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I. INTRODUCTION

The War Relocation Authority, realizing the importance of leisure time activities, included within its organization one department designated as the Community Activities Section within whose jurisdiction lay various community organizations and leisure time facilities, such as the public library, religious groups and churches, adult activities, private agencies, and the responsibility of fostering of various schemes for the promotion of recreational activity within our center. Justification for the establishment of this section may be found in the realization of the very limited sphere of activity in the daily life within a project center. Various pursuits of recreational activity which were enjoyed by all of us prior to evacuation and which are vitally necessary as an integral part of maintaining the moral well-being of an individual would not be in existence except through the efforts of such an organization.

An outstanding aspect of the general atmosphere in the project center is the apparent ebbing of American influence accompanied with the inevitable resurgence of Japanese culture as exemplified by the increased use of the Japanese language, the interest shown in various Japanese phases of life, and the predominant demonstration of the Japanese way of thinking. This slow transition was not welcomed by all



of the groups of the community, especially with the second generation populace born and reared in this country. The Niseis have never taken part or assimilated themselves into American community life and were not able to absorb traditions or identify themselves with American culture, except vicariously through literature, hearsay, and motion pictures. Yet the emphasis played by this group on American ways of living and thinking as exemplified by the use of American slang, interest in American sports, and the absorption of American social phases of life is a very strong indication that in spite of their Oriental background they are making a definite endeavor to follow in the trends of American normal life.

In view of these vital factors, we firmly believe that the establishment of the Community Activities Section is fully warranted and that the responsibilities of this department are too great to be considered in a passive manner.



## II. ORGANIZATION

In order to initiate the recreational program at the Topaz Relocation Center, the director of the Tanforan Assembly Center Recreation Program sent four members of his headquarters staff as part of the advance work contingent, arriving at Topaz, September 11, 1942, with the specific responsibility of investigating the possible ways and means of establishing some form of community activities for the evacuees to follow.

The four members were Mr. Tad Hirota, Director of Athletics; Mr. Ted Hoshiyama, Director of Boys' Activities; Mr. Bob Iki, Director of In-Service Training; and Mr. Kimio Obata, Director of Arts, Crafts, and Skills. Before any plan of organization could be formulated, it was evident that the recreational program at the relocation center could not be as extensive as that which was set up at the various assembly centers. Fundamental reason for this difference was in the fact that at the assembly center there was no unified work program and the education system was on an informal basis, thereby leaving a considerable amount of daily life for leisure time activities. However, at the relocation center, the school program being of a much more formal nature and with a definite work program established, the major part of the daily activities of the residents would be spent either on the job or at school. Consequently, it could be clearly seen that the recreational program must be concentrated in providing profitable leisure time activi-



ties after school and working hours, holidays, and on the weekends.

As the first step toward the organization of the Community Activities Section, the four advance delegates held several formal and informal conferences with the Chief of Community Services Division within whose jurisdiction lay the operation of the Community Activities Section. The outcome of these meetings was a realization that a section chief, preferably a Caucasian appointee, was necessary to coordinate the complete activity program. Due to the absence of an appointive member to fill this capacity, Mr. Kimio Obeta was elected to take over the post of convener for the community Activities Section, assuming the responsibility of supervising and coordinating the complete activities program.

Fundamentally, the organization set-up of the Community Activities Section is twofold. Of first consideration is a staff of limited number of recreational leaders in the field, concentrating their efforts in the activity halls located in various sections of the community. These are the individuals who would come in direct contact with the residents of our community, and who have the direct responsibility of promoting leisure time activities in their respective districts. In order to perform the necessary administrative functions and to act in an advisory capacity in program planning and general operations, a large headquarters staff was established to aid the



field workers in all phases of the wide scope activities of this department.

Community Activities Headquarters:

The Community Activities Headquarters is composed of seven principle divisions, each with its own responsibility and job specifications, and each under the jurisdiction of the director in charge and staffed with assistants.

1. Division of Craft, Hobbies, and Skill--In order to promote a profitable handicraft program and to develop inherent skills of the residents, this department is staffed by a group of specialists, each fully qualified to demonstrate and instruct in his particular field of handicraft; and whose specific responsibility is to conduct through the various activity halls in the center a program designed to promote development of the handicraft field such as model airplanes, woodcraft, pyrocraft, catalin craft, etc.
2. Division of Athletics--In order to coordinate all athletic activity on an organized basis in the center, the director of this department together with his staff of assistants has the responsibility of fostering tournaments of athletic competition on a block, district, industrial or campwide basis. The scheduling of all forms of organized athletics within the center or outside the center is within the province of this department.
3. Division of Art Production, Social Activities and



Special Events--In order to promote, coordinate, and develop all forms of social recreation, this department was established, whose job is to sponsor special events and special activities on a camp-wide basis; also within the domain of this department lies the art production staff, whose specific task is to make posters, backdrops, and all other forms of art work necessary for the operation of the entire section.

4. Division of Group Work--This department has the primary responsibility of aiding the field workers in program planning and various other phases of group activities; this department also has the responsibility of conducting In-Service Training for all recreational leaders in order to maintain the highest professional standards which is the basis of organization of the entire Community Activities Section.

5. Division of Supplies and Operations--In order to provide the proper maintenance of all recreational facilities and to be responsible for all recreational supplies, this department was established with a director in charge, assistants, and a maintenance crew. This department has also the responsibility of issuing permits for the use of recreation facilities by private groups, and also the proper clearance necessary when activities outside of the center are involved.

6. Division of Coordination and Information--The specific responsibility of this department is to coor-



dinate the activities of the other headquarters departments, and to assimilate all information necessary for the proper functioning of the entire section, to foster all private agencies, and to fulfill the vitally important task of public relations both interior and exterior. Inasmuch as all pertinent information relative to the operation of the entire Community Activities Section shall be forwarded to this department; an additional responsibility is the task of making daily, weekly, and monthly reports of the entire section.

7. Division of Adult Activities--In order to provide a complete activities program for the older residents of our community, this department was established and entirely staffed by representative first generation members of our city. This department has the responsibility of prompting all phases of recreational activity including entertainment, development of skills, group activities athletics for the benefit of the Issei populace.

Staff Meeting:

A general staff meeting of all the divisional headquarters staff is held once a week to discuss current problems and make any recommendations or suggestions which may be of value for the over-all functioning of the activities program.



Activity Centers:

On the fundamental basis of carrying on all organized activities on a geographical basis thereby promoting the inhibition of pre-evacuation cliques and other minority groups, 4 activity halls were established in strategic sections of our community. Each hall was placed under the jurisdiction of a director in charge and was staffed with a limited number of recreation leaders having the specific responsibility to carry on all phases of leisure time activities. Each recreation leader has been delegated the task of fostering all forms of leisure time activities for a particular age group of residents.

In order to facilitate the work in the various activity centers, all equipment used at the Tanforan Assembly Center was obtained and distributed. In spite of the dilapidated condition of this recreational equipment, it formed a limited basis on which leisure time activity programs could be instigated.

The ultimate goal of this department is to set up a leisure time activities program in each and every block of our community. Due to various physical limitations such an extensive program is not feasible at the present time. However, in order to work toward this end, the directors of the activity halls have been working in close contact with the block managers in their district for recommendations and suggestions relative to the over-all program.



This initial impetus toward our ultimate goal has been of vital importance in the analysis and solution of all problems.

Personnel:

An outstanding serious handicap for the proper operation of this department is the lack of adequate personnel to fill all the required positions. The reason for this shortage lies in the fact that many capable individuals fully qualified to fill the positions of recreational leaders have left the center for outside work or have been employed in the Education Department.

To alleviate this acute need, serious consideration has been given to the possibility of employing high school seniors on a part-time basis to act in the leadership field supervising grammar school children. But it is also our firm belief that before such employment can be instigated, some form of pre-entry or in-service training in the field of recreation should be made available to these prospective high school seniors in the high school curriculum. If such a subject could be carried in the educational program, those interested in this particular field, with their enrollment in these classes, could be afforded the opportunity of practical experience in the recreational field on a part-time basis.

In view of this serious lack of leadership, a large number of volunteer workers have been employed to carry on even to a small degree the programs in the activity halls.



### III. PROGRESS OF WORK

#### DIVISION OF GROUP WORK:

This department primarily concerned with the recreational program in each of the activity halls, completed at the time of its initiation a physical survey of facilities available for the carrying on of the activities program.

A typical recreation hall contained nothing more than three large coal stoves and two or three dining tables with benches, and the total initial equipment comprised of a few well worn-out decks of cards, several table games, and a few patched ping pong balls which were all salvaged and transported to this community from the Tanforan Assembly Center. In spite of this tremendous handicap, the recreation leaders had been carrying on their program borrowing privately owned equipment whenever possible or conducting phases of activity which do not necessitate the use of any equipment.

It was not until approximately three months after the initiation of the activities program that equipment of any kind was forthcoming through requisitions placed via the proper channels. The financial aspects have been a tremendous obstacle in the path of the smooth functioning of the operation of this department. The entire activities program has been conducted without the assistance of a definite petty cash fund, although various sources of income to establish such a cash fund had been investigated but to no avail. Inasmuch as the older residents of our community had no



difficulty in gathering funds to support their own activities, the adult program has gone on extensively, whereas the recreational program for the younger people has not been as extensive as that desired. We believe that serious consideration should be given to the possibility of raising financial aid to carry on the much needed program for the benefit of the younger residents of our community.

Each activity hall is maintained between the hours of 10:00 a.m. to 9:30 p.m., 7 days a week. A typical day within an activity center is as follows:

Morning: Staff meetings, program planning, In-Service Training

Afternoons during school hours: Activities for adults such as handieraft, paper flower making, etc.

Afternoons after school hours: Organized indoor activities such as table games, ping pong, group games, organized outdoor athletics such as volleyball, basketball, and football.

Evening s: Indoor activities in the form of table games, social recreation, exhibitions, and tournaments, etc. Each activity hall sponsors special events on an average of twice a month. Usually in the form of a community-wide dance, variety show, rally, or exhibition.

In order that activities program shall meet with the highest professional standards, all recreation leaders have been attending In-Service Training Classes 5 hours a week. In addition, plans are being formulated for an incorporation for a first-aid class for all interested parties for which the attendance of all recreation leaders shall be compulsory.



DIVISION OF SOCIAL ACTIVITIES AND SPECIAL EVENTS:

When the first advance contingent of two hundred workers arrived at the Topaz Relocation Center, it was evident that even before the organization of the Community Activities Section was initiated, some stop gap phase of recreational activity was imperative. To fulfill this acute need, on the third day of arrival, an informal dance was sponsored with the aid of resident volunteers who obtained the necessary equipment for the affair. The following day, Sunday, Church services were held for all of the workers, and a softball game was promoted in the afternoon.

With the impending arrival of the balance of the evacuees from the assembly centers, the temporary Community Activities Section Staff, now organized, formulated plans for aiding in the daily induction of the new residents. A drum and bugle corp was formed among the employees of this section, and this group provided proper reception of each contingent of arrivals at the induction center, creating a heart-warming atmosphere which was most gratifying to the evacuees after the long arduous train ride from the assembly center.

Mass meetings were held for each new contingent for the purpose of getting them all acquainted with the administrative staff and informing them of the basic principles and policies of the relocation program. The work accomplished during this trying period for the new arrivals, was a tremendous contribution to the uplifting of the general



"mental climate," and had a most gratifying effect upon all of the people concerned.

Embarkation in the field of social recreation was initiated during the first weeks of October when the first public community-wide dance was held in one of the dining halls with the equipment borrowed from one of the residents. Since that time, dances have been held on the average of once a month, usually on some holiday or other timely occasion.

Most popular of social activities with the residents is a variety or talent show consisting of a series of spot acts in which talent from the community is incorporated into a program of approximately an hour and a half in duration. Series of these variety shows sponsored by this department were presented for the residents in the nearby communities of Delta, Oak City, and Hinckley constituting a major contribution towards the promotion of goodwill with our neighbors on the outside. A typical variety and talent show program is as follows:

1. Vocalist
2. Jitterbug dancers
3. Ventriloquist
4. Tap dancer
5. Harmonica soloist
6. Classical vocalist
7. Tamborine dancer
8. Magician
9. Boys' Chorus

These variety shows presented in the nearby cities were enjoyed by an audience of from 300 to 500 residents of their respective communities. Enthusiasm shown by the response is



a certain indication of its success.

One of the most successful pep rallies sponsored by this department was that in conjunction with the annual football game between the University of Stanford and the University of California. Inasmuch as the majority of the residents of this community were formerly from the Bay Area section in the State of California, tremendous interest and enthusiasm was shown as to the outcome of this all important game. Appropriately, this division sponsored a huge big game rally on the eve of this game with a program consisting of community singing, leading of yells, and alumni speakers.

Probably the most ambitious undertaking of this department which we believe to be the epitome of all social function to date was a three weeks' program conducted over the Christmas Holidays. With a schedule consisting of all forms of activity from athletics to social recreation and exhibitions to game tournaments, this holiday program was received most enthusiastically by the residents. An outstanding aspect of this program was the cooperation of all work divisions of our community, each doing its share of the responsibilities required for its success. The highlight of this program was a gigantic Christmas Pageant, "The Other Wise Man," under the direction of Mrs. Harry Kingman of Berkeley, California, who came to this center specifically for the purpose of its presentation. Two performances of this pageant were presented in English and one in Japanese for the benefit of



older residents of this community. In order to present a better concept of the scope of activities carried on throughout the Christmas Holidays, a calendar of events is included at the end of this report.

A very popular phase in the field of social recreation conducted by this department is folk dancing which has had the enthusiastic response of the residents between the ages of 20 and 35. To date, twelve folk dancing programs held in conjunction with various types of get togethers such as parties, social dances, and so on, have been presented with an average of approximately 75 residents participating.

The Topaz Dance Band, composed of resident musicians, has played a very important part in the various phases of social recreation. It has also played at a Delta High School dance, February 16, 1943. Due to the enthusiastic response of the residents of that city, they have been invited to play again for the county War Bond Drive Dance. The members of the band have given their services voluntarily to practice after working hours and have played a major part in the success of the various dances held throughout the community.



ART PRODUCTION DEPARTMENT:

A very important cog in the function of the machinery of the Community Activities Section is the Art Production Department with a staff of 8 very versatile artists. This department has been handling the tremendous task of producing all necessary art work for all phases of the Community Activities Section, and in addition for other departments of our community.

It may be well to point out at this time the significant difference in the type of work accomplished by this department and that which comes within the category of "sign painting." Sign painting and printing in the strict sense of a word is done automatically by mechanical means such as stenciling, whereas, sign painting produced by the art production department is a commercial art whereby the work is accomplished by brush and paint entirely by hand and which incorporates the personal touch and techniques of the individual doing the work.

During the period of the preceding five months of activity, the art production staff has turned out approximately 3500 signs of all types with an average of 200 man hours of work weekly. A partial list of the type of work done by this department is attached at the end of this report.

In order to maintain the highest standards of art production, the entire staff has been attending two hour seminars five days a week to gain more information in this particular field. This seminar has been conducted by the



director in charge with the assistance of individuals particularly qualified on any one phase of art work.



DIVISION OF ATHLETICS:

In the field of athletics, tremendous progress has been made especially due to the enthusiastic response of the residents in this particular area. From the very first weekend following our arrival in this relocation center, exhibition games, inter-block and inter-center athletic competition has been carried on and enjoyed by the entire community. Softball games between the female residents and the older male residents have been very popular. In addition, softball, football, and basketball have met with enthusiastic response on the part of the younger residents of this community. As part of the Harvest Festival conducted during the Thanksgiving Holidays an inter-district co-recreational volleyball tournament, several softball games, and an exhibition of touch football was conducted. In conjunction with the Christmas Holiday Program, several athletic contests were conducted ranging everywhere from ping pong tournaments, tug-of-war contests, marathon, speedball, softball, and football exhibition games, and co-recreational volleyball tournaments.

For the first three months of operation of this department, the proper functioning was seriously handicapped due to lack of athletic facilities. Games were still conducted, using the well-worn equipment of the assembly center and limited facilities constructed by the residents in various areas of the community. However, by the middle of January enough basketball facilities were available to initiate an industrial basketball league with teams representing



various work divisions of our community participating. This activity has met with the tremendous response of all groups of our city, and the keen competitive atmosphere which accompanies each contest is a gratifying indication of the success of this program. Concurrently, initiation of athletic competition with high schools of the neighboring communities was effected, and an average of three or four different basketball teams representing work divisions of Topaz traveled to Delta, Hinkley, and Oak City to engage in basketball contests with the respective high school teams. We feel that this again is another outstanding factor in favorable public relations work.

To fulfill the demands for winter sports activity, this section with the cooperation of the Landscape Architectural Department, constructed a gigantic ice rink, 400 x 440 feet, in the recreational area south of the City of Topaz with the help of resident volunteers. This rink was completed and informally opened to the public on January 4, 1943. With weather permitting, this rink has enjoyed an attendance of approximately one hundred fifty skaters daily. The entire ice skating program was placed under the supervision of the winter sports director and his staff of maintenance workers who were given the responsibility of instruction, direction, and maintenance of the entire activity and its facilities.

In conclusion, we believe that the athletic program has met and fulfilled the demands of the residents of our community, particularly those of the younger group to whom recreation and all forms of athletics are synonymous. With the advent



of the spring and summer seasons, we believe that the demand for athletic activity adapted for those particular seasons will be exceedingly great, and consequently plans are now in the formation for an extensive program of athletics suitable during that part of the year.



DIVISION OF COORDINATION AND INFORMATION:

The first task confronted by this section was the ascertaining of the approximate age groups of each block in our community; the interest of the residents of each block; and investigation of the possible talent inherent in various individuals who could possibly be called upon to act on a voluntary basis in the recreation program. Consequently, an information survey was conducted by this department consisting of distribution of survey forms to each individual in the community, requesting pertinent information in regards to interests and inherent capabilities. This survey was completed in approximately three weeks, and all necessary information was compiled and assimilated to be used for the benefit of all sections. As a result of this survey, recreation workers in the field were able to determine the number of individuals in the various age groups, thereby, forming a basis for program planning.

As an additional task of this division, daily, weekly, and monthly reports of the entire activities program have been compiled and submitted. Statistical data have been compiled to provide information for adequate program planning in the future. A staff member has been assigned to the specific task of carrying on research work, investigating all sources of reference materials, and negotiating with other Centers for an exchange of ideas to gain additional information to be used for the benefit of other departments of this section. The field of Public Relations lies within the province of this department, including the responsibility



of making all necessary outside contacts, and keeping the public, both interior and exterior, properly informed to the activities of this section.

In order to foster cultural discussion groups among the residents of our community, a community-wide forum was sponsored during the month of December for the purpose of presenting to the people, all pertinent problems of direct interest. Such vital topics as the cooperative movement, student relocation, and resettlement have been the principal items on the agenda of these discussion groups. Speakers well qualified on the subject at hand were invited to inform the residents on all phases of the particular subjects. A speaker's bureau has also been sponsored by this department. The organization consisting of residents well qualified in particular fields, and who have had experience in a certain line of work. Primary purpose is to encourage the people of this community to participate in discussions which may stimulate the thinking process.

The outstanding private agency group within the jurisdiction of this department is the Boy Scouts of America. This movement was instigated in November, 1942, as a result of a meeting with Scout officials representing the Utah National Parks Council. Subsequent to this meeting, foundations were laid for the establishment of four Boy Scout Troops in this community, each within the four districts, thereby establishing this movement on a geographical basis



in order to inhibit former locality troop identity. One activity hall designated as the Boy Scout Lodge has been completely turned over to this activity. All phases of the Boy Scout movement is carried on at the Scout Lodge including handicraft, outdoor activities, athletics, and educational pursuits. In addition, a Cub Scout movement is being sponsored to care for the elementary school students of this city. The Boy Scout drum and bugle corp has been organized and is called upon to participate in all camp-wide functions such as civic affairs and entertainment shows. During the Holiday program, the Boy Scouts made an outstanding contribution by spending two weeks in constructing Christmas toys for younger residents of the community. This toy making program has been continued to supply the pre-school nursery with the much needed equipment. An outstanding contribution toward Public Relations has been made by the Boy Scout in having informal get-togethers with the Scouts of the neighboring town of Delta. Majority of leadership in the Scout movement has been done through volunteer workers who have unselfishly devoted their spare time toward the fostering of this worthwhile cause. The national Scouting program has been followed, and the participation has been exceedingly gratifying. Scout Sunday and the observation of Scout week has been conducted with over 100 Boy Scouts participating. Inter-troop competition has been fostered in various Scouting activities.

In the field of religion, four principle denominations have been established in the City of Topaz. Namely,



Protestant, Catholic, Seventh Day Adventist, and Buddhist. The Protestant Church has a weekly attendance of approximately 1700, having the services of 13 resident ministers; Buddhist Church has a weekly attendance of approximately 1500, and the services of 6 resident ministers; the Catholic Church and the Seventh Day Adventists have a total weekly attendance of approximately 300, with one minister in charge.

The Topaz Public Library was formally opened in December 1, 1942, with approximately 5,000 books with a staff of 8 people. The library building has been a haven for literary minded residents, enjoying an attendance of approximately 2500 people weekly. To provide for the older residents, a Japanese section library has been established with an estimated 1500 volumes. A special activity of the library is a record concert sponsored weekly with a purpose of bringing to the residents, a program of recorded concert music.



DIVISION OF HANDICRAFT, HOBBIES, AND SKILLS:

In order to conduct a sound recreational program, some provision must be made to foster the development of self-expression in the creative field. This department has made a tremendous amount of progress toward making a major contribution toward this activity.

Although the handicraft program had been conducted on an informal basis throughout the various activity halls, it was not until the month of December when it was definitely placed on an organized basis. Model Aircraft Division was established under the auspices of this section, staffed with several qualified individuals particularly interested in the instruction, demonstration, and construction of model airplanes. As part of the department, a hobby shop was established to furnish the residents an opportunity to purchase at cost, materials necessary in this particular activity. Several model airplane clubs having an enrollment of many of the younger residents of our community were organized in each of the various districts, holding meetings to discuss plans for the promotion of this particular activity. Several model airplane clubs having an enrollment of many of the younger residents of our community were organized in each of the various districts, holding meetings to discuss plans for the promotion of this particular activity. Several exhibits of model airplanes have been held, and instruction classes have been initiated for the benefit of all those desiring to obtain more information in this particular field.

Various other phases of handicraft work are carried on in the activity centers such as braiding, pyrocraft, wood-



carving, catalin-craft, paper flower making; toy making, and metal-craft, each under the supervision of an instructor.

To fulfill the demand of a large group of the residents, bridge tournaments have been included as part of the activities program. This particular activity was first initiated in December, and a response shown at the first city-wide bridge tournament definitely warranted the inclusion of this particular activity in the recreation program. Consequently, a bridge instructor and tournament director was added to the personnel, and bridge tournaments and classes have been conducted on the average of three or four evenings each week. Each affair enjoys the attendance of approximately seventy-five participants and over one hundred spectators. In order to service all the residents of our community, these tournaments are held in various dining halls of the city in order that residents of all sections may participate.



DIVISION OF ADULT ACTIVITIES:

With the basic principle of servicing all groups of our community, and cognizant of the vital need for some form of activity for older residents of our community, this department of the Community Activities Section was established. The activities of this department were planned to include all phases of recreation which were designed and formulated for the younger groups of this community. Consequently, the scope of the program planned included entertainment, athletics, table games, cultural pursuits, indoor activities, and group discussions. The department, initiated at the time of the instigation of Community Activities Section, has been progressing very smoothly, and its activities have been broad and profitable, from the standpoint of older residents of the city. In the field of Japanese entertainment, this department has sponsored on an average of two Japanese entertainment shows weekly, presented in various Dining Halls in the community in order that the residents of that particular section may enjoy the performance. These events have been promoted solely through the employment of resident talent and volunteer workers, donating their services willingly in order to present to the populace, an entertainment show worthy of their consumption. Each of these entertainment shows has enjoyed an attendance of approximately 700 enthusiastic residents, which completely justifies the continuation of this particular activity.

In the field of adult athletics, softball games have been conducted from time to time which have been received



enthusiastically both by the spectators and by the participants. Judo has been very popular, with one recreation hall devoted exclusively to this activity. Instructions and demonstrations of this particular art has been enjoyed by a weekly attendance of almost 300 residents. Two recreation halls have been set aside for table games and classical singing. Goh and shogi, the most popular of the indoor activities has enjoyed an attendance of over 2,000 interested residents weekly. The indoor game of karuta has received the enthusiastic response of the older female residents of this city in weekly tournaments being held with an attendance of approximately 150 people. During the Christmas Holiday program, the adult activities section sponsored six adult entertainment programs, several goh and shogi tournaments, judo exhibitions, classical singing performances, servicing during the three week period, a grand total of 14,500 people.

We believe that we can definitely state without fear of contradiction that the recreational program for the adult residents of the populace is greater in scope than that which was ever hoped for. Thanks to the untiring efforts of the director in charge, and his efficient staff, we have been able to present to the Issei residents of Topaz an activities program well rounded out in all particular fields. The enthusiastic response received, and the eager participation in all the events sponsored, is a definite justification and an added incentive for the continuation of this particular division.



#### DIVISION OF SUPPLIES AND OPERATIONS:

In order for the proper functioning of the entire Community Activities Section, it was vitally necessary for a department to be established with a responsibility of obtaining supplies and material, of performing the proper maintenance of all recreational facilities, and to perform in a most efficient manner the proper disbursement of supplies and materials.

Initial task of this division was to obtain an inventory of supplies and facilities available at the time that the leisure time activities program was initiated. Upon investigation, it was found that the only equipment available was that salvaged from Tanforan Assembly Center Recreation Program and transported to Topaz. In spite of the worn-out condition of this equipment, it was distributed to the various activity halls for use in carrying out their program. This consisted of mainly five ping pong tables with allied equipment, table games, and a limited amount of outdoor athletic equipment. It was evident that there was an immediate need of construction of outdoor athletic facilities such as volleyball courts and basketball courts, baseball diamonds, etc. The construction of these facilities was hampered by the serious lack of raw materials in spite of the fact that volunteer help was available in all cases. It was not until approximately three months later that four basketball courts were constructed and three volleyball courts made available to the residents of the community.



It may be well to point out at this time the general set up relative to the allocation of recreation halls in our community. Although there is a recreation building in each block of our city totaling 56 in number, many of them are being used for office buildings and other purposes in the various work divisions of the camp by Administrative order. 17 halls have been allocated to the Community Activities Section of which 5 are used by the religious groups and one by the Topaz Public Library. Consequently, there are only 12 recreation buildings available in the entire community to carry on the widescope activities of this section.

This division has handled all requisition for supplies and materials, starting this very important task, concurrently with the initiating of the entire Community Activities Section program. To date, this office has passed through the proper channels, approximately 135 requisitions for supplies and maintenance work. The results have not been too gratifying, due to the necessary time and delay involved before delivery of the supplies requested. To date, approximately 35 of the requisitions have brought results. However, this department has been performing the Herculean task of maintaining all the facilities of this department with a skeleton crew.

The office of clearance which lies within the jurisdiction of this department who has the responsibility of issuing permits for the use of Community Activities Section facilities. Private parties have been serviced with the



use of activity halls at an average of one weekly, providing them with the hall with all of its facilities.

Since January, all educational trips outside the Center have been handled by this department, obtaining the necessary clearance and transportation facilities for private groups wishing to embark on such a trip. To date, educational trips have been enjoyed by over 500 of the residents, leaving each weekend for nearby areas surrounding the Center.

In order to keep an accurate inventory of all our equipment for this section, a warehouse was established with a foreman in charge. All equipment allocated to this department has been properly marked and labeled before disbursement to the various activities hall.

An important sub-division of this department is the technical staff having the responsibility of supplying public address systems, stage lighting, and other electrical apparatus necessary for the presentation of the various activities. Although the Community Activities Section does not own a public address system, we have been fortunate in being able to borrow suitable equipment of this nature from some of the residents of the community. This entails the payment of a small rental fee for the use of these facilities, which we believe justifiable. Serious consideration should be given to the possibility of allocating to our section a suitable public address system capable of playing a major part in our program plan.



This office has accomplished a tremendous amount of work, efficiently distributing and maintaining the limited amount of recreational facilities in use at the present time. The entire staff of this office is to be complimented in the professional manner in which the various tasks have been handled and accomplished.



CONCLUSION:

In retrospect, considering the serious handicaps of limited facilities encountered in the operations of this department, we believe that we can safely say that this tremendous task of the past five months has been accomplished with all the success that is to be expected.

In spite of the numerous obstacles confronted, such as the limited number of personnel, the decrepit condition of supplies and materials available, and the existing facilities, it is the belief of all parties concerned that the Community Activities Section Staff is to be complimented on the manner in which the problem has been approached and the accomplishments made towards the solution of these problems. The progress made during the last five months has been accomplished in the line of maintaining the following basic principles of a sound recreational program:

1. To be a true recreational program, it must be camp-wide.
2. It must serve all groups and ages.
3. In its operation it must maintain the highest professional standards of performance.

On the basis of the accomplishments made and the records of operations for this past period, we believe that an optimistic outlook of the future of this department is justified.

The entire Community Activities Section Department is in accord with the belief that a sound recreational program is not a panacea or a remedy for the elimination of the degenerating effects of delinquency, but, we sincerely



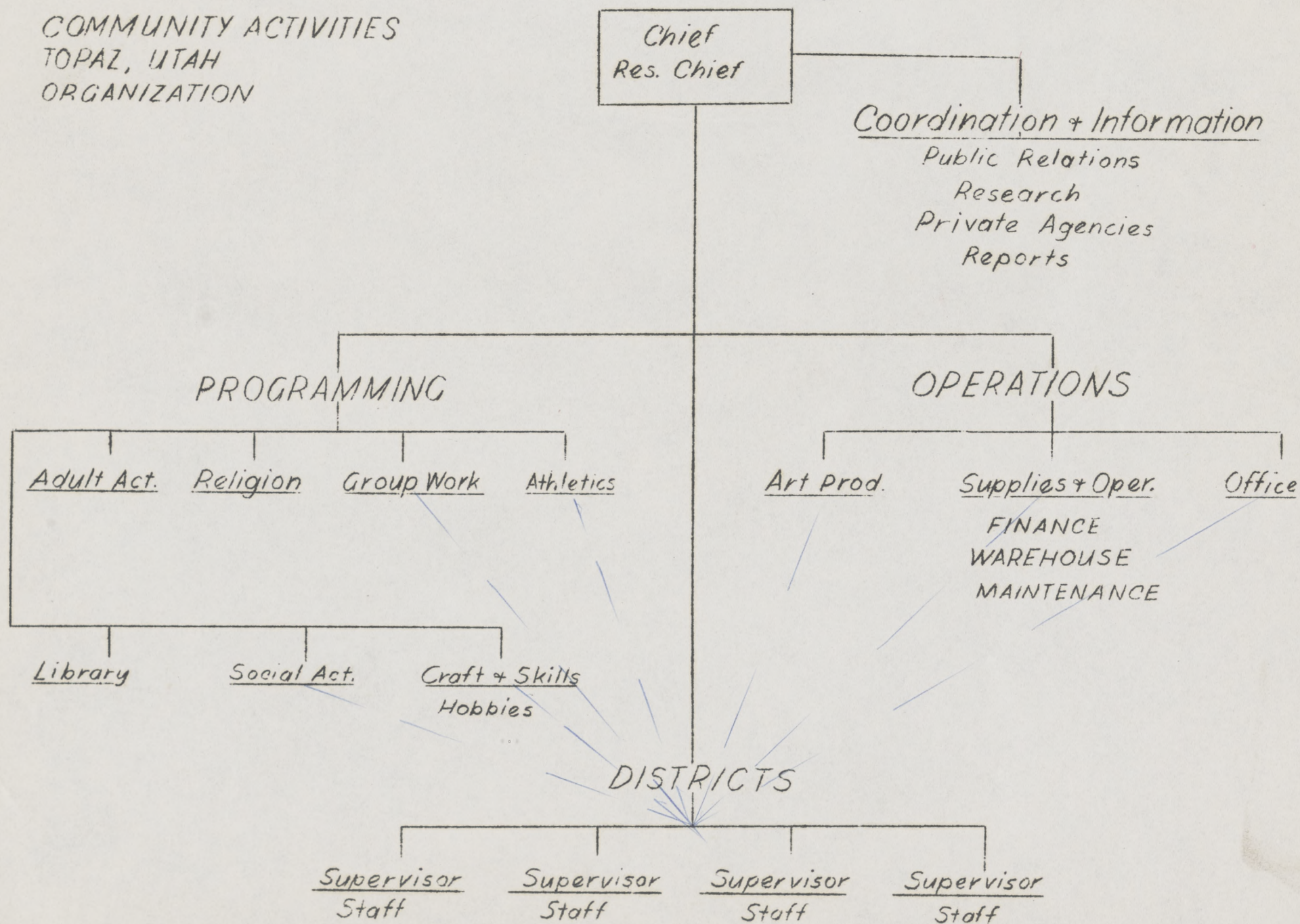
believe that the leisure time activities program conducted in Topaz has been a tremendous contribution towards that end.



APPENDIX



COMMUNITY ACTIVITIES  
TOPAZ, UTAH  
ORGANIZATION





## COMMUNITY ACTIVITIES SECTION

### ACTIVITIES AVAILABLE AT RECREATION CENTERS

#### ATHLETICS

Softball  
Volleyball  
Basketball  
Football  
Ping Pong  
Horseshoes  
Wrestling  
Boxing  
Judo

#### HANDICRAFT & SKILLS

Pyrocraft  
Catalin-Craft  
Carving  
Model Plane Building  
Cartooning  
Metal Craft  
Flower Making  
Bridge  
Table Games

#### OTHERS

Folk Dancing  
Social Dancing  
Jitterbugging  
Educational Trips  
Social Parties  
Story Telling  
Forums & Discussions



# COMMUNITY ACTIVITIES SECTION

## CHURCH ATTENDANCE

	<u>Protestant</u>	<u>Buddhist</u>	<u>Catholic</u>	<u>7th Day</u>
Dec. 1	1000	1000	250	200
8	1475	1210	250	220
15	1857	1800	200	175
22	1905	1800	200	200
29	2730	1900	200	500
Jan. 5	1405	4000	200	300
12	1410	1310	200	380
19	1390	1760	200	300
26	1400	1600	300	150
Feb. 3	1730	1520	200	200
10	1710	2000	400	200
16	2000	1500	300	200



COMMUNITY ACTIVITIES SECTION  
ACTIVITY CENTER ATTENDANCE

*Shirley  
would figure make a  
table like this?  
again.*

<u>CENTER NO.</u>									
<u>DATE</u>	<u>#6</u>	<u>#10</u>	<u>#20</u>	<u>#34</u>	<u>#36</u>	<u>#39</u>	<u>#40</u>	<u>#42</u>	<u>#16</u>
Nov. 25		300	1500	900	200				
Dec. 1	950	500	300	550	750				
Dec. 8	1400	250	200	1400	1100				2705
Dec. 15	674	2100	600	450	1400	471		200	2630
	22 1610	750	900	600	1150	900		150	2184
	29 810	1150	1050	1050	1250	2385		135	1348
Jan. 5	903	850	800	800	950	2100	610	175	1671
Jan. 12	1414	1000	800	1350	1700	1875	920	90	1943
	19 1325	1150	800	1500	800	1802	713	125	2012
	26 1335	531	850	800	800	2061	226	150	1833
Feb. 3	1448	1020	750	500	700	2154	691	180	2046
	10 1571	892	819	230	760	2027	460	347	2287
	16 906	1239	1340	851	752	1528	391	250	2086

Recreation Halls 10, 20, 34, 36 -- Activity Centers

Recreation Halls 6, 39, 40 ----- Adult Activity

Recreation Hall 42 ----- Boy Scouts

Recreation Hall 18 ----- Public Library



ATTENDANCE  
SPECIAL EVENTS (CAMPWIDE)

	<u>DANCES</u>	<u>VARIETY</u>	<u>ADULT SHOWS</u>	<u>EXHIBITIONS</u>	<u>OTHERS</u>
Oct. 3		500			
Oct. 5	80				
Oct. 10	100				
Oct. 11		500			
Oct. 20				450	
Oct. 28	200				450
Oct. 29					300
Nov. 6			400		
Nov. 7			350		300
Nov. 8				400	
Nov. 20			500		400
Nov. 24		900	500		
Nov. 25		1000	500		
Nov. 26		450	550		
Nov. 27			600	100	
Nov. 28	125		600	200	
Nov. 29			600		
Dec. 5			750		
Dec. 11			600	1598	
Dec. 12			650	100	
Dec. 19			650	250	
Dec. 22		450		75	
Dec. 23		600			
Dec. 24		700			
Dec. 26			700		
Dec. 28	250		600		
Dec. 30		1100	600		
Dec. 31	350		600	700	
Jan. 2			700		150
Jan. 4			600		
Jan. 5			750	1400	
Jan. 7			400		
Jan. 13				100	50
Jan. 16			700		
Jan. 17					55
Jan. 22			700		
Jan. 23			700		100
Jan. 29					500
Jan. 30			700		
Jan. 31					100
Feb. 2		300			
Feb. 6	300		700		
Feb. 7			700		
Feb. 9		300			



ALLOCATION OF REC. HALLS

<u>NO.</u>	<u>USE</u>
1	Arts and Crafts, Workshop, Model Airplane
2	Administrative Rec. Hall
3	CAS Headquarters
4	Placement and Project Attorney
5	Adult Education
6	CAS Judo and Adult Activities
7	Art School
8	Elementary School
9	Pre-School Nursery
10	CAS District I Rec. Hall
11	Internal Security
12	Consumer's Enterprises
13	Pre-School Nursery
14	Catholic and Seventh Day Adventists
16	Library
19	Canteen
20	CAS District II Rec. Hall
22	Protestant Church
23	Community Welfare
26	Consumer Enterprise Office
27	Pre-School Nursery
28	Buddhist Church
29	CAS District III Rec. Hall
30	Housing
31	Boys' Gym and movies
32	High School and Girls' Gym
33	House Managers, Inter-Faith
34	CAS District IV Rec. Hall
35	Adult Education
36	CAS
37	Pre-School Nursery
38	CAS
39	CAS
40	Adult Activities
41	Elementary School
42	Boy Scouts of America



## ART DEPARTMENT PROGRAM

- A. ADMINISTRATION
  - 1. Name plates
  - 2. Charts
  - 3. Notices
- B. RECREATION DEPARTMENT
  - 1. Dances
    - a. Posters and decorations
  - 2. Variety Shows
    - a. Banners
    - b. Posters
    - c. Decorations
    - d. Scenery
  - 3. Rec. Hall Signs
  - 4. Sports Events
    - a. Advertising
    - b. Awards
      - 1) Penants
      - 2) Trophies
      - 3) Plaques
- C. EDUCATION DEPARTMENT
  - 1. High School signs
  - 2. Elementary School signs
  - 3. Pre-School signs
  - 4. Libraries
    - a. Notices
    - b. Illustrations
    - c. Index strips
    - d. Name plates
    - e. etc.
  - 5. Faculty signs
- D. DRAMA GROUP
  - 1. Advertising
  - 2. Backdrops
  - 3. Props
  - 4. Valances
  - 5. Costumes
- E. MUSIC AND ART SCHOOL
  - 1. Advertising posters
- F. HOUSING
  - 1. Bulletins
  - 2. Block Mgr. signs
- G. DINING HALLS
  - 1. Notices
  - 2. Meeting signs
- H. MAINTENANCE AND SANITATION
  - 1. Janitorial notices
  - 2. General signs





*Christmas & New Year*  
**HOLIDAYS PROGRAM**  
PEACE ON EARTH — GOOD WILL TO MEN  
*by and for the COMMUNITY of Topaz.*

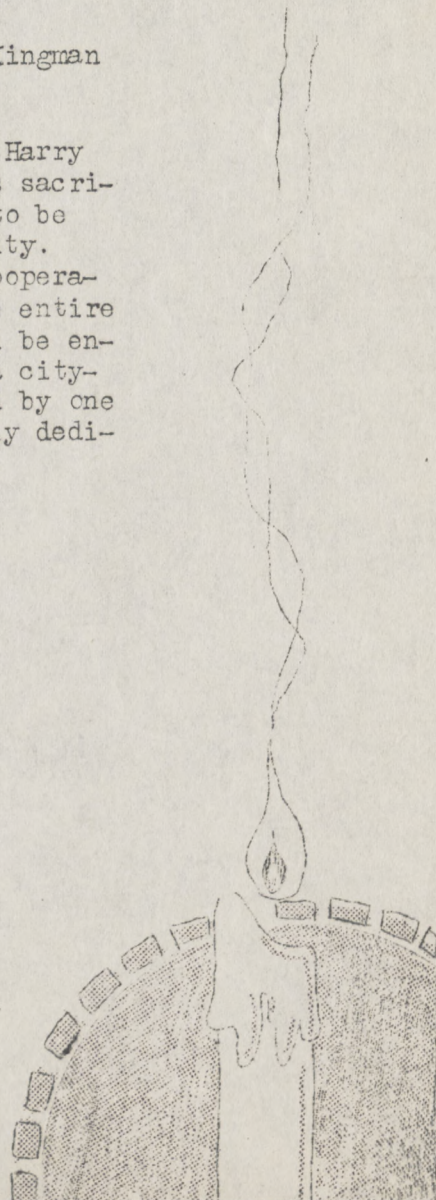
Mr. Charles Ernst, Honorary Chairman

Administrative Staff - Honorary Committee

Supervisor of Productions: Mrs. Harry Kingman

Through the untiring efforts of Mrs. Harry Kingman of Berkeley, California, who has sacrificed her own holidays with her family to be with us, this program has become a reality. Aided and abetted by the wholehearted cooperation of the Administrative staff and the entire population of the city of Topaz, we will be enjoying in these troubled times this gala city-wide program planned and participated in by one and all. In acknowledgment we gratefully dedicate this program to Mrs. Harry Kingman.

General Chairman: Mr. Fred M. Koba





# CALENDAR OF EVENTS

- Dec. 18th:- Dining Hall Decorating Contest City-wide  
(Fri.) Distribution of Christmas Trees City-wide  
Sponsors: Agriculture Dept.  
Essay Contest - High School and Elementary Schools  
Dance - for High School group D.H. #32  
Sponsors: Education Dept. 7:45 p.m.  
Movies: "Broadway" Rec. #32  
"Ghost Goes West" Rec. #31  
7:30 p.m.
- Dec. 19th:- Seventh Day Adventist Services Rec. #14 - 10:00 a.m.  
(Sat.) Speedball Exhibition - Girls High School field  
2:30 p.m.  
Issei Entertainment (for Blocks #19, 26, 33) D.H. #26  
7:30 p.m.  
Judo Exhibition Rec. #6 - 7:00 p.m.  
Utai performance Rec. #27 - 7:00 p.m.  
Movies: "Broadway" Rec. #32 - 7:30 p.m.  
"Ghost Goes West" Rec. #31 - 7:30 p.m.
- Dec. 20th:- Snow Trips and Hikes Rec. #3 - 8:00 a.m.  
(Sun.) Christmas Worship for Issei D.H. #41 - 11:00 a.m.  
Sponsors: Protestant Church  
Football Game - Industrial League High School field  
Commissary vs. Timekeepers 2:00 p.m.  
Carrier Service vs. Hospital 3:00 p.m.  
Fly Casting Exhibition High School field  
2:30 p.m.  
Christmas Worship for Young People Rec. #32  
Sponsors: Protestant Church 7:30 p.m.
- Dec. 22nd:- Individual Class Parties - Elementary School Blocks #8 & 41  
(Tues.) 2:30 p.m.  
Invitation to Tea for Administrative Staff Rec. #7  
and School Faculty 3:30 p.m.  
Sponsors: Art School  
Marionette Shows Rec. #16  
3:30 p.m.  
7:30 p.m.
- CHRISTMAS PAGEANT: "THE OTHER WISE MAN"  
Director: Mrs. Harry Kingman  
Movies: "Rise and Shine" D.H. #1  
"Wild Geese Calling" 7:30 p.m.  
Rec. #32  
Rec. #31  
7:30 p.m.
- Dec. 23rd:- Seventh Day Adventist Christmas Program Rec. #14  
(Wed.) Sponsors: Seventh Day Adventists 2:30 p.m.  
Christmas Program for Elementary School Children D.H. #1 - 2:30 p.m.  
Sponsors: Education Dept. D.H. #32  
Christmas Program for High School Students 2:30 p.m.  
Sponsors: Education Dept. Rec. #10  
3:30 p.m.  
Marionette Shows 7:30 p.m.



Dec. 23rd:-	CHRISTMAS PAGEANT: "THE OTHER WISE MAN" Director: Mrs. Harry Kingman (in Japanese) Movies: "Rise and Shine" "Wild Geese Calling"	D.H. #1 - 7:30 p.m. Rec. #32 - 7:30 p.m. Rec. #31 - 7:30 p.m.
Dec. 24th:- (Thurs.)	Grammar School parties Sponsor: Community Activities Movies: Special Matinee: "Rise and Shine" "Wild Geese Calling" Christmas Caroling - All groups Christmas Gift Distributions CHRISTMAS PAGEANT: "THE OTHER WISE MAN"	Rec. #10-20-29-34 2:00 p.m. Rec. #32 - 7:30 p.m. Rec. #31 - 7:30 p.m. City-wide - 9:30 p.m.
Dec. 25th:- (Fri.)	Christmas Caroling Sponsors: Protestant Church ladies Communion Service for General Public Sponsors: Protestant Church Morning High Mass for General Public Sponsors: Catholic Church Christmas Program for General Public Sponsors: Protestant Church Movies, Special Matinee: "Rise and Shine" "Wild Geese Calling" Christmas Program for Hospital Patients Christmas Program for Hospital Staff Christmas Get-together Sponsors: Catholic Church Christmas Turkey Dinner and Entertainment Movies: "Rise and Shine" "Wild Geese Calling"	D.H. #1 - 7:30 p.m. City-wide 8:00 a.m. Rec. #22 - 9:15 a.m. Rec. #14 D.H. #32 2:30 p.m. Rec. #32 - 2:30 p.m. Rec. #31 - 2:30 p.m. Hospital - 2:30 p.m. Hospital - 3:30 p.m. Rec. #14 2:30 p.m. At all D.H. - 5:00 p.m. Rec. #32 - 7:30 p.m. Rec. #31 - 7:30 p.m.
Dec. 26th:- (Sat.)	Goh and Shogi Tournaments - city-wide Preliminary rounds All-Star High School Football League Ward #2 vs. Ward #4 Ward #3 vs. Ward #1 Topaz Hi All-Stars vs. Delta High School Basketball Games, A and B Christmas Program for General Public Sponsors: Protestant Church Movies, Special Matinee "Rise and Shine" "Wild Geese Calling" Utai performance Issei Entertainment (for Blocks #31-38-39-40) Judo Exhibition Movies: "Rise and Shine" "Wild Geese Calling" Dance: "Swing and Smooth"	Rec. #6 and #39 10:00 a.m. High School field 2:00 p.m. 3:00 p.m. Rec. #34 2:30 p.m. D.H. #32 2:30 p.m. Rec. #32 - 2:30 p.m. Rec. #31 - 2:30 p.m. Rec. #27 - 7:00 p.m. D.H. #31 - 7:30 p.m. Rec. #6 - 7:30 p.m. Rec. #32 - 7:30 p.m. Rec. #31 - 7:30 p.m. D.H. #1 - 8:30 p.m.
Dec. 27th:- (Sun.)	Snow and Hiking Trips Goh and Shogi Tournaments, Semi-final round Church Worship Services Industrial League Football Games Fire Dept. vs. Maintenance Winners of Dec. 20th games to play	Rec. #3 - 8:00 a.m. Rec. #6 and #39 16:00 a.m. All churches - 11:00 a.m. High School field 2:00 p.m. 3:00 p.m.



Dec. 27th:-	Year End Celebration - Buddhist Church Sunday School Bridge Tournament - City-wide Glider Demonstration and model airplane flying Softball Championship for Older Men North-South vs. East-West Judo Exhibition	Rec. #28  Rec. #20 - 2:30 p.m. High School Plaza 2:30 p.m. High School Plaza 2:30 p.m. Rec. #6 - 7:00 p.m.
Dec. 28th:- (Mon.)	Holiday Jitterhop Jive to Easie. Jersey, James Music Appreciation - Recordings	D.H. #1 8:45 p.m. Rec. #16 - 8:45 p.m.
Dec. 29th:- (Tues.)	Party for 7th Grade Students Karuta Tournament, preliminary round  Bingo Night Movies (to be announced) Adult Show	D.H. #32 Rec. #6 and #39 7:00 p.m. Rec. #39 - 7:30 p.m. Rec. #32 and #31 D.H. #1 - 8:00 p.m.
Dec. 30th:- (Wed.)	Utai performance Karuta Tournament Finals  Issei Entertainment Movies (to be announced)  Amateur Talent Show Topaz Fairs at Rec. Halls	Rec. #27 - 7:00 p.m. Rec. #6 and #39 7:00 p.m. D.H. #30 - 7:30 p.m. Rec. #32 and #31 7:30 p.m. D.H. #1 - 8:00 p.m.
Dec. 31st:- (Thurs.)	Invitational New Year's Eve Ball New Year's Eve Dance - City-wide Topaz Fairs at Rec Halls. Year End Service Sponsors: Buddhist Church Movies (to be announced) Adult Entertainment for D.H. #7 Dining Hall parties in the evening.	D.H. #32 - 8:00 p.m. D.H. #1 - 8:45 p.m.  Rec. #28  Rec. #32 and #31 D.H. #7
Jan. 1st:- (Fri.)	High Mass for General Public Sponsors: Catholic Church New Year Prayer Meetings Sponsors: Protestant Church Marathon Race - First Annual Cross City Tug-of-war: Fireman vs. Policemen, and other competitors All-Star High School Football League-Finals Industrial League Football Game-Finals New Year Entertainment for High School Students Sponsors: Education Dept. New Year Dinners and Entertainment First of Year Service for Adults Sponsors: Buddhist Church Folk Dancing for General Public Topaz Fair at Rec. Halls Movies (to be announced)	Rec. #14  Rec. #5 and #22 7:00 a.m.  High School field 2:00 p.m. High School field 3:00 p.m. D.H. #32 2:30 p.m.  All D.H. - 5:00 p.m. Rec. #26 7:30 p.m. D.H. #1 7:30 p.m. Rec. #32 and #31
Jan. 2nd:- (Sat.)	Garden Show	Rec. #11



Jan. 2nd:-	Sponsors: Agricultural Dept. Marionette Shows	10:00 a.m. Rec. #10 3:30 p.m. 7:30 p.m.
	Issei Entertainment Boy Scout Drum and Bugle Corp Concert Movies (to be announced) Ping-pong Tournament - City-wide	D.H. #19 - 7:30 p.m. D.H. #1 - 7:30 p.m. Rec. #32 and #31 Rec. Halls
Jan. 3rd:- (Sun.)	Snow and Hiking Trips Church Programs Garden Show Mah Jong Tournament - City-wide Music School Concert Marionette Shows	Rec. #3 - 8:00 a.m.  Rec. #11 - 10:00 a.m. Rec. #40 - 2:00 p.m. D.H. #1 - 2:30 p.m. Rec. #10 3:30 p.m. 7:30 p.m.
	Goh and Shogi Tournament - Finals  Issei Entertainment Bridge Tournament - Ward #3	Rec. #6 and #39 7:00 p.m. D.H. #9 - 7:30 p.m. Rec. #34
Jan. 4th:- (Mon.)	"New Faces of 1943" - Talent Revue Issei Entertainment	D.H. #1 - 8:00 p.m. D.H. #4 - 8:00 p.m.
Jan. 5th:- (Tues.)	Issei Entertainment	D.H. #3 - 7:30 p.m.

#### ACKNOWLEDGMENT

The Holiday Season Committee wishes to express its appreciation and thanks to all of the hard-working members of the various committees who made this mammoth program possible. The many important functions of each and every committee member were fulfilled with the utmost efficiency and cooperation; the results of their efforts are self-evident. To the many participants, the Holiday Season Committee extends its sincere word of thanks for a big job well done, for the time and efforts put forth to make the holiday season a great success.

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