, was the first Relocation project under the newly created War Relocation Authority. Estimated population--10,000. Small industries, agriculture.

As the first group to be moved from California, the evacuees were picked from the vicinity of Los Angeles. Beginning on March 23, approximately 10,000 Japanese had been placed in Manzanar by the end of May.

(2) Tule Lake in northern California. Estimated population--10,000. Potatoes, field peas, small gardens, forest product, canning and dehydrating plants.

The first movement from assembly centers began on June 2 with 200 advance workers from Puyallup and North Portland. On June 15, 4600 residents of the Sacramento Assembly Center began movement, followed by 2,000 from Marysville on June 24 and 4,000 from Pinedale on July 15.

(3) Parker Indian Reservation at Poston, Arizona. Estimated population--20,000. Irrigation projects and production of subsistence crops.

One of the first three assembly centers to be evacuated was Salinas on June 23 with 3,600 residents. They were followed to Parker by 750 Pinedaleans on July 15 and by 1,200 Santa Anitaans on August 26. The residents of Zone 2 were also moved to Poston.

(4) Gila River in south-
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DESHA COUNTY

Desha County in southeastern Arkansas has the Mississippi River for its eastern boundary. The elevation does not exceed 100 feet above sea level. About 35% of the area is in farms, the rest in brush and timber. The trees are mostly oak, wild pecan, with possibly some pine. The farms are mostly small averaging about 70 acres. The crops raised principally are corn, cotton, oats, sweet potatoes, pecans and sorghums.

The county seat, Arkansas City on the Mississippi River has about 1000 people. Rohwer's 1940 population was 160. It is on the Missouri Pacific Railroad. The population of the county is about 50% Negroes and 50% White, with practically no foreign-born residents.

(Information of Desha County received by Mr. Y. Agari from Mr. Frank Scott, C.P.A. of Stockton)



WHAT TO WEAR FOR THAT TRIP EAST.....

This column is for the benefit of the Center's "Smart set" (smart defined by Webster as intelligent).

Suggestions for the young women's traveling necessities for the days to be spent on the train are: mainly, the most comfortable clothing your wardrobe contains--preferably, jeans, or cotton slacks, couple or more changes of blouses (white or light blouses inadvisable as the trip will be both dusty and grimy.), changes of underclothing, and anklets...

...One sweater and a coat that will undergo a little "roughing"... and shoes that will serve you for the purpose of comfort. Slip-on type of shoes are best--like moccasins.... and slippers are quite a convenient thing to have on hand...



...Bandanas are a 'must have' if you care to keep your tresses clean....and toilet articles are another one of the main necessities--including make-up kit, soap, toothbrush, and toothpaste, a comb to take out those kinks, etc. ...naturally, a wash cloth and a hand towel....

It is advisable to take a light blanket and a pillow for that extra comfort....as you'll need them....

The young man's fancy may be slightly marred, but in this case-- it is permissible that young ladies travel dressed for the occasion, although there are divided opinions about women dressing too mannishly....

DO NOTS!!

Do not over-stuff your suitcases.

Do not wear white or light colored clothing.

Do not wear high-heeled shoes.

W.R.A. CENTER OF ARKANSAS

Rohwer, Arkansas, where the War Relocation Authority has built a center to house and feed the evacuated West Coast Japanese for the duration of the war and where the Stockton Assembly Center and the Santa Anita Assembly Center are destined, is a great tract of land similar to the delta areas of California.

The temperature and humidity will vary little from what we are used to in California. Probably the greatest climatical difference will be in the rainfall.

In the San Joaquin Valley the average annual rainfall is between 15 and 20 inches; whereas, in Arkansas near Rohwer, the average rainfall is 50 inches.

PRESENT SETTLEMENT

Most of the people, living in the Arkansas delta in Desha County, are cotton farmers from the worn-out hills in the surrounding uplands or from the Delta sharecropper plantations. Many of these settlers are of recent origin, living under primitive conditions and in crude pioneer dwellings.

PART OF DELTA

Desha County, in which is located the Rohwer Relocation Center, is part of a great tract of delta area consisting of about 22,500,000 acres and taking in parts of Louisiana, Mississippi and Arkansas. This undeveloped delta area contains millions of acres of po-

INTRODUCING MR. MYER

Dillon S. Myer, who succeeded M. C. Eisenhower on June 17, 1942, as Director of the War Relocation Authority, has the great task of relocating 112,000 Japanese evacuees from the West Coast to new inland communities.

Mr. Myer comes to the WRA after holding various positions in the Department of Agriculture. Before the appointment to the job in the WRA, he was Assistant Administrator of the Agricultural Conservation and Adjustment Administration for six years. Prior to this, he was Chief of the Cooperative Relations and Planning Division of the Soil Conservation Service. During the years of 1924 and 1925, he was Chief of the Compliance Section and later Assistant Chief of the Program Planning Division of the AAA.

tentially good land. Under proper conditions portions of this delta (parts of Louisiana, Mississippi and Arkansas) that can be made suitable for agriculture will support 80-acre farms for 62,000 families or 40-acre farms for 125,000 families but will require some drainage if the land is to be used for farming. Some of this tract cannot be drained at all except at great cost.

SOIL STRUCTURE

The soil in this delta (Continued on page R4)

DANCE IN ROHWER

"A get-together dance is being planned for this Sat. night, Sept. 26. Chaperons will be Dr. and Mrs. Yagoshi; music, Ames Uyeshi; assisted by co-chairmen, Thomas Uyeda and James Homasaki," stated Paul Shimada's letter.

NAT'L WRA POLICY

At a national WRA policy conference, the following tentative regulations were released (Manzanar Free Press, August 26, August 31 and Sept. 2):

SUBSISTENCE NEED

The WRA will furnish and provide to each evacuee subsistence needs: food, shelter, medical care, elementary and high school education.

Public-assistance grants or relief will be furnished to needy individuals and families who are without adequate means of support for themselves and their dependents. Those people who are able to work, but who refuse employment will not be eligible for this relief.

PAY AND WORK RULES

Evacuees employed by the WRA and those employees in consumer and producer enterprises will be paid according to the following schedule:

1. The #12 classification will apply only to apprentice workers in their training period who work under direct supervision of an expert worker. This

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Mr. Myer plans to continue along the present policy lines until further experience indicates the need for changes.

"The appointment of Dillon S. Myer as Director of the WRA confirms our faith that the Federal government intends to continue its announced policy of dealing with the evacuation problem with understanding, social vision, and fair play," stated Mike Masnoka, national secretary of the Japanese American Citizen League, after meeting Mr. Myer.

....Pacific Citizen
July 2, 1942

(Continued from page R4) first two days were hot and sultry because it rained the day before, but Sunday was cool--beautiful weather!

I don't think I've ever mentioned the Negroes working here...very nice people. About 4,000 still work in this camp.--Kinji Hiramoto

TRAIN INSTRUCTIONS

ROHWER CENTER

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area is composed of first and second bottom land and is largely of clay soils. The structure of these clay soils is peculiar in that they can be plowed wet, and when they dry out and become wet again they loosen up to form a good soil structure. These soils are especially adapted to cotton farming, but experts believe that these soils will produce long-staple cotton, alfalfa, soy beans, oats, corn, and a wide variety of truck crops.

LAST FRONTIERS

On the Rohwer Project, the emphasis will be placed primarily on the production of the food for the colonists. Production in excess of our needs will be devoted to the wartime national needs. The colonists when reaching their destination will soon discover and develop, along side one of the most populous farm lands, a new agricultural frontier---one of the last land frontiers in the United States.

CENTER PLANS REVEALED

On the opposite page are plans for the entire Relocation Center. 36 blocks are devoted to living quarters. Block 8 shows the formation of the 12 barracks in each block. Also shown are the mess hall, laundry and the showers.

On the bottom is the floor plan of a barrack. Each barrack is divided into 6 apartments. Apts. A & F are the largest; B & E, the smallest; C & D, the in-betweens.

Each will have a closet, cement hearth and a place for a stove. Gypsum walls separate the apartments.

who began movement on September 20.

(10) Chicot County, Arkansas. Estimated population--10,000. Beets, melons, peas, tomatoes, beans, cotton.

As yet there are 5,000 left in Fresno and 5,000 left in Santa Anita. Draw your own conclusion.

The evacuees leaving for Arkansas will be given certain instructions by the Western Defense Command on their conduct and supervision during the train ride. A few of the rules listed are:

A Train Captain will be appointed for each train.

A Car Monitor, who will be responsible for the actions, well-being, comfort of passengers within his car, cleanliness, and sanitation, will be appointed for each car. He will appoint one woman as his assistant.

All questions and requests of passengers will be made to the Car Monitor who will then secure the necessary information.

Matches or burning tobacco will not be thrown from car windows.

Passengers will not pass from one car to another without authority of the guard.

Window shades of all cars will be kept down between sunset and sunrise (at night).

Passengers will not extend head or limbs from car windows while train is in motion.

CHURCH SERVICES

Very informal Sunday services were held for the Buddhist and Christian groups in the recreation hall. Dr. J. B. Hunter, Chief of Community Services, was the guest speaker for both denominations. Mr. and Mrs. Kenzo Fujimori were in charge of the Buddhist services and Paul Shimada was in charge of the Christian service. For the coming Sunday, a guest speaker from the outside will be here for the Christian services.

(Excerpt from Paul Shimada's letter.)

W.R.A. CENTERS

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ern Arizona. Estimated population--10,000. Irrigation projects and subsistence crops.

The residents of the Turlock Assembly Center were the first to go to Gila; 5,000 evacuees began movement on July 18. After Turlock came the Tulare Assembly Center on August 20 with 5,000.

(5) Minidoka in southern Idaho. Estimated population--10,000. Irrigation projects, sugar beets, potatoes, beans and onions.

The evacuees from the north, Puyallup Assembly Center, began movement on August 22 with 7,000. Their neighbors from the North Portland Assembly Center followed on September 6 with 2,400.

(6) Granada, Colorado. Estimated population--10,000. Agriculture.

On August 31, 4,300 Mercedians evacuated to this new center in Colorado. They were soon trailed by 3000 residents of the Santa Anita Assembly Center on September 17.

(7) Heart Mountain in

Wyoming. Estimated population--10,000. Reclamation projects, subsistence crops, labor.

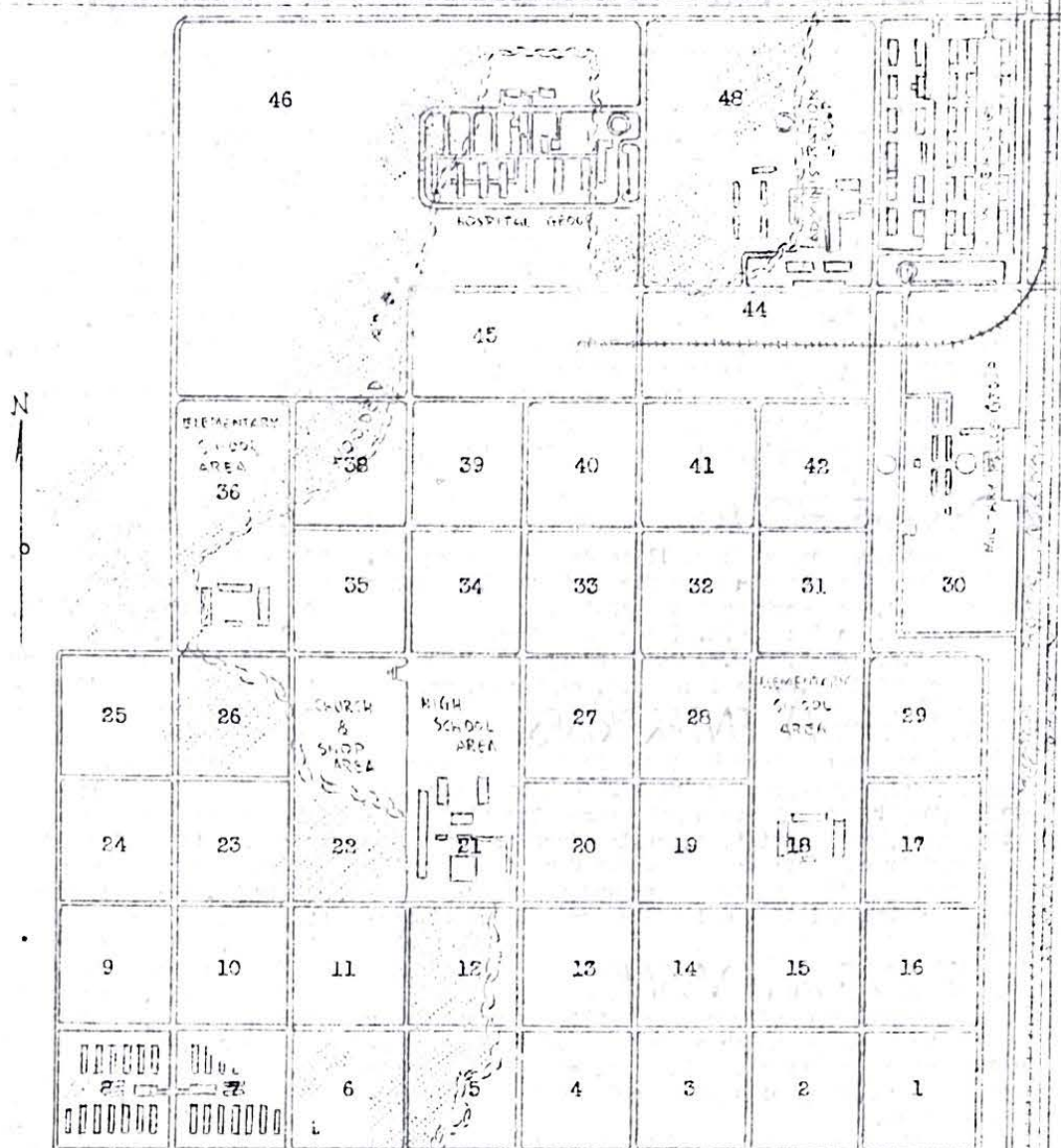
The first to leave for Wyoming was the Pomona Assembly Center with 5,000 residents leaving on August 16. The other half of the center was occupied by 1,100 from North Portland on August 29 and 4,500 Santa Anitans on August 30.

(8) Abraham, Utah. Estimated population--10,000. Sugar beets, alfalfa, grains.

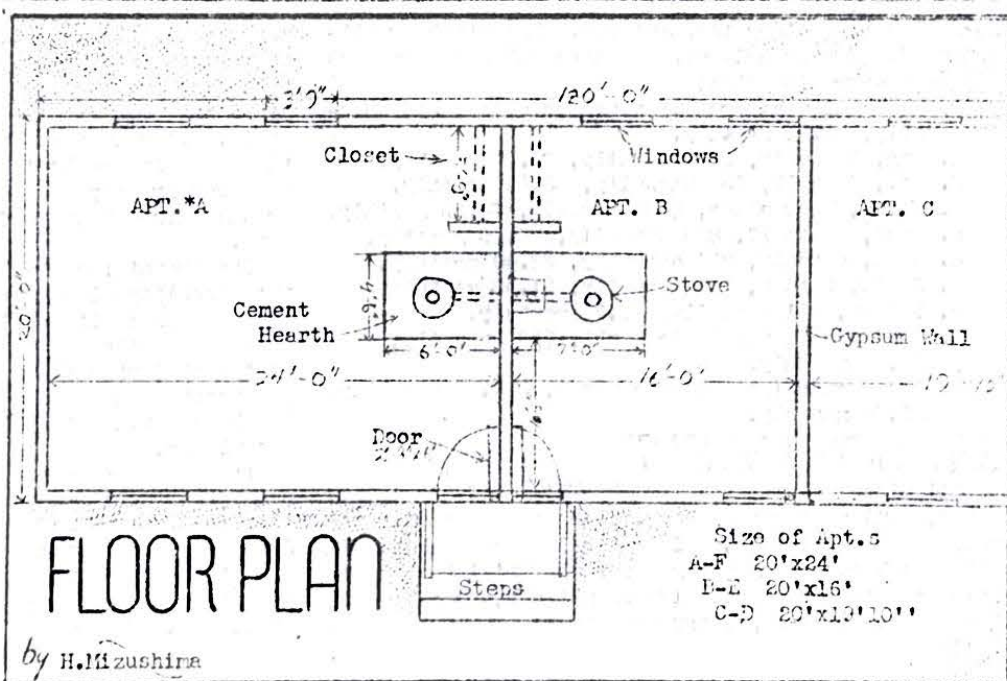
The entire Tanforan Assembly Center of 11,000 began mass evacuation on September 15 for their new home in Utah.

(9) Rohwer, Arkansas. Estimated population--10,000. Beets, melons, peas, tomatoes, beans, cotton.

With the 250 workers of the advance crew already on their way the remainder of the 4,500 residents of the Stockton Assembly Center will begin movement on October 3. The other 4,500 will be filled with Santa Anitans



ROHWER RELOCATION CENTER LAYOUT PLAN



NAT'L. W.R.A. POLICY

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rate shall not apply to common labor on simple tasks requiring hard physical work.

2. The \$16 group will include the majority of the evacuees: all those not included in Group 1 and 3.

3. The \$19 per month group includes complex and responsible jobs requiring considerable training and experience.

a. Jobs involving responsible supervision and coordination of the work of other employees.

b. Positions on the project chart in grades GS-6, GS-7, GS-8 and above.

c. Jobs requiring professional training.

d. Jobs making an exceptional contribution to project operation, entailing extremely hard work essential to the welfare and morale of large number of people, and which involves irreplaceable skills.

WORKING HOURS

The standard work week shall be 44 hours per week. Unless the nature of the specific work requires other arrangements, the working hours shall be:

8 a.m. to 12:00 a.m. (noon) and from

1 p.m. to 5:00 p.m. on week days

From 8:00 a.m. to 12:00 a.m. on Saturdays.

COMMUNITY ENTERPRISES

Standard cash advances plus clothing allowances shall be paid by community enterprises to their employees on the same basis as the War Relocation Authority employees. Subsistence will be furnished workers in community enterprises and their dependents by the WRA until such time as consumer and producer enterprises are financially able to assume these obligations.

CLOTHING ALLOWANCE

Necessary amount of clothing will be provided by the WRA to workers and those who are eligible for unemployment compensation. These allowances probably will be in the form of scripts redeemable at the community store.

The following schedule for clothing allowance shall apply to Tule Lake, Minidoka, Heart Mountain, Central Utah, Manzanar and Granada. This is slightly higher than Poston, Arizona, for the above-mentioned places have slightly colder temperatures. The clothing allowance for Rohwer Relocation Center will not vary much from the schedule below:

1. Employed man, aged 18 years or older, \$46 annually, \$3.85 monthly.
2. Boy, 13 to 17, \$40 annually, \$3.30 monthly.
3. Boy, 6 to 12, \$38 annually, \$3.20 monthly.
4. Woman, 18 or older, \$39 annually, \$3.25 monthly.
5. Girl, 13 to 17, \$36 annually, \$3.00 monthly.
6. Girl, 6 to 12, \$29 annually, \$2.40 monthly.
7. Child, 2 to 5, \$20 annually, \$1.65 monthly.
8. Infant, \$21 annually, \$1.75 monthly.
9. Aged man (not able to work), \$38 annually, \$3.20 monthly.
10. Aged woman (not able to work), \$31.50 annually, \$2.60 monthly.

SELF GOVERNMENT

All elective positions in the WRA self-government setup, will be limited to U.S. citizens who are 18 years of age or over. Issai shall find a place in this self-government scheme for they will be able to hold positions on appointive committees, commissions, boards and other appointive administrative positions.

CLIMATE IN ROHWER, ARK.

Climatical conditions of the Arkansas delta region are usually considered mild, agreeable and favorable to a diversified agriculture.

Mild winters frequently occur and occasionally one so mild that vegetables can grow during the entire winter. The summers are usually long, and rather hot and humid with the temperature running well above 100 degrees.

The average annual temperature is about 63 degrees. During the month of January the average is 44.6 degrees and for the month of July, 82.1 degrees. On the hottest days the mercury hits as high as 112 degrees while on the coldest days it drops completely down to 6 degrees.

THE AVERAGE RAINFALL

The average annual precipitation for this section has been approximately 50.31 inches, three times more than that of Stockton. The rainfall is the highest during the month of Dec. with the average of 5.83 inches whereas Oct. has the lowest amount of rain with the average of 2.63 inches. The average monthly precipitation usually runs to 4 inches.

The growing season of this section extends over a period of 224 days with the frost coming in early November and lasting until the beginning of April. There is very little snow in the lowlands and rarely stays on the ground more than a few days.

The prevailing wind in this locality differs with the seasons; it usually comes from the south or southwest during the summer months and from the north or northwest during the winter.

It shows that Desha County has a climate similar to that of the San Joaquin Valley with the exception of a more humid climate and heavier rainfall. --George Kaneda

HIGH LIGHTS of S.A.C.



S.A.C. ACTIVITIES

- May 10....Volunteer workers enter Center. Nurse Kato first one in.
12....Enter Stocktonians! No fanfare! Bags and baggage!
19....Lodians trail in! Late as usual! Population totals 4,268.
20....Introducing Center Grammar School and Nursery....Led by Toshiko Morita and Mary Huta, Jeanette Inatani, respectively....Canteen's grand opening!...The best in the West?...Visitors' Building opens...Come one, come all!
- May 25....Varied Rec. Program starts under Jack McFarland.
30....First edition of EL JOAQUIN with caricatures of ex-Center Manager, Mr. Harold Mundell...Pancha makes initial appearance...Remember the typhoid shots?... "Bookworms' haven" opens under Ken Hasegawa...Courtesy of Stockton Public Library and donations by friends...Miss Humberger prominent in collecting books, mags.
- June 2....Mundell appoints Block Representatives (12) and Councilmen (5)...Center glorified by 5,000 plants via County Fair Association.
5....110 sugar beetsters leave for Shelley, Idaho, beetfields. They beat us to it!...High school graduation...Mr. Fred Ellis of Stockton HI and Mr. Leroy Nichols of Iodi HI present...Senior fling to honor seniors.
6.... "Variety Show"...What a show!...Talent?...25 more leave for Idaho.
- June 8....First movies shown at Edex Hall... "Sea Island Sugar" and "Big Games of the Nat'l Forest"...400 enroll for high school courses!
10....Pancha from Puddville for President!!
15....Wedding chimes heard in S.A.C...First to tie knot, R. Horibe and Miss Sumi Ito.
17....Center shoe repair shop opens for poor leather soles...Hope of Student Relocation.
20....Amateur program from 2 p.m....boxing matches included...Amateur?... Definitely -- good....6 a.m. roll call cancelled....9 p.m. roll call only...Better be home at 9, Johnny!
- June 25....Beginners' Knitting class led by Mrs. C. Sudow begins...Why?...S.J.C.'ers receive diplomas at Visitors' Booth...Mr. Windmiller, registrar presents diplomas.
30....Scouts' first Court of Honor...Dr. Mann, Commissioner of the East Side District, chairman...Guest speaker, Jim Cave....Second call for sugar beet workers. This time Montana.
- July 1....Mess contest series sponsored by L.C. Shaffer...No more messing around!
2,3....FIRST PAY CHECKS covering May 10 to June 9 arrive...Over 6,000 dollars distributed...Did you frame yours?
4....All day Extravaganza...Special events by Scouts, Firecracker Fling.... Ice Cream, baked ham on menu...Also hot dogs and lemonade free.
8....Dr. Suzuki and Nurses Mary Hashimoto and Chitose Aihara arrived from Parker, Arizona, to join hospital staff.
12....Center store cuts prices...reduced average of 20%....Yippee!....Mess #7 wins first mess contest...due to cleanliness.
14....Mundell leaves Center...Nicholson new Center Manager...Mundell leaves for New Mexico as State Director of Employment for WPA....Bye!
15....First of series to give Center-ites idea of cooperatives appears in EL JOAQUIN....Let's cooperate....O-bon festival....2-11 p.m....500 gyrate to lilting music.
16....Talent Revue and what a review!
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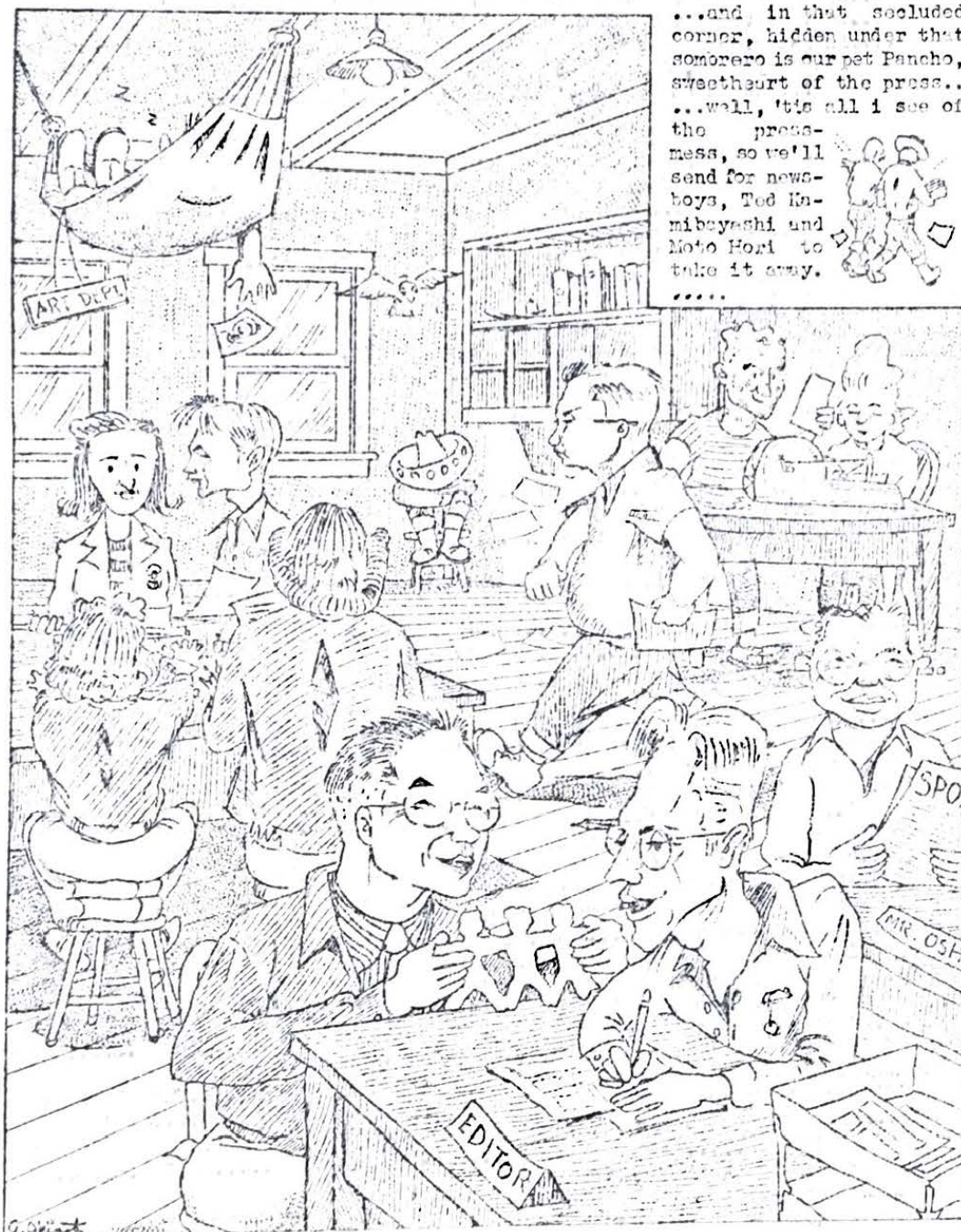
for cigarettes!

...in this, our last issue, artist "Wacky" Aki presents masterpiece caricatures of the press-mess, and yours truly up here will try to relate their actions....
...far down below in the editor's lair is our "Traf" Saiki, the headcheez with that usual 'far-off' look, cooing off another of his romantical poems to the gleeful business manager, "Tigger" Takahashi, who seems more interested

in his paper dolls.

...the two back views you
site are those of typists,
"Sample-size" Hiramoto,
perched on the improvised
high chair, straining her-
self to reach the typewri-
ter...and the bright rays
coming from "Ambrosia"
Coe's (Ouye officially?) are
the illuminations from her
third finger left hand...
...behind the "Prof" is
opinionated "Page Hoggar"
Oshima....that smile is a
false front, cuz he was
still revving for his eight
pages..."Horse" Hasegawa,
huffing and puffing by,
making papers fly, is chea-
sing off for some hot news.
...that little woman with

that certain forlorn look
is "Mary, Mary, quite con-
trary. Her beau is gone.
So she groweth weary" Ya-
mashita, our news editor.
.....and "Squirrel-Race"
Kaneida, mooning away as
usual, stands nearby.....
.....to the rite, pumping
away on the mimeo is tech-
nician Jisaburo (wet's in
a nurse!) Kasa and his left-
hand girl, Saki Kato.....
that carrier pigeon just
flow in with news from
foreign correspondent,
"Donbo" Doi of the Army
Hills...that thing hanging
aloft is the art dept. with
"Admiral" Akimoto snoring
away in the hammock...(oh,
but for a slingshot!!....
...and in that secluded
corner, hidden under that
sombrero is our pet Pancho,
sweetheart of the press..
...well, 'tis all i see of
the press-
mess, so we'll
send for news-
boys, Ted Ku-
mibayashi and
Moto Hori to
take it away.



ACTIVITIES of S.I.C.



INFORMATION PLEASE ?!

Where do I mail my letters? Where is my bundle? Where the heck am I?

To the puzzled evacuees the Information Booth was a Godsend. To the busy office staff, suddenly caught in the whirlpool of confusion, the messenger service of the Information Booth was a miracle from heaven.

Starting to work the first day of evacuation, the Information Service was the pioneering department of the Service Division. The first important service to the center was that of mailing and handling of letters before the formation of the Center Post Office. They were also available for the filling in of the change of address cards, the Immigration Authority cards, the draft board cards and others. During the influx of the draft questionnaires, the personnel took pains to help answer the questions as accurately as possible.

Gradually the Information Booth served as the go-between of the office and the residents of the Center. Important bulletins were posted at regular intervals on the boards in front of the booth and on the various mess halls. Notices from the offices were delivered by the messengers.

As the function of the Information Service grew in importance, the booth grew proportionately in size. Starting out under the stairs in front of the grandstand, the office was soon so filled and crowded that a newer and larger booth was constructed. (Continued on Page A2)

YOUR CONTRIBUTION

by E. R. Levy

It has been a distinct pleasure to have worked with the residents of this Center, and I wish to take this opportunity to thank publicly all those leaders and other faithful workers with whom I have been associated here for their splendid efforts in carrying out the responsibilities which they undertook. I can sincerely say that there is not a single department of which I am not very proud.

The combined Information Service (including also Post Office and Social Welfare), the Recreation Dept., the Press, the Center Store, the Hospital, the Education Dept., the Library, religious services, and the Barber Shop have done work which is to be commended.

The devotion to duty demonstrated by the persons with whom I have most intimately worked, I am sure, applies to the Center-ites as a whole, and, if I may venture an opinion, to our Americans of Japanese ancestry in general. The Center-ites have shown also in numerous ways that they have a great deal to contribute to American culture. Of special excellence are their outstanding qualities in art, handicraft, scientific agriculture, physical development, cleanliness, and moral conduct. We have had ample demonstration of all these qualities even within the Center. There will be much greater opportunity to expand and develop talents and activities when resettlement has taken place.

The Center-ites may look back with pride on the accomplishments within this Center which their cooperation made possible. Not a few visitors have remarked at the high spirit shown by the residents in going about their daily business, at the neatness and attractiveness of their personal appearance, and at the enthusiasm with which they engaged in recreational activities.

It is of the greatest importance that this morale be carried over to the relocation project. There the (Continued on Page A6)

PERSONNEL —

SUPERVISOR OF SERVICE....

...Edmund B. Levy

Secretary...Kimi Yamada

Rec. Dept...J. McFarland

EDUCATION.....

Stewart Nakano

Toshiko Morita, Mary Hata

and Gracye Kameda

LIBRARY.....Ken Hasegawa

INFORMATION...George Tominaga

Kay Kato, Ben Tsudama

POST OFFICE...Bert Jacobs

RELIGIOUS SERVICES.....

Revs. Hata, Oyama,

Unno and Mizutani

BARBER SHOP.....Fred Ito

CENTER STORE...Wm. Hanlon

SUMMER SESSION ON HIGH SCHOOL CLASSES

Classes for high school graduates and for adults started in June with the appointment of Grayce Kaneda by Mr. Levy as supervisor. It was not an easy matter for those involved; for each teacher knew of his lack of education and experience. But they carried through the 11-week schedule with their best efforts, which was made possible by the students' full cooperation through the summer months.

Stewart Nakano, Superintendent of Education, supervised the work of the teachers besides teaching.

Miss Elizabeth Humbergar arranged for the textbooks that were used by the various classes. These books will be taken to Relocation and used there.

The teachers: L. Shima, H. Mizushima, J. Hiramoto, H. Sugimoto, J. Fujita, J. Kubota, B. Saiki, E. Tsutsumi, K. Kaneda, J. Doi, M. Hiramoto, G. Kaneda, T. Kaneda, R. Sakata, J. Aikawa, K. Takei, Mrs. Yamanouchi, Mrs. Yamashita, Mrs. Yoshioke.

500 students were enrolled in the classes.

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SHOE SHOPPE

During the brief existence of "Ye Old Shoe Shoppe," which opened on June 17, the shop has managed to salvage approximately 2,700 pairs of P-U boots, using 2,000 pairs of heels, 2,200 pairs of soles, 100 lbs. of leather and 27 dozens of metal shoe plates.

Credit for the success of "Shoppe" goes to supervisors: D. Okawa, M. Oshidari, and S. Kinaga and their assistants.

FINE COOPERATION

On behalf of the Police Department, I wish to take this opportunity to thank each and every one of you for the splendid cooperation and fine attitude you have shown the Police Department for the past months that we have been associated with you.

It has been an extreme pleasure to function as a Police Department with a group of people who have had so few infractions of the law.

C. M. Nickols, Chief, Interior Security Police

GRAMMAR SCHOOL

The Center Grammar School, started on June 6 under the supervision of Miss Toshiko Morita, closed its portals on September 18.

The summer session stressed physical education, coaching on their weaker subjects and brushing up on fundamentals.

Twice during the session, the children presented exhibits to show the work they did as well as the improvements.

The teachers: 1st grade--Lily Takeda, Frances Arakawa; 2nd--Haruko Morita; 3rd--June Yamaguchi; 4th--Mary Wakai; Alice Ikawa; 5th--Kiichi Hiramoto; 6th--Bossie Matsumoto; 7th--Toshiko Morita, Toshiyo Tomita; 8th--Daisy Uyeda, Dave Hirahara.

P.O. SETS RECORD

You can have your Center Store, you can have your Information Booth, but the busiest place from morning to night is still the Center Post Office. Since the first opening day on May 21 the post office has been rushed by letter mailers, stamp buyers, package senders and receivers, money order sender-outers, War Bond subscribers and reporters nosing around for information.

"The sum total of our sales of war bonds amounts to approximately \$4000; of war stamps, \$400; of money orders, \$75,000; of postage stamps, \$5,000; of C.O.D. packages, 3,750 (value \$30,000) received and 1,500 sent out," remarked Bert "Killer Diller" Jacobs, the Center's Postmaster.

The largest money order was for \$400 while the smallest was \$.19. 80,000 incoming and 100,000 outgoing letters have been handled by Jacobs and his assistant, Mas Sakai.

30,000 packages have been brought in for distribution by his other assistant, John Shirakawa.

E-CLIPS RECORD

On July 25 the EL JOAQUIN announced, "The Center Barber Shop will open on Monday at 8 a.m. The charge will be twenty cents in coupons."

After the announcement, the residents of the center with a two months' growth of hair rushed to the white-washed, screened building.

Over 100 customers crossed the threshold of the barber shop on opening day. Now after two months of business, the barbers have accomplished much.

Final Score: 3043 customers for hair cuts. \$608.28 in coupons.

(Continued from page A1) structured under the grandstand by the Cashier's window.

To accommodate the en-rush of clothing applicants the Information Service built a special booth and formed the Social Welfare Department. The Social Welfare Department was soon crowded to such an extent that the Clothing Distribution Booth was formed to handle the Government issued orders. They are still all under

the vast and intricate Information Service.

But the most important of the departments under the Service Division and an equally important branch of the Information Service is undoubtedly the Center Post Office.

With its Social Welfare, Clothing Distribution Booth, the Post Office and its complicated network of messengers, the Information Service is one of the most important offices under the Service Division.

EVACUEES STAY 10' AWAY BRANUM'S STAFF

(OR READ AT YOUR OWN RISK!)

Assuming that Arkansas will be the next stop, I have taken the trouble to look up a few facts concerning the country and am listing them here for the benefit of those interested.

First: As your train rolls along you can keep watching out the window and when you get to where the cattle are keeping up with the train, you will be in Arkansas. Of course, you can't depend on this because sometimes the trains out-run the cattle on a down grade.

I checked up on the mosquito situation and found some of the rumors to be exaggerated. Only last night I was talking to a Stockton mosquito just returned from a visit down south. He was ashamed to find that his Arkansas cousins are so small that it takes two of them to drag off a horse.

Lloyd "B Ration" Shaffer gave me the low-down on the fishing. Accord-



ing to him, the catfish are so big that everyone carries a saddle horse in their tackle box to land 'em with.

You will find the opossum to be a very useful animal. To cook them, you put them in a pan and cover completely with sweet potatoes. Bake rapidly for two days. Then, throw the opossum away, and if you like burnt sweet potatoes you have a delicious meal.

With the responsibility of purchasing, storing and distributing all supplies and equipment incidental to the operation of the Center (except food), the Supply Section under Mr. Clint A. Branum, S.A.C.'s colossus, has been a major factor behind efficient management of the Center.

Maintenance and dispatching of equipment, arranging utility contracts and providing transportation have been handled. Staff: Walt Okawa, Jun Agurri, Dot Tanaka & M. Takehiro. 'Possum, 'posse is a recognized sure-cure remedy for chapped hands, hiccoughs, falling hair, and worn boots.

Seriously speaking, in spite of the numerous gags that have been written about Arkansas, I am sure that you will find it a pleasant place to live, and I wish you all a full snare of good luck and happiness.

CLINT A. BRANUM
Chief, Supply Section

ELECTRICIANS ACCOMPLISH MANY FEATS

During their four-month stay in the Center, the electricians have managed to do wonders for the convenience of Center-ites.

These electricians can be distinguished by their screw drivers, rolls of tape and pliers hanging from their hips and their small, tin tool chests.

Among their long list of accomplishments are: installing new lines for the barber shop and warehouses, installing lights for the pavilion and grandstand and repairing re-

SAC'S CARPENTERS

From the beginning to the end the carpenters have been the main factor for the various improvements during our short stay in Stockton Assembly Center.

During the last four months, they have managed to construct 224 sets of ladders, 90 sets of clothes line poles, 250 sets of duck boards, 150 barrel tops and 10 screened vents and many other small items.

These vitally needed workers are headed by T. Hata and his three short circuits: H. Arata, Y. Uchiyama and J. Tamura.



Their major achievements were screening 3990 windows, fitting 900 doors and building of 2 large storage ice boxes, one vegetable room and one meat room. A clinic room in the hospital was erected and the screening of the barber shop and the butcher shop.

TWO HARDWORKING GROUPS

Supt.....B. T. Parsons
Maintenance.....22
Carpenters.....13
Mr. Higashio
Painters.....2
Plumbers, Electricians.....6
Clerks.....4

Supt.....H. J. Morford
Property, Clerks.....6
Trk. Drivers & Laborers.....13
(Foreman) F. Yamaguchi
Food.....M. Taylor
Clerks.....15
Workers, H. Oshino.....20

The industrious zeal and conscientious efforts of the Works Division and the Warehouse are sincerely acknowledged.

ON FORTITUDE — R. I. MILLET

When a plant is pulled up by its roots and transplanted, conditions have to be ideal for the success of the operation.

When war was declared between Japan and the United Nations, a similar condition confronted the Japanese on the Pacific Coast. They were "pulled up by the roots and transplanted". Conditions were not "ideal". Numerous conditions foreign to their way of life had to be overcome.

With great patience and fortitude, all these conditions were overcome, or borne with a smile.

The ingenuity of the evacuees made drab, colorless surroundings into a place where flowers, plants and shrubs bloomed. Rock gardens appeared almost as if by magic. Soon by their untiring efforts the center took on the appearance of a well-kept community.

Education, recreation and a dozen other activities came into being and were wholeheartedly supported.

After the initial period of induction, a philosophical attitude of "We're here so let's make the best of it" prevailed.

Any call for help in the various activities from



CENTER STATISTICS

Residence by blocks:

1.....	243
2.....	447
3.....	435
4.....	423
5.....	439
6.....	444
7.....	460
8.....	439
9.....	445
Total.....	3826

Transferred out:

Foot workers.....	140
Advance crew.....	249
To other centers...	16

(200 more are expected to leave soon.)

Transferred in:

From other centers..	28
Internment camp....	10

Births..... 17 |

Boys..... 11

Girls..... 6

Deaths..... 7 |

Marriages..... 7 |

the administration met with immediate and enthusiastic response. It wasn't a case of where can we get workers, but what can we do with all the workers who responded.

In the Finance and Records section with its numerous and varied activities, such as accounting, personal records, timekeeping and personnel, the bulk of the work has been handled by the evacuees. Their diligent work has won the approval and praise of the administration here, as well as that of the regional office.

Their work has been voluntary--none were forced to work--all came seeking work. Skilled office workers are generally hard to find, but among the evacuees a greater number were found than it was possible to use.

My association with the evacuees has been extremely pleasant, and one that I will never forget and will always look back on with contentment.

To single out any one evacuee in the Finance and Records section would be unfair as no individual contributed more than another. All worked equally well and to the best of their abilities for the common good of the section.

To everyone in the section, my sincere thanks for a hard job magnificently done.

To those evacuees in other departments whose activities were related to this section, thank you for your cooperation.

To all my friends among the evacuees, may I wish you all good luck and good health, with the sincere hope that our friendship and association will not end when you leave Stockton for Arkansas.

R. I. Millet, Supervisor, Finance and Records

TOWARDS CONTINUED FRIENDSHIP — R. FROST

I have been very happy in my work here, due not only to the splendid cooperation of the workers assisting me, but also to the cooperation and spirit of forbearance which prevailed generally throughout the entire center.

I am very proud of the numerous warm friendships I have made here and have hopes that they may be continued when the present emergency is over. All of the residents, and particularly the workers, deserve high praise for their part in giving this center the high reputation that it now enjoys.

The staff of the "El Joaquin" has unselfishly given space and praise to every work unit in the center, but have neglected to give themselves a "pat on the back", so I want to say that they played no small part in the development of the center and I think they, too, deserve an "orchid".

Roland Frost, Chief of Personal Accounts



'KEEP SMILING', L.C. SHAFFER

The "ornery" press member finds it difficult to write this last and final item for the EL JOAQUIN. It has been easy and lots of fun to scribble off a few lines of nonsense now and then anent the kitchen contests. But when Pancho says, "We want a message from you for our final edition", well, that sounds like a large assignment. And, after some very serious thought and the tapping of numerous and sundry cranial declivities, and the finding of great voids of nothingness therein, the writer discovers that it IS a large assignment; too large, in fact.

The consequential fact that this is the last and final edition of the EL JOAQUIN, and that the Stockton Assembly Center, as such, soon will be but a memory, albeit a pleasant one, should elicit a thoughtful and sober-minded message. However, being not a "literatus", nor addicted to the tear-jerking variety of imagination, no editorialistic effort here will be made to express the sentiment which the occasion merits. This by way of saying—I ain't going to write no editorial.

Seriously speaking, this writer's first thought is to the splendid cooperation accorded by the employees

within the Division of Mess and "Loungring". One of the toughest jobs in the center, if not the toughest, is standing over a hot stove on a hot day. The majority of our chefs and cooks' helpers have done just that all through the summer months, without complaint. To them is extended a lot of meritorious praise.

Time and space will not permit the naming of all individuals who have had a part in promoting the success of this division (some six hundred). To the hundreds of hardworking individuals, the writer extends his very sincere thanks for the cooperative spirit manifested by the work accomplished.

And while passing out the bouquets, the members of the advisory board and the block monitors must not be overlooked. Dubbed "blockheads" by the evacuees they have been anything but that in their efforts to assist the Mess and Housing Division. They not only have assisted in an advisory capacity, but, in many instances, have rolled up their sleeves and gone to work with a will. Remember the 4th of July when they dispensed hot dogs and lemonade; and cleaned up the resulting mess the next day all alone?

And just a word of thanks to the entire center population for bearing with us back in the early days when hash was on every menu; and for patiently waiting in line in the hot sun at meal times.

Well, that is about all, folks. So, to make a short story longer, the following episode is concocted to leave you with the thought that a sense of humor will carry you through, where a sad and sombre mien will let you down like an unopened parachute.

(See story on page L8)

L. C. Shaffer
Mess and Lodging Supervisor

MESS VIRTUES REVIEWED

Some weeks ago Pancho's Pal concluded the last of the Mess articles, extolling and glorifying the virtues of the individual messes and their crews. The survey revealed many interesting facts and a summarization must now be disclosed to the residents.

Messes #3 and #5, of course, were the cleanest outfits and both were replete with neat waitresses. However, Mess #6 perhaps held a slight edge in courtesy.

The all-female waitress crew in #1 has drawn more than its share of oh's and ah's from the male patrons there. Its dark interior added glamour to those girls.

Messes #6 and #7 were so so as far as the mess contests were concerned, but both presented an extremely homelike atmosphere and some of the choice Petty drawings.

For seasoning and spicing of food, we choose Mess #4, but, of course, in cleanliness, it doesn't rate too high.

Mess #2, known as the average or typical mess hall, has recently improved to become the leader in courtesy and good service.

Hawaiian waiters were the features of Mess #3.

PERSONNEL — FINANCE, M. & L.

FINANCE SECTION:

William A. Harrold
.....Timekeeper
Adelaide Smith
.....Chief Clerk

MESS AND LODGING

Harry Clifford
.....Chief Steward
Millard Keys
.....Chef

WHAT A MESS!

(The End)

of messes for all times. will dismiss the subject And so Pancho's Pal for speedy service.

hold the Center record and coming kitchen, which tar had Mess #9, the up

The east end of the con- sisting places.

lighted of all food dispositions, it was the best Besides cornflake decora-

WORKS DIVISION

Readjusting ourselves to the new sort of community life was not a simple task. Yet, it was patience, hard work, and above all the cooperation of the efficient Works Division, under the capable and understanding supervisor, Mr. R. T. Parsons, that made living so much easier, safer and comfortable.

Every worker upon being assigned to the division had the satisfaction of knowing that whatever task he performed definitely benefited his fellowmen. Consequently, the improvement of the view and living conditions of this miniature town was not a burden to them.

At the height of its activities the hog barn (the headquarter of the Works Division) minus the annual groans of pigs was completely converted to a well-organized workshop with the rhythmic clatter of hammers, and the buzz of saws with frequent interruptions by the shouting of the workers.

Looking upon the record of accomplishments of the Works Division, Mr. R. T. Parsons boasted that a great deal of work has been done in a short time.

5,000 SIGNS

"No Loitering", "Rubbish", "No Loitering", "Employees Only", "Men" and "Women" are only a few of the five thousand some odd signs painted by the members of the paint shop, which was the first department opened in the Works Division.

The fruits of their labors are noticeably displayed in every section of the Center--in offices, on barracks and on the fiery red buckets and barrels.

23 gallons of paint were used by Mr. Fukami and Allan Hagio in their work.

Other duties of the paint shop include painting and shellacking of many articles such as tables and desks.

MAINTENANCE DIV. WORKS HARD

The maintenance division which includes the mechanics, yard crew and salvage department has been one of the hardest working groups in the Center.

Merit should be given to the mechanics who are daily washing and repairing the 19 different vehicles in the Assembly Center without benefit of proper tools.

The yard crew which is composed mostly of Issei has quietly worked and made the Center grounds more presentable by cutting the weeds and grass. Each day they have earnestly collected the rubbish and paper littered around the Center, due to the carelessness of many Center-ites.

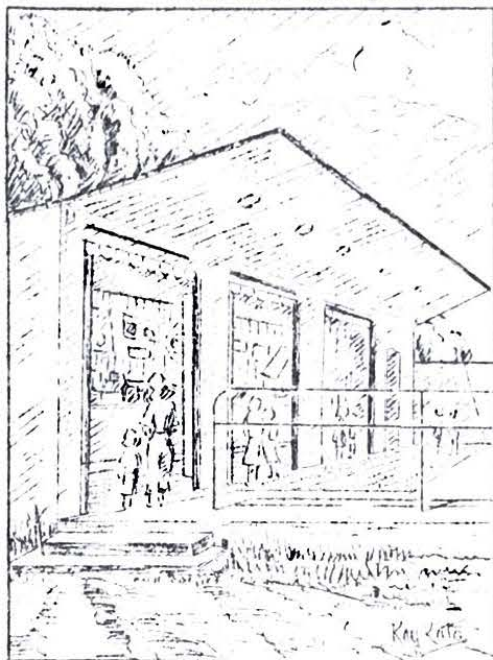
Their work included the cutting and smashing of tin cans which will be sent to the local foundry to be used in the war effort. Approximately 80 tons of scrap tin cans have been salvaged so far.

YOUR CONTRIBUTION-LEVY

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responsibilities will be enlarged; generally speaking there will be more work and probably somewhat less play. The cooperative enterprises to be undertaken will require much more than energy and business ability. For success a cooperative as the name suggests positively demands the most open-minded cooperation. A cooperative cannot live unless the members individually pledge themselves to put aside narrow interests and devote themselves firmly to developing the program for the benefit of everyone. This means sustained patience and tolerance must be cultivated above all. Leaders must be carefully chosen and then supported and trusted. A new educational program must accompany the activities with emphasis on cooperation rather than on traditional individualism. Those persons should be honored most who unquestionably serve best the people as a whole.

The undertaking of broad cooperative economy presents a terrific challenge to our Americans of Japanese ancestry. Many noble attempts in the past have resulted in failure; a few attempts of limited scope have succeeded with very beneficial results. From every struggle, whether the results are labeled "success" or "failure" there are certain lasting benefits, however, even though the benefits may be in the form of lessons only. The battle for a cooperative economy is most worthwhile



as it means sowing seeds for a future where elimination of economic scarcity perhaps the atrocious insolence of war will disappear from the earth, and mankind will attain a new and lasting dignity. May the Issei and Nisei, through their industry and cooperation, make a significant stride toward this end.

E. B. Levy
Supervisor of Service Div.

S.A.C.'S HOSPITAL

On the morning of May 10, 1942, the hospital staff entered the gates of the Stockton Assembly Center. The following week, in spite of limited equipment, the hospital opened its doors to Center-ites.

The doctors, headed by Dr. H. Kanagawa, total seven, two of whom have left for Rohwer, Arkansas, with the advance crew. The doctors are assisted by two registered nurses, one student nurse, fifteen nurse's aides and six orderlies.

Approximately 90 center residents come daily for treatments. Those requiring surgical treatment are sent to the San Joaquin General Hospital.

The dispensary department is one of the busiest places in the hospital. It has filled 5087 prescriptions and takes care of the hospital stock.

The Eye Clinic, with Dr. J. Hasegawa in charge, has Dr. H. L. Gregory come from Stockton to fit glasses and examine eyes. An average of fifteen glasses are fitted and fixed weekly.

The three Center dentists average 20 patients per day.

The Infant Foods Department and the Well Baby Clinic employ approximately thirty girls to make milk formulas and go to

HOSPITAL STAFF

Dr. H. Kanagawa

Dr. John Sippy (P.H.D.)

Dr. Wilfred Gotanda

Dr. George Sasaki

Dr. Junji Hasegawa

Dr. Kensuke Uchida

Dr. Bertha Akimoto

Nurses: Dorothy Kato

Chitose Aihara

Mary Hashimoto

(Student) Mitsuye Tomita

Dentists: R. Morimoto, K. Oshidari, K. Onizuka

Pharmacists: Dave Sakamoto and Paul Matsumoto

Prenatal Clinic: Dr. S. Hanson

Eye Clinic: Dr. Gregory

mess halls and distribute milk. The Well Baby Clinic weighs, measures and examines each baby every other week.

Dr. S. Hanson is in charge of the Prenatal Clinic.

The hospital kitchen which employs 35 persons feeds approximately 175 people.

HOSPITALES

1420 ID Numbers

(approximate)

Diphtheria shots.....200

Whooping cough.....300

Typhoid shots.....4200

Smallpox.....4200

Common Illnesses

Chicken-pox.....50

Measles.....57

Appendectomy.....10

CHURCH ACTIVITIES

BUDDHISTS

Under the guidance of the Reverends Unno and Mizutani the Stockton Assembly Center's Buddhist activities are being successfully carried on.

Shining out over all the other activities was the colorful O-bon Odori with 500 young girls and boys participating while the rest of the center populace were enthusiastic spectators.

Starting with the first Sunday in the Center, Sunday School with a hundred pupils soon increased to 700 strong. Adding an impressive note to this gathering is the YWBA Jr. Choir consisting of 10 members who are ably led by Ruby Yamanouchi.

The Y.D.A. Group hold weekly discussion or lecture periods led by the Reverends and Mr. and Mrs. Ted Iwasaki. Among the lectures to be remembered is the talk given by Prof-

essor Gordon Spaulding of the Stockton Junior College faculty, who spoke on the "Evaluation of Life--for Us the Nisei in the Assembly Centers".

Services for the Adult group are conducted each Sunday afternoon in the Edex Hall.

CHRISTIANS

Despite denominational differences and other obstacles, the YFCC assembled every Sunday morning and evening for a period of worship.

Although no sanctuary away from the turmoil of the grandstand was available, the services were conducted with great reverence.

The guidance, the understanding and the untiring aid of the Rev. and Mrs. H. Kuyper proved of great value to the church group.

REVERENTS



CHRISTIAN

.....Rev. Y. Oyama

.....Rev. S. K. Hata

...Adjutant Hirahara

BUDDHIST

.....Rev. E. Unno

.....Rev. S. Mizutani

Among our many guest speakers were Dr. T. Knoles, President of the College of the Pacific; Dean Farley, Dean of the College; Dr. W. Long of the First Pres. Church; the Rev. and Mrs. Burnett and Mrs. Bodenhammes of Free Methodist. Last but not least, the visits of Coach A. A. Stagg of the College of the Pacific were a source of great inspiration and courage to the Nisei.

Christian services will be continued when the center is relocated.

BOY SCOUTS ARE TRAINED TO SERVE

In any emergency Scouts are ready to do their duty. "Be Prepared" is their motto. At all times a Scout lives up to his Scout Oath and Law. The simple idea of a daily good turn is a good example.

Again, Scouts learn the value of serving their communities. They learn activities which give pleasure as well as knowledge.

Scouting is not a military organization. It avoids political or commercial entanglements. Scouting, all over the world, is designed to give boys constructive ideas.

SPECIAL ACHIEVEMENTS

Eagle Scout Award...
Hidenaki Arno... (Highest Scout Rank)

Scouters' Training Award... Paul Shinada...
(5-year leadership training).

Double Combination Silver Palm, Paul Shinada; Bronze Palm, George Akinoto... (1 palm for five merit badges plus six months' service after Eagle or another palm).

Gold Quill Award...
George Akinoto... (Journalistic achievement).

CUBS

SHOW GREAT PROGRESS

Cubbing has made great progress in this Center under Cubmasters Robert Kishita and Tom Tautsumi of Packs 19 and 91, respectively.

Two Cub Packs were formed in S.A.C., but were combined later to form one Cub Pack. Den chiefs R. Yamagishi, T. Unno (19); S. Ohata and B. Oshira (91) were appointed.

Up to date 18 meetings have been held. A Cub Court of Honor was held on August 25 and was very successful. Mr. Brush, the magician, entertained. There are 21 cubs in Pack 19 and 28 in Pack 91.

SCOUT ACTIVITIES

A SHORT HISTORY OF SCOUTING IN SAC

While evacuation orders were being issued in the San Joaquin Valley, Scout leaders were laying the foundation for well-organized troops. These leaders saw that Scouting would offer education and recreation for many boys.

Immediately following evacuation, three troops were started; namely, Troop 19, Stockton; Troop 30, Terrineus; and Troop 91, Lodi. Troops 30 and 91 had been formed before evacuation. However, Troop 19 was inactive in Stockton and was reorganized upon arrival.

TROOP 19: Scoutmaster John Shimakawa and Assistant George Akinoto called the first meeting on May 30.

At that time the total membership numbered 8. In one week 20 tenderfoots were recruited. Now the membership totals 54.

Until 25 Second Class awards; 9 First Class awards; 218 merit badges; 1 Star award; 2 Life awards; 1 Eagle award; and 2 special awards have been presented.

Activities have gone off well through the aid of the committeemen: T. Ohashi, G. Suzuki, B. Tautsumi, and advisory committee--S. Ito and K. Onizuka.

TROOP 30: With 13 Scouts Scoutmaster Takeshi Kubota and Assistant Lloyd Fujitani organized Troop 30 on May 30. This Troop now has 41 Scouts.

Ten Second Class awards; 6 First Class awards, 71 merit badges and 1 Star award were awarded.

J. Nishimoto, E. Fujitani and K. Toyofuku aided the leaders in making a success of the troop. Troop Laymen Bob Kishita was very active in the organization of this troop.

PAPER DRIVE NETS 4,715 LBS.

Boy Scouts have been conducting paper drives during the last 3 months and have netted 4715 lbs. of newspapers, magazines and cardboard.

Troop 19 was in charge of Blks. 4, 6, 7; Troop 30--2, 3, 5; Troop 91--1, 8 & 9.

The total of \$14.15 gained was divided among the troops according to their contribution:

Troop 19 -	\$7.55
Troop 30 -	.97
Troop 91 -	5.63
	<u>\$14.15</u>

TROOP 91

Under the leadership of Scoutmaster Paul Shinada and Assistant Jimmie Ouye, Troop 91 held its initial meeting in SAC on May 26.

In four months 13 tenderfoots were recruited, making the total of 43.

Successful coordination was possible through 8 Jr. Asst Scoutmasters and the cooperation of the committeemen: S. Funamura, N. Matsumoto, T. Tautsumi, and J. Sasaki.

At the three Court of Honors held in S.A.C., 8 Second Class awards, 11 First Class awards, 139 merit badges, 1 Star award, 2 Life and 2 special awards were presented to Troop 91.

SCOUT-MITY HIGHLIGHTS

June 30.....1st Court of Honor.....Jim Cave guest speaker...Buck, magician, entertains...45 Scouts receive awards.

July 4.....July 4th's program...Scouting demonstrations and guard duty.

July 8.....1st cooking test for 1st and 2nd Class.

July 17.....Fingerprinting course by J. Alexander, Interior Police Dept.....18 Scouts attend.

Aug. 5.....Field Day! Troop 19 winner! ... Court of Honor.....Arno Alonzo Stagg, guest speaker. ...Eagle award to Hidenaki Arno

Sept. 9.....Court of Honor. Final!Brush entertains...Magic!

Sept. 13....Completion of 80-mile hike by 10 Scouts.

LITERARY Section



To the flier in the armed forces of America and the U. S. Army, we dedicate the following pages.

OLIVE DRAB AND LUSTERLESS

Olive drab and lusterless
The army trucks roll by,
Driven by our fighting men
They speed with gears in high.

They purr along in convoys
With men of army corps.
On asphalt ribboned highways
In two's, or tens, or scores.

Olive drab and lusterless
The army men drive by,
Wherever it is that they may go
They'll beat the foe or die.

So when you see the army trucks
Go rolling on their way,
With them luck and everything
And even for them pray.

Olive drab and lusterless
The clothes upon our men,
Garbed to serve as camouflage
On fields and wooded glen.

In distant camps or nearby forts
Wherever they may be,
Whether in a foreign land
They'll fight for liberty.

Olive drab and lusterless
The planes that drone above,
Sharp-eyed eagles keeping watch
To defend the land we love.

From early dawn to dark of dusk
Our aces on brownish wings,
Go soaring aloft in ceaseless droves
To rule the air as kings.

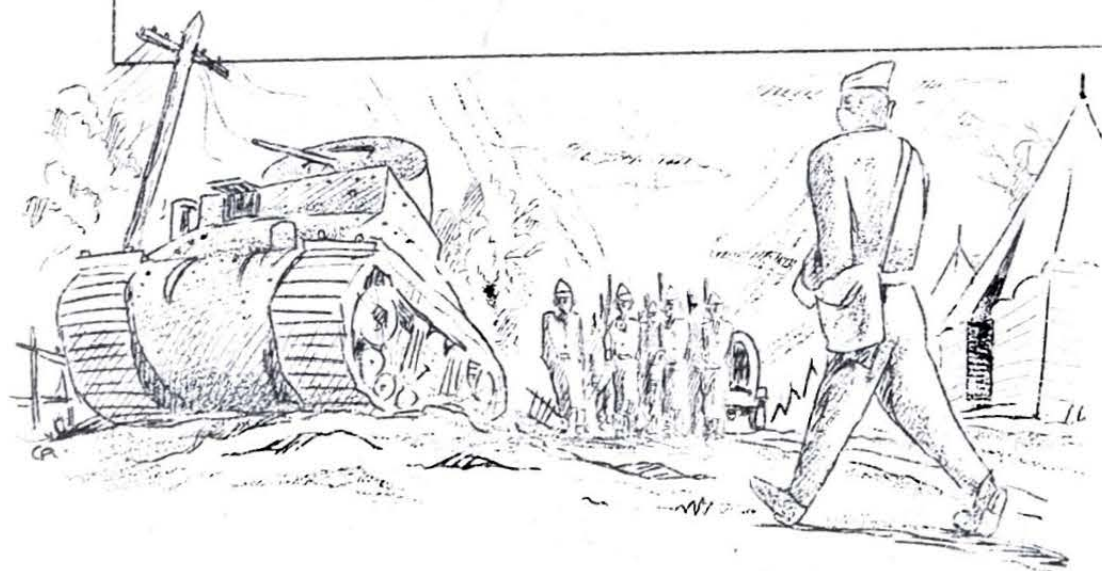
Olive drab and lusterless
The color of our tanks,
They lead the men in battle
O'er hills, and dales, and banks.

The caissons go a-rolling
The guns are spitting fire,
Our men will go a-marching
In the olive drab attire.

Olive drab and lusterless
The symbol of our might,
It must move on courageously
To weed the wrong from right.

With guns on turrets flashing
Our tanks will blast a way,
And make the U. S. Army
The winner of the fray.

August 14, 1942
By R. S. in S.A.C.



Our Boys

IN THE SERVICE

CAMP ROBINSON, ARKANSAS

Pvt. Kenji Akaba
Pvt. Yoshio Honbo
Pvt. Henry Tanabe
Pvt. S. Tanabe
Corp. Jimmy Akaba
Corp. Minoru Yoshida

CAMP GRANT, ILLINOIS

Capt. Tokio Ishikawa
Capt. Kahn Uyeyama
1st Lt. James Higuchi
1st Lt. Yukio Miyauchi
1st Lt. Sam Kimura
PFC John S. Hamamura
PFC George Teranishi
Pvt. Will Furuyama
Pvt. Masao Yoshimura

FORT SHERIDAN, ILLINOIS

PFC Herb Yoshida
Pvt. Henry Hayashi
Pvt. Dick Kuda

FORT HARRISON, INDIANA

Pvt. Shichiro Matsui

FORT LEAVENWORTH, KANSAS

Pvt. Isamu Masuhara
Pvt. Harry M. Nagata
Pvt. Tsuyoshi Shimada
Pvt. Kenichi Tamura

FORT RILEY, KANSAS

Sgt. Louis Tsunekawa
Corp. Tom Mizuno
Pvt. Ronald Inamasu
Pvt. Minoru Nakanishi
Pvt. H. Owachi
PFC Tom Yamaguchi

CAMP SAVAGE, MINNESOTA

2nd Lt. Tom Sakamoto
Sgt. Dick Hayashi
Pvt. George Handa
Pvt. Tom Ishida
Pvt. Kenji Kato
Pvt. Frank Otsuka
Pvt. Churo Sakata

CAMP BRECKINRIDGE, KENTUCKY

Pvt. Masaru Dobana

FORT KNOX, KENTUCKY

PFC Yoshiro Hirata

FORT THOMAS, KENTUCKY

Pvt. George Takeuchi

FORT CUSTER, MICHIGAN

PFC Kiyoshi Kido
Pvt. Yasuo Akagi

Dearest Brother:

I'm jotting a line
To say there's nothing new...
The family's just fine,
And always talking about you...

I know you're very busy
Shouldering those three stripes,
And, no doubt, feeling dizzy
With barking at those "snipes".

But--pry--if you can spare,
A moment with us share--
"The world's finest",
Brother Dearest--
We're greatly missing you;
So drop us a line. Please do!!

Love and kiss(es)
From your own Kid Sis

FORT SNELLING

Pvt. Isamu Shimada

CAMP CROWDER, MISSOURI

PFC Jim Masao Sakoda
Pvt. Kazuo Fred Dobana
Pvt. George Hatakedu
Pvt. Tetsuo Kato
Pvt. Akira Otsubo

FORT LEONARD WOOD, MISSOURI

Sgt. George Fujita

FORT MONMOUTH, NEW JERSEY

Corp. Dick Masuda

CAMP VOLTERS, TEXAS

PFC Masao Funamura
PFC George Nakamura
Pvt. Jack H. Tsudoma

FORT BLISS, TEXAS

Corp. Jiro Shimakawa
PFC Shojo Isumura
PFC Frank Taniguchi

FORT SAM HOUSTON, TEXAS

Sgt. M. S. Yukawa
PFC Tad Kaba
PFC Kazuo Kiriu
Pvt. Sam Itaya
Pvt. Frank Matsuura
Pvt. T. Miki
Pvt. Satoru Nagai

FORT SILL, OKLAHOMA

PFC Ed Endow
T4 Sus Ito
Pvt. Kunso Nakagawa

FORT JACKSON, SOUTH CAROLINA

PFC Shigao Tanaka
Pvt. Shigeru Yabumoto

My Dearest Sis:--

Your letter--it came
Without any delay...
I know I'm to blame
For not writing each day...

If I made the folks worry
I'm very deeply sorry--
So do not reprimand;
But please try to understand...

Constantly--unawares
I find myself in thought
Of homefolks and their affairs;
Then other thoughts are of aught...

Though I'm a "grown-up" now,
And a prideful U.S. man--
Still, one thing I do avow;
At heart, I'm just a homesick
little boy...

Well, thanks for the letter
And tell mom my cold is better;
But, gosh! How much I miss you--
I truly, really do!!.....
Love to dad and mother...
Your ever-doting brother
(Letters by Teri Y.)

THE LAUGHING GHOST



The black lightless sky sprayed with fiercely burning embers cast a deathly glow over vague shadows crouched closely together. All eyes were pinioned nervously on the outer southwestern railing of the 1/2-mile track by Block 2.

"This," rasped the Mugger softly, "is where the ghost of Block 2 appears nightly. He oozes...."

"Pure nonsense," expostulated the Professor and twirled his eyebrows vigorously.

"Out of the ground," carried on the determined Mugger, glaring at the whirling eyebrows and in turn menacingly rolling his owl-eyes at the Professor. "He then...."

"I know," out in the Admiral, "a ghost...."

"Waves his hands," con-



tinued the Mugger, doggedly.

"That liked," ignored the Admiral. Then punned: "to jitterboogey."

Ghastly silence.

The Mugger, glared at the Admiral, then stamping his feet in anger shrieked, "I want to finish my

story. But you won't let me. YOU..YOU..YOU..YOU..BITLER.

The Admiral, his anger flaring, drew himself to his full height and scornfully looked the Mugger up and down. "YOU..YOU..YOU..ARROSOINI," he spat out.

"Hey," whispered the Hogger, quakingly, "It's midnight." Then not to be outdone, he waved his nose dramatically in the air.

The Horse snapped out his notebook; licked his pencil in anticipation.

Unknown to the prowlers the ghost had appeared ghoulishly out of thin air and already stood gloatingly over them. Assuming his most horrible expression, Mr. Ghost shrieked bloodcurdlingly, "YOUR TIME HAS COME! Ha-HaHahh!"

The Hogger, Mugger, Admiral and the Professor, their hair uprooted with fear at the ghastly sight, leaped high in the air and tore madly down the track. At the quarter mile the speeding Mugger was leading by a length. At the half mile the Professor, his eyebrows feverishly flying up and down, whizzed by. At the three quarter the Admiral, shouting "Thor she blows," sailed easily on. But then in the back stretch the Hogger fell on all fours, grunted twice and left them all in the dust.

The Horse was so intently staring at the opposite railing that he failed to notice the absence of his companions.

Feeling a draft on his neck, he turned around. He saw the Ghost. The ghost took one good look at the Horse, blanched at the sight, flew straight up in the air, and shrieking hysterically, "NO..NO..NO..IT CAN'T BE HUMAN," passed four P-38's on his way out.

But I don't see why that Ghost should complain. HE SURE SCARED THE DAY-LIGHTS OUT OF ME, TOO.

...Susumu Masagawa

OUR MASCOT

THE STORY OF PANCHO

It seems only yesterday that we first discovered little Pancho. The EL JOAQUIN was still in its embryonic stage and the staff was trying to shape up a reasonable facsimile of a newspaper. One morning the staff shuffled wearily and dejectedly through the press room door.

There perched partly on the Art Editor's desk was a huge sombrero with patches of hair showing underneath. As we scrutinized the mysterious object more closely, we noticed that there was a face and even a body beneath the hat.

"Hey," we shouted, "What the ___."



The boy lifted his sombrero and grinned slyly, revealing a pair of beautiful buck teeth. "I," he said, "am Pancho," and bowed low with a magnificent sweep of his hat.

"Pancho," we said tolerantly, "What are you doing here? Why are you here? Who are you?"

"Why," he grinned "you know me. I helped develop the lands around here. I raised beets, celery, grapes, potatoes, and even carrots. I've been a doctor, lawyer, farmer, merchant, laborer and a scholar. You've seen me around -- everywhere. I came in when the evacuation order was issued, because I had to." Then with a cry of "Let it roll" he leaped gracefully from the table to the right-hand corner of the front page.

That was how we adopted little Pancho or rather how he adopted us.

Pancho was a regular dynamo. He conducted marriages, re-

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REMINISCENCE.....

Sometimes in midst of my sleepless nights
My thoughts would drift back to yesterday.
Back to those peaceful and grandeur sights
Of the joyous folks in their carefree way.

Life was so grand with its cheerful song
As we laughed and danced so merrily.
With our friends we would trip along
Through the pathway of life so happily.

How often we dreamt of our cherished hopes
And built our castle of dreams on high.
Of times we'd gaze toward the distant slopes,
Living like kings beneath the azure sky.

Our cherished hopes soon faded and died,
Leaving just memories of days gone by,
Shattered the dreams which so dearly prized
And now in the dark, I reminisce and sigh.

--Robert "Baron" Iwaki
S.A.C.

NIGHT AND A MOOD

Oh, an inspiration for a poem,
On a mellow summer night,
Perfect, the Center's track, I roam
In childish glee, and joy delight.

A gentle breeze wafts through my hair,
The cool dust trickles through my toes,
My lungs drink in the fresh, clean air,
And a feeling of warmth within me glows.

Through coral clouds like a windswept dune
And silhouetting the eastern hills,
Rises a shimmering, golden harvest moon,
A nocturnal scene that thrills.

I see amid the starry, speckled sky
The Milky Way, a heaven's bridge aglow,
Where angels play and watch from high
Over all the darkened world below.

Suddenly, a brilliant meteor high, afar
Bursts to blaze across the celestial sky,
And a wish I make on my shooting star,
That wars are no more, true peace be nigh.

To walk barefooted was of naught
For I had failed to feel a poem,
The nightly scenes had only brought
A lonesome mood, and thoughts of home!

--J. Azari

Stockton Assembly Center
September, 1942



Dear Staff Members of El
Joaquin:

I have been receiving
every issue of the El
Joaquin. Reading your
paper gives me very
friendly impressions. It
contains many names of my
friends with whom I am so
familiar. Sometimes I
feel homesick thinking of
my old friends.

always writes me
how hard you staff members
are working. I sincerely
hope you continue your
fine devotion for the gen-
eral welfare of your new
camp society.

As for me--I am render-
ing all I have to Uncle
Sam's army. In fact, all
"nisei" soldiers are try-
ing their utmost to sup-
port our army in every
respect.

In this Medical Train-
ing Post, especially in
its Station Hospital,
there are many "nisei"
boys who are from the West
coast states.

Here we enjoy equality
and fairness. We eat the
same food at the same time
at the same table, sleep
under the same roof and
carry on our individual
duties in the same mili-
tary manner under one
command. We share every-
thing--including happiness
and sorrow. Certainly
our Army life is a "live
and take" life regardless
of our civilian back-
ground, class or educa-
tion.

We must be conscious
of the great need of
honesty in every line of
our war production and
military development.
"United we stand, divided
we fall!" Let's uphold
our banner--the stars and
stripes and work to give
its ideal. Some day--when
this black cloud of mis-
understanding clears up
and Sunshine and Faith
fall on this earth, we'll
join hand in hand and
dance to the joy of peace.

John Hamamura
Private P/C

After Dusk

by Barry Saiki

Quietly the enfolding cloak of night came sweeping over the center and dusk with its last lingering glimmer painted a phantasmal picture. The western sky carried a diffused halo of peach-skin hue, while distinguished Mt. Diablo rose like a single rolling lump to add familiarity to the far-off horizon. As the crimson-tinted region in the west lessened gradually in size, the nearby trees etched themselves in delicate silhouettes against the sky.

Soon, the sun and its tardiest rays no longer showed their presence, replaced by the deep blueness of the evening sky. Here and there, in apartments grouped throughout the grounds, like flickering fireflies, luminous globes went on, one by one. Twilight strollers, spirited children and fence loungers have vanished with the coming of night.

Climbing up the grandstand to its very top row of seats, Johnny and Haru let their gaze fall out beyond the residential section to the now brilliant glow of the city, casting beckoning, vampish signs toward them.

The lofty Medico-Dental Building, the Bank of America skyscraper, and with a bit of effort the domed County Court House came into their vision and served as landmarks to their former homes.

Reminiscent memories--the past with all the frills that made them love the city--welled into their mind.

Johnny was quiet. Haru knew that he was thinking because he seemed to have a faraway look on his face. She wondered what he was going to say as she fastened her eyes upon the

city's lights.

"You know, Haru," said Johnny as he half-turned towards her, "I've been thinking about leaving all this--the locale that I had considered my only home for so long--the thought that it won't be long now leaves me with a feeling of regret--something even more than that--a mingling sensation of sadness, of futility of resignation and of quiescent dread. After all, this is my home--the narrow heavily-trafficked Main Street, the bawdy, noisy Skidrow, the dome-crowned Court House, the evil-smelling Channel, the old Stockton schools--Monroe, Franklin, Lafayette, Washington, and the ghost-like, stone-gray Stockton High. They're all a part of me. I've lived with them, in them."

Haru continued her surveyance of the city. He knew that she felt the same emotions within her.

"Out there past the city to the north," rambled Johnny, his imagination now spurred on by his trend of thoughts, "I can almost see the prized vineyards of Lodi, stretching out in perfect regular lines--each vine laden with drooping, powdery bloomed clusters of bright flamed Tokays and black Malagas--tempting morsels that reminds me of what Grandpa said in the GRAPES OF WRATH, 'Well, sir, we'll be a-startin' 'fore long now. An', by God, they's

grapes out there, just a-hangin' over into the road. Know what I'm a-gonna do? I'm gonna pick me a wash tub full a grapes, an' I'm gonna set in 'em, an' scrape 'em up, an' let the juice run down my pants.'"

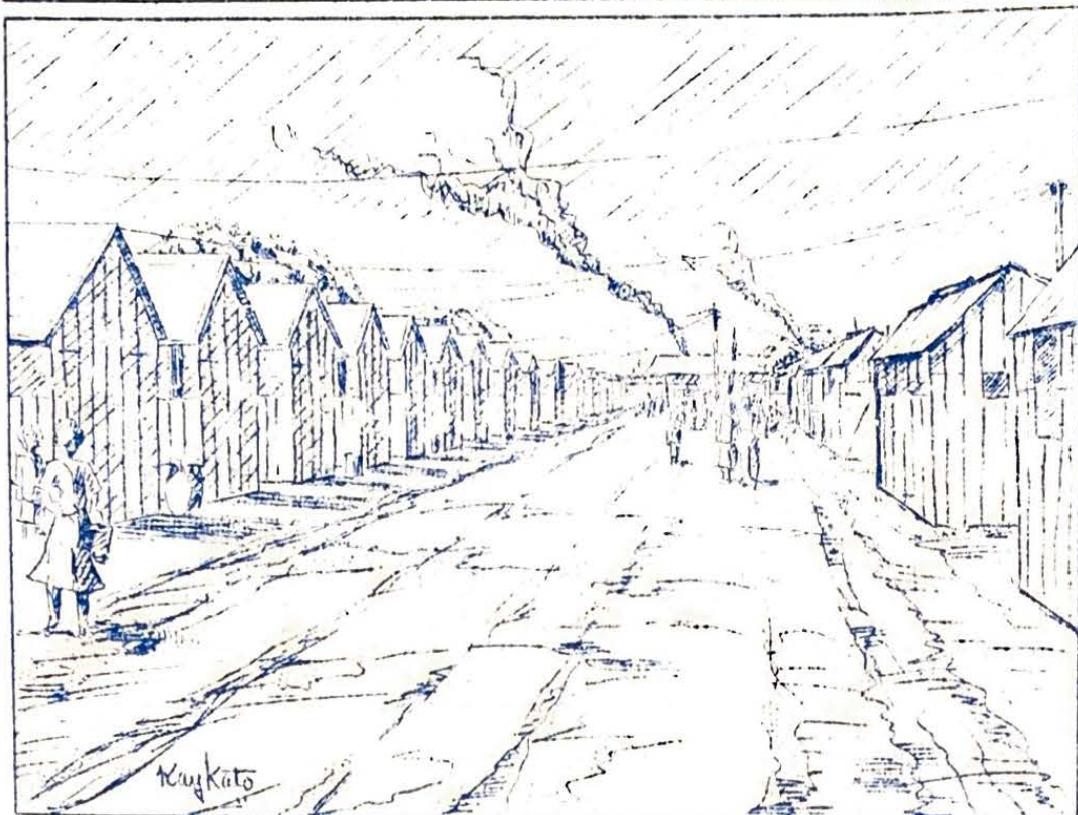
Johnny remained silent for a moment. Haru seemed to read his thoughts and added, "To the Dust-bowlers, it was the 'grapes of wrath' but to us it will be the 'grapes of memories', won't it Johnny."

From the west came the breeze, and with the breeze came smells which seemed to lend a touch of spring to the night, with its fragrant, cooling odors. Haru turned to watch him as he kept his eyes glued upon some distant object.

"Johnny," she whispered, "Do you notice the smell of this clean air--doesn't the breeze landing thru your hair impress you in some way? I'd like to hear what else all this brings to your mind?"

"Well," replied Johnny, breathing in a lungful of air, "It does impress me, Haru. The smells bring back to me scenes, many scenes--of windblown Terminus, of Bouldia Island, of Empire, of Venice with their sprawling thousands of acres of golden calery stalks; of levy-protected Mandeville, of King, of Jones Tract, of Bacon, of Shima Tract with their

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MY LIFE CLOSED TWICE BEFORE ITS CLOSE

My life closed twice before its close;
It yet remains to see
If Immortality unveil
A third event to me.

So huge, so hopeless to conceive,
As these that twice befall.
Parting is all we know of heaven,
And all we need of hell.

Emily Dickinson

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rich alluvial soils and their well-covered tracts of 'spuds' and tomatoes and sugar beets; of nearby French Camp, just southeast as the birds fly, with its green-plotted farms bedecked with fern-topped carrots, with onions and peas, and with a dozen other bunching greens."

"Over there," he pointed to the eastern border of the city, "at Cherokee Lane, along the Waterloo and Linden roads, are the orchards of pears, of cherries, of plums, and of apples and there just outside the eastern fence, are the truck farms of Race Track that supplied the city with vegetables."

Harue followed his pointing hand, then she turned toward him. The September moon played upon her pretty face and added a touch of glamour -- glamour unobtainable in jars of cosmetics or at beauty shops. She wasn't beautiful, at least, not in the Hollywood way, but

AFTER DUSK

her plain features possessed that intangible feminine delicacy that Johnny liked. She was country-bred--from the farm where life was not all pleasant. Johnny looked into her sparkling, dark eyes and noted the vestige of merriment on her dimpled cheeks.

"Am I boring you, Haru?" he asked.

"Of course not," she replied, "I like to hear you talk about such things."

Johnny smiled and began again to present his vagaries to her listening ears. "There inside the tracks----people----their homes for three or four decades. The islands and the rural areas of San Joaquin will soon be just a memory which can live only in their minds. Somehow, someday I am coming back. I shall walk down those streets I know by name and experience the all and everything that makes Stockton my home and San Joaquin the place that

I can call my own." b.s.

A film of mist formed in Harue's eyes. Johnny noted the wistfulness on her countenance.

"And I'm going to bring you back with me, too," he said.

He could see that she was happy but then he was happy, too.

"It's time for you to sleep," said Johnny as he led her down the stairs to the track.

The moon, three quarters full, dimly lighted the way for them and the gradual diminishing of lights in the barracks showed that it was almost curfew time.

The breeze seemed to whisper a secret to the trees; the trees chuckled softly and rustled their leaves in delight. The stars up above--sparkling freckles dotting the blue canopy like diamonds--seemed to blink and wink as the two disappeared into the dark.

The End



HIGHLIGHTS OF SAC.

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- July 19....Teri weds Kay...candlelight ceremony...Rev. S. Hata ties the knot.....
 20....Coupon books for June and July distributed....At last!
 22....Introducing W. Dougherty, Esq. from Marysville Assembly Center...Mess #3 wins second mess contest..."Don't know how they do it"...Shaffer...
 Social Welfare takes applications for clothing.....First Aid classes started by Rec. Dept.
 23....Registration for voters for primary on August 25.
 23-24....First sound film, "Tundra"...8:40 p.m.....June pay checks...\$10,650 distributed...We sure needed them.
 28-29-30....Art Exhibit at Edox Hall.....under Shima and Mizushima...Surprise talents revealed.
 27....Barber shop opens...Fred Itq, head barber...shave and a haircut...two bits, I mean, 20 cents.
 29....Sewing classes formed.



- Aug. 5....3rd Court of Honor for Scouts...Troop 19--Field Day winner...Ames A. Stagg speaks.
 12....August coupon books and first clothing arrive...excitement runs rampant.
 17....Voters vote!...but turnout small.
 18....Enter July-Aug. pay checks...What?...pay day again!
 Aug. 19....Social Welfare Dept. formed.
 22-23....All-Center Art Exhibit...Education Exhibit...Wood Carving Exhibit.
 22....Speech Exhibit...Good audience.
 28....Center Hi School ends...Whoopree!
 29....Crocheting and Knitting Exhibit...Knit one, purl two...make sense now...?Advisors on council chosen.

- Sept. 2....Two students leave!...thru Nat'l Student Reloc. Council...Art Iwata--Washington University in St. Louis, Missouri...Koichi Inouye--Chicago.
Special Meal Passes Void!...Gosh, we can't eat at Mess #1 anymore.
 5....Army inspection of barracks...Center holiday.
 9....Court of Honor...final one....New Asst. Chief of Police--John Ward.
 Sept. 8-9...Coupon books...for September...the final splurge begins.
 10....Montana bound!...Best workers--Misscula and Levalli County...15 more to leave on 15th.
 ...Entry! S.A.C. Moves to Rohwer, Arkansas
 ...Wuxtry!...Wuxtry!...Read all about it!



- Sept. 14....Advance Crew leaves.....So does co-editor Okura and special correspondent Dei.
 16....Block Schedule for Relocation released.
 18....Grammar School and Nursery close...Jal Dei leaves for Washington U. in Missouri.
 19....1st Nisei concert draws 500...Virginia Short presents colorful symphony program.
 20....Santa Anita's head for Rohwer, Arkansas...Who done it?

- Sept. 28....EL JOAQUIN'S final edition to come out....Heck!...that's today... isn't it?
 Oct. 3....Block 1 to leave for the Ozark State....So long, California....We'll
 7....Hello, Arkansas. Where dem ther catfishes!
 P.S. We'll be making moccasins out of those snakes.



AMERICAN BUDDHISM

"What will happen to American Buddhism," was the question uppermost in my mind prior to our evacuation. Would the years of religious activity carried on by the Young Buddhist League serve as a religious guidance for us in an entirely different environment?"

The many months of our stay has answered the question in regard to the hundreds of young Buddhists assembled here. The evident need of greater cooperation and interest in the promotion of Buddhism was found pertinent. The former young leaders have gradually been drifting away. Let us not forget that on the shoulders of the Bussei rests the question of the future of Buddhism. Our Reverends have strived so that we may familiarize ourselves with the necessity of religious background in our daily lives -- more so is it necessary today.

Although the activities of Buddhists assembled here were limited, the few activities carried out achieved relative successes. Sunday School has met every Sunday morning. Yes, indeed, it is gratifying to see all those rows and rows of seats filled with hundreds of members.

Despite all activities that have been carried out, greater emphasis must be made on religion. One can do nothing better than to balance our activities. With the large membership of the Bussei assembled here, it is hoped that in our permanent relocation center an organized and cooperative form of religious program may be carried out. *by Sammie Chikaraishi*

THE STORY OF PANCHO

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forms, speeches, Scout reviews, election and even acted as a managing

editor of the EL JOAQUIN.

Soon we became accustomed to seeing his friendly toothy grin as he bounded energetically from one

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So saying, I took two steps to the right, walked three hundred yards, north by west, through a cornfield, went up one flight of stairs, stepped on a three-legged catfish without wings, and at exactly two minutes past eleven, Pacific, Central, Mountain time by my watch, which was in lock, I fainted. When I regained consciousness, a striped elephant was sitting on my chest. I had my hand in another guy's pocket trying to make change for a dime, my nose was bleeding gum drops, drop for drop, just a quarter of an inch from the Pacific Ocean, which was shining brightly on both sides and snowing in the higher altitudes, singly and in pairs when practical. Being hungry, thirsty, and broke, I grabbed a handful of the guy's change, swallowed two cubits of ocean water and made it to Mass No. 3 just in time for lunch. Believe it or not! Thank you..... L. C. Shaffer

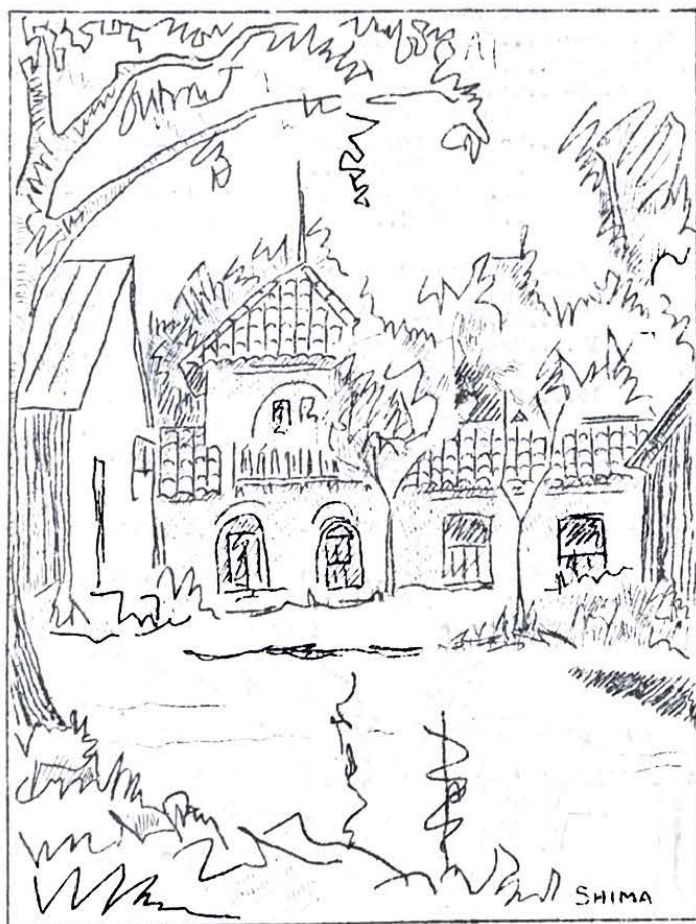
job to another. In every cartoon he poked his face in playfully just to see if everything was going on smoothly. And, of course, he had to have his usual reserved spot on the front page corner.

When our relocation news came through, we were crestfallen. Little Pancha wasn't registered as a resident. We didn't think he could go to Arkansas. We cornered him one day, pinioned him down to the floor, so he wouldn't bounce around so much. He waved his buck teeth at us playfully and smiled mischievously. "What'd I do now?" he queried.

We all looked stern and dignified. "You can't go to Arkansas with us," we blurted out. "You're not a registered resident."

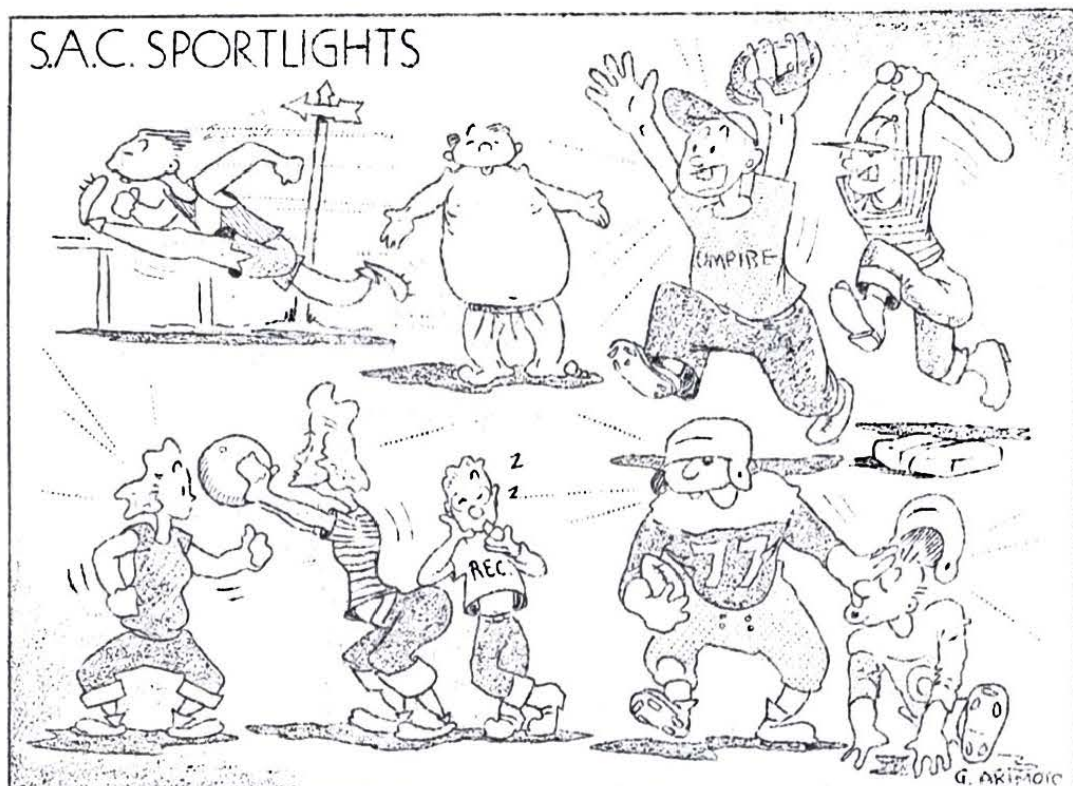
His puckish face darkened with anger. "I'm not registered?" he shouted. "You guys are only a fraction of the Stockton Assembly Center. But I am the Stockton Assembly Center. WHEREVER THE PEOPLE OF THIS CENTER GO, I GO!" And puffed his chest in pride.

Pancha will definitely go with us to Arkansas.



SPORTS Section

S.A.C. SPORTLIGHTS



SPORTALKS

FRED K. OSHIMA

IN LESS THAN SIX DAYS AFTER THE LAST CONTINGENT OF SAN JOAQUIN COUNTY EVACUEES HAD SET FOOT INSIDE THE STOCKTON ASSEMBLY CENTER, THE NEW TEMPORARY WARTIME HOME, THE HUSTLING, BUSTLING RECREATION DEPARTMENT UNDER THE KEEN SUPERVISION OF FORMERLY JACK MACFARLAND INAUGURATED ITS INITIAL PROJECT. THIS WAS THE BEGINNING OF A WELL-ROUNDED RECREATIONAL PROGRAM THAT WAS TO BE RATED AS ONE OF THE BEST OF THE WARTIME CIVIL CONTROL ADMINISTRATION'S CENTERS.

THE SIGNIFICANT FACTORS OF THESE SUCCESSFUL PROGRAMS WERE THAT THEY WERE SPONSORED UNDER CRAMPED CONDITIONS AND LIMITED FACILITIES.

Getting off to a flying start in the American League were Block 5 Reds, Block 3 Yankees, Block 3 Senators, Block 6 Trojans and Block 8 Bears.....It was also the beginning of the mighty Reds, who were to achieve fame and greatness as one of the top tens among Assembly Centers.

June 1st saw the start of the Girls' Softball League....Center Volleyball League competition got underway under the leadership of bespectacled Jimmie Hamasaki.

2000 fans jam arena to see Center's first Wrestling Tournament....Boxing under the supervision of George Uyeda and "Bronco" Ichibashi, was opened at Block 10 Gym.....Mid-June finds Rec. Dept. on the lookout for competent softball umpires.

An underdog National League All-Stars paced by the brilliant hurling of Fred Ito trounced the American Leaguers 9-7 in the spotlight attraction of Fourth of July celebration....Shortstop Freddie Hiromoto led Blk. 5 Flames to Junior League championship.

July 15th was a "red letter" day for the Reds as they sewed up the American League title....In a scorching table tennis match, the Reverend Unno defeated lanky Edmund Levy, Service Division Supervisor 21-18, 21-18 and 21-19.....

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RECREATION KEEPS MORALE UP OVER QUARTER-MILLION PEOPLE IN S.A.C. PARTICIPATE IN VARIOUS PROGRAMS

BY JACK McFARLAND
Supervisor of Recreation

Over a quarter million people will have participated in the recreation program in the Stockton Assembly Center when the first vanguard of people leave for the Relocation Center according to figures compiled and released today by the Center's Recreation Department.

Since May 25 when recreation started on an organized scale, an over-all average of 14,000 people weekly over a 19-week period brings the total number of spectators and participants in the recreation program--athletics, social and educational--to 265,000.

The number of participating events total 23, namely baseball, football, basketball, volleyball, horseshoes, table tennis, boxing, sumo, judo, shogi, go, chess, talent programs, knitting and crocheting classes, wood-carving classes, first aid instruction classes, croquet, badminton, card games, inspirational singing, dances, recording concerts and movies.

Tournaments, leagues and exhibitions have been staged in the first named 15 events featured with star-studded performers and attractions.

Both Issei and Nisei and even Sansai have wholeheartedly participated and cooperated in making possible and successfully sustaining this varied program.

Events and games of which a large number of Japanese had no knowledge or in which many had never participated were the most popular both from a spectator and participant standpoint. The outstanding among these was baseball organization for Issei and Sansai.

It was only through the concerted efforts and unselfish attitude of the people in adequately adjusting themselves to situations and knowingly giving of their advice, time and money that the entire recreation program was able to survive and successfully serve daily all people in the center.

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ARKANSAS REC. FUTURE LOOKS BRIGHT

BY JAMES I. DOI
(Editor's note: Jimmie Doi, El Joaquin's staff correspondent for Arkansas, wired some dope regarding recreational possibilities in Rohwer, Arkansas.)

As far as recreational facilities are concerned, there is very little that one can say at the present.

Among the advance crew Paul Shimada is in temporary charge assisted by James Harasaki and Agnes Uyegami, secretary.

Work will begin as soon as possible on the layout and there is plenty of room here to start a swell athletic field. However, a great deal of labor has

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SOFTBALL

11 TENS COMPETE IN INTERNATIONAL

BY JUN KASA

The eleven-team International League got off to a flying start on August 3 and inaugurating the opener with wins were the Spartans, Spitfires and Rainbows.

Taking on early season lead were the Spartans, who took a stab at the pennant scurry until they were dumped by the cellar-occupying Wolves.

Jumping at the break, the young Cardinals, freshly promoted from the Junior League took undisputed leadership and were later crowned the first half champions.

The Cards were paced by the speedball hurling
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'THANKS FELLAS' — JACK W. McFARLAND

Words in print can little express my thanks and appreciation to the people in this Center who gave graciously of their time, advice and money in making possible a successful and fully diversified recreation program.

I especially want to say "thanks" to the recreation leaders and advisors for cooperating and working to the extent of making it rather easy for me as a staff member to coordinate events and programs. It was this group who unselfishly gave of their time that did the work and furnished the man power which sustained the large program.

The way in which people here have adjusted themselves to most any unusual circumstance and have utilized the available facilities to such a fine extent is most impressive. It has been because of this that many have been able to build and maintain a strong body and clean mind.

It is my only wish that the people will be afforded in the future opportunities of a similar nature in order to maintain their unusually high morale. I am confident the people of this center have what it takes and when given the opportunity will grasp such and tenaciously hold on to it.

Best of luck and good wishes to you all!

Jack W. McFarland, Supervisor of Recreation

KING FOOTBALL WEST BATTLES EAST IN 1942 OPENER

INITIAL NISEI GRID TILT IS PROMPHESIZED AS TOSSUP

The West's intricate "T" formation will be pitted against the devastating single wing attack of East in the first Nisei football game of the 1942 season on the Rec. Field gridiron tomorrow at 3 p.m.

The West's Coaches "Kebo" Ogasawara and George Uyeda will bank heavily on quarterback George "Frankie Albert" Kagawa to steer the model "T" formation for results. His zipping southpaw passing which brought him fame as a backfield star for the Northern California prep champion Iodi High varsity last year will be the West's chief offensive threat.

Coaches Matsuo "Oki" Okazaki and George Kishida's green-jerseyed East team will be out to shoot swivel-hipped Sanji Teranishi into the open, conveyed by a heavy-charging 160-lb. forward wall.

Okazaki and Kishida stated that due to the equally matched squad a last minute change may be in order.

A lightweight tilt is on tap at 2:00 a.m. tomorrow morning.

SUMO

WRESTLING IS SUCCESSFUL

Among the many major Center sports which went over with a "bang" from the very moment of its inception was Sumo. Headed by Ted Kishida of the Recreation Dept. the Wrestling Dept. had as instructors Isamu Hayase, Isamu Sugimoto and Arata Sasashima. A wrestling pit was built on the west end of the main recreation ground and classes in Sumo both in Junior and Senior Divisions were conducted every day, afternoon and evening before capacity crowds.

Between May 10th and
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WEST	VS.	EAST
REC. FIELD	LINEUP	KICK-OFF 3:00 P.M.
JACK MAESHIO.....LBR.....		KAZ FUKUNOTO
BRONCO ICHIRASHI.....LTR.....		GEORGE OUYE
TOM OKABOTO.....LGA.....		ROY HATTORI
ART HISAKA.....C.....		GEORGE WATANUKI
MANINI SAKUDA.....ACL.....		ED WAKINOTO
LLOYD FUJITANI.....ATL.....		HARRY TSUTSUI
JOCKO MATSUOKA.....REL.....		TAD YANAGI
GEORGE KAGAWA.....Q.....		SANJI TERANISHI
YO MORIWAKI.....LBR.....		FRANK ARATA
FRED MASAI.....RHL.....		BOLIMKY YONESHIGE
FRED ITO.....F.....		HAROLD SHIRONAKA
WEST SQUAD		
W. Kagawa, lb	K. Seito, rt	S. Ikemura, c
H. Kuwada, re	B. Kiyota, lg	F. Hayashi, q
R. Maeda, lt	H. Ikemoto, rg	H. Hayashino, rh
EAST SQUAD		
J. Shironaka, re	J. Kitagawa, lt	G. Shima, q
T. Otsubo, re	Y. Iwahashi, rg	B. Hari, lb
H. Sasaki, lb	B. Kitagawa, lg	H. Nitta, rh
Y. Tajima, rt	J. Takahashi, lg	N. Yamaguchi, rh
OFFICIALS: Carlos Souza, Lloyd Brooks, George Caviglia		

ALL-STARS

CHAMPION TERRORS DOMINATE MAJOR LEAGUE ALL-STARS

The windup of the Center's softball season makes an all-star team in order, even if the sniff of king football is in the tantalizing autumn atmosphere.

This EL JOAQUIN selection picked from the cream of the Major League players can be classed as near perfect and we'll stake our shekels against any other W.R.A. choice.

The outstanding players of the season are Trojan's Frank "Mazza" Horita and Captain Freddie Masai of the Pirates. Horita and Masai, aside from socking the apple at a sweet .500 and .482, respectively, were the spearheads of their teams' good showing.

FIRST TEAM

PLAYERS	TEAM	POSITION
NOBI TANIMOTO, TERRORS.....		PITCHER
MIKE TAKEUCHI, TERRORS.....		PITCHER
HIDEO "BUTCH" HAYASHI, PIRATES.....		CATCHER
FRANK HORITA, TROJANS.....		FIRST BASE
FREDDIE MASAI, PIRATES.....		SECOND BASE
MATSUO OKAZAKI, POOP-OUTS.....		THIRD BASE
FRANK KAMIBAYASHI, DODGERS.....		SHORTSTOP
SAMMIE ICHIBA, TERRORS.....		OUTFIELDER
TED KAMIBAYASHI, ARISTOCRATS.....		OUTFIELDER
MASUO OKUHARA, DODGERS.....		OUTFIELDER
JIM HIROMOTO, TERRORS.....		OUTFIELDER
SHAGO MURAKA, YANKES.....		UTILITY

SECOND TEAM

PLAYERS	TEAM	POSITION
SANJI TERANISHI, PIRATES.....		PITCHER
GEORGE KAGAWA, DODGERS.....		PITCHER
JOE SAKASEGAWA, BULLBOWS.....		CATCHER
WILL KAGAWA, DODGERS.....		FIRST BASE
FRANK ARATA, YANKES.....		SECOND BASE
KIICHI HIRAMOTO, ARISTOCRATS.....		THIRD BASE
MONTE URAKAMI, ARISTOCRATS.....		SHORTSTOP
HAL HIROSE, TROJANS.....		OUTFIELDER
KEIZO OKUHARA, ARISTOCRATS.....		OUTFIELDER
BEN CHIKARAISHI, TROJANS.....		OUTFIELDER
SADAO NAISHIKI, BULLBOWS.....		OUTFIELDER
GEORGE UYEDA, ARISTOCRATS.....		UTILITY

TERRORS & PIRATES HIGHLIGHT RACE

CHAMPION TERRORS DROP ONLY ONE GAME; PIRATES SURPRISE; DODGERS COLLAPSE

The sensational and confident performance by the youthful Terrors, who literally swept the championship with ease, the surprisingly high finish by the Pirates and the complete collapse of the starstudded Dodgers were the highlights of the Major League, the Center's fastest softball loop.

Only matched by the super Block B Reds, Manager George Horita's youthful Terrors breezed through the first half race undefeated with seven consecutive wins and in the second half the Pirates were the only ten to hook them for a ride.

With Nobu Tanimoto and Mike Takeuchi "blazing 'em down the corner" and backed up by the classiest outfield combination to ever grace a softball team, namely, Sammie Ichiba, Jim Hiromoto, Mauch Yamashita and Jimmie Hayashi, the Terrors capitalizing on the opponent's every weakness were the scourge of the eight-team circuit.

The spectacular comeback of the rejuvenated Pirates, who after floating around in the second division in the first half arose to nab the second half gonfalon, was the big surprise of the rip-roaring campaign.

Building his hard socking squad around Captain Freddie Masai and "Rabe" Utsumi, Manager Ted Hirikitani hustled his charge into the series by only losing a single game and that a costly upset by the ageing Poop-outs.

The "hitless wonders" were also responsible for snapping the Terrors' nine-game winning streak in the crucial home stretch.

Studded with eight all-star players, namely, Frank and Sam Kanibayashi, Will and George Kagawa, Mas Okuhara, Shig Kaba, Jocko Matsuoaka, and Joe Kichi, the Dodgers were predicted to at least hop on the "gravy train" but instead proved to be the biggest sports disappointment of the Center.

Psychologically the Dodgers' poor showing can be attributed to the stunning opening game setback by the Yankees in both halves, thereby crushing their hopes. This, combined with the inability to pull through in the clutch, time after time, proved disastrous to "Bank" Sato's glorified squad.

INTERNATIONAL LEAGUE HAS CLOSE FINISH

(Continued from page S2) of Akira Kume and came through with every tilt except one, that being a loss handed to them by the Spitfires, who took runner-up position.

A close finish in the first half displayed signs of stiff competition for the second half. The Cardinals again took the lead, but when chucker Kume went wild in mid-season, the whole squad blew up to put them out of the race.

As the order for relocation has arrived the second half will probably not be completed, but standing a good chance of winning the title are the Buccaneers, Spitfires, Shengri-les and Spartans.

SLUGGERS

NAKAMOTO COPS MAJOR'S BATTING TITLE YANKS HIT .349

Slugging Isamu Nakamoto, an unheralded star of the lowly Bumbows, nipped Frank Horita out for the Major League batting championship with a fancy .517 average.

Manager Shago Kuraoka's Yankies blasted their way to the team title with a .349 average.

	GP	AB	R	Per.
I. Nakamoto, B.	11	29	15	.517
F. Horita, Tr.	12	35	18	.500
E. Arata, Y.	12	37	19	.486
B. Nitta, Y.	12	33	16	.484
F. Masai, Pi.	12	33	14	.482
G. Kagawa, B.	12	34	16	.470
B. Utsumi, Pi.	11	30	14	.466
F. Ito, P.	12	30	14	.465
J. Mashiro, B.	11	26	12	.461
S. Ichiba, T.	11	37	17	.459
B. Hikawa, T.	11	27	11	.407
M. Yamashita, T.	11	32	13	.406
M. Yosuda, B.	10	23	9	.391
B. Okumura, Tr.	12	34	13	.382
G. Toru, Y.	11	29	11	.379
H. Shimada, Y.	12	37	14	.378
S. Yamura, P.	13	37	14	.375
T. Kikuchi, A.	13	39	14	.368
S. Adachi, B.	11	36	13	.361
T. Hirose, Tr.	12	39	14	.358
T. Kikuchi, A.	12	42	15	.357
H. Hirose, Tr.	12	40	14	.350
E. Hiromoto, A.	13	23	8	.347
S. Yamashita, Y.	11	25	9	.346
M. Takeuchi, T.	11	38	12	.342
T. Otsubo, Pi.	12	38	13	.342
T. Okumura, P.	12	38	13	.342
H. Okuhara, B.	12	44	15	.340
S. Adachi, A.	12	39	13	.333
J. Matsuda, D.	10	24	8	.333
M. Okazaki, P.	13	35	12	.333

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REC. DEPARTMENT SUCCESSFUL

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Through the 45 leaders, every possible opportunity has been afforded both young and old alike to build towards recreational unity along the lines of physical development, outstanding morale and understanding.

Approximately \$800 has been spent for equipment and essentials to conduct this program. This \$800 was money raised through public subscription and served to supplement to the equipment furnished by the government. The major recreational expense went for the movie program with baseball equipment second in cost.

This expense was quite nominal in considering the total amount of people participating and catered to over a 12-hour day for 132 days.

In addition to the fund expended for use in this center, the people will have considerable equipment to take to further recreation at Rohwar, Arkansas.

CENTER'S TRACK SEASON

COAST & STATE LEAGUES CLOSE ACTIVE SEASON

BY GEORGE SUZUKI

(Special Correspondent)

The past few months of recreational activities in this center found softball one of the most popular sports. Young boys in their early 'teens to old people well past 60 took active part in playing this popular game.

Among the countless number of softball leagues organized were the Pacific Coast League (10 teams) and the State League (9 teams) mainly composed of middle-aged and people 40 years or older. Both the Coast and the State Leagues were very active, with close to 350 players participating during the actual period when the league was in full swing.

The State League was taken care of by Mitsuo Nakamura of the Recreation Dept. After the termination of the regular schedule, League All-Star games as well as East vs. West All-Star games were played.

The Coast League finished with San Francisco as the winner, closely followed by Portland, Seattle, Los Angeles and Hollywood.

DAVY'S-CASABA CHAMPIONS ; ALL-STARS PRESENTED

The only casaba loop in the Center, the Girls' Basketball League, enjoyed a successful and thrilling season that was climaxed with an All-Star sextette matching the champion Block 6 Davy's.

The season saw the following teams participating with their respective coaches: Blk. 1 Debs, Jim Ouye; Blk. 2-3 Dodgers, Doc Takei; Blk. 4 Squirts, Roy Hattori; Blk. 5 Li'l Terrors, Fred Ito; Blk. 6 Davy's, Dave Sakamoto; Blk. 7 Skylark, Dick Matsui; Blk. 8 Pop'n Doc, Pop Suzuki & Doc Yoshimine and Blk. 9 Stablemates, Geo. Kaneda.

Grabbing top scoring honor for the season was Grace Hagio with 89 points. Yo Miyamoto and Miyo Enokida followed with 76 and 72 points respectively.

The EL JOAQUIN herewith presents a mythical All-Star team, basing their selection on the performance demonstrated during the eight weeks of competition.

GIRLS' ALL-STAR TEAMS

FIRST TEAM

Babs Inamasu, Blk. 6.....F.....Patti Okura, Blk. 2-3
Grace Hagio, Blk. 8.....F.....Lil Fujimoto, Blk. 4
Miyo Enokida, Blk. 7.....F.....Yo Miyamoto, Blk. 8
Teri Yamaguchi, Blk. 1....G....."Casey" Sakai, Blk. 6
Esther Ouye, Blk. 1.....G.....Bette Ouye, Blk. 2-3
Yuki Kato, Blk. 8.....G.....Annie Kuni, Blk. 6

SECOND TEAM

TWO MEETS HELD; BERTRAM HARI OUTSTANDING STAR; BLOCK 4 WINS

BY KINJI HIRAMOTO

(Special Correspondent)

Track season at the Stockton Assembly Center was a very short one with only two meets being held; both on the main track in front of the all-purpose grandstand and witnessed by a large throng of enthusiastic fans.

Because of the lack of proper facilities, most of the interesting and unique events familiar in track and field meets could not be promoted. The sharp "crack" of the starter's pistol, the rhythmical beat of the hurdlers' strides, the heavy stomp of the broad-jumpers' take-off and the clattering of bamboo poles at the high jump and pole vaulting pits were completely absent in these meets.

The wide track, itself, wasn't in A-1 condition by far. It served the purpose of a thoroughfare for the Center's vehicles which had roughened up the surface during the rainy days.

In spite of these conditions, some half a hundred spikesters, competing under a scorching midsummer sun, recorded some fancy marks.

500 PARTICIPATE IN SEVEN SUMO TOURNAMENTS

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October 1st, 7 different tournaments were held aside from the daily practice sessions--3 Junior Tournaments, 1 All-Center Championship Tourney, 1 Hana Sumo, 1 East vs. West Tourney and 1 Center Department Team Tournament.

These tournaments attracted a total crowd of close to 15,000 people and were participated in by more than 500 Junior and Senior wrestlers.

The first meet was held as a part of the 4th of July celebration, but lack of competition caused the meet to be uninteresting.

In the second All-Center Relay held on August 1st more interest was shown with competition coming from five teams: Block 1 & 2, 3 & 5, 4, 6 & 7 and 8 & 9.

Led by fleetfooted Hari the Blk. 4 tracksters nosed out the rest of the field by collecting 20 valuable points in the final events, the two relays, to sweep the meet with 35 digits.

In addition to copping the fifty and 100 yard dashes, Hari anchored the winning 440 and medley relay quartet to a decisive victory for Block 4.

REC. FUTURE IN ROHWER, ARKANSAS... JIM DOI

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to be done to clear the land of grass, brush and numerous holes.

One distinctive advantage is that the land is level. Also the soil is of the type that will be firm, not sand. Participating athletes will not be dust ridden as in other relocation areas, because the soil is always moist. However I do not mean that it will be muddy.

Each block has its own recreation hall.

JUDOISTS HOLD 3 SUCCESSFUL TOURNAMENTS

Approximately 50 enthusiastic judoists turned out for the initial practice held on May 30 under the supervision of Karl T. Kawasaki, holder of the coveted high yoden (4th) rank, aided by assistant, Fritz Furuoka. Before the 4 months' stay in this Center had terminated, the class doubled in size.

Drawing capacity crowds at all three tournaments, which were held in front

of the grandstand, the judo group can boast of having completed very successful contests with many of the lower position holders being promoted to the sho-dan and black belt ranks.

On Fourth of July the initial tournament was staged before a capacity crowd.

Then on the evening of August 8, under the floodlights, was held the second

contest which was highlighted by the commendable exhibition match between M. Yanagi and H. Mikawa, displaying the art of self-defense.

As a climax of the short judo season, the Center's team championship tourney was held on Sept. 19.

Taking the exclusive Black and Brown Belt class title was the squad led by Atsushi Tokunaga.

PACIFIC COAST AND STATE LEAGUES

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At the end of the League, Champion San Francisco was pitted against the All Stars picked from the other 7 teams of the Coast League. Also East vs. West All-Star game was played, bringing the League to a successful finish.

Baseball definitely has been the true success story of this Center from the very moment it was inserted as one of the Major Recreational Programs. Aside from providing recreation and taking away some of the daily monotony of the people, it has been a great common ground on which old and young, men and women, boys and girls, players and spectators alike, met with true equality and understanding.

NAKAMOTO TOPS MAJOR'S BATTING

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M. Nakai, A...13 31 10 .322
G. Uyeda, A...12 28 9 .321
H. Kuwada, B...10 28 9 .321
G. Morino, Y...12 28 9 .321
P. Kosaka, P...11 28 9 .321
J. Hiramoto, T...10 25 8 .320
R. Tomura, Y...12 25 8 .320
Y. Moriaki, B...10 19 6 .315
TEAM BATTING AVERAGE

	AB	H	R	Pct.
Yankees..	312	109	112	.349
Terrors..	320	98	129	.306
Bumbows..	304	92	94	.302
Dodgers..	374	110	90	.294
Trojans..	334	97	127	.290
Aristocrats..	331	95	98	.287
Poop-outs..	359	98	100	.272
Pirates..	335	91	106	.271
Legend: P1. Pirates, Y. Yankees, P. Poop-outs, D. Dodgers, Tr. Trojans, A. Aristocrats, B. Bumbows, T. Terrors.				

SPORTALKS

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Girls' Softball League gonfalon went to undefeated Flanettes....Lefty George Kagawa, Kiwanis' fireball hurler hung up new strikeout record by whiffing twelve Aristocrats' batters.

With fifteen straight victories under their belt, undefeated Poop-outs win National crown....The "World Series" on July 25th and 26th saw the Reds demoralizing the Poop-outs in two straight games....Trojans' Ben Chikaraishi crowned American League batting champion with .482 average, while Ted Shironaka's excellent .645 took the honor in the National.

Jim Mikami and Mike Takeuchi walk away with All-Center Horseshoe Tournament....The last week of July saw the American League All-Stars nosing out the Champion Reds 3-2 before 3000 fans....The Block 4 thinclads opened the August sports' calendar by running away with the All-Center Relay.

The Rec. Dept. drafted Reds', Senators' and Bears' players into the newly organized Major League squad...Beachcombers defeated Blk. 7 Royals for Center Volleyball championship....Judoists under Karl Kawasaki held successful tourney under grandstand floodlights....Blk. 5's Jimmie Mikami grabs Center's single horseshoe crown.

On August 6th Center-ites heard Amos Alonzo Stagg, dean of America's football coach....Eight-team Girls' Basketball League got underway....Scrappy Termites chewed Baby Aristocrats for PeeWee championship....Terrors cinched first half crown unscathed....Brother Cardinals duplicate feat in International League.

Patti Okura went on scoring spree by sinking 23 points for Blk. 2-3 Baby Dodgers against Squirrels....Due to days getting shorter all softball tilts started at 6:30 instead of usual 7:00 p.m....Dodgers' George Kagawa misses ticket to Hall of Fame by inches when Bumbows' Isumu Nakamoto robs him with only hit.

The impossible catch by Terrors' Jimmie Hayashi, deep between the barracks beneath the clothes line ruins Dodgers' chance for the pennant....Lodi's George Furuoka and San Jose's George Sakamoto led Warehouse gang to Center Sumo championship.

The crispy autumn air during early September hailed the initial football meeting....Pirates surprised by copping second half gonfalon....Iron man Nobu Tanimoto pitched Terrors to Major League championship with two straight masterpieces....The fabulous Reds came out of their lair to knock the Terrors for the Center softball championship as outfielders Sammie Ichiba and Ted Kamibayashi thrilled the fans with acrobatic catches.

Decked out in their new suits, football stars treat Center-ites to their initial gridiron battle on Oct. 1.

Thus ends five short momentous months filled with exciting sports events that will live long in the memory of each Center-ite.