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ROHWER PROJECT

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ANSWERS TO THE QUESTIONNAIRES ON COMMUNITY ACTIVITIES

A. Over-all Planning: What organization are chiefly concerned with policy making and program planning for Community Activities?

1. Does the Community Council have a committee on community activities?

Answer: The community council appointed a committee of three (3) with a particular interest in the Community Activities. This committee has not functioned in a very effective way as yet, due to the advanced stage of Community Activities when the Community Council was formed. However, it is their plan to give such supervision and help as may be necessary in the future in accordance with Section IV, Paragraph 3, of Administrative Instruction No. 34.

2. Do the various activities leaders in the C.A. Section constitute such a body?

Answer: The various activities leaders of the C.A. Section consult and cooperate fully with the Community Council. They also form an administrative council, per se, to set policy and plan program.

3. Have block or ward representatives of C.A. been designated to stimulate and guide community activities?

Answer: When the C.A. was in the process of organization residents were still coming into the Center. As the residents arrived, block activities leaders were appointed to co-ordinate and stimulate activities in the block. This was felt necessary because the people were strangers to their neighbors and unacquainted with the Center.

As the program progressed, however, it was felt advisable by the administration to dispense with the block activities leaders in each block. This move was justified by the fact that there was developing in all phases of Center life, a block consciousness which was not conducive to the best interest of the Center as a whole. Also it was felt that the C.A. budget could not justify such a large number of workers on the staff.

The plan which later evolved, seems more satisfactory--that is, dividing the center into five (5) districts, with co-ordinators or agents to serve each district. A central administrative group then acted as a service body to provide leadership, facilities, inspiration, and "specialists" for the promotion of the activities throughout the center.



3. Indicate the assignments to which evacuee personnel in the C.A. program are devoting their major efforts. Give the number assigned in each category and the cash advance or advances paid for each type of assignment.



<u>Type of Assignment</u>	<u>No. Assigned Cash Advance Paid</u>		
<b>Instructors &amp; Activities Leaders:</b>			
Athletics.....	23	.....\$	1,258.73
Community Entertainment.....	5	.....	200.95
Boys & girls work.....	5	.....	298.26
Clubs (Other).....	3	.....	145.43
Social Activities.....	4	.....	231.58
Arts & Crafts.....	6	.....	365.89
<b>Administrative and Office:</b>			
Administrative.....	9	.....	433.25
Personnel work & fiscal.....	1	1....	68.04
Clerical.....	10	.....	463.33
<b>Maintenance and Supply:</b>			
Buildings and ground.....	1	.....	1.60
*Equipment.....	0	.....	
*There is a working agreement with the Athletic Department to take care of field maintenance, construction, etc.			
Scheduling of activities.....	7	.....	373.69
Publicity (Sings & Posters).....	1	.....	64.00
Library.....	<u>4</u>	.....	<u>221.63</u>
TOTAL.....	79	.....\$	4,226.38

4. Give the number of evacuees assigned on a part-time basis to the C.A. program and indicate the general types of work they are performing.

<u>Type of Assignment</u>	<u>No. Assigned</u>
Instructors (Tap Dancing).....	2

5. Estimate the number of volunteers assisting in C.A.

- a. From the evacuee group (including persons who may be employed elsewhere, but do not receive payment for work performed for C.A.)

Answer: 160

- b. From the WRA appointed personnel

Answer: 15

- c. What are some of the tasks being accomplished by volunteers?

Answer: Volunteers serve as members of boards and committees for the various clubs and organizations. Some of them use their musical and artistic talent to give direction to certain activities. Some of



them are acting as members of advisory boards. Still others act as councilors for various clubs. The WRA has been very cooperative in furnishing equipment and materials--such as trucks, tractors, etc., wherever possible for the promotion of the Community Activities program.

C. Financing:

1. In what ways has the C.A. program been financed to date?

Answer: We have been given the privilege to requisition through the Community Service Division for certain needed materials and equipment. There was an original allotment of some \$600.00 set aside by the WRA for needed recreational equipment such as athletic supplies.

We have allowed a limited number of activities for which a small fee has been charged in order to take care of the purchase of needed materials. In some cases, donations have been made for the purchase of stage curtains, benches, athletic equipment, musical supplies, and records.

The churches have financed the purchase of choir music and pageants.

Members of certain clubs are sometimes assessed dues when it does not involve embarrassment to its members.

Appreciation gifts have been sent in from the following The Home Missions Council of North America, at the suggestion of American Friends of Philadelphia, sent us \$200 to finance the holiday celebration for Christmas and New Years. There were smaller gifts totaling \$30.00 for buying of gifts, also for the holiday celebration.

In some isolated cases we have charged a small admission fee for dances, but this does not constitute a general rule--in fact this is done only occasionally.

There is an admission charge of ten cents (10¢) for adults, and five cents (5¢) for children for the community movies, which will be discussed more fully in a later paragraph.

We are definitely committed to the policies that the collection of money within this center is to be kept to a minimum and in no case will it result in a "racket". Furthermore, in no case will the collection of dues, subscriptions, and donations serve to prevent people from taking part in the activities. The community activities groups are always on the alert to see that no embarrassment will come as a result of our financial policies.

The Rotary Clubs, where our groups have gone with speakers and talent, have sent us a total of \$13.00 to be used as a sinking fund for emergencies.



On the other hand, we feel that the people in the center are willing to contribute something toward their own welfare and entertainment. We further feel that this gives them a higher appreciation of the service which they may enjoy.

2. What recreation activities have been sponsored or paid for by Consumer Enterprises?

Answer: None. The Community Enterprises are not developed sufficiently as yet to take care of any contribution. It is hoped that at such time as they may be able, they will assume some responsibility along this line.

D. Buildings

1. How many recreation buildings are there at your center?

Answer: 36

2. How is each of the recreation buildings at your project used at the present time? (Indicate on project map if possible.)

Answer: See Exhibit "B"

3. What use is made of other buildings on the project for C.A. purposes?

Answer: The only possibilities for the use of buildings rather than the recreation halls are the mess halls. We use mess halls occasionally for talent shows, large group gatherings, and parties. This is necessary because there are no other buildings erected, at the present time, for these purposes. and because benches and chairs are not available in large quantities in the recreation halls.

We have an agreement with the WRA appointed personnell for the cooperation of the stewards and block managers in the use of the mess halls. There are problems involved due to sanitation requirements and the extra work which may be put on the mess staffs. However, there is fine cooperation between the Community Activities Department and the Mess departments.

It should be noted here that early in October the name "recreation hall" was changed by Administrative Order to "public service hall". This was deemed a practical policy because it was necessary to use these recreation halls not only for the recreation of the individual blocks but for other services for the entire center. Therefore, as the chart will suggest in Exhibit "B" many of our public service halls are used in other capacities other than the community activities.

We have the use of some one-hals dozen apartments in unoccupied barracks for various classes instruction such as music, tap and social dancing, flower arrangement and others.



4. Will additional space for C.A. be available in the near future? If so, explain.

Answer: The high school buildings, including the auditorium, is in the process of initial construction. As soon as the high school building is completed, we shall have some use of the auditorium-gymnasium. We shall hope to use this as a movie auditorium; as a theater for "issei" and "nisei" talent shows; and the little theater, community sings, and inspirational gatherings.

If the future plans of the WRA warrants it, we hope to construct a very large rustic auditorium to seat an audience of two or three thousand people at a time.

In addition, plans are being discussed for the construction of an amphitheater which may be used throughout a great part of the year. As soon as shops, churches, and schools have been built a great many of the barracks and public service halls will be released for the use of the community activities.

#### E. Equipment

1. List principal recreational equipment now available and its source.

##### as Provided by WRA

An initial allowance of \$647.02 was allowed by the WRA. Basketball, football, softball, baseball, pin-pong, and horseshoe equipment was requisitioned on November 10, 1942. The material is still arriving, few pieces at a time, and some two-thirds (2/3) of the equipment is here, as of January 31, 1943. Lumber has been provided from the WRA through the Community Service Division for the construction of stages, weight-lifting platforms, and basket-backstops. The maintenance tools have been supplied from the Project Warehouse.

The Library material including books in a limited amount have been requisitioned through the Community Service Division. The following is the itemized list of books and materials received or requisitioned thus far:

<u>Books and Materials Requisitioned</u>	<u>Quantity</u>	<u>Cost</u>
Reference books	3	\$ 6.25
Fiction	60	21.35
Materials (bookbinding)		125.00
Newspapers (yearly)	4	45.00
Magazines (yearly)	28	70.65
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TOTAL:		\$268.25

##### Gift books Received by Library



Gift books received by Library

From Stockton Assembly Center  
 Adult Fiction .....762  
 Juvenile Fiction .....484  
 Children .....321  
 Adult Non-Fiction .....459  
 Juvenile Non-Fiction.....122

Through Community Activities:  
 Adult Fiction .....113  
 Juvenile Fiction .....119  
 Children .....176  
 Adult Non-Fiction .....413  
 Juvenile Non-Fiction ..... 43

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Through Miss Large:  
 Adult Fiction ..... 2  
 Juvenile Fiction ..... 17  
 Children ..... 3  
 Adult Non-Fiction ..... 51  
 Juvenile Non-Fiction ..... 12

Additional Gift Books .....

85  
83

TOTAL GIFT BOOKS RECEIVED..... 3,130

b. Brought from Assembly Centers

Eleven-hundred dollars(\$1100) worth of football equipment was brought to the center from Stockton Assembly Center including forty-four (44) uniforms and field equipment. An arrangement was made so that the use of this equipment was distributed through the athletic department for the use of the entire center.

c. Loaned or contributed by evacuees:

Of course, there were numerous articles of equipments owned by individuals which was lent for the use of the athletic program.

Much theatrical equipment such as costumes, curtains, and musical records were brought by interested individuals and the use of it has been provided unstintingly for the community activities program in the center.

Much art and craft material belonging to the individual evacuee has also been helpful. This includes tools and instruments used in handicrafts painting, clay-modeling, stone cutting, glass blowing, etc.



d. Loaned or contributed by WRA appointed personnel

The WRA Appointed personnel have been cooperative in the use of their private automobiles and providing in some cases, music, and records. However, due to limited living quarter, much of their privately owned equipment was not transported to the center, thereby preventing its use.

e. Purchased with funds derived from evacuees on Project through admission to movies or dances, benefits, bazaars, etc.

Refer to "C"-1 above.

Some of the money derived thus far, has been used in buying refreshments and decorations for parties and social events. It is planned that the movies will finance the buying of lumber to build benches for the public service halls after the experimental stage has been passed.

2. Is 16 mm sound movie projection equipment available for use on the project?

Answer: Due to the delayed organization of the community enterprise, the community activities felt that there should be movie entertainment and movie equipment available for educational, religious, and social activities. Therefore, we organized and established four (4) movie theaters throughout the center and made a contract for the films and rental of the movie machines. This was not done through the WRA but on the initiative of the Community Activities department. It was experimental as far as the amount of equipment, admission charge and etc. were concerned.

Four (4) public service halls were set up as movie theaters. Sixteen (16) mm machines were rented and films scheduled for a period on one (1) month. The expenses of this activity was borne through admission charges of ten cents (10¢) for adults and five cents (5¢) for children. Ticket cards were printed which which 96) adult admission for fifty cents (50¢), and six (6) children admission for twenty-five cents (25¢). These ticket cards were sold in the block managers' offices and in the canteen. No money was handled at the door--no tickets sold. Punches were provided for the ticket taker at the door. By this method an accounting could be made more easily and funds were handled by comparatively few responsible people.

After the movies had gotten under way the community enterprise felt that they were organized enough to take them over as an enterprise. They have done so. As the movie program progresses, we are of the opinion that two or three movie houses will be sufficient. The best films possible are ordered and the entertainment feature is conducive to high morale.



3. Is a public address system available for use on the project?

Answer: Two or three public address systems, owned by individual evacuees, were brought to the center. The owners were put on the pay-roll of the community activities section and these owners made their sets available to the center and for a limited time. When we were unable to make a satisfactory contract with the owners, for the use and repair of these P. A. systems, it was thought best by the administration to purchase our own equipment. This has been done. We now have two (2) twenty-five (25) watt P.A. systems, equipped with turn-tables. These may be used as individual units in smaller crowds, and may be connected to produce double volume for larger outside areas where a large crowd is involved. The systems may be operated from battery as well as electric current; thus, they prove to be very useful instruments for all occasions.

4. How many sewing machines are there, and to what extent is C.A. responsible for their use?

Answer: There are 319 sewing machines. Through our Arts & Crafts department, we have distributed these sewing machines to the various blocks for the use of the individuals in those blocks. The responsibility for these machines is in the hands of the block managers. The maintenance department is responsible for their up-keep.

Sewing classes are being conducted to teach expert seamstresses to be of service in the various blocks. Refer to Exhibit "C".

Nothing was mentioned in your questionnaire concerning looms and other Arts & Crafts equipment. The same use is being made of looms for weaving that is being made of the sewing machines. See Exhibit "D".

5. List principal basic recreation equipment needs.

Athletic Equipment

Equipment for basic sports:

5      Football  
Basketball  
Baseball

Equipment for winter sports:

Ping Pong (table tennis)  
Boxing

Equipment for playground:

Swings  
Slides  
Sand

Other basic recreation equipment:

Piano  
musical records - electric phonograph system



## F. Membership in National Organizations

1. Please furnish a paragraph summarizing the development of each of the groups or organizations now active at your project which have national affiliation. This might include such groups as the Boy Scouts, Girl Scouts, Girl Reserves, YMCA, YWCA, Camp Fire Girls, Hi-Y, 4-H Clubs, Rotary, American Legion, USO, Parent-Teachers Association, JACL, Red Cross, or any other branch, chapter or affiliate of a National organization represented on your project.

The following chart presents, in rather a graphic manner, the development of the national organizations in the center. A preliminary statement, I believe, however, is necessary.

When the people began to come into the center in groups of three or four hundred people, the community activities organized to take care of the leisure time; to assist in helping them get acquainted with their new surroundings and neighbors and to provide whatever activities possible with the limited equipment and nature of things. Therefore, our program started with "get acquainted" parties, dances, community sings, and an athletic program featuring volley-ball for the girls and softball for the men. We had enough equipment on hand to start these features in a small way.

When the entire population arrived we started a survey to determine interests and abilities of the residents, both young and old, and the recruit leaders for the carrying out of the survey program. Refer to Exhibit "E". It was after the results of the survey were made known, that we were able to begin the organization of clubs and other interest groups. We had many young men and women interested in the YM and YWCA program. These were organized and given as much leadership as possible.

Immediately then, national organizations were continued with a request that they send someone to the center to help us promote this kind of work. In most cases the representatives of national organizations came into the center, held conferences, made speeches, conducted forums, and held leadership training courses for our already recruited leaders, See Exhibit F

Plans were made for drives and the promotion of the program in most cases. We are keeping in close touch with these leaders who have been to the center, by correspondence. We have tried to establish contacts with representatives in the local area so that their visits may be more frequent. We are drawing pretty heavily from little Rock Arkansas, which is one hundred (100) miles away.



2. Please list the organizations not yet active at your project for which the cooperation of this office in effecting a national understanding is requested.

#### American Red Cross

The plan for the American Red Cross are pretty far advanced at the present time, however, we have been unable as yet to get a national representative, except for a brief visit some months ago. They have specified certain things which should be done before the visit of the Red Cross representative. These things have been accomplished and now we are ready for the American Red Cross representative to come to the center.

#### 4-H Clubs

This is an agricultural area and a great many of the Japanese people are agriculturalist and farmers, therefore, we plan to organize a 4-H club in the center. We are waiting, however, to get the organizations which we now have on firm footing before we start too many new ones. Another reason why we have delayed the beginning of a 4-H club is that our farming activities have not, as yet, been started here in the center other than some preliminaries. We have been planning that the 4-H clubs will take an active part in the agricultural work of the project.

#### USO

Although we do not have an active USO organization, we have made some provisions for the entertainment of the soldiers who visit their friends and relatives in the center. Rooms have been set aside in one of the barracks and the Arts and Crafts department has woven rugs, repaired and upholstered chairs, woven curtains, and in general have taken over the equipping of the quarters for the visiting soldiers.

#### PTA

The Parent-Teachers Association will be taken care of by the Education department.

#### Rotarians

We have two Rotarians in camp. One has a nine (9) year membership from Long Beach, California. He is still a member there since he was not allowed to resign, but was given a leave of absence as a token of their appreciation of his splendid work on the West Coast. This gentleman has spoken at various Rotary clubs surrounding the center, but we have been told that a Rotary club in the area is not practical at the present time.



## The American Legion

The American Legion organization holds a place in our plans for the near future.

## J.A.C.L.

Although there are several members of the J. A. C. L. here in the center, it is the judgment of a great many influential people, that a concentrated effort should not be made to unify them at the present time.

## G. Non-affiliated Groups (Adult)

Please furnish a paragraph on each of the adult clubs and organizations at your project which are not affiliated with national groups. This should include organizations of interest to various age groups. Please include the following:

a - e Please refer to Exhibit "G"

Most of the activities for the adult group are not organized into clubs or organizations, but are more or less free-lance activities covering various interests.

In referring to Exhibit "G", it will be noticed that many of the clubs are of such nature as to take in members of middle age. This seems to us to be a wholesome sign. It gives the atmosphere of "one big Happy Family." An illustration of an activity which is not organized into a club is the folk dancing group. A group of older people will meet for an evening of games, square and folk dancing, yet they will not be organized into a club. Some of the same individuals will reappear from time to time in this activity but the activity has no constant membership.

Various classes in square, tap, and social dancing are likewise not listed as clubs. Another illustration is that of flower arrangement. This is a group of "issei" women in practically every block in the center who meet and enjoy the activities of arranging flowers, yet they are not organized into a club or organization.

The status of the adult groups is also influenced by the fact that we have a functioning Adult Education section. This section and the community activities section, of course, tend to overlap. However, the Adult Education is delegated to take care of the more formalized activities. Example: Programs of current events and health lectures also are carried on in each block. We believe it is good policy to encourage activities rather than organizations.



All of clubs which we have listed in the chart are supervised by the Community Activities section. We have tended to discourage the promiscuous organization of groups and clubs. Our policy is that the center should not be "one grand carnival", but that there should be enough free time for individuals, or interested groups, to participate in activities which suit the climate, topography, and local conditions. I refer to such things as hiking on a pretty day, gathering leaves and flowers in the woods for scrap books, informal community sings, or old fashion parties in a neighboring apartment. These are activities which are not directly supervised by the Community Activities Section, but which are wholesome and for which the section will furnish equipment, materials, and things which are needed if called upon.

Chart "G" will show the variety of clubs within the center. We are working on plans at the present time, to cooperate with the army and navy in building of model airplanes, boats, and etc.

#### H. Special Programs

Cite examples of community-wide forums, meetings, lectures or other programs of special interest sponsored by C. A.--especially those arranged jointly with other sections or divisions at the project.

We are quite proud of some of our special programs here in the center and in the surrounding communities. They have had a very fine public relations effect which has already made itself felt. The Community Activities section rather assumed some responsibility for public relations. We have no appointed public relations official, but we felt that if we could use some of our talent for the purpose of establishing better relations on the outside in making friends in the communities near the center, we would accomplish something. Following are some accounts of this effort.

##### Rotary Trips

The general plan has been to accept invitations from the various Rotary clubs. We take Mr. John Ando, the Rotarian preferred elsewhere in this report, who makes a speech on the evacuee and general relocation; this speech has had a very fine response. With Mr. Ando we take the various talent groups, who put on a short musical program. At the close of the program we invite the Rotary group to visit our center.

They're asked to come in the late afternoon in order that we may have time to conduct a tour around the camp and show the various places of interest. On this tour we present our weaving, wood carving, art collection, library, hospital, and



etc. The Boy Scouts meet the incoming group with the American flag at the gate and the older people act as guides. We plan to have the tour completed by seven o'clock at which time we meet in administrative mess for the Rotary dinner.

Immediately following the dinner we proceed to a mess hall equipped with piano and stage, where we present a program of mixed entertainment. At this program there are speeches by members of our own group and some sort of response by the visiting group. As an illustration the Japanese people from the West Coast who have come to the center were interested in knowing more about the state of Arkansas. One of the Rotarians, who is an authority on the state's history, geography, geology, topography, and the Mississippi River, which runs practically at the door of the center, gave a talk along this line. There is community singing, and a general good time is enjoyed. This has been done with the McGehee Rotary Club and the Monticello Rotary Club. Our group has been out to the two Rotary clubs mentioned above, to Crossett, Arkansas, the largest lumber industrial town in the south, and to Pine Bluff. These clubs are coming to visit us this spring. We have had invitations to Vicksburg, Mississippi, Greenville, Mississippi, and to Eudora, Arkansas, which we have not been able to accept as yet. When the weather permits, we plan to proceed with this program.

The meeting at Crossett, Arkansas was an evening meeting of the traditional ladies night type. To this meeting we took the wives of some of the more prominent evacuees, who also made speeches.

### Scout Rally

We have just completed the Scout rally here in the center. Our own boys participated and invited troops from Monticello and McGehee, Arkansas to attend and to participate. Sixty boys from these two neighboring communities, with their leaders came and enjoyed an afternoon, dinner in the mess halls, and an evening program. It was an inspiring sight to see the display of the American flags and Scout flags on the athletic field with "to the colors" ceremony in evidence. At the evening program one of the visiting troops did us the honor of presenting an Eagle badge to one of the members of its troop.

### Arts & Crafts Display

For several weeks we had "open house" over the week ends for the display of the arts and crafts in the center. The public Service Hall was set aside to which was brought exhibits from the weaving class, stone cutting, glass blowing, wood carving, knot collection, flower arranging, and etc. It is planned that a permanent place of this kind will be set up, with a custodian in charge, so that when a visitor comes into the center, we may take him to one place where we may present the handicrafts of all kinds.



### Christmas & New Year Holidays

Following is an account of the holiday celebration which accompanied our monthly report for December:

"WE feel that the report for the month of December, 1942 should contain a written statement as to the part which the Community Activities section played in the Holiday celebration.

Through the American Friends Service Committee of Philadelphia and the Japanese American Citizens League of Washington D. C., we were the recipients of some three or four thousand gifts. These gifts were sent in to us by the various churches and national organizations of the United States besides the various gifts that were sent in by the Home Missions Council of North America, New York City, who sent us a check of \$200 to defray some of the expenses attached to our Christmas and New Years party.

Following is a brief outline of the general plan used in making the celebration unique and a success. First of all, a holiday committee was appointed consisting of members of the Protestant Church, the Buddhist Church, the Block Managers, School, and the Community Activities Section. This Committee met to make and execute plans for the center.

As the gifts came in, they were tabulated, unwrapped, and then re-wrapped in the packages suitable for the various age groups and sex of children, 15 years of age and under, of which there were some 2,500. The Block Managers cooperated by supplying us with names and ages of all the children in their blocks. The Committee then wrote the names of each individual child on a suitable package. According to pre-arranged schedules, two Santa Clauses in full regalia delivered these huge-bags of Christmas gifts to their respective blocks on Christmas Eve night. Santa Claus spoke to the children, shook hands with the parents and distributed the gifts; and then hurried away to other blocks.

The block mess halls were decorated for the occasion--the Holiday committee purchased and delivered Christmas trees for the blocks. Indeed it was a gala affair all the way through.

Besides the gifts which were distributed on Christmas Eve night, there was a bag of candies, nuts, and cookies for each child. There was a huge Evergreen tree placed on the Athletic Field in the center, lighted with Christmas lights.

A huge pageant portraying the Nativity, which was planned on an outdoor stage has been given twice indoors because of the bad weather.



There were many gifts left over and at this date, more gifts are coming in. Therefore, we had enough gifts to distribute to each child again for a New Years' present.

We are indebted to the kind people throughout the United States who supplied us with the gifts and for the various organizations in the center for the distribution and handling of these gifts. It has done a great deal to raise the morale and to prove that even in Relocation Centers, Santa Clause never forgets the children!"

In order to capitalize on the fine spirit expressed, both inside the center and out, we initiated a letterwriting project in the the English classes of the Junior High school. These youngsters who had receive gifts wrote to the various donors--sometimes two or three letters went to the same person. These children are receiving answers from all over the United States, which express the very fine attitude which these groups have.



COMMUNITY ACTIVITIES

PERSONNEL

(January 31, 1943)

<u>Department</u>	<u>Men</u>	<u>Women</u>	<u>Total</u>	<u>Total Cash Advanced</u>
Director's Office	4	3	7	\$ 323.82
Library	2	3	5	277.71
Arts & Crafts	4	5	9	527.41
Signs & Posters	1	1	2	122.53
Athletics	20	5	25	1367.53
Clubs & Organizations	4	6	10	506.09
Social Activities (Young People's Division)	4	2	6	367.56
Social Activities (Adult Division)	4	3	7	323.39
Field Agents	<u>4</u>	<u>4</u>	<u>8</u>	<u>420.09</u>
TOTALS:	47	32	79	\$4226.38



## Rohwer Carnival

The Rohwer Center Carnival, sponsored by the Community Activities Section, was held on August 27 and 28, 1943, from 7 to 11 o'clock in the evening. It was the culmination of a month of intensive planning and preparation by the C.A. staff.

A committee was organized with Mr. Kaz Ikebasu as Chairman, Mr. George Suzuki as Assistant Chairman, Mr. Kats Nagai in charge of arrangements of booths, Mr. Henry Sato in charge of Rohwer Country Fair, Mr. Dick Mori in charge of Talent Show to be presented on Friday night, and Mr. Nihei Nakamura in charge of booth construction and field arrangement. After several meetings of this committee during which plans were made for club participation in this Center-wide event, the club representatives were called in for a night mass meeting and the plans were presented to them. A vote was taken to ascertain whether the sentiment was favorable or unfavorable towards going ahead with a project that was sure to mean hard work for everybody. The representatives were unanimously in favor of holding the combination Carnival and Country Fair. A week later, another meeting of the club representatives was called. At that time each club selected the type of activity which they planned to sell to the public during the two nights.

Raffle tickets were printed and sold to secure money with which to buy the hundreds and hundreds of prizes and the large amount of food necessary to equip all the booths. This material was purchased in Little Rock, in Kansas City through the Rohwer Co-op and, a small part of it, in McGehee. Advertising for the event was carried in the Outpost a few weeks in advance and posters in English and Japanese were placed in all of the mess halls. There were 25 raffle prizes, first and second prizes being beautiful, expensive pieces of luggage. These were on display at the C.A. Office and this did much to encourage the sale of raffle tickets.

Public Service Hall 27, across from the field where the carnival was held, was used as a supply station. All of the prizes were placed there and representatives from each booth were able to go there, during the carnival evenings, as their supplies diminished, to replenish their stock. The carnival grounds were laid out after a plan was drawn allowing for space between them to accommodate the crowds. The Utility Department and other volunteers from the C.A. staff worked for three days building the booths. Representatives from each club decorated their own booths in gaily colored crepe paper and placed large signs advertising their concessions at the top of the booth. The carnival grounds were swarming with people at 7 o'clock on August 27. There were huge crowds both evenings and everyone seemed to have a "carnival" time, using this occasion to greet old friends and make new ones. All of the booths were crowded with customers and the supply of food stuffs was exhausted early in the evening. The big event of the second evening was the drawing of the lucky numbers at 10:30, to ascertain the 25 winners of the raffle.



The carnival was a highly successful affair. Over \$2500 was taken in and about half of this was profit. Out of this profit a definite sum is to be paid to each participating club, the rest of the money to be used to provide for other needs by the Center residents.

Below is the list of participating clubs and the concession which they managed:

Girl Scouts	sandwiches, pop corn, dart throw, pull 'em string, ring 'em article
Rohwer YWA	noodles and sushi
Zeros	shaved ice
Escades	peanuts, pop corn
Teensters	punch
Luanas	dibs
Gremlins	bingo
Vampires	milk bottle throw
Rebels	penny pitch
Manhattaneers and Pacerettes	Ring 'em article
Estrellitas and Toyland	French fried potatoes, sandwiches
Spinsters	bingo
Trela Neves	penny pitch
P-40-ettes	punch
Boy Scouts	seout exhibit, ticket booth, service
Mutineer	baseball throw
Coeds & Double R's	wheel of chance
Ernesteens	fish 'em



## The Rohwer Country Fair

Where there is a will, there is a way. Proof of this was shown at the three-day Rohwer Country Fair showing of floral, agricultural, and novelty exhibits. Despite lack of adequate facilities, the committee in charge, by the use of anything available, were able to put on a good show.

Tables, made by placing 2 x 8 planks on carpenter "horses", were placed along the inner walls of a public service hall. Simple decorations made with crepe paper added color to the setting. The use of colored papers instead of colored ribbons for prizes was very satisfactory.

As the season was well past the peak, many vegetables which were grown early did not appear, but a large percentage of the vegetables were shown. The outstanding exhibit was a Taro plant, or Hawaiian sugar potato. Many people have eaten this potato but the plant has not been seen by many before. Many rice plants, sunflowers, and tomatoes were entered. A togan, or Chinese melon was a novel sight for many. A packed box of wild cherry-sized tomatoes picked in the woods nearby attracted considerable attention also.

In the floral division, the Japanese styled decorative bouquet or "Moribana" was very attractive. These were put out by students of a lady who has been teaching the art.

A man who was in the florist business in California had an interesting collection of Japanese Morning Glory, and Japanese Chrysanthemum. The Morning Glories were blue and maroon colored and very large. Some of the flowers were at least six inches in diameter. The Chrysanthemums were unfortunately not in bloom.

A large amount of Zinnias, Asters, and Marigolds added a multitude of colors. A potted gardenia plant was a very novel exhibit.

In the Novelty class, excellent tables made here and unique decorations made from wood growth were exhibited. One person showed a petrified wood weighing about fifty pounds which was found by him in this center. Handmade slippers and dresses were very attractive also.

The 1943 Rohwer Country Fair was small but its attraction is testified by the fact that many people viewed it several times. The Country Fairs which we viewed in former years were brought back in the form of pleasant memories by the sight of the excellent exhibits.

*Hank Sato*



February 26, 1945

Dear Friend:

You are one of the friends who made it possible for the people of this center to enjoy a fine Christmas. You made this possible by your generosity, kindness, and thoughtfulness, and in spite of the fact that these people are living an abnormal life in an abnormal community.

You are one of the friends who brought joy and renewed faith to these people. There were 204 of you, organizations and individuals, in 23 states in the Union. And you sent in, all told, approximately 5,000 gifts of articles and 23 monetary donations.

The money was used for freight and express charges, gifts, and incidental expenses. The articles of gifts were divided into groups according to sex and age. Then a corps of volunteers, more than a hundred of them in all, worked day and night to wrap them and tag them with the names of children. Finally they were distributed to each of the 33 blocks in the center.

Twelve organizations and agencies cooperated to stage the Christmas celebrations. They were: Rohwer Federated Christian Church, Catholic church, Buddhist church, schools, PTA, Block managers, Community Activities section, Social Welfare section, Red Cross, YWCA, Boy and Girl Scouts, and the community newspaper.

Sixty Christmas trees, cut and brought in by Boy Scouts from a hill, some miles away, were distributed to residential blocks, auditorium, hospital, schools, and administration buildings.

An all-center Christmas program was held on the night of December 23 in the auditorium, which was filled to overflowing with more than 1300 people. On Christmas Eve, Santa Claus had a busy time, as he appeared at the parties held in each block and distributed the gifts that you donated. The Yuletide celebrations came to a windup on Christmas night, when the Christian Sunday schools presented their programs.

We are grateful to you for the part you played in making the Christmas season the success that it was. Certainly, it might have been a dull one for our 2500 youngsters, had it not been for your generosity. For that, and for the loving kindness that prompted your action, please accept the thanks of the local Christmas committee and of each of the 6500 residents of Rohwer Relocation Center.

You will be interested in the enclosed account of a Christmas Eve party, written by a resident.

Gratefully yours,

Rohwer Community Christmas Committee

Enclosure



## CHRISTMAS AT ROHWER

By Bean Takeda

The lights are low. In a corner, to the left, stands a gaily-trimmed Christmas tree, its lights burning brightly. And on an improvised wooden platform, a chorus of high school girls softly sing:

"Silent night, holy night..."

It is Christmas Eve at Rohwer. And this is a program being held in a mess hall, one of many similar programs being held this night in almost every block here in Rohwer Relocation Center.

For the next day is Christmas, and as in other homes throughout America and in many parts of the world, it is a time for rejoicing, for tinsel and vary-colored lights and gay decorations, and for remembering the birthday of the Prince of Peace. Softly the tender words break the stillness of the night:

"All is calm, all is bright..."

The usually-bare, dreary mess hall has been beautifully decked for the occasion. Around the light in the center of the hall, red and green crepe paper have been cut, trimmed, and arranged to give a gala, chandelier-like effect. From it, more crepe paper has been strung in streamer fashion to several points on the walls.

Other lights in the hall have been decorated in the same fashion, only on a smaller scale. The windows all around the hall have been trimmed in red and green, and small pieces of cotton have been pasted on the panes to simulate falling snow. Red paper bells hanging from the ceiling complete this Yuletide scene.

"Around yon virgin mother and child..."

Seated on the benches in this makeshift auditorium are about 200 people - the old, middle-aged, and the young. The young people and the children have smiles on their faces, smiles of anticipation and happiness. The parents, for the most part, cannot understand English, but they do know what Christmas means to the youngsters. They have smiles on their faces, and they too are happy.

Towards the back of the room, over to one side, sits an old woman of about 60. Her hair has splotches of grey, and she seems dejected and lonely. Occasionally, she breaks into a half smile, as if she were trying to smile but couldn't. She seems to be watching this program thru slightly misty eyes. Perhaps she is thinking of her son, her only boy, who was killed in France last October.

Two benches away from her sits a plumpish woman, with a tiny girl on her lap. Little Sachi is two years old and cute as a kitten. The little tot, sitting there so contented on grandma's lap, has

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never seen the world outside of the relocation center. Her trim-looking young mother sits beside her, occasionally smiles down at her and pats her little hand. Little Sachi's daddy is not here, for he is in Chicago working in a defense plant.

"Holy infant so tender and mild..."

Yes, this is Christmas in a relocation center. Not very different from Christmas anywhere else, except that here it is being celebrated in tar-paper-covered barracks, behind barbed-wire fences. All this seems far removed from the grim realities of war. Yet, it was the realities of war - and the misfortunes, too - that caused these people to be placed in this center.

And on the far-flung battle lines in Germany, Italy, and the steaming jungles of the south Pacific, the sons and brothers and fathers of these people are fighting shoulder to shoulder with other Americans, for their country and for their rights and ours to live as citizens in the land of our birth and choice. Many of these boys will never come home.

"...Sleep in heavenly peace, sleep in heavenly peace."

The girls finish their song, and there is a momentary hush. Then the red figure of Santa Claus bursts upon the scene, and howls of delight go up from the children. He carries in several bags full of gifts and begins distributing them to the children. These gifts are a portion of the some 5000 that poured into the center from churches, clubs, organizations, and individuals throughout the country. They have been carefully sorted, wrapped, and tagged with the names of the children.

One after another, Santa reads off the names, and the children shyly walk forward to receive the gaily-wrapped packages from him. Half an hour later, it is all finished, everybody reluctantly goes home, and Santa Claus, who is my fat neighbor across the way, wearily takes off his costume, which was about two sizes too small for him.

Back in her barracks home, little Sachi tightly hugs a doll that is nearly as big as she is, and looks at it with adoring eyes. Then she looks up at her mother, asks in a childish treble: "Mummy, Santa Claus was very good to us; wasn't he?"

Mummy looks at her, gently strokes her cheeks, and says: "Yes, darling, Santa Claus was very good to us." She turns, wipes away a tear or two, and adds, almost inaudibly: "Thank you, God."

And the stars look down, twinkle merrily, and shine more brightly than ever, on this Christmas Eve night in Rohwer Relocation Center.



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LIBRARY NEWS LETTER

ROHWER CENTER COMMUNITY LIBRARY

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Nine months ago Rohwer Relocation Center Library opened its doors to the residents of the community. Five hundred and twenty-five people came the first day and took out 454 articles, about half of which were back numbers of periodicals. There were no shelves and no chairs or tables, but outside hung the sign "Library". Today, the library has over 2600 registered borrowers and proudly presents the first issue of Library News Letter under the sponsorship of the Adult English Department.

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ROHWER CENTER LIBRARY

Evacuation of Japanese from the Pacific Coast was more than physical exodus; the evacuees were forced to give up all the rights and privileges of enjoying cultural and recreational facilities offered in their homes and communities, not to speak of their losing accumulated properties and parting with friends. They were taken to hurriedly constructed centers with very limited facilities. This sudden change in mode of life affected evacuees to such an extent that many lost their hopes for future and ambitions to engage in activities wholesome in spirits and constructive in thoughts.

However, the Rohwer Center Library offers every resident the opportunity to offset these cultural losses in some measure and to overcome the limitations upon mind and body.

Books are one of the most helpful mediums through which people of all walks and of all ages can benefit in the way of learning and cultivating themselves and by which they are comforted and encouraged. Through books man can associate with great minds of the past and with friends of the present; can participate in events taking place far from this enclosed area; can think great thoughts and project plans into the future. For those of us here, therefore, books are not luxuries; rather they are necessities. They offer us immediate means of happier living.

The Rohwer Center Community Library was established to inspire the residents on one hand and to serve their needs on the other. Starting with limited facilities, the library has developed from a collection of about 2,000 books and many old periodicals. Now it has about 6,500 books. Many new books in the fields of aeronautics, natural sciences, social studies, and others were added recently. Five daily newspapers and 25 magazines are also available.

Miss Matilda Muyskens (Mrs. Rens), Supervisor of Library Service in the Community and School Librarian, is a Columbia Library School graduate and came to Rohwer from Community work in Oyster Bay, New York. Her home is in Iowa. Her experience qualifies her admirably for the work here.

Since these services and these facilities are free to all, let us all make the most of them.

Adult English Department

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NEW BOOKS RECEIVED

REFERENCE BOOKS:

030	Encyclopedia Britannica	World Almanac and Book of Facts
911		World Atlas

AERONAUTICS:

629.13	Booth	Book of Modern War Planes
358.4	Ford	From the Ground Up
629.13	Jordanoff	Jordanoff's Illustrated Aviation Dictionary
629.13	Jordanoff	Your Wings
629.13	Lent	Aviation Cadet



# HISTORY IN THE MAKING:

940.5 MacCormac  
940.5 Whitaker  
940.52 Lindsley  
940.532 Marshal  
940.534 Smith  
946.08 Hamilton  
950 Abend  
951 Lacy  
952 Tolischus

This Time for Keens  
We Cannot Escape History  
War is People  
Vichy; two years of Deception  
Last Train from Berlin  
Appeasement's Child  
Pacific Charter  
Is China a Democracy?  
Tokyo Record

## WORLD WAR, 1939- :

341.3 Kerman  
355.12 Hargrove  
355.34 Flikke  
623.8 Banning  
629.13 Saint-Exupery  
940.53 Curie  
940.53 Graebner  
940.54 Belden  
940.54 Fernald  
940.54 Great Britain, War  
Office  
940.542 Reynolds  
940.544 Strachey  
940.545 Monsarratt  
940.545 White  
940.548 Lardner  
940.54 Moats

We Can Win This War  
See Here, Private Hargrove  
Nurses in Action  
Submarine; the Story of Undersea Fighter  
Flight to Arras  
Journey Among Warriors  
Round Trip to Russia  
Retreat with Stillwell  
Destroyer from America  
Combined Operations; Official Story of  
the Commandos  
Dress Rehearsal  
Digging for Mrs. Miller  
H.M. Corvette  
They Were Expendable  
Southwest Passage; The Yanks in the Paci-  
fic  
Blind Date With Mars

## FICTION:

Allen  
Caldwell  
Carpenter  
Charteris  
Cheever  
Chutes  
Cregan  
Deming  
Deming  
Dos Passos  
Easton  
Eaton  
Fast  
Felsen  
Ferrars  
Feuchtwanger  
Fishwick  
Forester  
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Harsanyi  
Hilton  
Hinkle  
Hough  
Howe  
James  
Lewis  
Lewis  
Litvinoff  
Manners  
Marsden  
Meador  
Nathan  
Pease  
Saroyan  
Sinclair  
Smith  
Wadeldon  
Warrick  
Watson  
White  
Williams  
Wolfe

Forest and the Fort  
Arm and the Darkness  
Experiment Perilous  
Saint's Getaway  
The Way Some People Live  
Camp Hero  
Rathina  
Penny Marsh; Public Health Nurse  
Penny Marsh; Supervisor of Public Nurse  
Number One  
The Happy Man  
The Sea is so Wide  
Citizen Tom Paine  
Struggle is Our Brother  
Neck in a Noose  
Double, Double, Toil and Trouble  
White Coats; Story of Medical School  
Beat to Quarters  
Flying Colors  
Ship of the Line  
The Star-Gazer  
The Story of Dr. Wassell  
Mustang; A Horse of the Old West  
Snow Above Town  
The Whole Heart  
Horses I've Known  
Against a Darkening Sky  
Gideon Planish  
Moscow Mystery  
Under Cunning Laughter  
Khaki is More Than a Color  
Who Rides in the Dark  
Journal for Josephine  
Foghorn  
The Human Comedy  
Wide is the Gate  
Turnabout  
Army Brat  
Yesterday's Children  
Top Kick, U.S. Army Horse  
El Supremo  
Time of Pease  
Look Homeward, Angel



# NATURAL SCIENCE:

574	Fenton	Along Nature's Highway
574	Fuller	Now That We Have to Walk
580	Peattie	The Flowering Earth
595.7	King	Insect Allies
595.7	King	Insect people
560	Knight	Before the Dawn of History

# MAN-MADE WORLD:

613.6	Hamilton	Exploring the Dangerous Trades
615.1	Galdston	Behind the Sulfa Drugs
621.38	Marcus	Elements of Radio
630.717	Patten	Arts Workshop of Rural America
631.1	Duryeo	Farming for Security
649	Glemser	Your First Baby
678	Wilson	Trees and Test Tubes
680	Rothman	Build it Yourself!
736	Hellum	You Can Whittle and Carve

# BIOGRAPHY:

B - A	Albee	A Surgeons Fight to Rebuild Men
B - A	Farson	The Way of a Transgressor
B - H	Helm	Angel Mo' and Her Son
B - H	Hooker	Ship's Doctor
B - I	Ickes	The Autobiography of a Curmudgeon
B - J	James	Andrew Jackson, The Border Captain
B - J	James	Andrew Jackson, Portrait of a President
B - K	Kang	Happy Grove
B - M	Levine	Mitchell, Pioneer of Air Power
B - L	Loomis	Consultation Room
B - S	Sheean	Between the Thunder and the Sun
B - S	Smith	Life in a Putty Knife Factory
B - S	Strasser	Flight from Terror
920	Taves	Successful Women
960	Woodson	African Heroes and Heroines
B - Z	Zweig	The World of Yesterday

# LITERATURE:

808.8	Vogue	Vogue's First Reader
808.83	Harper	For Love of Country
811	Frost	Come in, and Other Poems
811	Overstreet	American Seasons
812	Sloane	Fun with Folk Tales
895.1	Lin	The Wisdom of China and India

# SOCIAL PROBLEMS AND POST-WAR WORLD:

137	Fosdick	On Being a Real Person
153.6	Reilly	How to Use Your Head to Get What You Want
173.1	Popenoe	Marriage Before and After
236	Cammaerts	Upon This Rock
320.4	Lerner	It is Later Than You Think
323.1	McWilliams	Brothers Under the Skin
323.1	Mead	And Keep Your Powder Dry
331.25	Beveridge	Social Insurance and Allied Service
327.7	Childs	America, Russia and the Communist Party
		in the Post-War World
711.6	Saarinén	The City; its growth, its decay, its Future

# HISTORY AND TRAVEL:

916	Waldeck	On Safari
917.22	Miller	Land Where Time Stands Still
917.47	Carmer	The Hudson
917.98	Denison	Klondike Mike
917.98	Federal Writers Program	A Guide to Alaska
918	Frank	South American Journey
918.6	MacDonald	Orchid Hunters; A Jungle Adventure
961	Brodrick	North Africa
973.57	Freeman	Lee's Lieutenants; A Study in Command
978	DeVoto	The Year of Decision, 1846



11. TILL WE MEET AGAIN

Smile the while you kiss me sad adieu  
When the clouds roll by I'll come to  
you,  
Then the skies will seem more blue  
Down in lovers' lane, my dearie,  
Wedding bells will ring so merrily  
Ev'ry tear will be a memory,  
So wait and pray each night for me  
Till we meet again.

12. LET THE WORLD GO BY

With some one like you  
A pal good and true,  
I'd like to leave it all behind  
and go and find,  
Some place that's known to God alone,  
Just a spot to call our own;  
Where joys never cease,  
Out there beneath a kindly sky;  
We'll build a sweet little nest  
Somewhere in the west,  
And let the rest of the world go by

13. LONG, LONG TRAIL

There's a long, long trail a winding  
Into the land of my dreams,  
Where the nightingales are singing,  
And the white moon beams.  
There's a long, long night of waiting  
Until my dreams all come true  
'Till the day that I'll be going  
Down the long, long trail with you.

14. END OF A PERFECT DAY

When you come to the end of a perfect  
day  
And you sit alone with your thoughts  
While the chimes ring out with a  
carol gay  
For the joy that the day has brought  
Can you think what the end of a  
perfect day  
Can mean to a tired heart  
When the sun goes down in flaming ray  
And the dear friends have to part.

15. GOODNIGHT LADIES

Good night ladies! Good night ladies!  
Where going to leave you now.  
Merrily we roll along, roll along,  
roll along,  
Merrily we roll along  
O'er the deep blue sea.

16. WE'RE HERE FOR FUN

We're here for fun right from the  
start  
So drop your dignity  
Just laugh and sing with all your heart  
And show your loyalty  
May all your trouble be forgot,  
Let this night be the best  
Join in the songs we sing tonight,  
Be happy with the rest.

17. ALOHA

Proudly sweeps the rain-cloud o'er  
the cliff,  
Borne swiftly by the western gale  
While the song of lover's parting  
grief,  
Sadly echoes amid the flowering vale  
Farewell to thee, farewell to thee,  
The winds will carry back my said  
refrain,  
One fond embrace before we part  
Until we meet again.

18. I'M IN THE KING'S NIVY

I don't want to march with the  
Infantry  
Ride with the Cavalry,  
Shoot with the Artillery  
I don't want to fly over Germany  
I'm in the King's Nivy  
I'm in the King's Nivy  
I'm in the King's Nivy  
I don't want to march with the  
Infantry,  
Ride with the Cavalry,  
Shoot with the Artillery,  
I don't want to fly over Germany  
I'm in the King's Nivy.



# Community Entertainment Award

Rohwer Relocation Center  
McGehee, Arkansas

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Assistant Department Director

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Director, Community Activities

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Chairman in Charge



# BOY SCOUTS OF AMERICA



Rohwer Relocation Center • Relocation, Ark.

March 30, 1943

Dear Mr. C. B. Price:

This is to announce to you that the Committee on Advancement for the Boy Scouts has officially appointed you as a qualified examiner for the Hiking & Pathfinding Merit Badge. Scouts interested in taking examinations in this subject will make appointments with you.

It is customary for the Committee on Advancement to delegate examinations in special subjects to men, who on account of their expert knowledge are especially fitted to conduct the test covering the technical points involved in the examination.

The purpose of these examinations is not to secure mere technical compliance with the requirements, but rather to ascertain the Scout's general knowledge of the subject as a result of his own application and study. In other words, practical knowledge rather than mere book knowledge is what is desired.

It is not within the province of the counselor to add or to take away from the requirements for any test as stated in the Handbook for Boys.

Enclosed is a sample application and a list of the Merit Badge Counselors for the Rohwer Center. Scouts will bring their own books for examinations.

Your services and counseling in this field of Scouting advancement will be greatly appreciated.

Sincerely,

*Paul Shimada*  
Paul Shimada  
District Scout Commissioner.

• paul shimada, dist. commissioner • robt kishita, asst. dist. commissioner • herbert s. wada, neighborhood commissioner •



# BOY SCOUTS OF AMERICA

## Merit Badge Counselors

## Rohwer Relocation Center

No.	Subject	Counselor	Occupation	Address
1.	Agriculture	Mr. James Rains	Ass't Proj. Direc	Adm. 1
2.	Angling	Mr. C. G. Bolin	Ele. Ass't. Prin.	35-1-E
3.	Animal Industry	Mr. Kosuke Ijichi	Ass't. Ath. Direc	PS H 32
4.	Archery			
5.	Architecture	Mr. Murooka	Architect	32-9-C
6.	Art	Miss Mabel Jamison	Art Instructor	Blk 35
7.	Astronomy	Mr. M. H. Ziegler	Ele. Prin.	31-1-E
8.	Athletics	Mr. Geo. Suzuki	Director of Athletics	PS 32
9.	Automobiling	Mr. Chester Ishii	Motor Pool Shop	Motor pool
10.	Aviation	Mr. Geo. Shimamoto	Warehouse 17	8-7-C
11.	Basketry	Miss Adeline Lee	Arts & Crafts	Adm. 2
12.	Beef Production	Mr. James Rains	Ass't Proj. Direc.	Adm. 1
13.	Bee Keeping	Mr. E. B. Brewster	Biology Inst.	35-10-E
14.	Bird Study	Miss Lola Lauhon	6th Grade Teacher	31-2-A
15.	Blacksmithing			
16.	Bookbinding	Ken Hasegawa	Head Librarian	PS H 19
17.	Botany	Miss Reba Banks	Biology Instr.	35-10-E
18.	Bugling and Music			
19.	Business			
20.	Camping	Mr. Ted Ohashi	Health and Phy. Ed.	31-8-E
21.	Canoeing			
22.	Carpentry	Mr. Frank Sakamoto	Instructor	31-PS H
23.	Cement Work	Mr. Ken Cole	Engineer	Eng. Bldg.
24.	Chemistry	Mr. Kenji Horiuchi	Chem. Instr.	35-8-F
25.	Citrus Fruit Culture	Mr. Paul Dobashi	Mess Steward	32-2-E
26.	Civics	Mr. John T. Bledsoe	Prin. Jr. High	31-12-A
27.	Coin Collecting	Mr. Geo. Suzuki	Direc. of Athletics	PS H 32
28.	Conservation	Mr. James Rhyne	Engineer	Ad. Bldg.
29.	Cooking	Mr. Lloyd Fujitani	Steward	Blk. 28
30.	Corn Farming	Mr. James Rains	Ass't Proj. Direc.	Adm. 1
31.	Cotton Farming	Mr. Miley Howell	Agri. Direc.	Adm. 1
32.	Cycling			
33.	Dairying	Mr. Koske Ijichi	Ass't. Ath. Direc.	PS H 32
34.	Dog Care	Mr. Koske Ijichi	Ass't. Ath. Direc.	PS H 32
35.	Dramatics			
36.	Electricity	Mr. George Kaneko		38-7-B
37.	Farm Home & its Planning	Mr. James Rains	Ass't. Proj. Direc.	Adm. 1
38.	Farm Layout & Building			
	Arrangement	Mr. James Rains	Ass't. Proj. Direc.	Adm. 1
39.	Farm Mechanics	Mr. Benjamin D. Ramsdell	Vocational Teacher	Blk. 35
40.	Farm Records and			
	Bookkeeping	Mr. James Rains	Ass't. Proj. Direc.	Adm. 1
41.	Finger Printing	Mr. Lindsay Hattohet	Chief of Internal	Police
			Security	Station
42.	Firemanship	Mr. Hays Miller	Chief of Fire Dept.	Fire St.
43.	First Aid	Mr. James Ishida	Timekeeper	Adm. 1



<u>No.</u>	<u>Subject</u>	<u>Counselor</u>	<u>Occupation</u>	<u>Address</u>
44.	First Aid to Animals	Mr. Kosuke Ijichi	Ass't. Ath. Dircc.	PS H 32
45.	Forestry	Mr. Jack Kiba	Ass't. Dircc. of C.A.	PS H 32
46.	Foundry Practice			
47.	Fruit Culture	Mr. Paul Dobashi	Mess Steward	32-2-E
48.	Gardening	Mr. Jack Kiba	Ass't. Dircc. C.A.	PS H 32
49.	Grasses, Legumes and Forage Crops	Miss Reba Banks	Biology Instructor	35-10-E
50.	Handicraft	Mr. Koizumi	Instructor, Wood- carving	14-9-F
51.	Hiking	Mr. C. B. Price	Director of C.A.	Adm. 2
52.	Hog and Prok Produc- tion	Mr. John Ando	Ass't. Blk. Mgr.	11-9-A
53.	Horsemanship	Mr. Kosuke Ijichi	Ass't. Dircc. Athl.	PS H 32
54.	Indian Lore	Mrs. Avery	2nd Grade Teacher	42-8-F
55.	Interpreting	Mrs. Martha S. Gublo-Sp.	Language Instructor	35-9-A
		Mr. Lloyd Shingu-J-	Language Instructor	28-6-D
56.	Journalism			
57.	Landscape Gardening	Mr. Tad Yoshimine	Landscape	39-4-C
58.	Leathercraft	Miss Adelene Lee	Arts & Crafts	Adm. 2
59.	Leather Work	Miss Adelene Lee	Arts & Crafts	Adm. 2
60.	Life Saving	Mr. John Shimakawa	Maintenance	9-1-E
61.	Machinery			
62.	Marksmanship	Mr. Lindsay Hattchet	Chief of Internal Security	Police Station
63.	Masonry	Mr. James Rhyno	Engineer	Adm. Bldg.
64.	Mechanical Drawing	Mr. Tom Makino	Architect	Adm. Bldg.
65.	Metal Work			
66.	Music and Bugling			
67.	Nut Culture	Mr. Paul Dobashi	Mess Steward	32-2-E
68.	Painting			
69.	Pathfinding	Mr. C. B. Price	Director of C. A.	Adm. 2
70.	Personal Health	Mr. James Ishida	Timekeeper	33-1-E
71.	Photography			
72.	Physical Development	Mr. Tak Kobayashi	Ass't. H.S. Teacher	Blk. 31
73.	Pigeon Raising			
74.	Pioneering	Mr. Ted Ohashi	Health and Phy. Ed.	31-8-E
75.	Plumbing	Mr. John A. Lee	Plumber	Plumb.Shop
76.	Pottery			
77.	Poultry Keeping			
78.	Printing			
79.	Public Health	Mr. James Ishida	Timekeeper	33-1-E
80.	Public Speaking			
81.	Radio	Mr. George Kaneko	Blk. Mgr. 38	38-7-3
82.	Reading	Ken Hasogawa	Head Librarian	PS H 19
83.	Reptile Study	Mr. C. G. Bolin	Ass't. Elo. Princ.	35-1-E
84.	Rocks & Minerals	Mr. E. B. Brewster	Biology Instructor	35-10-
85.	Rowing			
86.	Safety	Mr. Lindsay Hattchet	Chief of Internal Security	Police Station



<u>No.</u>	<u>Subject</u>	<u>Counselor</u>	<u>Occupation</u>	<u>Address</u>
87.	Salesmanship			
88.	Scholarship	Mr. M.H. Ziegler	Ele. Principal	31-1-F
		Mr. C.G. Bolin	Ass't. Ele. Prin.	35-1-E
		Mr. John T. Bledsoe	Ass't. High Prin.	31-12-A
		Mr. Wm. Beasley	High Principal	35-12-A
89.	Sculpture			
90.	Seamanship			
91.	Sheep Farming	Mr. Kosuke Ijichi	Ass't. Direc. of Ath.	PS H 32
92.	Signaling	Mr. Mas Kitada	Clubs & Organizations	27-12-D
93.	Skiing			
94.	Soil Management	Mr. Bill Hattori	Mess Swamper	19-8-CD
95.	Stalking			
96.	Stamp Collecting	Rev. Harper Sakauye	Y.P. Minister	16-11-B
		Mr. John Ando	Ass't. Blk. Mgr.	11-9-A
97.	Surveying	Mr. Aiji Endo		7-2-C
98.	Swimming	Mr. John Shimakawa	Maintenance	Eng. Bldg.
99.	Taxidermy			
100.	Textiles			
101.	Weather	Mr. Wm. Beasley	High School Prin.	35-12-A
102.	Wood Carving			
103.	Wood Turning	Mr. Frank Sakamoto	High School Instructor	PS H 31
104.	Wood Work	Mr. Frank Sakamoto	High School Instructor	PS H 31
105.	Zoology	Mr. C.G. Bolin	Ass't. Ele. Prin.	35-1-E



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\_\_\_\_\_ hereby certifies that he is a \_\_\_\_\_ Class Scout  
of Troop # \_\_\_\_\_ of \_\_\_\_\_ and that he is qualified to pass for the  
\_\_\_\_\_ Merit Badge and hereby makes application for examination.

SCOUTMASTER \_\_\_\_\_

APPROVED \_\_\_\_\_

EXPERT EXAMINER'S CERTIFICATE

This is to certify that the above Scout personally appeared before me, and that after a careful examination he satisfactorily passed all of the tests as set forth in the Official Handbook and Merit Badge pamphlet, which he must have in his possession upon coming to the examination, including time requirement.

DATE \_\_\_\_\_

EXAMINER \_\_\_\_\_

APPROVAL OF COURT OF HONOR \_\_\_\_\_

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Chairman, Court of Honor



## ROHWER GIRL SCOUTS REPLACE MEN IN COTTON PICKING TIME

On Tuesday morning, August 31, at 8:30, a large truck bearing 150 Girl Scouts rolled out of Rohwer Center. The girls were on their way to Rohwer to pick cotton on Mr. Smith's plantation. For most girls, it was their first experience on a cotton plantation and their first opportunity to enjoy the feel of the fluffy lint as they pulled it from the boll. They were thrilled and excited at that prospect. They were glad to be able to assist in doing the work that was now undone because of the scarcity of help due to the war.

The cotton field was beautiful. Mr. Smith, the owner, told the girls, first of all, about cotton. He told them how it is planted, chopped out, picked, ginned, and afterwards, used. Then he showed the girls how to pick cotton and advised them about allowing no dried leaves, stems, or dirt to get in with the lint.

Each of the girls was placed, one by one, at the head of a row and at a signal they began to pick. Mr. Smith had placed a large tarpaulin in the road and you would have been amazed at the rate with which that pile grew! The girls picked cotton for an hour and a half. They had picked 500 pounds. After stopping at the Rohwer commissary to buy a bottle of pop with a nickel each had brought, they went back to the Center. They promised to pick again Saturday morning.



C.A.  
Mr. Smith:

Attached is the account of the Girl Reserves' Conference which the Rohwer G.R. representatives attended. The report was made by Miss Alice Alger who escorted the girls.

Kaz Ikebasu



## NARRATIVE REPORT

### GIRL RESERVE CONFERENCE, LITTLE ROCK, ARKANSAS

March 3-5, 1944

#### Friday

Eleven Girl Reserves from five Rohwer Relocation clubs and I, as advisor, left by truck for McGehee at 6:30 a.m. The train was late and crowded so we sat on our suitcases all the way to Little Rock. Some of the Jerome Girl Reserves were on the same train.

Arriving in Little Rock at 11 o'clock we took a street car for the Y.W.C.A. At the "Y" we left our baggage, since we were free to shop till 5 o'clock, registration time. At registration, each girl was assigned to a home.

We sat down to supper at 7 o'clock. There must have been some 200 girls from all over the state: Stuttgart, Sheridan, Hot Springs, North Little Rock, Pine Bluff, Jerome, etc. There was so much singing and jolietty that we scarcely had time to eat. The North Little Rock G.R.'s put on a Gay Nineties program of songs and dances. We adjourned to the gymnasium for a short get-acquainted party led by Miss Tice of the Little Rock Y.W.C.A. This was followed by an impressive candlelight service by the Pine Bluff girls. Adjourned to our respective beds.

#### Saturday

Saturday morning's activities started with a session of singing. Dr. Marion Boggs, Pastor of Second Presbyterian Church spoke on "Molding My Future", the conference theme. He made many good points; one among them was that we should cease from gazing at ourselves in the mirrors of our souls; rather knocking out the mirrors which reflect only self and replace them with windows to look out into the world.

The remainder of the morning was devoted to discussion groups, divided according to age levels. Each group talked about personal problems for the future, which were broadly careers, war marriages, school and jobs.

After a three hour lunch period we assembled and broke up into interest groups. Rohwer tried to have a girl in each meeting; the one for presidents, program planning, was and social service, recreation and socials. From what I gather, these were practical workshops. The presidents' group, for instance, conducted a sample meeting selected to stress points of parliamentary procedure.

At 4 o'clock, there was a radio party on the subject of racial tolerance. The banquet hall that evening was very pretty with its flower and vine decorations and candles. After the meal there was music by a Stuttgart girls' trio, a skit by Hot Springs girls and a talk by Mrs. C.M. Weston, "Looking Toward the Future".

In the evening there was a dance in the gymnasium for those who cared to go. Some of our girls stayed and were more popular with the few and bashful boys than the Caucasian girls. Others of the girls went to the movies.



Sunday morning we held a business meeting to elect next year's officers and hear committee reports. At 11 o'clock all the girls attended the Christ Episcopal Church.

After church we were free to go for dinner, sight seeing and movies. The girls all met at 5 o'clock at the Y.W.C.A. Two soldiers from Camp Robinson who had been to Rohwer, one Japanese-American and one Caucasian, took us, bag and baggage, to the station in their car. The fifth and last trip got all there in time for the 6:30 p.m. train to McGehee. Though crowded we found seats and reached McGehee, met the truck and arrived at the Rohwer gate at 10 p.m. both tired and dusty.

#### Comments

There were no unhappy experiences--to the contrary all were pleasant. At the waiting room of the Little Rock station, a woman asked about the girls, then remarked, "They seem like such nice girls. Every one of them is pretty."

Soldiers on the train were friendly and considerate to the group.

The hostesses treated the girls very nicely in their homes--called for them in cars, gave them breakfast and little lunches, too one group to a preview movie, etc.

The conference accepted the girls thoroughly, calling on the Jerome and Rohwer girls to sing at meal time. Many girls exchanged addresses. And when one of the Jerome girls recovered some money she had lost, there was genuine rejoicing by all.

We overheard some of the usual comments as, "Are they Japanese or Chinese?". And of course there were questions by people who knew little about evacuation. One woman on the trolley car asked, "Do their parents live at Rohwer, too?"



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# NISEI CONFERENCE

Bulletin No. 1.

Rohwer, Arkansas

March 2, 1945

## Confab To Have Sherwood Eddy

Sherwood Eddy was present at the battle of Mukden on Sept. 18, 1931, and saw Japan begin the capture of Manchuria and invade China itself. He saw Hitler and heard him make his terrible "Blood Bath" speech in 1934, after killing some 1200 leaders in Germany within three days. He met Martin Niemöller and heard him deliver his last passionate message before he was thrown into the Nazi concentration camp with a multitude of Roman Catholic and Jewish leaders. He saw Stalin

last standing on Lenin's Tomb reviewing a great victory parade of youth, which even then gave promise of the magnificent fight that Russia was to wage against the Nazi Blitzkrieg.

Sherwood Eddy spent many years working among the students of India, and came to know Gandhi and Nehru in their own homes, discussing with them the problems of Indian indepen-

## CONFERENCE BEGINS Aim To Stimulate Nisei Action

With the theme "Nisei Action, Today and Tomorrow" to set the pace, the March 2-4 conference for older Nisei opens today, aiming to arouse and stimulate thought and action on problems that will confront Japanese Americans.

The confab will offer an opportunity to hear two outstanding Nisei--James Sugioka, field worker for the

Committee on War Services of the Disciples of Christ, and Bill Hosokawa who is associated with the Des Moines Register. Sunday, Sherwood Eddy, reknown traveler, writer and lecturer, will address the climatic mass meeting.

At the national head-

quarters of the Disciples of Christ Churches in Indianapolis, Sugioka works with Dr. J.B. Hunter, former assistant project director in Rohwer.

Sugioka will speak at the opening assembly today on his recent trip to California where he met with the Committee on American Principles and Fair Play. A symposium of Center Nisei

### Program

2:00 - 5:00 PM

Registration - Auditorium

3:30 PM

Opening Assembly - West Wing Auditorium  
Chairman, Rev. Harper Sakau  
SPEAKER - Mr. James Sugioka  
Topic - "California Experiences"

7:30 PM

Opening Conference Meeting - Mess Hall 35  
Chairman, Miss Edith Chikaraishi  
NISEI SYMPOSIUM

Topic - "We Look At Resettlement"

Speakers: Mrs. Mae Honda  
Mr. James Sugioka  
Dr. Roy K. Tanaka  
Mr. Bean Takeda

MOVIE - "Go For Broke"

### REGISTRATION

A registration fee of 25¢ will be charged for membership. Members of the Conference will be entitled to reserved seats for the mass meeting Sunday evening.

ence... He knew Chiang Kai-Shek and all the Presidents of China from Sun Yet-Sen to the present, when for

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## GEORGE KANEKO GENERAL CHRMN OF CONFERENCE

Committees responsible for the Older Nisei conference being underway are under the general chairmanship of George Kaneko.

Dr. W. Maxfield Garrott, Tak Yamaguchi, Mrs. Mary Kobayashi, Mike Itou, the Rev. K. Harper Sakaue, Edith Chikaraishi, Fusako Matsui, Dr. Nat Griswold, Beñ Takeda, Grace Ogata, Dr. K. Taira and George Kaneko compose the committee on arrangements.

Committee on invitations and registration are Mrs. Ruth Niiya, Kikue Toyota, Mary Wakai, Himi Hashimoto Tea Yakura and the High School evacuee office staff.

### *Discussion By Groups Sat'day*

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will be featured at the conference meeting this evening.

Saturday morning's program will be built around group discussions covering political, economic, and social actions. Luncheon and a period of discussion will follow. Discussion will be continued at 1:30 and a panel discussion by four experts will conclude the afternoon portion of

### EDDY NOTED YMCA LEADER

(Continued from page 1)  
more than a decade he was Secretary for Asia for the YMCA. Dr. Eddy was recognized by Time Magazine as one of the three men who had contributed most to the Young Men's Christian Association. For two decades

## CENTER ISSUES STATEMENTS ENDORISING CONFERENCE

Upon informing the Center of the conference, it unanimously expressed enthusiastic endorsement. In part, several statements issued follow:

...I feel that strides forward will be made during the discussions in that the various situations will be delineated more clearly and potential solutions will unfold...

B. B. Moulton

It seems to me that a great deal of good can be accomplished by widely-supported conference of older Nisei upon whom successful relocation and reintegration into American life largely depends.

Mrs. Mataileen L. Ramsdell

...I am confident that the leadership of the older Nisei should and will contribute very heavily to the constructive thinking in this community from now on. I am impressed by the realistic attitude in your

the March 3 schedule. Bill Hosokawa will be main speaker at the evening banquet.

A general conference assembly will hear a report of conference findings Sunday.

Dr. Eddy will address a Center-wide audience at the final meet.

before the war he has taken an American Seminar annually through Europe, discussing problems of war and peace with the leaders of Eng., Fr., Ger., and the other countries in Western Europe, and of Soviet Russia in the East.

group, and I am confident that in recognizing your problems and meeting them face to face you have added a big step toward their solutions...

William M. Beasley

This conference convinces me the Nisei are developing active interest in fields of study and service which prepares them for effective leadership in American communities.

As a result of my association with the Americans of Japanese ancestry, I realize that as residents in the coastal states they worked long hours, hard and intelligently to establish their economic independence and to command the respect of their American neighbors by contributing industriously to the country's wealth...But one short coming in endeavor and accomplishment stands out to me. That was the failure to share active participation by membership and financial support in cosmopolitan American political, social and economic societies and institutions...It is my earnest hope that this omission of interest and activity will serve as a stimulus for a broadening of identification with American institutions as resettlement takes place in all parts of the country...Such a conference as you are having here March 2, 3, and 4 is excellent preparation for such a role in society.

Wilma Van Dusseldorp  
conferencer staff

Grace Ogata, Kimi Fujita, Kazuye Koro, Yoshiko Hanzawa.



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# NISEI CONFERENCE

Bulletin No. 2

Rohwer, Arkansas

March 3, 1945

## DISCUSSION GROUPS SLATED

### *Bill Hosokawa To Address Confab Banquet Tonite*

The Saturday program includes a series of simultaneous and continuous discussion groups in which members convening in Mess hall 35 may take active part.

Chairmen have been designated to lead these discussion groups beginning at 8:30 a.m. Bean Takeda will preside over the "Political Action" group; Mike Itou, "Economic Action"; while "Social Action" will be under Dr. K. Taira. After a ten minute recess, discussions will be taken up again from 10:30 to 11:50.

Participants are scheduled to enjoy a luncheon from 12 to 1:15 p.m. with Elso Ito as chairman. Talented Center residents will present a program at this time.

Discussion groups will then continue at 1:50 p.m.

From 3:30 to 5:00 p.m., with Bill Hosokawa, A. G. Thompson, James Sugioka and Dr. Nat Griswold assuming the roles of experts, a panel discussion will see an exchange of views and bring the afternoon session to a conclusion.

The spotlight will fall on Bill Hosokawa, speaker of the evening when members gather at 7:30 p.m. in Mess hall 38 for the Conference banquet. Toastmaster will be Mike Itou.

Hosokawa, a veteran in the news field, has had a journalistic career which took him to China where he edited the Shanghai Herald. He worked for the Japanese American Courier in Seattle and served as editor-in-chief of the Heart Mountain Sentinel. Relocating to Iowa, he joined the staff of the Des Moines Register. His column "From the Frying Pan" is a weekly feature of the Pacific Citizen.

## CONFERENCE ENDORSEMENTS

I am very pleased to know that the younger residents of the Center (Nisei) are planning a conference to discuss and study their present and future problems. I feel that much good can be accomplished for the Nisei as well as the Nisei through such a medium and I also feel that a sincere analysis of the problems, as is indicated by the conference agenda, will materially aid WRA in planning all possible assistance for the re-establishment of Evacuees in normal life.

Nisei must make some decisions themselves now. These decisions cannot wait. They cannot be made by someone else. They must not be left to accident or to circumstances. That the Nisei of Rohwer have planned this conference is a

most hopeful sign.

Nat R. Griswold

The Nisei are definitely a part of American life and in my opinion, should take an increasingly greater interest in the organizations and activities that are common to most communities. Active participation in normal community life will tend to make post-center and post-war problems of the Nisei similar to the problems of the mass of citizens.

A. G. Thompson

In this day of advanced planning it is obviously wise for any group to determine its problems and then consider means to solve them. The decision of the group here to do this speaks well for their judgment, and the guests they have invited should guarantee the value of the meetings.

Austin Smith Jr.