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THE GRANADA RELOCATION CENTER

A NARRATIVE REPORT

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The Granada Relocation Center is located in the valley of the Arkansas River about one mile west and one-half mile north of Granada, Colorado and approximately sixteen miles east of Lamar, Colorado. The project comprises 10,500 acres of land; the center proper, 640 acres. The land was formerly privately owned, the two largest parcels being owned by the American Crystal Sugar Company, and George S. Rule. It was acquired by purchase and with the sale went the necessary water rights and stock to provide the irrigation needs for agricultural purposes. The name "Amache" was chosen as the official designation of the branch post office and became the name of the community. The center consists of 30 blocks of barrack-type buildings, each block having 12 residence barracks, 6 rooms to a barrack, a central washroom, toilet and laundry; a central block mess hall and a recreation hall. A family of from 2 to 5 occupied each room. In addition there are warehouses, administrative offices, a 150-bed hospital, completely equipped, a large central store building, fire hall, post office, high school building, and the quarters for the M. P. detachment. One of the 30 blocks was set aside for school purposes and, until the high school was built under separate contract, served as school for the entire center. About 15 of the recreation halls were not used as such but as churches, nursery schools, and Red Cross, Boy Scout, Town Hall, Blue Star, and other community headquarters. A physical description of the center, as well as maps and pictures, are included in the appendix to this report.

The Project Director visited the site of the center in July, 1942 when the Army Engineers were supervising the clearing of the site. He was officially stationed in Denver during the months of July and August, but established headquarters in Lamar and spent much of his time there and at the Center, building up his organization and working with the Army Engineers and with the contractors who were building the center under Army Engineer direction and inspection. Attempts to incorporate changes felt desirable by the Project Director met with little or no response from the Army Engineers. A few minor changes were made such as the addition of partitions in the administrative offices and additional toilet facilities in the offices. The elimination of the proposed barbed wire fence between the evacuee quarters and the administrative area was also effected. As a compromise a barbed wire fence was built entirely around the Military Police area.

The contractor failed to have buildings ready by scheduled date but the West Coast Defense Command refused to change the schedule for departure of evacuees. As a result evacuees arrived before adequate facilities were prepared. Trains arrived, usually at night; lighting facilities

were extremely sketchy, and families stumbled around in the dark, individuals often falling into excavations when being led to their quarters. Candles, with their ever-present fire hazard in this city of cardboard homes, were their only light. Hot and cold water was provided in only a few blocks; mess hall installations lagged. The evacuees had to walk several blocks to find a bath house with water provided. One mess hall served as many as four blocks, 1000 to 1200 people, serving in three or four shifts. Water for drinking and washing dishes had to be hauled in truck tanks from Granada, as the center water was impure and inadequate. The toilets in the wash rooms were used before the water connections were made and a clean-up hose squad was necessary to clean up the attendant litter. Wooden privies were finally provided, neither slightly nor sanitary.

Out of chaos came order; buildings and facilities were finally provided. However, a little resentment was added to minds already filled with fear, hatred and frustration. A little common sense in delaying the movement from the assembly centers until the relocation center was ready might have resulted in more cooperation and better understanding from the evacuees.

A detachment of 134 enlisted men and 3 officers from the 335th M. P. Escort Guard Company arrived on August 20, 1942. As the quarters for the M. P. were by no means completed, this detachment was housed temporarily in a block of barracks that was partially completed. A gang of laborers employed by the contractor was housed in an adjacent block.

The Advance Party, numbering 212 evacuees, arrived from the Merced Assembly Center on August 27, 1942. Theoretically this group was hand-picked at the assembly center and was composed of artisans, stenographers, clerks, cooks, and other specialists who would help the WRA organization prepare the center for the arrival of the main group. Factually, although this group contained some good people who were of help to the organization, a great deal too much stress seemed to have been put on recreational activities. The majority of the group seemed to feel that their main function was to provide entertainment, games and other outlets for the many idle hours that they evidently, and rightly, envisioned.

The first regular contingent of 557 persons from the Merced Assembly Center arrived September 3 at 7:00 P.M. By September 16, six additional contingents had arrived. On September 19 the first group, 495 people, from Santa Anita, arrived and by September 28, five additional groups had completed the quota from Santa Anita except for a small clean-up squad of 120 people who arrived about a month later. By the end of October, 1942 the population was 7,567 made up as follows:

From Merced Assembly Center	4,492
From Santa Anita Assembly Center	3,062
From Fresno Center	10
From Spokane, a parolee	1
From Prescott, a soldier with medical discharge	1
Birth in Center	1
	<u>7,567</u>

In September, 1943, 993 persons were transferred to Amache from Tule Lake, as a result of the segregation program; and in June, 1944, 550 people were transferred from Jerome, due to the closing of that center. During the existence of the center there were 415 births and 107 deaths officially recorded. It is estimated that there were perhaps 1000 other persons resident in the center -- inductions, transfers, visitors who forgot to leave, etc. -- so that in all there were roughly 10,500 individuals processed through the center.

In the late autumn of 1942 plans were approved for the construction of a high school building and two elementary school buildings. The contract for building was let and construction was started in December, 1942. In January, 1942 the War Production Board halted the construction of the two elementary schools. The high school building was completed, the new auditorium being used for commencement exercises for the class graduating in June, 1943.

On January 28, 1943, Secretary of War Stimson, released a plan for the induction of Nisei volunteers into the Armed Forces of the United States and for the formation of the Nisei Battalion Unit. On February 6, the Project Director met with the army recruiting team and started procedures for induction of volunteers. The Army's plan involved the registration of the entire adult population. Much has been written on registration and on the Nisei Combat Team, and it is not the intention here to add to the volume of analysis. The Combat Team has proved its worth many times over and whatever the justification for its formation, its war record probably has done more to turn the tide of public opinion toward a just and favorable acceptance of Japanese-Americans as Americans than any other one factor.

At Amache, out of about 1200 eligibles, only 31 volunteers were obtained in the original drive. Following a hastily called staff meeting, the Project Director called three mass meetings of approximately 400 each, where he and the Army Officer in charge of recruitment attempted to clarify the procedure and to show how vitally important it was that a more favorable response be given. As a result of this reconsideration the figure of 31 volunteers was raised to 124, which compared very favorably with outside enlistments.

Registration blanks carried questions where the evacuee was expected to state his loyalty. This declaration of loyalty led to the segregation program. This program at Amache is described in a separate report in the appendix. After a national conference in Denver the Director, Dillon S. Myer, visited Amache and together with the Project Director explained segregation and its implications to the staff and to the community council and block managers in joint assembly. Segregation hearings began on July 10, 1943. As a result of the hearings, 125 individuals were transferred to Tule Lake on September 16, 1943. During the same month about 1000 former residents of Tule Lake were transferred to this center.

Although some good people were received from Tule Lake, the effect of the transfer on center life was in general adverse. The Tuleans were about a year behind the other residents of the center in their thinking; they were still resentful and constantly harped on the wrongs of the

evacuation, which most of the other residents had come to treat as water over the dam. Some leadership was developed among this Tule Lake crowd, most of it bad. Several of these leaders were elected to the Community Council and dominated that body, first through the existing chairman and later by election to the chair. A decided rift was created between the Administration and the Council. The Council began to act on the premise that it was the function of that body to oppose and frustrate the administration and that in so doing it was representing the people. This matter is more fully covered in the report of the Assistant Project Director in charge of Community Management.

On January 18, 1944 the War Department announced that Nisei, otherwise qualified, were eligible for army draft induction under the Selective Service Act. At the time of the surrender of Japan the center records showed 614 called from the center, including volunteers; of this number, 445 were accepted, 135 were rejected, 2 were not reported as to status, and 32 refused to report. The 32 who refused to report were brought to trial, 31 were sentenced to from 6 months to 24 months in a penal institution, and 1 was released. The one released was again called, obeyed his call, and was rejected for physical reasons.

Although the above figures represent the men actually inducted from the center, the Amache honor roll shows 953 names. This includes WACS and Army Nurses as well as men who were in the Army prior to evacuation or who had relocated on transferred to other camps prior to their induction, but still had close relatives in the center. The Tule Lake and Buddhist Church influences both were openly adverse to the call to the colors in this center. The first volunteers and inductees to return in uniform to the center were treated by the residents almost as outcasts. One would see them wandering around the center, usually alone; almost never were their parents with them. This condition completely changed as the Nisei boys in Italy won world-wide acclaim. Fathers would bring their visiting sons in uniform down to the Project Director and introduce them: "This is my boy." Parents, brothers and sisters and friends began to show pride in being seen with them. The Blue Star Mothers organization grew into a center USO.

The Spanish Government acted as representative of the Japanese nationals in this country from the time of the opening of the center until the spring of 1945. The first official visit was on January 23, 1943 by the Spanish Vice-Consul from San Francisco representing the Spanish Embassy. He was accompanied by a representative of the U. S. Department of State. The second official visit was on December 27, 1943 by the Spanish Consul from San Francisco, accompanied by a representative of the Department of State. The same men made other visits on July 7, 1944 and February 21, 1945. During these visits, the representative of the Spanish Government met with representatives of the Issei residents of the center, and usually with a larger group, and later with smaller groups and individuals. He listened to opinions and complaints and usually read a prepared statement from the Japanese government. He obtained a great deal of statistical information from the office of the Project Director. The visits were brief and perfunctory; they probably served their purpose.

Meanwhile the work of the project was carried out. In addition to the laborers and artisans, artists and musicians of note, a famed sociologist, wealthy and successful merchants and farmers, and professional men, all accepted everyday, hard-work jobs -- sometimes menial jobs -- and helped keep the project going.

In turn, the staff was warned to help the people, from the lowest to the highest in station, preserve their dignity. The offices of project officials were always open to evacuees seeking counsel or help. When advice was forthcoming from occasional visitors to the offices, it was received with thanks and given consideration. Public acceptance in nearby towns was always good and the staff and evacuees alike did much to keep it so. American national holidays were celebrated. Fairs and carnivals, Boy Scouts and a dozen allied junior activities, church and school organizations, recreational activities, competitive games, local and inter-community -- all helped keep up resident morale.

An incident which received national publicity was the arrest of three sisters, known as "Toots, Billy, and Flo." These girls were working on a farm leased by their father near Trinidad, Colorado. German prisoners of war were working on this and nearby farms. Two of the prisoners escaped from the Trinidad prisoner of war camp and it was alleged the Nisei women assisted in their escape. The United States Attorney brought charges of treason and conspiracy against them. The Federal Judge in Denver assigned one of the best trial lawyers in that city to defend them. Their lawyer investigated every angle and sent investigators to Trinidad and to Anache. He readily saw what the Project Director and others in the center believed -- that it was not a matter of "Japanese and Germans", but of "man and woman". The jury passed up the treason charge but found the girls guilty of conspiracy. They were sentenced to serve two years in a correctional home in W. Virginia. It is my belief that the girls never realized the seriousness of their alleged actions or of the charges brought against them.

On December 17, 1944 came the announcement of the lifting of the West Coast exclusion ban, effective January 2, 1945. The Army set up an arbitrary individual exclusion program, designating certain persons who were to be excluded from the West Coast but who were free to go anywhere else in the United States. It also requested the WRA to detain in the centers certain individuals who were deemed ineligible for relocation to be turned over to the Department of Justice. The detention of these segregates in the centers laid the War Relocation Authority open to the charge that the centers were really internment camps. Individuals in both categories were allowed to appeal their Army imposed status to an Army Hearing Board. The functioning of the Army hearing boards was painfully inefficient. At the rate of procedure in effect at the end of the war, it would have taken several years to dispose of the relatively few cases in appeal.

Effective midnight, September 4, 1945, all individual exclusion orders issued by the Army were rescinded. On that date the center ceased to be a military area and soon after the local escort guard detachment was removed from the center.

At the time of the lifting of the West Coast exclusion ban on December 17, 1944, the Director issued a statement that all relocation centers would be closed by the end of the year, 1945. Relocation was given precedence over all other programs in the center. By June 30, 1945, 31.2% of population as of January 2, 1945 had relocated. On July 12, 1945 the Director announced closing dates for all centers; Amache was given the distinction of being the first center to close. The date set for Amache to complete its relocation was October 15, 1945.

The relocation story is told in a separate report. All evacuees were relocated by the close of business on the scheduled date. The Project Director's weekly report during the year 1945 became more and more a log of relocation. Messages to the residents through speeches at meetings and assemblies and published in the project newspaper kept the populace apprized of the pace of relocation. Just as a surgical operation is sometimes necessary to save a life, so it became apparent that it might be necessary to forcibly remove certain recalcitrant individuals from the center to exemplify the actuality of the WRA's center closing policy. Fortunately, only one individual had to be so treated at Granada. This man, an Issei and a bachelor, refused to make a plan. A plan was made for him. He refused to comply so was taken to the railroad station and given a ticket to his former home in California. He boarded the train of his own free will, waved a cheery goodbye to the Project Director as the train pulled out, and afterwards sent for his personal effects. Although such a procedure is to be regretted, it is probable that the course of action taken by the local administration formed a precedent which prevented further open resistance.

The first center-wide memorial service was held August 5, 1944 for six Amache youths who gave their lives in the world conflict. In all there were held five such services. There were 105 casualties reported from Amache soldiers, 27 of whom were killed in action.

In this brief narrative I have attempted to show the highlights of center existence and procedure. More detailed reports are submitted herewith covering the various divisions and sections. Also the appendix of this report contains pertinent details. This report would not be complete without an expression of thanks to the Director and Washington staff, to the project staff, and to the evacuees. I am appreciative of the freedom of actions allowed the Project Director and of the helpful criticism, advice, and aid from above. I am very grateful to my own staff for carrying out my orders and for their advice and help in directing local policy.

A paragraph is necessary to express my feeling toward the evacuees. I have a lasting and deep regard for them. It is hard for one to visualize any other group of people who would be so well behaved under similar conditions. In close contact with them for over three years I can only admire their cheerful acceptance of unfair treatment; their overcoming of fear, resentment and frustration; their willingness to give their time and effort to make various phases of the WRA program work. Just as much as I am convinced that the Japanese, as a people, do not have a

corner on treachery, cruelty and other attributed racial characteristics, I am also of the opinion that in their racial reputation for smartness they are overrated. I question their ability to think things through, to listen to and apply logical reasoning. They are more stirred by sentiment than by reasoning; they are definitely emotional. They are people -- even as you and I. Capable of assimilation into our western civilization, they bring to it a love of beauty, a time factor which we westerns are in danger of ignoring, a recognition of the need of courtesy and politeness in our everyday dealings. It is my hope that through their dispersal throughout the country, both they and their neighbors will benefit by mutual association and that something good will come out of this "piece of wartime folly".

James G. Hickey

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APPENDIX NO. II

DESCRIPTION OF PROJECT

The Granada Relocation Project consists of the Relocation Center, comprising the housing, administrative, hospital, military police, and other facilities, and the project area. The Relocation Center is approximately two miles southwest of Granada, Colorado and occupies all of Section 14, Township 23 South, Range 44 West.

The housing facilities, occupied by the evacuees, consist of thirty identical blocks, each of which includes

- 1 Mess Hall
- 1 Lavatory, Latrine and Laundry Building
- 12 Standard Barracks, each having six 1-room apartments
- 1 Recreation Building

All buildings are of the Army T.O. type. Plumbing and water supply facilities are limited to the mess hall and lavatory buildings.

A maximum of approximately 7500 evacuees were housed in the center. The plans included space for ten additional blocks which were never built. Previous to the construction of the high school building, one complete block and eleven of the recreation buildings were used for school purposes. The high school was built under contract but two elementary schools included in the same contract were eliminated by the W.P.B. Block 6H was remodeled for elementary school use.

The high school was practically completed in June, 1943 in time for the first Commencement and was completed in all details prior to the start of the 1943-44 school year. It is a modern mill-type building with granulated siding on the outside, lined with celotex and celled with wall board. It provided special facilities for manual training and for domestic science and homemaking training as usual classrooms; an excellent auditorium with stage provided for assemblies and school functions and was also used by the center for other activities. To provide necessary class rooms for the consolidation of the Junior High School activities with the High School facilities, two 20'x100' class room buildings were built back of the High School and divided into class rooms. The buildings were built of sections salvaged from CCC camps, with wood floors which were covered with Master-pave asphaltic linoleum. Lining and partitions were wallboard.

The administrative facilities occupy the northwestern portion of Section 14, and consist of:

- 1 Post Office Building
- 2 Administrative Office buildings
- 1 Office Services building (teletype, etc.)
- 2 Refrigerated Warehouses
- 15 Warehouses (food and materials)
- 2 Warehouse Lavatories

- 1 Administration Mess Hall
- 4 Barracks buildings
- 1 Recreation building
- 1 Store and PX building
- 1 Fire Station
- 1 Service Station
- 1 Garage building (3-car)
- *1 Employment Office
- *1 Transportation Office
- *1 Leave Office
- *1 Finance Office building

All buildings except those marked (*) are of the Army T.O. type. The "Transportation Office" located near the Main Gate was used for the offices of the Property, Warehouse and Farm Sections. The "Employment Office" and "Leave Office" were moved together and consolidated into one building for the Relocation Section. These were temporary wooden buildings used by the contractors during construction and remodeled to meet the new use. A new building, 24'x100' of sections salvaged from CCC camps, was provided for the Fiscal and Finance Sections.

To provide necessary facilities for the Motor Pool, adjacent to the Service Station, a Motor Pool Office, Garage and Repair Shop, and Tire Shop were built. The Motor Pool office is a concrete block building 16'x40' with concrete floor and composition roof. The Garage and Repair Shop, 40' x 19 1/2', is a timber frame, timber truss building, with 14' clearance under the truss chords, to provide working space for trucks, semi-trailers, etc. The floor is concrete and the sides and roof are wall and roof panels salvaged from portable CCC camp buildings; the roof is covered with composition roofing. Office and Parts Rooms were located in the center of the building. Heating was provided from five overhead oilfired heaters with blowers. The Tire Shop is a frame building 20'x50' built from sections of portable CCC camp buildings, with wood floor and composition roof.

One of the 4-barracks building above was remodeled into two apartments, and ten residence buildings, arranged in three groups around central courts, were built for families of staff personnel. Each building contained four apartments with a central heater and laundry room. Central heating was installed in five buildings, but due to delays in obtaining equipment, the installation in the other buildings was not completed.

At the peak of employment, the ceiling for positions for administrative personnel was 204, with 181 actually employed. At the peak of evacuee employment, there were 3,233 evacuee employees. The Education Department had 60 WRA personnel and 50 evacuee teachers.

The Hospital is located at the northeastern corner of the housing area and includes the following buildings:

- 1 Administrative Offices
- 1 Doctors Quarters
- 1 Nurses Quarters
- 1 Surgery
- 1 Outpatient Clinic
- 1 Obstetrical Ward
- 1 Children's Ward
- 1 Isolation Ward
- 3 Standard Wards
- 1 Mess Hall
- 2 Warehouses
- 1 Morgue and Disinfecting Building
- 1 Laundry
- 1 Boiler House

All buildings are of the Army Hospital type, connected with covered walkways, and having steam heating, automatic fire sprinkler systems. The Boiler Plant consists of three H.T. 150-H.P. coal-fired boilers with necessary auxiliaries. The Laundry is well equipped with standard equipment to handle the hospital requirements and those of the center mess halls.

The hospital staff is headed by a WRA medical officer and eight WRA nurses, and the evacuee staff included five doctors, seven dentists, and about two hundred student nurses, receptionists, nurse's aides, clinic attendants, mess hall workers, and other employees.

The Military Police area is in the northern portion, adjacent to the Main Gate, and consists of:

- 1 Gate House
- 1 Headquarters building
- 1 Mess Hall
- 5 Barracks
- 1 PX and Store building
- 1 Recreation building
- 1 Dispensary
- 1 Guard House
- 1 Lavatory
- 1 Garage (3-car)

Six elevated towers at points of vantage surround the housing area. All buildings are of the Army T.O. type except the Gate House which is a temporary wooden building used as entrance during the construction. After the strength of the Military Police Company was reduced to 15, the four barracks buildings in the M.P. area were remodeled for WRA personnel -- three buildings into three apartments each, and the fourth into a dormitory for women employees. One apartment was built in the former M. P. Guard House.

The water supply for all facilities in the center is provided by four deep wells, motor-driven (one with gasoline engine auxiliary power) which deliver water to a 200,000 gallon reservoir, from which three pressure pumps (2 electrically driven, 1 with gasoline engine) with a total capacity of 2,000 g.p.m. deliver to the distribution system, pressure in which is controlled by an open 25,000 gallon tower tank. Fire hydrants are provided throughout the center. All facilities are served by a gravity sewer system, delivery to two Imhoff tanks, and four aeration ponds. Sludge pumping equipment and drying beds are provided. Electric service for lighting and for power requirements -- water pumping, refrigerators, etc. -- is provided by the Rural Electrification Administration, high tension lines, with energy supplied at 12,500 volts on a 3-phase 4-wire line. Power demand for 1,000 Kva is provided.

The Relocation Project consists of approximately 10,085 acres, in the Arkansas Valley, south of the river, and extending approximately three miles west and four miles east of the town of Granada. When acquired by the government there were approximately 3,530 acres in active cultivation, 1,477 acres which had been cultivated, 1,631 acres of hay land, 1,676 acres of pasture, and 1,771 acres of waste land and roads. The lands of the project can be irrigated from the Lamar Canal, the Manvel ditch and the X-Y ditch.

The town of Koen, formerly a headquarters for the American Crystal Sugar Company, is within the project and includes one hotel building (24-room), eight residences, fifteen smaller houses, one school building (unused) and farm sheds, barns, etc. The former headquarters of the X-Y Ranch consist of one residence and two houses with farm sheds, etc. Scattered over the property are sixteen farmsteads -- house and sheds, etc. The houses were used by staff employees and by evacuee farm foremen and key agricultural employees.

APPENDIX NO. III

STAFF ORGANIZATION

OFFICE OF PROJECT DIRECTOR

PROJECT DIRECTOR
SECRETARY

LEGAL DIVISION

ATTORNEY
CLERK-STENOGRAPHER

REPORTS DIVISION

REPORTS OFFICER
CLERK-STENOGRAPHER

RELOCATION DIVISION

RELOCATION PROGRAM OFFICER
ASST. RELOCATION PROGRAM OFFICER
RELOCATION ADVISER
ASST. RELOCATION ADVISER (6)
LEAVE OFFICER
EVACUEE PROPERTY OFFICER
CLERK-STENOGRAPHER (4)

COMMUNITY MANAGEMENT DIVISION

ASST. PROJECT DIRECTOR, IN CHARGE

OPERATIONS DIVISION

ASST. PROJECT DIRECTOR, IN CHARGE

ADMINISTRATIVE MGMT. DIVISION

ASST. PROJECT DIRECTOR, IN CHARGE

STAFF ORGANIZATION

The foregoing chart shows the form under which the project functioned for the major portion of the time. There were remarkably few changes in the organizational line-up. Originally there was only one assistant project director who acted as Chief of Operations and as assistant supervisor of the various functions. In July, 1943 the plan as shown on the chart was set up. The assistant project director became Assistant Project Director in Charge of Operation and the chiefs of the Administrative Division and of the Community Services Division became Assistant Project Directors in Charge of Administrative Management and Community Management, respectively.

The divisions directly responsible to the Project Director were:

Legal Division
Reports Division
Relocation Division

The Legal Division was headed by Donald C. Horn from October 16, 1942 until March 31, 1945. After Mr. Horn's resignation to resume private law practice in Lamar, the position was filled by detail from the Washington office, first of Mrs. Mima Pollett and later of John Meaney. On June 21, 1945 Mr. Lawrence J. Hannan entered on duty as Project Attorney and served until October 21, 1945 when he was transferred to Tule Lake.

The Reports Division was headed by Joseph C. McClelland from July, 1942 until April, 1945. Mr. O. Dale Cooley succeeded him but worked only two weeks. Mr. Russell Bankson of the Washington office was detailed to the job for thirty days. Mr. Melvin McGovern was made Acting Reports Officer on June 1, 1945 and served until the close of the project.

The Relocation Division, as such, was headed from November 16, 1943 until September 30, 1945 by Walter J. Knodel. The Employment Division which preceded it was headed for a short time from July, 1942 until November, 1942 by Clarence Moore who was succeeded by Mr. Knodel. Mr. Mario Vecchio, Assistant Relocation Program Officer, took charge for the final round-up and liquidation of the division.

All of the above divisions are covered by separate final reports.

The divisions responsible to the Project Director through Assistant Project Directors are:

Operations Division
Administrative Management Division
Community Management Division

OPERATIONS

Donald C. Harbison served as Assistant Project Director from July, 1942 and as Assistant Project Director in Charge of Operations from July 1, 1943 until May 16, 1944 when he resigned to enter other fields of work. Mr. William M. Fuller succeeded him and served until the termination of the position, November 9, 1945.

The division was composed of the following sections:

- Engineering
- Motor Transport & Maintenance
- Agriculture
- Industry
- Fire Protection

The division and sections are all covered by final reports.

ADMINISTRATIVE MANAGEMENT

This division was headed by Mr. Henry F. Halliday, first as Senior Administrative Officer and later as Assistant Project Director in Charge of Administrative Management. On November 1, 1945 Mr. Halliday was transferred to the Washington office to head Personnel Management. Mr. Jack G. Bohon, Finance Officer, functioned as Acting Head of the division for the remainder of the program.

Under this division were the following sections and units:

- Supply Section -- Procurement Unit
- Mess Operations Unit
- Property Control & Warehousing Unit

- Finance Section -- Budget & Accounts Unit
- Cost Accounting Unit

- Office Services Section
- Personnel Management Section
- Statistics Section
- Evacuee Property Section (until June, 1945 when this section was transferred to the Relocation Division)

The division and all sections are covered by final reports.

COMMUNITY MANAGEMENT

This division has been headed since the beginning by W. Ray Johnson, first as Chief of the Community Services Division and later as Assistant Project Director in Charge of Community Management.

The division and its sections are covered by separate final reports.
The sections under the division are:

Education Section
Internal Security Section
Welfare Section
Health Section
Community Activities Section
Business Enterprises Section
Community Government Section
Community Analysis Section

APPENDIX NO. IV

CHRONOLOGY

(Daily clippings from THE PIONEER,
the project newspaper)

WAR RELOCATION AUTHORITY

GRANADA PROJECT

CHRONOLOGICAL HISTORY

June: 1942

- 29 Construction work on Granada Relocation Center started by Army contractors

August: 1942

- 27 First group of 212 evacuees arrived from Merced Assembly Center
27 Temporary hospital clinic opened at barrack building
31 Community Council selected to serve as liaison unit between evacuees and project director

September: 1942

- 1 Distribution of baby food started
2 557 evacuees arrived from Merced Assembly Center
4 First recreational event for residents, social and dance
4 First small fire in barracks (faulty installation of chimney flue) proves efficiency of Center Fire Department
5 2 groups of 557 and 550 arrived from Merced
7 4,588 acres of hay, pasture, and cultivated land made available for project use
8 553 evacuees arrived from Merced Center
9 527 evacuees arrived from Merced Center
16 Two groups (529 and 527) arrived from Merced Center
18 481 evacuees arrived from Merced
18 First wedding of Center residents at Presbyterian Church, Lamar
19 495 evacuees arrived from Santa Anita Assembly Center
20 Center church services inaugurated--Baptist, Methodist, Christian, Roman Catholic, Seventh-Day Adventist, Buddhist
21 524 evacuees arrive from Santa Anita
22 First baby (girl) born in Center
24 514 evacuees arrived from Santa Anita
25 500 evacuees arrived from Santa Anita
27 452 evacuees arrived from Santa Anita
30 457 evacuees arrived from Santa Anita
30 Total evacuee inductions into Granada Project--7,434
30 Approximately 1200 residents employed in basic services at Center
30 Total of 527 leaves granted for outside employment
30 Boy Scout and Girl Scout groups organize

October: 1942

- 4 First unit (Isolation Ward) established in hospital building
- 5 Granada Center Educational conference held at Lamar, Colorado
- 10 Lamar City Council passes resolution prohibiting sale of intoxicants to Granada Center residents
- 12 Opening of Center schools with approximate enrollment of 500 senior high, 408 junior high, 650 elementary, and 77 kindergarten pupils--sessions held in barrack buildings for half day
- 14 First issue of the GRANADA BULLETIN, temporary paper of Center, published
- 14 Year's subscription to READER'S DIGEST offered as prize for name of proposed Center newspaper
- 16 Election of block representatives to Community Council held
- 17 Montgomery Ward opens mail order branch office in Center
- 19 Community barber shop opens in administration building
- 20 2 well-equipped Ford fire trucks take the place of rented truck
- 21 All butchers and mess hall workers take physical examination
- 21 Retail merchants division of Lamar Chamber of Commerce entertain WRA staff and evacuee council members
- 23 First snowfall of season delights young California evacuees
- 23 Dr. Gerald A. Duffy, Chief Medical Director of Center, elected president of Prowers County Medical Society
- 24 New electric motor installed in Center pump house
- 24 200 sewing machines arrive for use by Center residents
- 28 First edition of GRANADA PIONEER issued
- 28 Denver Regional Office designates "Amache" as official Center post office address
- 28 Adult night school classes open with 23 subjects listed
- 28 Amache schools begin full-day sessions
- 29 Congressman W. S. Hill squelches rumors of Japanese "coddling" at Amache Center in article in GREENEY TRIBUNE
- 31 First-aid kits distributed to mess halls for emergency treatments
- 31 Extension courses with college credit provided for residents by University of Colorado and State Board of Education
- 31 121 late comers from Santa Anita arrive at Amache

November: 1942

- 2 Colorado's 2% sales tax goes into effect at project stores
- 4 Committee for self-government within center begins to function
- 4 Mail boxes placed in all block laundries
- 4 John M. Sayre, Fellowship of Reconciliation representative, visits Center
- 7 First cars of evacuees' personal household goods arrived from Sacramento
- 7 U. S. offers opportunity for enlistment in Army to Nisei who can read and write Japanese--Military Intelligence Language School, Camp Savage
- 7 350 adults enrolled in evening classes
- 10 Amache Little Theater group organized
- 11 PIONEER moves into new building in administrative area
- 11 600 fire extinguishers placed at strategic points in Center
- 13 First of Community "Sings" held
- 14 U. S. Engineers leave--WRA takes over all construction, maintenance, and repair work in Center
- 14 Amache YWCA holds rally at Terry Hall
- 14 Prominent church and civic leaders of Colorado Springs tour Center

November, 1942 Cont.

- 14 141 residents volunteer to assist local beet farmers in harvesting
- 14 PIONEER publishes article on local history by W. M. Morris, mayor of Granada
- 14 Center Welfare Fund established
- 15 Over 400 Nisei and 70 out-of-town guests attend first joint Christian Fellowship program at Terry Hall
- 15 114 trucks now available at Center for hauling freight, convoy work, etc.
- 18 Comprehensive program for training of Center police officers established
- 18 First "GI" dance for visiting soldiers
- 18 Regular monthly and weekly issues of 49 magazines available at 3 libraries
- 18 Dr. Wm. L. Wrinkle and John H. Shaw of Colorado State College of Education visit Center
- 18 Mrs. A. E. Rice, state president, and other officers of Federated Women's Clubs visit Amache
- 20 First burial at Amache cemetery
- 24 First meeting of Advisory School Board
- 25 Amache High team plays first basketball game outside Center at Granada
- 25 ROCKY MOUNTAIN NEWS starts publication of series of articles by Lee Casey on Granada Project
- 27 Joseph Smart, director of WRA Regional Office, Denver, visits Amache
- 29 Amache beet field volunteer workers praised by C. V. Maddux, Great Western Sugar Company officer
- 29 Amache receives 16 m.m. movie projector
- 29 Otto R. Rosmond, in charge of community enterprises of all centers, makes survey of Amache
- 29 Robert O'Brien, Director of National Relocation Council, visits Amache
- 29 75 Amacheans, in response for blood donations have blood tested and typed

December: 1942

- 2 Construction of new school buildings begun
- 2 2000 feet of hose arrive for fire department
- 2 First issue of sales receipts for refund purposes by Center stores
- 2 Sports equipment received from NYA, WPA, CCC
- 4 Malcolm E. Pitts, WRA Regional Administrative Officer, visits camp
- 4 Amache school children take Intelligence and Achievement tests
- 4 Frances Lee, National Girl Scout executive, holds training session
- 5 Refresher course in Japanese language established for draft-age Nisei
- 5 Rocky Ford and Colorado Springs faculty, senior high students from Ulysses, Kansas visit center
- 5 WRA policy of relocation and resettlement henceforth to be chief aim of all centers
- 5 Training school opened for Center police officers
- 5 Otto R. Rosman, head of WRA Community Enterprises, explains set-up of Cooperatives
- 5 Model recreation hall established at 11G

December, 1942 Cont.

- 7 Mercury falls to 10 degrees F.
- 8 Historic bell from XY ranch rings for first time in school area, 8H block
- 8 Latin-American Art Exhibit opens
- 9 Amache High School basketball team plays Lamar here
- 9 Denver fire chief and other officers make survey of Center--volunteer auxiliary firemen start training
- 9 Automatic sprinkling system installed at Center hospital
- 11 Draft registration begins for all 18-19 age Nisei boys
- 12 15 Nisei servicemen entertained informally
- 14 Factual account of Granada Project published in LAMAR DAILY NEWS
- 14 Article in December issue of COLORADO STATE JOURNAL on "Amache Teachers Help Japanese Americans Solve Their Problems"
- 14 Amache participates in state-wide "blackout" practice
- 16 Program of one-act plays presented by Little Theater group
- 19 Stauffer & March Food Co., Rocky Ford, donates 30 Christmas trees to Center
- 19 PIONEER distributes questionnaire in survey of needs and wishes of residents in regard to center newspaper
- 20 First major fire in Center--damage \$150--6E-10F
- 20 Evacuees urged to keep professional, vocational, or skilled trades licenses paid up to maintain professional status
- 24 Holly farmers publicly thank Granada volunteers for aiding in beet harvesting. HOLLY CHIEFTAIN
- 24 Amache Post Office swamped with Christmas mail--10,000 letters, 8 packages arrive in one day
- 24 Center residents gather 8 tons of scrap material for war effort
- 24 4 groups sing Christmas carols throughout Center
- 24 367 gift packages, received from various organizations, distributed to children
- 25 Christmas program at Terry Hall--puppet show featuring "Little Neebo" for children
- 30 Self-government charter of Granada Project approved by Washington Office WRA
- 30 Ration books called in
- 30 All WRA employees on 48-hour weekly schedule
- 30 Associated Press dispatch predicts controversy in Senate Appropriations Committee over Granada Center's proposed new school buildings
- 30 Caucasian employees entertain evacuee helpers of the various divisions
- 30 Professional gamblers operating within Center go on trial at Lamar Courthouse
- 30 Center population 6,822

January: 1943

- 1 Community Enterprises close for 3-day New Year's celebration
- 1 Registration for All Nisei boys on reaching 18th birthday begun
- 3 First regular feature length motion picture shown in Center
- 6 Five-week training course instituted for leaders of youth groups
- 6 ROCKY MOUNTAIN NEWS backs Granada educational program in controversy over proposed new school buildings
- 8 Camp problems discussed at first meeting of Amache Town Hall
- 9 Children up to 6 years receive diphtheria inoculations

January, 1943 Cont.

- 9 30 ping pong tables in use in recreation halls--intramural basketball league formed
- 9 Amache shows greatest percentage among Centers in enrollment at Naval Language School
- 9 Leases of local land in vicinity of Center offered to Amache residents
- 11 Resident advisory committee for recreation department selected
- 11 Drive for charter membership of Community Enterprises (Co-op) starts
- 11 All Amache school children to have eyesight and hearing tested
- 12 Davis McEntire, Washington WRA Employment Officer, says Amache ahead of other centers in relocation plans
- 12 Figures released in survey by American Institute of Public Opinion show West Coast residents against return of Japanese
- 12 AMACHE PIONEER to be issued three times weekly
- 12 Amache High selects "Indians" as name for athletic teams--red and blue, school colors
- 14 3,779 pounds of fat salvaged in war effort, sent to Wichita, Kansas
- 14 Amache Teachers' Association host to Lamar teachers
- 16 Amache winner of first baby and first pair of twins born in 1943 in Prowers County Stork Derby
- 16 Congressman Johnson, California, introduces resolution calling for investigation of WRA centers
- 16 Amache High 17-piece band makes debut at Amache vs Hartman game in Granada gym
- 16 Granada Project tops centers in traffic safety
- 16 Denver Council of Churches donates piano for nursery school
- 16 Denver and Salt Lake leaves withdrawn because of danger of public reaction
- 19 LAMAR DAILY NEWS supports WRA program in Congressmen's controversy
- 19 Mercury drops to 22 below zero
- 19 Community Enterprises report a new profit of \$8,888.14 during last quarter of 1942
- 19 Denver Building Trades and Construction Council opposes building of new school houses at Amache
- 20 Self-government charter ratified by 1977 majority vote of Center residents
- 20 Granada opens gym for practice to Amache students on Saturdays
- 21 War Production Board cancels priorities--Amache high school building only to be completed--work on elementary buildings halted
- 21 Webster Women's College offers scholarship to Nisei student
- 23 Captain Martin, Spanish envoy representing Japanese government, arrives to discuss problems of Japanese nationals
- 23 Dorothy McDougall, appointed personnel staff, presents concert at Terry Hall
- 26 GRANADA PIONEER publishes issue prepared by all-girl staff
- 26 Amache Red Cross Chapter organized with aid of Fred A. Cassel, field representative
- 26 Incorporation papers of Amache Community Enterprises, Inc. filed in Denver
- 26 Nine resident gamblers fined in Lamar trial and sentenced to 30 days in county jail
- 26 Nisei girls seek enrollment in WAC and other divisions of armed services.

January, 1943 Cont.

- 27 All infants up to 3 years receive whooping cough immunization at hospital
- 27 Joseph H. Riley, Washington Dept. of Commerce and Member of ICC, inspects Amache transportation system
- 28 Mess hall winners in sanitation contest announced--1st. 7M; 2nd 8K
- 28 Spanish Vice-Consul's report presented at Issei meeting
- 28 Secretary of War Stimson releases plan for formation of Nisei battalion unit
- 30 President's "March of Dimes" ball at Terry Hall

February: 1943

- 1 Internal tax collectors in Center to assist residents in making out 1942 tax returns
- 1 Pres. Roosevelt issues letter approving War Department's lifting of military service ban
- 1 Carelessly thrown cigarette starts brush fire on farm project
- 2 Four Associated Press members visit Center to gather material and take pictures for news releases
- 2 John Embree, Washington social analyst, visits Center
- 2 Article in January issue of THE MOUNTAIN STATE BANKER credits evacuee volunteers with saving Prowers County beet harvest and praises Center morale
- 3 Closer restrictions on rationed goods go into effect
- 4 75 instruments donated by Lamar High School to Amache band
- 4 Project Director Lindley and other officers guests of honor at dinner by Naval Language School instructors, Boulder, Colorado
- 5 Election of block managers
- 6 Army recruiting team gives instructions for registration
- 6 Center hospital calls for 24 more nurses' aides
- 6 1700 Mache students dedicate new flag pole in outdoor ceremony--8H block
- 7 INS features story on WRA with pictures of Amache Nisei volunteers
- 9 Permission to obtain \$2 fishing and hunting licenses granted to Nisei as Colorado residents
- 10 All Amache residents 17 years of age or older, alien and citizen, men and women, report for interview and registration
- 10 Sale of shoes frozen until ration allowance comes from Washington
- 10 Jack Carberry, sports editor of Denver Post, visits Center
- 12 Nisei fireman Tadakuma rescues flag from top of 90-foot pole when halyard breaks
- 14 Dr. Frank Fulton, Yale University, Describes life in war-torn countries--Terry Hall
- 15 First edition of Granada Literary magazine--DAWAN
- 16 Poultry project to supply eggs and fowls for Center mess halls started on Koen ranch
- 16 Residents going out on indefinite leave now able to receive ration books at Center leave office
- 16 Robert Gross, noted violinist, presents concert at Terry Hall
- 16 Peter Masuoka is fourth son of Amache family to volunteer for U.S. Army

February, 1943 Cont.

- 19 Project Director Lindley honors block managers and council with dinner
- 19 Dr. Lester K. Abe, WRA advisor, U. S. Office of Education, meets with Amache education staff
- 20 Two-day basketball tournament at Granada gymnasium
- 23 Boy Scout troops start scrap drive by collecting ton of paper
- 24 Volunteer army enlistments close after 4 P.M.
- 24 500 new books arrive for Center libraries
- 24 32 Amache seniors receive diplomas at mid-term graduation exercises
- 25 Army enlistments for professional men received (doctors, dentists, ministers)
- 25 Survey shows 1070 Amache residents on short term leave aided in harvest
- 25 Amache Boy Scouts hold first Court of Honor--Charters distributed
- 26 Victory concert and dance sponsored by Amache schools--\$4500 bonds and stamps sold
- 26 Director Lindley and other officers leave for WRA conference, Denver
- 27 Amache hospital receives gift of radio from Granada Christian Church
- 27 Co-op membership drive nets \$24,380
- 27 Educational leaves granted to 74 former Amache students now attending colleges throughout the U. S.
- 27 Workshop for recreation department opened

March: 1943

- 5 Dinner honoring Amache Army volunteers given by appointed personnel
- 6 Two-day Arts and Crafts exhibit draws approximately 1000 outside visitors
- 6 Registration of Nisei nurses' aide and WAC volunteers
- 6 By-laws for Amache Consumers' Enterprises accepted by block delegates
- 6 Model apartment unit designed by senior homemaking girls on inspection--5E
- 6 End-of-season basketball championship games at Granada gymnasium
- 6 Welfare Department makes survey of crippled children in Center
- 7 SAN FRANCISCO CHRONICLE carries feature story of Amache Center by AP Staff Writer, Leif Erickson
- 8 All-Center dance honoring Army volunteers
- 9 Amache Senior High offers new courses for post-graduates
- 9 Amache "Indians" win fourth victory over Holly "Wildcats"
- 10 Amache Seventh Day Adventist Church begins series of evangelistic services
- 10 Drive for Red Cross War Fund opens
- 13 Evacuees employed outside Amache no longer permitted to reside within Center
- 13 7 men arrested for disturbing the peace fined \$5 each by Lamar J.P.
- 13 Amache Junior High adopts progressive type of report card -- no letter grades
- 13 18 of 22 Nisei instructors at Amache hold college or university degrees
- 14 Amache YMCA members hear reports from Center delegates to Kansas City meetings
- 15 Nurses' Aide training course begins

March, 1943 Cont.

- 16 School Supt. Paul Terry and Principal, H. K. Walther, speak to Pueblo Chamber of Commerce on problems of education of Japanese Americans
- 16 Namiko Ota, 9th grade Amache student of piano, performs for Pueblo C. of C.
- 17 WRA field men from Denver and Cleveland confer with Amache residents
- 17 Softball replaces basketball in recreational sports program
- 20 Election of Co-op board of directors, membership and auditing committees
- 20 40 Girl Reserve delegates attend La Junta conference
- 20 Two-day showing of Paramount newsreel of Amache Center viewed by many residents
- 20 124 volunteers from Amache enlist in Nisei combat unit
- 20 Group of young boys apprehended and reprimended for destroying property
- 20 Denver Civil Service officers visit Center to discuss employment possibilities
- 21 Dedication Week services begun in Amache Christian churches
- 21 Father Hugh Lavery, Los Angeles Maryknoll mission, speaks at Amache
- 21 C. F. Reifsnider, West Coast Episcopal Bishop, speaks at Terry Hall
- 26 355th Escort Guard members view first film at Amache since coming to Center
- 26 Three-day exhibit of drawings and paintings opens at art studio
- 27 Rev. J. A. Goldwater, Buddhist Brotherhood of America, speaks at Center
- 30 Fire, which damaged 6700 acres of nearby prairie and pasture land, extinguished by Amache Fire Department
- 31 Cash grants for transportation and initial living expenses made available to needy evacuees on indefinite leave
- 31 Ralph Smeltzer, head of Chicago hostel, interviews prospective relocatees
- 31 Co-op Scrip books (\$2.50, \$5 and \$10 denominations) go on sale
- 31 Former Amachean elected president of Oberlin College student body

April: 1943

- 1 Three-day run of all-high school play, "Ladies of the Jury"
- 1 Amache Senior High establishes Student Council organization
- 2 S. Clay Coy, A.H.S. principal, elected president Colorado Schoolmasters' Club
- 3 145 stars, representing Amache Army volunteers, placed on service flag
- 3 6,750 baby chicks arrive for Center farm--call for 50 more workers
- 4 Board of Directors, Pueblo YMCA guests of Amache "Y"
- 5 First local ordinances voted on and adopted by Amache Council
- 5 Dr. G. K. Chapman, head of San Francisco Federated churches, speaks at Terry Hall
- 7 Denver office issues instructions relative to reopening of Civil Service positions to Japanese Americans
- 7 Small blaze in mess hall 7H quickly extinguished by volunteer firemen
- 7 Rev. J. Foote and P. Garman, Denver, missionaries in Japan for 30 years visit Center

April, 1943 Cont.

- 8 Civil Service rights of Sam Oruna, State Health Dept. worker, Denver, upheld
- 9 Managers of softball teams draw up season's schedule
- 10 Dedication of YWCA Hospitality House
- 10 Amache artists urged to enter art competition for all relocation centers sponsored by Friends Center, Cambridge, Mass.
- 10 H. E. Reed and Wm. M. Case, Washington WRA office, confer with Amache farm officers
- 10 Elementary school Co-op sells \$15.15 worth of war stamps first day of sale
- 10 Prowers County records show 2/3 of all marriage licenses issued first quarter of 1943 were to Amache residents
- 11 First Boy Scout field day
- 11 Members of Japanese Men's Literary Club hike to Arkansas River
- 12 Clinic for crippled children established
- 13 Instrumental music department sponsors recital and auction sale of instruments
- 14 U. S. Merchant Marine offers opportunity for enlistment to Nisei
- 14 J. O. Moore, Public Welfare officer, attends National Conference of Social Workers, St. Louis
- 14 Amache takes a 40% cut in further gasoline rationing
- 14 Amache service flag made by junior high homemaking classes
- 14 Special 2-day Buddhist (hana matsuri) celebration
- 14 Chief Steward Wells explains point rationing system used in Center
- 16 Sixteen members of Amache Junior High tumbling team perform at Holly, Colorado
- 17 Weekly series of current events reviews initiated
- 17 School superintendents from Jerome and Rohwer centers survey Amache system
- 17 Clean-up drive sponsored by hospital and fire department starts
- 17 Various organizations throughout Center begin Second Victory Bond drive
- 17 Merced Assembly Center sends check for \$154 to be used "for the welfare of the Granada Center residents"
- 17 Four Amache students receive first-division rating in music contest at Hugo, Colorado
- 17 Amache grade school children plant rye grass around school grounds
- 18 Permission granted to Nisei soldiers to travel in restricted area, West Coast
- 20 Dorothy H. Taylor, National Girl Scout Field Advisor, confers with Center G. S. leaders
- 20 Santa Barbara Co. board of supervisors on record against return of evacuees
- 20 Secretary of Interior Ickes hires 3 Nisei on Maryland farm
- 21 All Center transportation facilities used to transport coal from Granada siding to Amache
- 23 Fourteen-year-old Paul Takemura killed by cave-in on Project--two other boys rescued
- 24 All passes temporarily suspended because of adverse feeling around by announcement of execution of American aviators in Japan
- 24 W. E. Hoffman, Washington Fire Protection Officer, inspects Center fire department
- 24 Amache judicial commission holds first session at Town Hall

April, 1943 Cont.

- 24 School Supt. Terry Speaks at Las Animas Chamber of Commerce meeting
- 26 Project Director Lindley leaves for Gila River Center to study employment practices there
- 28 Issuance of work passes resumed--local passes still withheld
- 28 27 acres of potatoes planted at Center farm--50 head of cattle purchased
- 28 Needy families of Nisei soldiers to be allowed transportation grants
- 28 Amache hospital praised by Col. Wilson of Washington WRA office
- 30 Two-passenger monoplane "drops in" to camp with visitors for Police Chief Tomlinson
- 30 Japanese Language School, Boulder, Colo., to accept 100 WAVES for training

May: 1943

- 1 American born Amache residents permitted to apply for confiscated cameras and short-wave radios
- 1 New hearings to be given families having sons in armed forces if desired
- 1 Ernest Reed, Washington agricultural official, inspects machinery and operations on Project farm
- 1 Rev. E. A. Rhodes, Los Angeles Church of Christ, arrives for 10-day visit
- 3 Thirty seniors of Ordway High School visit Center
- 4 School dismissed and small children taken home in trucks because of sudden terrific sand storm
- 4 Thomas R. Bodine, Director of National Japanese Student Relocation Council, on 5-day visit to Amache to interview prospective students
- 4 25 Kit Carson High School students visit Center
- 4 U. S. War Department approves enlistment of Nisei women in WAC
- 5 John Spencer, head of Center agricultural division, speaks at general farm conference at Terry Hall
- 5 Fire Department called to extinguish weed blaze at XY ranch
- 5 WRA order gives Issei right to hold elective offices in centers
- 5 All control of Amache Consumer Enterprises placed in hands of evacuees
- 5 71-year-old woman resident fined \$200 and sentenced to 90 days in jail for operating gambling den in Center--5 others fined
- 5 Landscaping of administrative area started
- 5 Government agencies (OW, FCC, Army, Navy) call for Japanese American translators
- 5 University of Colorado publication censures DENVER POST for its stand against return of evacuees to American communities
- 5 Senior high softball teams entered in National Scholastic Softball League
- 5 Esther Briemeister, National YWCA Secretary, speaks at Hospitality House
- 5 Girl Reserves make layettes for Center hospital
- 6 65 elementary school pupils begin work on Victory Garden tract
- 7 Amache students receive 3 first-division ratings in state-wide music contest at Pueblo, Colorado
- 8 Block meetings held to assist in recruiting 200 farm workers
- 8 Beet workers and others on leave permitted to apply for emergency aid

May, 1943 Cont.

- 9 Troop 162 wins first place in second Boy Scout field day
- 9 Mothers' Day programs sponsored by Boy Scouts, "Y", Buddhist and Christian churches
- 9 94 Nisei girls take over their mothers' duties in mess halls on Mother's Day
- 15 Amache given quota of 30 as NYA extends training program to include Nisei
- 15 Colorado fishing licenses available to Japanese American citizens only
- 15 Amache ranks second among centers in number of leaves issued (1,225)
- 15 Taxi service between Granada and Amache established
- 15 Fire Chief issues new fire prevention rules
- 15 PIONEER magazine section-PULSE-makes debut
- 17 No more "jay walking" in Center rules Police Department
- 17 One-dollar scrip books go on sale at Co-op
- 18 Elementary school kite-flying contest
- 19 PIONEER gives official thanks to Lamar Post VFW for "send-offs" to Amache boys leaving for induction
- 19 Nurses Aides receive blue and white striped pinafore uniforms
- 19 Amache Boy Scouts salvaging tin cans from Center dump
- 19 PIONEER issues 6-page special farm edition supplement
- 19 100 tins scrap metal sold to Speker Wrecking Company, Denver
- 20 Thomas Cavett and Gene Hagberg, Dies Committee representatives, make official visit to Amache
- 22 Three Amache youths plead guilty of assault before Lamar J.P.
- 22 Guy M. Springer, District O.D.T. Manager, reduces Amache's gas allowance by 40%
- 22 Center population now 6,509
- 22 ROCKY MOUNTAIN NEWS features story and pictures of arrival of 40 evacuees in Denver
- 22 Col. C. Blake, C.O. Quartermaster Corps, Kansas City, visits Center
- 23 Mock air raid held in Center-wide alert, sponsored by fire and police departments, U. S. Escort Guard, and hospital
- 26 Dies Committee reports: "If all the other centers are like Amache, there should be no trouble at all."
- 26 Supreme Court's decision, that "persons of Japanese blood born in this country cannot be deprived of their American citizenship", lauded by CHICAGO TRIBUNE
- 27 Rev. H. D. Jeffries, Rocky Ford Adventist pastor, shows motion pictures of Hawaii--outside guests from Lamar and Las Animas
- 29 63-year-old Yoshinosuke Nakana attempts suicide under Arkansas River bridge near Center
- 29 Amache Boy Scouts work on farm for 2 days to alleviate labor shortage
- 30 Memorial Day Parade and flag-raising ceremony by Boy Scouts
- 30 J. W. Copithorne, American Friends Service, visits Amache in interest of proposed hostel, Des Moines, Iowa

June: 1943

- 1 Passes to Hideaway Lake cancelled--water considered unsafe for drinking or swimming
- 2 Food allotment for outside purchase reduced from 45 cents to 31 cents a person per day
- 2 NYA proposed training program for Nisei evacuees cancelled
- 2 Hospital issues call for more blood donations from Center residents -- no other sources available -- 30 blood donations accepted during May
- 3 New Silk Screen project gets under way
- 3 50 Evacuees volunteer for 2-day harvesting of spinach crop
- 3 WRA Director, Dillon S. Myer, replies to Dies Committee charges of mismanagement, inefficiency, "pampering" of evacuees, etc.
- 5 John W. Rademaker, Community Analyst, offers course in methods of social research
- 5 First recital presented by elementary and junior high piano classes
- 5 Residents asked to save newspapers for Center hospital use
- 5 40 boys form Amache chapter of Future Farmers of America
- 5 Amache Boy Scouts organize color guard for daily flag raising ceremony
- 5 Amache resident, Yoshio Tsuruda, takes third prize in Relocation Center Art Exhibit, Cambridge, Mass.
- 8 Hiroshi Okamura dies at Center hospital as result of accident while at work on canal near Lamar
- 9 Amache Boy Scouts set goal of 23,000 hours for emergency farm work
- 10 Six Amache families join members interned at Crystal City, Texas
- 10 Amache chapter of National Honor Society holds initiation ceremony for charter members
- 11 Amache seniors hold banquet at 7H mess hall
- 11 21-year-old "Peeping Tom" apprehended in women's shower room
- 11 Project Director Lindley explains segregation program to block managers on his return from Washington conference
- 11 Gov. Warren of California signs alien land law bill and goes on record as opposing return of all evacuees
- 12 Initiation of 8 charter members of Lettermen's Club
- 12 Officers of Camp Shelby praise members of Nisei combat team who exemplify their motto "Go for Broke"
- 12 Selene Gifford, WRA Supervisor Washington Welfare Section, visits Amache
- 12 Amache YBA honored with party
- 12 Thirteen more army volunteers leave for Denver to be inducted--total 76 to date
- 12 1000 bushels spinach shipped from Amache to U. S. Army--1200 bushels to Arizona Relocation Centers
- 12 Federal Employees' Benefit Compensation extended to cover WRA evacuee workers
- 12 Lee Casey, ROCKY MOUNTAIN NEWS feature writer, champions relocation program
- 12 Issei entertainment program sponsored by recreation department
- 14 129 awards presented at second Boy Scout Court of Honor
- 15 Ten block representatives re-elected to Community Council; new members elected include 4 Issei and 2 women

June, 1943 Cont.

- 16 James W. Fennell, Pueblo WRA Relocation Officer, discusses relocation opportunities in his district
- 16 All short-wave radio sets in Center ordered to be turned in to Police Department
- 16 Dog licenses for Amache canines on sale at office of police chief
- 16 Booklet "Amache", describing Granada project, ready for distribution
- 16 John Radamaker, Community Analyst, gives out questionnaires to learn reasons for hesitancy in relocation
- 19 New shoe ration coupons available for Center residents
- 19 Co-op distributes over \$5000 in refunds to members of Consumer Enterprises
- 19 Registration of children of pre-school age
- 19 Junior high pupils take achievement tests
- 20 Rev. Gabriel S. Upton, Lamar Methodist Church, speaks at first Baccalaureate Service at Amache High School
- 21 TIME MAGAZINE carries story of Nisei trainees and college students, citing several from Granada Center
- 21 Electric shop added to Amache Community Enterprises
- 22 Kashumi Nakashima, Amache snake exterminator, treated at Center hospital for rattlesnake bite
- 22 Current edition of magazine PIC runs article depicting Kibei as "dangerous" group
- 22 Junior-Senior Prom--theme, "Pot of gold at the end of the rainbow"
- 23 Amache juniors prove champions at first interclass track and field meet
- 23 Center threatened with epidemic of German measles
- 23 Four tons waste fat sold to Pueblo by-products company
- 23 U. S. Supreme Court upholds constitutionality of evacuation
- 23 Junior High School graduation exercises at new high school auditorium
- 24 WRA Director Myer, on TIME magazine radio program, refutes charges made by Dies Committee members and others
- 24 First publication of ONLOOKER, Amache Senior High annual, ready for distribution
- 25 174 Amache graduates receive diplomas at Commencement exercises at new high school auditorium
- 26 Visiting soldiers honored by Blue Star Mothers at Hospitality House
- 27 "Scoop", Amache newsboy, formerly of San Francisco, rates picture in Denver Sunday Post
- 28 One-week survey for job preferences planned to speed up relocation program
- 30 Camp Savage trainees present donation to YWCA to carry on USO activities in Center
- 30 Baseball supersedes softball on Center recreational program
- 30 Motor Pool workers return from Gardener, Colo. with used lumber for Center garage construction
- 30 New uniforms and badges issued to members of Amache police force
- 30 Deadline for turning in all evacuee-owned short-wave radio sets

July: 1943

- 1 Amache host to 13 press, radio and newsreel men on 2-day inspection of Center
- 1 Administrative staff starts to operate under 3 divisions -- Community, Operations, and Administrative Management
- 1 All departments of Community Enterprises closed for inventory
- 1 New educational program combines junior and senior high schools under one head -- to be designated as Amache Secondary Schools
- 2 Dedication of new high school building--Pageant "Americans Through Education"
- 2 Lettuce harvesting started on Center farm

July, 1945 Cont.

- 3 Dance at Hospitality House for benefit of USO activities
- 3 Freezing unit constructed for perishable foods
- 3 Northern Council of Churches (California) urges resettlement of Japanese-Americans now
- 5 Summer musical program for Center planned
- 5 25 Girl Reserves go to camp near Vineland, Colorado to help in Harvest
- 5 Dr. N. E. Viles, Washington WRA Education Advisor, arrives at Amache to discuss school problems
- 5 Wally Reef, News Editor, Denver radio station KFEL, discusses Granada Center on 4 daily broadcasts
- 5 J. C. Baker, Chief WRA Reports Officer, praises work of documentation staff at Amache as most complete of all centers
- 7 15,000 chickens being raised on project farm
- 7 Amache engineers warn residents of danger of water shortage
- 7 Police department records only one arrest in month of June
- 8 Senor de Amat of Spanish Consulate, San Francisco, and James E. Henderson, U. S. State Department, on 2-day official visit to Center
- 8 Three-day celebration and carnival to raise funds for Center organizations and to promote sale of War Stamps and Bonds
- 8 1.81 inches of rain in 1½-hour storm floods warehouses, causes collapse of Co-op building under construction, floods school basement, mess halls, and barrack buildings
- 10 WRA order reduces Center number of employees 3,060 to 2,300. Labor problems discussed at special meetings
- 10 Women's Federated Clubs hold bazaar
- 10 New dental clinic opens
- 10 All summer school classes housed in new high school building
- 10 Summer activities for Center children sponsored by Granada Christian Church
- 14 4 administrative department heads represent Amache Center at WRA meeting in Denver
- 14 Official announcement that segregation is to begin September 1
- 14 F. A. Castle, St. Louis Red Cross officer, assist in formation R.C. unit in Center. \$1700 already contributed to Red Cross fund
- 14 Appeal for more farm workers and coal shovelers
- 14 First Community Analysis report submitted to Washington
- 14 Dr. N. E. Viles, WRA office, Washington, after 5-day survey is amazed at rapid development of Amache school program
- 16 State Military Affairs Committee recommends drafting of Japanese Americans
- 16 Two-day outdoor presentation of drama "Kunisada Chuji"
- 16 Prizes awarded to carnival winners, concessions, and War Stamp sales
- 16 32 FFA members visit sugar beet experimental station and study Rocky Ford farm operations
- 17 Short term leaves for pleasure stopped by ODT to avoid unnecessary travel
- 17 Bob Ejima of Center secures position as Japanese language instructor, University of Michigan
- 17 Relocation library for adults set up in GH laundry
- 21 WRA pamphlets, "The Relocation Program," (English and Japanese) distributed to all Center residents
- 21 14-months-old Howard Ono wins \$100 war bond in raffle sponsored by Blue Star Mothers. Total of 15,335 10-cent war stamps sold during drive
- 21 Mrs. Inez Johnson Lewis, Colorado State Supt. of Public Instruction, visits Center schools
- 21 Twenty Amache volunteers await call for induction

July, 1943 Cont.

- 21 Elementary school children make donations of Swiss chard and Italian squash to mess halls from Victory gardens
- 21 Dr. Masato Okuda, formerly of Center dental clinic, first Amache resident to receive U. S. Army commission
- 23 Edward Marks, Washington Chief WRA Recreation Division, on 2-day visit
- 24 PIONEER summarizes comments of newsmen, recent visitors to Center--favorable reviews of WRA program
- 24 Quota of 15 Amache residents await sailing orders to Japan on Gripsholm
- 24 Official committee for Center hearings named
- 24 PUEBLO CHIEFTAIN shows pictures of Girl Reserves helping in war effort at YWCA harvest camp -- 15 from Amache
- 24 WRA farm family units planned for Amache resettlers
- 24 Amache Consumer Enterprises assumes agency for fire insurance on household and personal goods
- 24 Merle White, Relocation Officer for Nebraska and South Dakota area, arrives in Center to recruit workers for Iowa corn fields
- 24 YBA installation-Terry Hall
- 24 Tom Okamoto, artist, holds exhibit at high school--theme "Amache"
- 24 Junior High students donate 14½ bushels vegetables from Victory gardens
- 26 600 boxes of tomatoes received from Gila center for use in Amache
- 28 WRA Director, Dillon S. Myer, on official visit, speaks at meetings of residents, block managers, etc.
- 28 The killing of 50 chickens on Center farm by stray dogs brings warning to dog owners
- 28 American flag presented to Boy Scout troop 179 by residents of 9L block
- 28 Esther Breisemeister, National YWCA Secretary, helps reorganize Amache branch
- 28 Practice for Bon Odor festival begins
- 28 Blue Star Mothers plan weekly luncheon for visiting Nisei servicemen
- 28 Dillon S. Myer explains Segregation plan to 700 evacuees at high school auditorium--is glad of opportunity to speak at "the most publicized and most famous high school in the United States"
- 29 Community Council and Block Managers ply Director Myer with questions at special meeting
- 30 Tule Lake designated as Segregation Center for those evacuees who indicate their loyalty lies with Japan
- 30 Legal heads of WRA Washington office, visit Center
- 31 Summer sports dance sponsored by high school and Lettermen's Club
- 31 Article "Homemaking in a Relocation Center" appears in July-August issue PRACTICAL HOME ECONOMICS magazine--written by Lottie E. More and S. Clay Coy of Amache teaching staff

August: 1943

- 1 Officers of Welfare Section take four Amache children to Crippled Childrens' Department, Denver State Hospital
- 3 Eighteen Amache families receive messages from relatives in Japan through International Red Cross services
- 4 Amache recreation division shows deficit of \$211.22 as of June 30
- 4 Center carpenter shop undergoes complete renovation
- 4 Three small children treated for injuries and broken arms in playground accidents

August, 1943 Cont.

- 4 School children donate beans and cucumbers to Center hospital from Victory gardens
- 6 90-foot M.P. flag pole halyard repaired with difficulty for second time
- 7 Summer carnival shows net profit of \$802.14, total receipts of \$4,776.25
- 7 Job offers to be limited until after completion of segregation program
- 7 Amache Silk Screen Shop negotiating with U. S. Navy for poster contract
- 7 Las Alegrias, Amache High School girls' service club, holds picnic at Koen ranch
- 7 Medals awarded by American Softball Association to Amache high school intramural victors
- 7 Twelve Nisei delegates leave for Christian conference, Pine Crest Institute, Palmer Lake
- 8 Rev. Kojiro Unoura, former pastor Japanese Christian church, Los Angeles, holds reunion with old members
- 9 Mysterious "ball of fire" reported as seen by residents of Block 6F
- 9 E. J. Utz, Washington WRA office, checks up on operating details of agricultural and engineering departments of Center
- 10 Third outdoor music program--band concert
- 10 Prizes awarded to junior high school students in model airplane contest
- 10 Three-day church conference sponsored by Granada Christian Church
- 10 T. M. Metzger, head of Denver Associated Press, visits center
- 11 Tentative Center figures for Tule Lake segregation for Amache--150-200 out, 1000 into center
- 11 Pamphlets, "Segregation of Persons of Japanese Ancestry in Relocation Centers", distributed to residents
- 11 Akira Sameshima, Amache delegate, elected vice president of conference council, Pine Crest Institute
- 11 50 residents pay tribute to Rev. Kosabura, oldest minister of Japanese ancestry in U. S., on 89th birthday
- 12 Block managers take over distribution of mail throughout blocks
- 13 Fourth and last outdoor concert features singing by girls Glee Club
- 13 Dance sponsored by Amache high school creative writing class to raise money for its magazine, KALEIDOSCOPE
- 14 Gala Bon Odori festival at recreation field-10F
- 14 Obon memorial services at high school auditorium
- 14 Segregation program not to interfere with regular relocation procedures
- 14 Residents advised against burning weeds in Center without help from Fire Department
- 14 Preinduction commercial courses for Army to be offered in high school program
- 14 Relocation in northern Colorado discouraged by WRA relocation officers in that area except for seasonal work
- 14 Amache Consumer Enterprises conducting survey of prevailing outside market prices
- 15 Lt. Col. Tiero, WRA liaison officer, and F. B. Wutsche, WRA equipment supervisor, on week's official inspection of Center equipment
- 15 Reception committee for incoming Tule Lake evacuees organizes
- 16 Second night of Bon Odori celebration (postponed because of rain) draws 100 participants
- 18 Silk Screen supervisor, Miss Campbell, describes process, Lions Club, Lamar
- 18 Housing moves frozen in preparation for new evacuees from Tule Lake--residents turn in extra cots, bedding, etc. 280 housing units needed

August, 1943 Cont.

- 19 Gymnasium opened for badminton players
- 19 20 Boy Scouts leave on camping trip to Mancos, Colorado to help dismantle old CCC camp for re-assembling at Center
- 19 J. B. Cowan, Director of Intensive Language Program of American Council of Learned Societies, interviews 20 applicants, prospective Japanese language instructors
- 20 Only 106 Amache residents to be transferred to Tule Lake in segregation program
- 21 Amache representative appointed to go to Los Angeles to check evacuee property stored there
- 24 Lt. Peggy Davies speaks to 300 Nisei girls on recruiting program for WAC
- 25 Epidemic of poliomyelitis strikes neighboring communities of Holly, Bristol, Lamar
- 25 W. G. Kelly, Alien Property Officer, Chicago, Ill., visits Amache relative to property of repatriates leaving on Gripsholm
- 25 Dr. Roy Smith, recently from Japan on Gripsholm, visits Amache to help re-locatees in Chicago area
- 25 First carload of potatoes ever to be shipped from Granada goes to Heart Mountain from Amache Center
- 25 Center resident injuries back in freak accident while riding on coal truck by pressing dump lever
- 26 Center Public Works section provides door-to-door delivery of water to Granada city residents when town pump breaks down
- 27 30 boys of vocational agriculture class and instructor leave for 10-day stay at Mancos camp
- 27 H. C. Walther, High School principal, member of discussion group on "Relocation"-Lisle Foundation of Intercultural Affairs, Lookout Mountain
- 28 "Locoed" cow in new shipment of 498 head of cattle, creates excitement at XY ranch
- 28 Ralph Myers, INS photographer, takes pictures of Center to illustrate story of repatriation being written by Mrs. Eleanor Roosevelt
- 28 10% refund voted on sales at quarterly meeting of Co-op
- 29 Amache baseball team loses to Prowers County All-Stars at Bristol Ball Park
- 30 35 expatriates and repatriates from Amache leave for Jersey City, N. J. to sail for Japan on Gripsholm
- 30 Walter J. Knodel, selective service officer for Center, leaves for Washington for 30-day special assignment
- 31 427 indefinite and seasonal leaves issued during month

September: 1943

- 1 Arrival of mechanical coal loader makes coal handling job easier
- 3 Girl Reserve clubs sponsor "Back to School" social
- 4 Ondo dance program at high school gymnasium
- 4 Shipment of beets, Swiss chard, and cucumbers to Topaz from Center farm
- 4 Kay Sugahara of Center Employment Office speaks at Pueblo Rotary club meeting
- 4 WRA order restricts male Kibei leave clearance
- 4 John Clear, WRA Chief, Washington Office Finance Section, reviews financial and budgeting problems of Center
- 5 Internal Security officer leaves for Tule Lake to escort Tuleans coming to Granada
- 5 Slight damage in barrack apartment fire

September, 1943 Cont.

- 5 Census check-up of Center residents as larger group Tuleans are assigned to Amache
- 5 Amache All-Star ties Prowers County team at Granada
- 6 Amache girls win softball game at Granada
- 6 Band concert presented at Terry Hall as farewell to Ted Hascall, music instructor who leaves to enter U. S. Navy
- 6 Over 200 visitors to Center over Labor Day weekend
- 7 Two Amache Nisei pass WAC physical examination
- 7 Amache schools re-open for fall term
- 8 Another carload of Amache-grown potatoes shipped to Minidoka Center
- 8 44-hour week established for evacuee workers at Center
- 9 Amache resident fined and sentenced to 30 days in county jail for destroying personal property
- 10 155 volunteers report for work at project farm
- 11 No passes to be issued to anyone under 21 for nearby towns because of the infantile paralysis prevalent in county
- 11 Amache Agricultural Fair opens in new Co-op building--700 outside visitors checked at Center gate
- 11 Third War Bond drive under way
- 11 ROCKY MOUNTAIN NEWS carries pictures of former Amacheans living in Denver
- 11 Boy Scouts volunteer assistance in shortage of Center coal workers
- 12 Amache girls win two softball games over Granada teams
- 12 2000 fans see Center All-Star baseball team beat Prowers County All-Stars at Amache field
- 14 Canning plant at Center begins operating
- 15 Amache ships carload of potatoes to Gila and Heart Mountain projects
- 16 125 Amache residents leave for Tule Lake
- 16 First group of 511 Tuleans inducted into Center register at high school
- 16 Silk Screen receives Navy order for 7-color posters for Signal Corps
- 16 Nisei Scouts granted special concessions by formal agreement with Scout National Headquarters and WRA
- 18 All athletic events and other Center activities cancelled because of danger of infantile paralysis--Project Director Lindley issues precautionary orders in poliomyelitis emergency
- 19 Christian Youth Fellowship group holds special song service at Center hospital
- 19 Meal charges for visitors of Japanese ancestry reduced from 35¢ to 20¢
- 20 Students from Tule Lake register at High School
- 22 Arrival of second group of 478 Tuleans make it necessary to set up temporary living quarters in 14 recreation halls
- 23 Carey McWilliams, noted author, speaks to high school student body
- 25 WRA staff passes its quota in Third War Bond drive by 185 per cent
- 25 PIONEER staff donates new 8' by 12' U. S. flag to high school
- 25 9000 gallons pickles canned from Center farm project
- 25 State Attorney General rules that Japanese American citizens of Amache are not entitled to vote in Colorado
- 25 Vocational training course in auto mechanics offered to Center residents
- 25 Nisei girl from Center dies at Pueblo hospital from poliomyelitis
- 25 All outside visitors temporarily barred from Center until danger of polio is passed

September, 1943 Cont.

- 25 Semi-military funeral for Pfc. Henry Inouye, who died at Center hospital while on furlough
- 27 First issue of Amache High publication "IT" for term of 1943-44
- 28 Elementary school Parents' Council holds first meeting
- 29 Slight damage as outdoor stage catches fire
- 30 Amache Senior High School enrollment of 354 girls, 345 boys

October: 1943

- 3 All residents urged to observe Fire Prevention Week in general clean-up of Center
- 3 Silk Screen Shop at work on order for 10,000 Navy recruiting posters
- 3 First heavy frost damages Center's feed crops--some damage to vegetables
- 5 Junior safety patrol of elementary school assumes duties
- 6 Sam Kasai, first mainland Nisei in Merchant Marine, visits relatives in Center
- 6 Five-year-old boy is third victim of poliomyelitis in Center
- 6 Appointed personnel staff purchases \$19,963.65 War Bonds, or 49.6% gross payroll
- 6 Dr. Howard Suenaga is first Nisei evacuee to receive license to practice medicine in Colorado
- 9 961 enrolled in Center night school classes
- 11 Paul J. Terry, Supt. of Schools, leaves center for service in U. S. Navy
- 11 31 relocatees leave Granada on special coach for Chicago--are given "send-off" from Center police station
- 11 Colorado P.T.A. members visit center
- 12 Three carloads of Chinese cabbage shipped to other centers from Amache
- 12 S/Sgt. Ishii, creator of "Lil' Neebo", visits Center
- 13 \$75 donated by various block residents to Amache Scholarship Fund
- 13 Three Amache polio patients receiving Kenny treatment progressing favorably
- 13 Mrs. Fern French, WRA Division of Statistics, Washington office, on 2-day official visit to Amache
- 16 18-year-old high school youth is fourth polio victim in Center
- 22 Carload of beets shipped to Minidoka center from Amache
- 23 Dr. Lloyd A. Garrison assumes duties as new superintendent of Amache schools
- 23 ASTP opened to Nisei students
- 23 Detachment of 335th Military Police Escort Guard leaves Amache to go on duty at Heart Mountain WRA Project
- 23 Arrangements made for Center's four polio cases to be sent to Denver for treatment
- 23 New WRA employment policies discussed at meeting of block representatives
- 25 Ban on Center activities because of poliomyelitis danger lifted
- 26 Fire destroys haystacks in alfalfa field of Koen ranch in windstorm
- 27 Issuance of shopping passes to Lamar and Granada resumed
- 27 Five Japanese American women, former Amache residents, charged with aiding in escape of German war prisoners, taken into custody
- 27 California attorneys to aid evacuees in legal matters pertaining to property in California

October, 1943 Cont.

- 27 29 newly-appointed block personnel hold organization meeting
- 27 Members of Center Fire Department help to eliminate fire hazard at Koen ranch by removing and destroying weeds
- 30 Amache leads all centers in per capita relocation--176 indefinite leaves, 245 seasonal leaves during month
- 30 Recreation department starts 3-league basketball program
- 30 First social since lifting of ban on activities honors new Amache residents from Tule Lake
- 30 AMACHE PIONEER observes first anniversary of its publication

November: 1943

- 1 First snowfall of season
- 1 Junior Red Cross Campaign starts
- 1 Workers' Mess Hall opened
- 1 Individual shopping passes to Lamar limited to one a month
- 2 Silk Screen shop expands to second recreation hall
- 3 Blue Star Mothers' Club sends copies of PIONEER to U. S. Army camps
- 3 Amache Boy Scout "Cubs" start making Christmas toys for Center youngsters
- 3 Celery and turnips stored for winter use at Center
- 5 Two registered nurses from Rohwer Center augment Amache's hospital staff
- 6 WRA family relocation allowances increased
- 6 Several Co-op stores move into new building
- 6 Surplus farm vegetables offered for sale to residents
- 8 Amache schools observe 23rd annual Education Week
- 8 Relocation officers from Kansas City arrive to discuss opportunities in that area
- 9 Six candidates take Army-Navy qualifying tests
- 9 Hearing Board recommends 216 clearances out of 260 cases
- 10 \$913 contributed by appointed personnel in War Chest drive
- 10 Eastern Relocation officers on 5-day visit furnish information to evacuees interested in East Coast opportunities
- 10 26 teams listed in high school basketball leagues--electric score board ordered
- 11 Vocational agriculture boys plan to help feed cattle during winter
- 11 2600 fans see Amache Boys' Club beat football team from Holly
- 11 Appointed personnel host to 300 Tuleans
- 11 Denver WRA officers discuss business and administration matters with Center officials
- 13 2-day exhibition of artificial flowers and miniature gardens--6G rec hall
- 13 WRA order reduces Center's daily milk supply 700 quarts
- 13 Washington Civil Service agencies offer many jobs to Nisei
- 13 John Moore, counselor, speaks to Denver Junior League on Relocation Program
- 13 Amache residents create a fact-finding committee to obtain first-hand knowledge of relocation opportunities in various districts
- 14 51 more Tuleans arrive in Amache
- 15 Koen ranch mess hall closed for season
- 17 Amache Community Library commemorates Book Week with public reception and book reviews

November, 1943 Cont.

- 17 Project farm produce estimated at 3,838,600 bushels vegetables, 55,000 bushels field crops for 1943 season
- 17 60-year-old Amache resident given indeterminate sentence in state penitentiary for robbing roommate
- 17 Co-op lists 2600 members
- 18 Robert Geiger, AP writer, tours Center for feature story material
- 20 100 baby beds for Center hospital under construction by boys of high school woodworking classes
- 20 Construction begun on new motor pool garage
- 20 High school basketball intramural program starts
- 20 Issei program delights capacity crowd of 400 at Terry Hall
- 20 Amache Women's Federation sends \$900 worth of handmade articles to New York bazaar
- 22 Variety store moves into new Co-op building
- 23 Cast of 200 elementary children present musical comedy, "The Palace of Carelessness"
- 24 Project Director Lindley compares Heart Mountain Project with Amache on his return from that Center
- 25 4-day art exhibit at Terry Hall
- 25 Miss E. W. Hersey, Department of Justice officer, in Center to discuss internee problems
- 27 Center figures show family resettlement tempo speeding up
- 30 Bible seminar starts 6-day Christian mission

December: 1943

- 1 No short term or seasonal leaves (except for emergency) to be granted for 45-day period to comply with ODT request that all civilians refrain from travel
- 1 Nurses' Aide shortage at Center hospital becomes critical
- 1 George Crowin, New York Hi-Y secretary, speaks to high school boys
- 2 Evacuation orders held constitutional by U. S. Supreme Court
- 2 Edwin G. Arnold, Chief of Washington Relocation Division, discusses relocation problems with evacuees and appointed personnel
- 3 Opening of basketball season--new electric score board
- 4 Project Director Lindley presents Eagle Scout awards to 2 Amache boys at Third Boy Scout court of honor
- 4 Project farm division asks for donations of oriental seeds
- 5 Girl Reserves sponsor tea for Mrs. Anna B. Moo, well-known speaker and missionary from India
- 6 Delegates from Amache give reports on return from Tri-state Buddhist conference, Denver
- 6 Amache administrative officers leave for week's conference at Denver
- 6 Las Alegrias, girls' service club, starts sale of T.B. Christmas seals
- 7 University of Colorado Madrigal choir presents concert at high school auditorium
- 7 Thomas R. Bodine, National Student Relocation Council Secretary, speaks to prospective college students at high school
- 9 49 Nisei take Civil Service tests for federal employment
- 10 Dry goods department opens at new Co-op store
- 11 Nisei now eligible for entrance into 91 universities hitherto closed to Japanese Americans by military authorities

December, 1943 Cont.

- 11 U. S. Cadet Nurse Corps opens its ranks to Nisei girls
- 11 Chicago Signal Corps, U. S. Army offers jobs to 100 Nisei as warehousemen
- 11 Adult Education Class reaches new high of 1104 enrollment
- 12 Amache High boys organize Hi-Y Club
- 13 15 Amache farmers make survey of West Kansas agricultural possibilities
- 13 Iris Watanabe of Amache honored in ceremony at Colorado State House as first Nisei inducted in WAC
- 13 S. T. Kimball, Washington WRA community organization advisor, arrives at Center to discuss matters of community government
- 15 Amache school children donate \$58 to Junior Red Cross
- 18 Sgts. Tanizawa and Watanabe, Camp Sase trainees, formerly from Amache, on 2-day recruiting mission at Center
- 18 Farm Division purchases 900 sacks of seed potatoes
- 18 Co-op stores remain open evenings and Saturday afternoons for Christmas shopping
- 20 15,000 greeting cards and letters set new daily record for Amache Post Office
- 22 High School presents Christmas program in auditorium
- 24 Proprietor Tsuchiya of Granada Fish Market supplies all block mess halls with Christmas trees from Portland, Oregon
- 24 Amache Silk Screen distributes 1944 calendars to all Center residents and offices
- 24 Center threatened with coal shortage
- 25 All Center churches and religious societies hold Christmas observances; roast chicken dinner for all residents, gifts and candy for children
- 27 Amache High Varsity basketball team leaves for Denver on week's goodwill barnstorming tour
- 27 Spanish Consul, F. de Amat, and H. M. Bennington, U. S. State Department, on official visit to Center
- 31 Co-op December sales reach high of \$53,597.43
- 31 600 attend New Year's Eve dance sponsored by high school student council

January: 1944

- 1 Amache Consumers Enterprises close for annual inventory
- 1 Nisei talent show at high school auditorium
- 3 First major fire in Center causes \$740 damage in barrack apartment
- 3 Colorado Board of consultants inspect Amache schools
- 4 10 new members and 16 re-elected community councilmen begin 6-month term of office
- 8 Dental check-up starts for 900 school children
- 8 Center police file records 84 Internal Security cases during 1943
- 8 \$1,118.85 collected throughout Center distributed to hospital workers as act of appreciation
- 14 35 mid-term graduates receive diplomas
- 15 Residents get refunds on dog licenses declared illegal by Washington WRA
- 15 Elementary school student council sponsors scrap paper drive
- 16 15 vocational agriculture boys leave for annual Denver National Livestock Show
- 18 Flag pole dedication and flag raising on High School grounds
- 18 Deputy collector of internal revenue in Center to assist in making out 1943 income tax returns
- 18 U. S. War Department ruling makes Nisei eligible for army draft induction
- 20 42 motor vehicles transferred from Camp Carson to Amache
- 21 PIONEER sponsors press conference banquet

January, 1944 Cont.

- 24 WRA relocation team on 4-day visit to Center holds several meetings
- 24 Amache High School students canvass Center in "March of Dimes" campaign
- 24 American Legion state officials report favorably after tour of Center
- 26 Boy Scouts receive community service ribbons at fourth District Court of Honor
- 28 Three faculty members of Colorado State College of Education visit Center
- 29 Prowers County draft board reclassifies 150 Amache Nisei
- 29 Internal Security officer Tomlinson reports on Center's Nisei war activities at Colorado Sheriffs and Peace Officers conference
- 29 President's Ball at High School auditorium

February: 1944

- 1 Amache issues 193 relocation leaves during January
- 1 14 Amacheans listed for induction during January
- 3 40,000 pounds onions and 15,000 pounds turnips shipped to Heart Mountain
- 3 \$100 damage caused by collision between appointed personnel car and mess hall truck
- 4 Exhaust pipe causes weed fire near Center main gate
- 5 Amache relocatee makes good as beauty shop owner in New York City
- 6 Basketball games for benefit of invantile paralysis fund
- 7 22 indefinite leaves in one day set new record
- 7 Center farm purchases 7000 baby chicks
- 8 Colorado senate rejects proposed constitutional amendment to prohibit alien Japanese from owning land in the state
- 9 Amache library to receive 700 college catalogues
- 9 30 Nisei donate blood at Denver Center
- 9 "March of Dimes" campaign nets \$212.25
- 9 Additional office space gained by construction of 20' by 100' building north of administration area
- 10 Amache chapter of National Hi-y organized
- 10 Amache basketball stars honored at Granada dinner
- 11 First shipment of beef cattle, 30 head, goes to Heart Mountain
- 12 Dinner by Assistant Director Johnson honoring block managers
- 12 Amache Boys' Club sponsors Valentine Dance
- 12 W. J. Knodel, representing Lamar Selective Service Board, speaks to boys of draft age and their parents at high school
- 12 Local Red Cross headquarters established at 6F recreation hall
- 13 Parade climaxes celebration of 34th anniversary of Boy Scout organization
- 16 Granada WRA sends \$8,964 to Prowers County Treasurer for property now occupied by Amache Center
- 16 President Roosevelt announces WRA transfer to Department of Interior, under Secretary Ickes
- 16 High school students buy \$152.30 worth war stamps
- 18 Series of pre-induction lectures started for men of draft age
- 14 Amache Fire Department offers training course of middle-aged men
- 19 Blue Star Mothers sell \$239 in war stamp drive
- 20 Boy Scouts take 3-day hiking trip
- 21 40 Boy Scouts bundle 5 tons scrap paper at Koen ranch
- 22 48 more Amacheans leave Center for army physical examinations
- 22 Largest fire in Center causes \$1900 damage at 7K mess hall
- 24 U. S. Marshal serves warrant on 5 Amacheans for failure to report for pre-induction physicals

February, 1944. Cont.

- 25 Amache Fire Department fights grass fire at Koen ranch
- 25 High School sophomores win Applegate trophy in interclass basketball series
- 26 Center doctor appointed as examining physician for Lamar Selective Service Board
- 26 Benefit basketball games raise "March of Dimes" fund to \$240
- 26 New family counseling unit set up in Center to aid relocation
- 26 Granada Center community council presents 11 requests to WRA concerning Nisei military service and civilian responsibility to aid war effort
- 28 Amache chapter of national society of Quill and Scroll for high school journalists organized
- 29 Two leap-year babies born in Center hospital

March: 1944

- 1 Amache asked to prepare for receiving group of 500 evacuees from Jerome Center about to be closed
- 1 WRA issues new regulations for seasonal leaves for agricultural or government work
- 1 Farm Security Administration permits loans to Japanese Americans hitherto banned
- 1 Representative from Stevens Hotel, Chicago, offers jobs to Nisei and Issei
- 2 Project Director Lindley leaves for 5-day Washington conference
- 2 Third group of 11 Amacheans leave for Crystal City Internment Camp to join other members of families
- 2 Blue Star Mothers and Women's Federation present petition to Washington to restore Nisei citizenship rights
- 3 Amache Co-op opens beauty shop
- 3 8 internees from Santa Fe detention camp paroled to Amache
- 4 Appointed personnel contribute \$16,916.30 to fourth war loan drive
- 4 Ernest Reed, Chief of Agriculture Division, Washington, makes 4-day survey of Center
- 4 Mrs. Hugo Cedegren, niece of Sweden's king, and other officials visit Amache to check up on welfare of Center residents
- 8 California Selective Service boards call 34 Amacheans for physicals
- 8 Santa Fe railroad officials in Center to recruit railroad workers
- 9 Alice Kaneko, former Amachean, first Sansei to enlist in WAC
- 9 Amache Community Council receives WRA Director Myer's reply to 11-point petition
- 10 5 Hi-Y delegates leave for Denver conference
- 10 Boy Scouts honor group of inductees at "Blue Hawaii" social
- 15 WRA rules pre-inductees may visit Center without food or lodging payment
- 15 25 more Amache boys draftees leave for Denver for pre-induction physicals
- 15 Amache farm division calls for women tractor drivers
- 15 40 Amache boys take Army-Navy qualifying tests at high school building
- 15 Silk Screen shop receives approval for more Navy posters
- 17 Gold loving cup presented to John Hoke, high school coach, on leaving Center
- 17 Former Amachean, Mitsuo Usui, gains fame as U. S. paratrooper
- 17 3 Amache boys, who refused to answer call for pre-induction, taken into custody
- 18 Dr. Lloyd Garrison, Superintendent of Education, leaves for Washington conference
- 19 Center residents volunteer help in landscaping elementary school grounds

March, 1944 Cont.

- 22 2000th person to relocate from Amache granted indefinite leave
- 23 49 draft registrants leave--24 more to go next week
- 24 Senior High School presents annual spring concert
- 25 Amache team defeats basketball players from Chicago (Nisei team)
- 25 Amache Red Cross chapter starts first aid course
- 25 35 Kansas City young persons visit Center as guests of Amache Youth Fellowship
- 26 Judge Phil Gilliam of Denver Juvenile Court speaks at Terry Hall
- 26 Center-wide farewell ball, "Call to Colors," honors Amache draftees
- 27 Blue Star Mothers present first group of Nisei called for active service with souvenir handkerchiefs
- 29 Colorado Board of Social Welfare agrees to assist Japanese Americans in case of need
- 29 School officials leave for Denver educational conference
- 31 Amache high school presents Rhythm Show

April: 1944

- 1 PIONEER publishes April Fool's Day supplement
- 1 New WRA regulation permits residents to go out on indefinite leaves for trial periods of 4-6 months
- 1 Delegates from 7 centers arrive for 3-day Co-op conference at Amache
- 1 First group of 20 inductees placed on reserve list return to Center
- 1 U. S. Government assumes shipping expenses of all personal property of evacuees to relocation points
- 1 Farm Security Administration reports that no loans are to be made available to any alien enemy
- 1 Scrap paper drive, sponsored by elementary school children, nets 7 tons
- 1 Planting of vegetables for seed started on Center farm
- 2 Center-wide census taken
- 2 Prof. Ichihashi, formerly of Stanford University, guest speaker at service honoring birth of Lord Buddha
- 5 Center dependents of Nisei soldiers ruled eligible for all dependency benefits
- 5 WRA Washington office announces that American-born evacuees who relocate are eligible to FSA loans on same basis as that of other citizens
- 7 School closes for Easter vacation
- 8 Col. Marshall assures officials of nearby towns that a sufficient emergency guard will be maintained at Amache
- 9 Easter Sunrise service at Amache Bowl
- 10 Removal of 5 evacuee farm workers in Warren County, N. J. causes much newspaper comment
- 10 Heavy rainstorm and high wind hits camp
- 12 Co-op closes on Sundays to cut down expenses
- 13 Week's membership drive for Amache Red Cross chapter opens
- 13 Six more Amacheans leave for family internment camp at Crystal City
- 14 Amachean sentenced to 120 days in jail and court costs for assault on fellow resident
- 15 "Annual Queen" is crowned at Senior ball
- 15 Carload of seed potatoes arrives for Center farm
- 15 Reports begin to arrive of Nisei heroism in combat duty
- 16 The Sugiyama family of ten members, largest family to relocate, leave for northern Colorado farm
- 17 W. J. Knodel, relocation officer, leaves for Chicago to attend 5-day conference

April, 1944 Cont.

- 17 James T. Rose, WRA Supervising Examiner, arrives with staff to audit all Center activities
- 19 15 commercial students placed in various Center offices in vocational part-time schedule
- 19 Relocation office records show 41 complete families resettled from Walla Walla, Washington to Boston, Massachusetts
- 19 Official announcement includes selection of draft-age youth from Tule Lake as well as other Centers
- 21 Director Lindley and other officials leave for Denver to confer on segregation program
- 21 Junior High students hold "Parents' Night" at Terry Hall
- 21 43 Amache draftees leave for Infantry Replacement Center, Camp Blanding, Fla.
- 21 Petition circulated in California to strengthen alien land laws
- 22 Because of residence citizenship technicality, Center physician is not permitted to serve as county selective service medical officer
- 22 Seniors hold banquet for spring, mid-term, and summer graduates
- 22 Garden City Army Base offers jobs for 64 Nisei
- 22 Issei present Japanese drama, "Akagaki Genzo"
- 22 Silk Screen Shop featured in April edition of "Signs of the Times", national advertisers' journal
- 25 Private hostel opens in Philadelphia for newly-arrived evacuees
- 26 First unescorted group of Japanese Americans arrive in San Francisco enroute to their homes in Hawaii
- 26 Miss Martha Prentiss, former nurse in China, returning on Gripsholm visits Center
- 26 5 evacuee farmers, driven from N. J. farm, secure new jobs in Pennsylvania
- 26 Congressman Thomas of New Jersey, member of Dies Committee, attacks WRA policy of relocation
- 26 Local evacuees contribute grand total of \$1,852.45 to Red Cross; appointed personnel, \$500
- 26 Procedure for clearing Nisei for Merchant Marine and Coast Guard is explained
- 27 War Department notifies WRA of decision not to use Nisei as combat soldiers against Japanese forces in Pacific
- 28 70 members of Amache High School gain superior ratings in music competition festival, Pueblo, Colorado
- 28 Rev. Herbert Nicholson, Pasadena, California, speaks at Center on country-wide tour of camps and relocation centers
- 28 Sec. of Interior Ickes engages in verbal tilt with Gov. Edge of New Jersey on WRA's resettlement program
- 29 KANSAS CITY TIMES features pictures of Amache Nisei enroute to training camp
- 29 Silk Screen Shop receives \$1500 worth of material from discontinued Heart Mountain shop
- 29 Miss Chiyoko Matsuda, outstanding Nisei concert soloist, presents recital to 900 Amacheans at high school auditorium
- 29 Koen ranch mess hall opens for 160 regular workers and 30 ag boys
- 29 Sec. of Interior Ickes, returning from San Francisco, reports lessening of anti-evacuee sentiment on Coast
- 30 Complete inventory of Center started under direction of Washington staff of auditors
- 30 Because of property destruction at Koen ranch, gate passes are withdrawn for school-age boys unless accompanied by responsible person

May: 1944

- 1 WRA ruling bans all private enterprises within Center
- 3 1300 Jerome residents ask transfer to Amache, but only 500 can be accommodated
- 3 Elementary school children give May Day program
- 3 Technicolor film "Go for Broke" depicting Nisei soldiers starts on week's showing
- 3 Mayor LaGuardia of New York protests Nisei relocation on East Coast
- 3 Office of Community Activities robbed of \$166
- 4 Seniors present annual play, "Growing Pains"
- 4 Stanley Morris, director of inter-racial scouting, holds roundtable discussion
- 6 Junior-Senior prom held at high school gym
- 6 10 high school boys pass Army-Navy qualifying tests
- 7 San Francisco registrar issues statement clarifying Nisei voting rights
- 8 Segregation movement begins
- 9 Local Hi-Y chapter receives charter from national organization
- 9 Three sisters, residents of Amache, charged with aiding German prisoners to escape from P.O.W. camp (Trinidad), taken into custody by Federal officers
- 10 Third contingent of 24 draftees leave for Fort Logan--65 others leave for pre-induction physicals
- 10 51 Colorado residents accused of draft evasion--14 from Center
- 10 650 merit certificates awarded to senior high students
- 11 Anne Takano, first Nisei to enlist in WAC in Philadelphia area, from Amache
- 13 200 visitors from neighboring towns attend Future Homemaking Conference in Center
- 14 Rev. Nofio Yasaki, Denver pastor, speaks at Baccalaureate services
- 16 Junior high commencement exercises for 142 eighth graders
- 18 First arrivals from Jerome--13 hospital and Pullman cases
- 18 158 seniors receive diplomas at Commencement exercises
- 20 Center milk supply increased for summer months
- 20 Two WRA warehouses in Lamar available for storage of evacuee goods
- 20 YBA holds "Bussei Ball"
- 20 Dillon Myer, WRA Director, praises conduct and workmanship of evacuees out on seasonal leave
- 20 Center farm issues call for 100 more workers
- 20 Second edition of Amache High School annual, "Onlooker" distributed
- 21 Center hikers uncover old gun with 16 notches, dated "1883", in prairie sand
- 21 Fourth major fire causes \$450 damage in 7E mess hall
- 24 Cherry Yoshitomi, former Amachean, wins \$50 war bond for war effort suggestion
- 24 Washington supervisor of vocational education leaves Center after week's survey of vocational possibilities
- 24 Extremely hot weather necessitates increasing mess hall ice allowances to 200 pounds daily
- 24 Colorado Chamber of Commerce requests that no more evacuees be relocated in Colorado. Residents of Japanese ancestry increased from 2700 to 7000
- 27 Relocation of 8 pump operators causes problem in water supply crisis
- 27 May issue of "School Executive" contains article on Amache school landscaping project
- 28 Amache personnel officers leave for All-Center Personnel Denver conference

May, 1944 Cont.

- 28 Two Amache boys taken to Denver charged with violating Federal postal laws
- 29 36 relocatees in one day highest record to date
- 30 Boy Scouts hold Fifth Court of Honor
- 31 WRA Director Myer states that Relocation Centers will not be operated during post-war period
- 31 May scrap paper salvage yields 3,110 pounds
- 31 Silk Screen Shop completes one year's operations with over 134,500 Navy posters printed
- 31 Center's coal contract with Army expires
- 31 FSA calls in tractors loaned to Center for construction work
- 31 American League of Colorado starts campaign to prohibit Japanese property ownership and to discourage resettlement in state
- 31 Amache mess halls continue to salvage waste fat in war effort--1,456 pounds this month

June: 1944

- 1 16 Nisei on reserve list report to Camp Shelby for active duty
- 1 Carload of Amache segregees' freight leaves for Tule Lake
- 3 Girl Reserves hold all-center benefit "Mardi Gras" dance
- 5 600 copies of second issue of high school annual "Onlooker" distributed
- 10 411 workers now at project farm include many students released from school
- 12 Cleanup Week for Amache
- 13 21 Amacheans leave for preinduction physicals--4 fail to report
- 13 Body of 61-year-old Amache suicide discovered hanging from tree 3 miles from Center
- 14 Fifth War Loan drive under way
- 14 Summer schools open with 638 high school and 936 elementary pupils
- 15 PIONEER discontinues Japanese section until competent translators can be found
- 15 10 Girl Reserves leave for 10-day conference at Camp Lookout near Denver
- 16 Election of new block councilmen held--16 re-elected, 12 new members
- 17 Washington WRA Chief of Operations inspects farm, motor pool and silk screen shop
- 17 1000 tons of alfalfa grown at Center farm sold to Denver firm
- 17 Amache Fire Department helps put out fire at Santa Fe railroad bridge near Center
- 19 29 more Amache Nisei report for army induction at Fort Logan
- 21 539 transferees arrive from Jerome Center and 9 cars of freight
- 21 PIONEER issues special edition welcoming Jeronites
- 21 Amache group of draftees assigned to First Battalion, 442nd Infantry, Camp Shelby
- 19 C. G. Gabelman, Center office engineer, seriously injured in train collision
- 20 Denver Relocation Officers visit Center
- 21 W. B. Stephens, Washington coordinator of Relocation Division, visits Center
- 24 First pamphlets written in Japanese telling story of relocation ready for distribution
- 24 Jerome transferees are honored with reception and dance
- 25 Center baseball team wins from visitors from Denver
- 28 Edgar Rice Burroughs praises Japanese Americans in Hawaii in CLEVELAND PLAIN DEALER
- 29 Granada Christian Church sponsors showing of religious picture "King of Kings"

July: 1944

- 1 President Roosevelt signs bill simplifying method by which a U. S. citizen may voluntarily renounce his citizenship
- 1 \$10,000 worth of 2½% Treasury Bonds purchased by Amache Consumer Enterprises
- 1 Honor Roll monument for Amache boys in service erected in front of Co-op building
- 1 Article by Carey McWilliams, "Nisei Speak" appears in summer issue of COMMON GROUND
- 2 Flag raising ceremony opens 4-day Center carnival
- 2 Community Activities Section sponsors outdoor talent show
- 4 11 Amache Nisei receive 10-38 months' prison term for draft evasion
- 5 Permission granted for evacuee relocation outside of continental U. S.
- 7 Captain Martin, Spanish Vice-Consul, in Center for consultation with Japanese nationals
- 8 Sufficient water for residents' gardens and trees assured
- 8 WFA releases and provides transportation for evacuees on seasonal leave called for induction
- 8 Philadelphia welcomes evacuees through official social committee
- 9 150th meeting of Amache Seicho-No-Iye held
- 10 All residents, 12 years and older, have identification pictures taken
- 11 Pvt. Iris Watanabe is first Nisei WAC home on furlough in uniform
- 12 YBA sponsors wiener roast at Hideaway lake
- 12 Army Quartermasters Corps negotiates contract for coal delivery for Center
- 12 H. V. Kaltenborn, radio commentator, gives \$100 for Nisei scholarship
- 13 Summer school dramatic class presents "The Rivals"
- 13 Center force of 168 motor vehicles cut to 118
- 13 28 more Amacheans leave for pre-induction physicals
- 15 Ruby Yoshino, noted soprano soloist, gives concert at high school auditorium
- 15 Japanese language section of PIONEER resumes publication
- 19 Carnival reports net profit of \$2,719.48 distributed among Center organizations
- 19 Parents of S/Sgt. Bill Yamji first Amachean family to receive notice of son killed in action overseas
- 22 WRA welfare consultant from Washington confers with Amache welfare staff
- 22 New Co-op tailoring department opened
- 24 Parents of Joe Yasuda, volunteer, notified of son's death at Italian front
- 25 54 Amache draftees entrain for Fort Logan -- one delinquent listed
- 26 Insurance representative named for handling evacuee property insurance in California
- 26 Farm supplies delivered regularly to mess halls include 15 types of vegetables
- 26 Amache drivers urged to keep up fine record by observing Center traffic regulations
- 27 Lieut. Gen. Clark bestows Unit Citation on 100th Battalion
- 29 Internal Security officers find 5 boys guilty of petty larceny
- 29 Police and Fire Department cars collide
- 29 Two Amachean Nisei charged with failure to report for Army induction
- 31 208 indefinite leaves granted during July--grand total to date 2,976

August: 1944

- 1 Construction begun on 2 barrack rooms for junior high school
- 2 7 more Amacheans listed as casualties on Italian front
- 3 25 more draftees from Center leave for active duty
- 3 First Amachean granted permission to return to Hawaii starts on way
- 3 Relocation officer and guests from Pueblo visit Amache
- 5 29 Welfare Section workers enjoy dinner party at Lamar
- 5 First memorial service held for 6 Amache Nisei who died in battle
- 5 Center staff members buy \$17,163.69 worth war bonds and stamps in Fifth War Loan drive
- 6 3-day craft exhibit of summer Bible School students
- 6 Four project officers leave for Denver to attend trial of 3 Amache sisters charged with aiding 2 Germans to escape from POW camp
- 9 Illuminated sign erected just inside Center main gate shows that 535 Japanese Americans are already in service from Amache
- 9 Vandals reported to have desecrated graves in Japanese cemetery in Portland, Ore.
- 9 2 Wyoming college students, formerly from Amache, are assaulted by teen-agers at Laramie
- 9 WRA directive makes slight changes in work-hour schedule for all employees
- 10 Elementary school holds art exhibit
- 11 Summer school ends--30 graduates receive high school diplomas
- 12 2-day O-Bon festival held in Center
- 12 Sueo Sako is fourth editor of PIONEER to relocate
- 12 Hospital registers fourth pair of twins born in Center
- 12 Col. L. E. Fiero, Washington WRA transportation officer, arrives at Center to inspect motor pool department
- 14 Amache All-Star baseball team leaves for Gila River for series of games
- 18 Dr. N. E. Viles, Washington WRA Educational Advisor, and Golda Van Buskirk, Language Specialist, visit Center
- 18 Three sisters convicted of helping German prisoners escape from POW camp receive fines of \$1000 each and prison sentences of 22 and 24 months
- 18 200 books from Jerome Center donated to Amache library
- 19 YBA holds candle-light installation ceremony
- 19 Amache high school petitions North Central Association of Schools and Colleges for fully accredited membership
- 19 38 draftees leave for induction at Fort Logan, Colorado
- 19 American Legion of Colorado in convention adopts resolution demanding that Japanese in Colorado be returned to states of their rights
- 20 Blue Star Mothers organize Amache USO
- 23 Survey shows 2 Amache families with 4 sons in service, 13 families with 3, and 78 families with 2 sons in service
- 23 PIONEER replies to PUEBLO CHIEFTAIN'S criticism of Amache's baseball team's junket to Gila River
- 25 Outdoor talent show features new Shibai
- 26 Amache Christian Youth Fellowship holds camp fire services with Camp Lookout delegates as guests
- 28 Engineering department starts construction of 2 silos for storage of cattle feed
- 29 First watermelons picked at project farm for mess halls
- 30 Annual membership meeting of Amache Consumer Enterprises held at Terry Hall
- 30 Amache All-Stars lose 5 straight games at Gila
- 31 159 indefinite leaves, 163 seasonal leaves issued this month

September: 1944

- 1 No short term leaves issued during Labor Day holidays
- 1 WRA clothing allowances henceforth to be distributed monthly instead of quarterly
- 2 WRA directive allows shipment of evacuee property by express up to 500 pounds
- 4 100 personnel and evacuee members of the education section have buffet supper
- 5 Amache schools re-open with 879 junior and senior high school pupils housed in one building for term of 1944-1945
- 6 Project residents owning cars apply for "A" gas ration cards
- 6 Rev. Shirakawa, Amachean pastor, leaves for month's tour of midwest and east to contact relocatees there
- 9 Girl Reserves picnic at Amache Bowl
- 9 Outside of restricted Western Defense zone, Nisei no longer required to obtain clearance for entrance to "educational institutions important to the war effort"
- 9 New commission established to study labor crisis in center
- 9 Blue Star Mothers sponsor Servicemen's Ball
- 9 National Director Myer declares WRA does not contemplate closing other centers until West Coast exclusion ban is lifted
- 11 Fire siren starts sounding to standardize time for Center workers
- 11 Co-op opens photo studio
- 11 Amachean out on indefinite leave fined \$25 for illegal entry into Center
- 13 Director Lindley and other officers return from conference of community analysts in Denver
- 13 Red Cross officials state V-Mail for men overseas may be written in Japanese language
- 13 Girl Scouts receive official pins at presentation ceremony
- 13 Amache All-Stars win 5 and lose 3 games in second baseball series at Poston
- 14 36 more Amacheans report for active army duty
- 15 Co-op lists 2,617 members with total investment of \$30,430
- 16 Second annual Amache Agricultural Fair opens with poultry and livestock exhibits added--3500 local and resident visitors estimated
- 16 Center high school releases students from physical education and study halls for part-time jobs in Center
- 16 War Department announces that Americans of Japanese ancestry have been granted permission to work in military ordnance depots
- 19 22 more Amacheans leave for army induction
- 23 WRA Director Myer, wife and secretary, visit project--Myer speaks at meetings
- 23 YBA signs up 323 new members in membership drive
- 23 FFA boys win grand prize ribbon of Amache fair
- 27 Local doctors' koenkai receive \$1000 donation from Co-op
- 27 Nisei eligible to vote are urged to register immediately for California general election
- 27 Miss Margaret Bland, representing state public welfare department for the blind, in Center to make arrangements for instruction of blind residents
- 27 Director Myer meets with all project heads to discuss liquidation of centers after West Coast exclusion ban is lifted
- 28 Community Analyst and specialist on juvenile delinquency from Washington visit center
- 28 Granada Christian Church observes second anniversary at Amache with 4-day program

September, 1944 Cont.

- 28 Report on relocation possibilities in Louisiana area given by 4 residents after survey tour
- 30 141 indefinite leaves granted this month

October: 1944

- 1 Center-wide census shows total of 5,594 evacuee residents
- 5 Silk Screen shop and Amache school exhibit at state welfare conference, Denver
- 5 10 more Amache reservists called for active duty--total of 651 in service
- 7 Parents of Amache elementary school children organize PTA with 65 charter members
- 7 Amache youths attend Hi-Y conference at Pueblo, Colorado
- 7 Call issued for more workers to keep cannery operating for winter consumption
- 8 Amache participates in nation-wide observance of Fire Prevention Week with full program
- 9 300th baby born in Center registered at hospital
- 9 R. W. Foster, Kansas City auditor, checks Co-op books and accounts
- 10 Asst. Project Director Johnson and Supt. of Schools Garrison speak at meeting of Las Animas Women's Clubs
- 11 Nisei gunner Matsumoto comes home on furlough after 50 missions in Mediterranean area
- 13 PHILADELPHIA INQUIRER features picture of Anne Takano, former Amachean, en-training for WAC camp
- 14 Attorney-Generals of California, Washington and Oregon petition U. S. Supreme Court to lift West Coast ban
- 16 Co-op patronage refund checks issued for 1/2 of 10% refund
- 18 Former Jerome Relocation Center to be converted into POW camp
- 18 National War Fund drive started in Center
- 18 Center residents urged to respect elementary school traffic patrolmen
- 18 Center farm issues call for 250 additional workers to harvest 837 acres by November 10
- 18 Kenji Okuda, student body president of Oberlin College, speaks to high school pupils on relocation problems
- 20 Life and Star Scout awards presented at Sixth Boy Scout Court of Honor
- 21 Japanese American lawyer commissioned major at Fort Snelling is highest ranking officer in U. S. Army
- 23 12 more Center Nisei entrain for army camp
- 23 Amache administrators subpoenaed to appear in trial of Amache draft delinquents
- 24 Washington relocation liaison officer consults with Center groups on re-settlement problems
- 24 W. E. Hoffman, Washington Fire Protection Advisor, praises Center's fire prevention program
- 25 Amache teachers leave for annual Colorado Education Association meetings at Denver and Pueblo. High school classes help in harvest during 2½ day vacation
- 27 Community activities section asks all basketball teams to sign up for season's program
- 27 Winners of poster and essay contest sponsored by Fire Department in fire prevention program announced
- 27 More than 80 acres of vegetables already harvested with aid of 800 volunteers from various Center organizations

October, 1944 Cont.

- 27 Amache Women's Federation hears delegate's report on trip through eastern states
- 28 Girl Scouts hold Halloween party
- 30 H. A. Davis of NEW YORK DAILY NEWS collects pertinent news material on visit to center
- 30 Ten Amache draft delinquents receive sentences ranging from 6 months to 2 years
- 31 Center residents pledge total of \$1,031.87 in War Fund drive
- 31 High school student council sponsors Halloween dance
- 31 Fire in warehouse district causes \$250 damage
- 31 Indefinite leaves drop to 76 this month

November: 1944

- 3 PIONEER issues second anniversary number
- 4 Chrysanthemum show in staff recreation hall draws many visitors
- 4 Boy Scouts make rounds of camp for monthly scrap paper drive
- 4 Evacuee property officer, H. J. Vatcher, leaves for California to get information on property problems there
- 4 Talent show presented for benefit of Center War Fund drive
- 5 T. Matsukage, bishop of the Shinshu sect in the U. S., addresses Issei Buddhists
- 7 Franklin D. Roosevelt re-elected President for fourth term
- 8 Amache schools observe Education Week with panel discussion on "Education for New Tasks"
- 8 Wiley High School cancels game with Amache scheduled for Armistice Day
- 9 43 more Nisei called for active duty in armed services
- 9 Agriculture Section heads thank all volunteers who assisted in tremendous harvest job
- 9 Survey shows 2300 Japanese Americans enrolled in 550 colleges and universities in 46 states
- 10 Army officers in Center to recruit workers for Sioux Ordnance Depot, Nebraska
- 11 Circulating hot water furnace installed in Silk Screen shop
- 11 Names of 11 Amache servicemen listed among week's casualties in European Theater of Operations
- 11 Final report of National War Fund drive shows Center contribution of \$1,087.58
- 12 Amache YWCA observes annual World Fellowship Week
- 14 Miss Alice Papes, former YWCA secretary in Brazil, speaks at school assembly
- 15 5 more Amacheans report for active duty
- 15 442nd Nisei combat unit reported to have led in rescue of "lost battalion" of 7th Army
- 15 Shortage of office workers in Center brings appeal for volunteers
- 15 Jack Ito, former member of PIONEER staff and cartoonist of "Lil' Neebo", dies in Washington after brief illness
- 15 Farm Section workers celebrate successful harvest with chicken dinner at Koen Ranch as mess hall closes for season
- 18 7 more Amache casualties reported; 8 inducted into Army
- 18 Amache Center basketball team defeats quintet from Las Animas
- 19 Amache USO holds open house at new headquarters
- 20 Colorado Board of Consultants Assembly at Amache to visit schools
- 21 Amache delegates to Gila River Co-op conference are selected

November, 1944 Cont.

- 22 Second memorial service held for 7 Nisei boys recently killed in action
- 22 2 killed in action, 4 wounded, 1 missing as Amache casualty lists mount
- 22 Western Defense Command officer states that Nisei may return to restricted area in cases of "special merit"
- 23 USO sponsors "Turkey Trot" dance for servicemen and inductees
- 25 Sixth War Loan Drive gets under way
- 25 Amache suffers blizzard storm
- 25 U. S. War Department announces decision to accept Issei volunteers and outlines procedure for applicants
- 26 Amache CYF host to over 100 young people from 7 neighboring towns
- 26 Newly installed oil heating unit in Motor Pool garage causes fire with slight damage
- 29 Harry E. Titus, relocation officer from Ohio, Kentucky, and West Virginia area, visits center
- 29 Dr. Yamato Ichihashi, former member of California University faculty, starts series of lectures on "Oriental Culture"
- 30 93 indefinite leaves granted during month

December: 1944

- 2 WRAnGLers personnel club holds dinner dance
- 4 Remaining half of Co-op patronage cash refund distributed
- 6 Alice Nakamura, one of few Nisei girls to enlist in U. S. Cadet Nurse Corps from Amache
- 6 Residents urged to take greater interest in coming election of council members
- 6 Property officer Vatcher reports on Japanese property problems on Coast
- 6 5 more Amache war casualties reported--3 killed in action
- 7 Interclass high school basketball tournament starts
- 9 Slight damage to cars in collision caused by slippery roads near main gate
- 9 Blue Star Service Club host to 175 reservists, soldiers, mothers, and friends
- 11 30 more selectees on reserve list called to colors--2 Amacheans receive promotions on French front
- 13 Removal of names of 16 Nisei servicemen from Hood River, Oregon memorial brings forth much comment
- 13 10,000 pounds mochi-gome consigned to Amache for New Years
- 13 Junior Red Cross begins sale of Christmas seals
- 13 Motor Pool equipment augmented by hydraulic lift and new greasing unit
- 15 Short-term leaves restricted until January 8 because of ODT travel orders
- 16 Washington government agency calls for Nisei and Issei workers with knowledge of Japanese language
- 16 USO sponsors "White Christmas" dance in high school gym
- 16 Granada Fish Market donates Christmas trees to hospital and all blocks in Center
- 17 Amache YWCA holds Christmas candlelight ceremonial service
- 17 Community Activities section presents 3-night talent show and shibai for benefit of center hospital
- 17 PIONEER publishes extra on lifting of West Coast Exclusion ban slated for midnight, January 2, 1945--Director Myer's statement issued
- 18 Co-op opens evenings for Christmas shopping
- 18 Army team from Western Defense Command Headquarters arrives at Amache to help with details of new program to be established with lifting of West Coast ban

December, 1944 Cont.

- 18 U. S. Supreme Court upholds constitutionality of evacuation order by 6-3 vote. Unanimously rules that loyal Japanese Americans be liberated from WRA centers
- 18 Secretary Ickes states there will be no hasty mass movement of evacuees back to coastal area
- 19 Director Myer announces that evacuees must have relocation plans approved by WRA to be eligible for assistance grants
- 20 PIONEER states its future policy will be to furnish all information possible to further relocation program
- 21 Amache High School presents Christmas program of tableaux and music
- 23 YBA holds "Winter Wonderland" dance
- 23 Elementary school records over 700 members of Junior Red Cross
- 23 Center family counseling unit provides for interviews to accelerate relocation
- 23 Free showing of Dickens' "Scrooge" for Center children
- 23 PIONEER publishes list of Amache casualties to date: 17 killed, 32 seriously wounded, 11 missing, 1 prisoner of war in Germany--all members of 442nd Combat Unit
- 23 Foreign Legion Post of Hood River, Oregon urges Japanese not to return to that area
- 25 Early morning fire in mess hall causes slight damage
- 25 Mess halls serve Christmas chicken dinner and distribute candy and nuts to children
- 27 17 members appointed on new advisory committee to help in revised relocation program
- 27 Several Amacheans leave to accept positions as Japanese language instructors at University of Minneapolis
- 30 Center sale of Christmas seals brings \$311.62
- 30 100th anniversary of founding of Co-operative celebrated at meeting in high school auditorium
- 30 New Year's edition of PIONEER contains supplement with names of Amache boys in U. S. war services
- 31 New Year's Eve "Auld Lang Syne" all-center dance

January: 1945

- 1 First baby born in Center is daughter of S/Sgt. George Doi
- 2 West Coast Exclusion order lifted by military authorities in effect at midnight
- 2 Newly-elected Amache Council members are sworn into office
- 2 Two carloads of surplus onions shipped to Tule Lake, one to Poston
- 3 Rocky Ford and Las Animas basketball teams play Amache here
- 3 WRA records show that less than 100 of 110,000 evacuees left for their former homes on West Coast on first day exclusion ban was lifted
- 5 17 more Amacheans leave for active duty
- 6 Project poultry farm discontinued
- 6 WRA appointed personnel invest in \$44,332.56 War Bonds and stamps in Sixth War Bond drive
- 7 All-Center census shows 6,179 evacuees in residence
- 10 Amache wins second place in Colorado 1944 fire prevention contest for cities
- 10 Maj. Gen. Henry C. Pratt is appointed new commandant of Western Defense Command
- 12 Amache Silk Screen Shop puts on 3-day exhibition

January, 1945 Cont.

- 12 California real estate agent in Center to discuss problems involving evacuee farms and property in Livingstone area
- 14 Admission to movies and athletic games sponsored by Amache CA reduced 5¢ for adults, 2¢ for children
- 14 M. D. McLean, USO officer from Boulder, visits Center
- 14 Evaluation committee of Colorado educators arrive for 4-day survey of Amache Secondary Schools
- 17 Hoodlums menace Doi family recently returned from this Center to their home near Auburn, California. Varied comments in Coast papers
- 19 17 FFA boys from Amache attend stock show in Denver
- 20 Third memorial service honors 5 Nisei killed in action as more Amachean casualties are announced
- 20 Three families are included in second group of Amacheans to return to California since lifting of ban
- 24 13 Center draftees leave for active duty
- 24 WRA announces changes in evacuee property shipment procedure
- 24 WRA rules that students are eligible for relocation grants on same basis as other residents
- 25 Commencement exercises held for 80 mid-term high school graduates
- 27 4 more Amacheans listed as wounded in action as 10 are called to active duty
- 27 Atty. General of California writes to all law enforcement officers to give full protection to returning evacuees
- 27 Former West Coast evacuee Civil Service employees now eligible for reinstatement
- 27 E. H. Reed, Washington WRA Chief of Agriculture, in Center to discuss disposal of surplus land and machinery
- 27 Reception of Japanese Americans returning to San Francisco area reported to be good
- 27 PIONEER inaugurates "Question and Answer" column to clarify points in new resettlement program
- 31 5 more Amacheans on casualty list
- 31 Mayor of Los Angeles officially welcomes group of Nisei returning to that city

February: 1945

- 2 Amache high school presents instrumental mid-winter concert
- 3 President's Ball closes "March of Dimes" drive in Center
- 3 Farm Division reports that over one-half million pounds of surplus onions were shipped to other centers in last three months
- 3 Treasury Procurement Division in Denver, not WRA, named as the authority to dispose of surplus farm land and materials
- 3 Posthumous citation and DSC awarded to Amache serviceman
- 3 Japanese American fishermen along West Coast now permitted to resume operations
- 3 Amache resident, returning from West Coast, gives first-hand report on housing and labor conditions
- 4 200 attend farm section banquet on closing of project farm
- 7 4 men arrested charged with arson and attempted dynamiting of Doi ranch buildings near Auburn, California
- 7 FSA services made available to returning evacuee farmers.
- 7 Vocational Rehabilitation Division named to assist all evacuee physically handicapped
- 10 New regulations set limit on short-term leaves

February, 1945 Cont.

- 10 Seventh Boy Scout Court of Honor held in Center
- 10 Amache service flag shows 732 men now in service
- 11 Director Myer explains to residents why the relocation centers must be closed by January 1, 1946
- 13 Amache Student Scholarship Fund society organized
- 14 38 out of 188 Nisei from relocation centers awarded Combat Pins are from Amache--4 Amacheans listed as receiving Good Conduct Medals
- 14 Amache "March of Dimes" drive nets \$221.86
- 14 Amache Community Council delegates leave for 6-day conference with WRA officials at Salt Lake City
- 17 Relocation leaves permit families now living in recreation halls to move into vacancies in barracks
- 20 Center Army Post Exchange, forced to close because of reduced army personnel, taken over by appointed personnel
- 21 Silk Screen shop receives special order for 50 resettlement posters
- 21 60 legal aid societies throughout country offer services to needy evacuees
- 21 Capt. Antonio Martin, Spanish vice-consul representing the Japanese government, arrives in center to confer with interested Japanese nationals
- 21 "Native Sons of the Golden West" propose legislation restricting Japanese activities on Coast
- 22 H. B. Thomas, Jr., Pueblo officer, arrives at Amache to furnish information on old-age insurance
- 24 Chairman of Boston Red Cross blood donor station rebukes VFW members who protest against accepting blood from Japanese Americans
- 28 Several short-wave sets, illegal in center, confiscated by Internal Security
- 28 Colorado educational committee, representing North Central Association, report favorably on Amache high school evaluation survey
- 28 7 teen-agers, charged with juvenile delinquency, have hearing before Center officers--one boy suspended from high school
- 28 160 leaves issued for relocation this month, 46 returning to West Coast homes

March: 1945

- 1 U. S. Supreme Court refuses to reconsider decision upholding Army's evacuation order of 1942
- 7 J. B. Barge, Army engineer, arrives in Center to make arrangements for the leasing of project land declared surplus.
- 7 WRA announces that approved prior relocation plans no longer necessary
- 7 Fire starting in coal box after school dismissal causes slight damage in elementary barrack building
- 10 Amache high school "Annual" queen crowned at Royal Ball in gymnasium
- 10 Voluntary gifts, rather than Center drive, planned to take care of Red Cross budget this year
- 10 Community Council conference at Salt Lake City send letter to WRA Director, Myer requesting centers be kept open after duration of war
- 10 Procurement office receives used boxes from Pueblo Ordnance depot for relocatees' use
- 10 Project Stewards attend conference at Denver
- 12 New York is first state to pass anti-racial bill
- 13 Mrs. Mark W. Clark, wife of Commandant of allied forces in Italy, on visit to camp, praises Nisei soldiers serving under General Clark
- 14 More West Coast "scare" attacks reported by returning evacuees
- 14 Pressure forces Hood River Post of American Legion to restore names of 15 Nisei servicemen to war memorial, but still objects to return of evacuees to that vicinity.

March, 1945 Cont.

- 14 WRA pays Prowers County \$9,164.88 in lieu of taxes lost by county through acquisition of center land by Federal government
- 16 C. W. Pettigrew, national moderator of Junior Town Meeting League, conducts meeting at high school on question of compulsory military service for 18-year-olds
- 17 Fire Department called out for small grass fire
- 17 Internal Revenue Officer from Denver in center to assist in preparation of state income tax returns
- 21 New hospital clinic schedule announced
- 21 Dr. Yank, minister of foreign affairs, Chungking, China, visits Center
- 22 Co-op establishes ration system for cigarettes
- 22 Water well transformers burn out during storm and curtail water supply for Center
- 24 R. Fujii, whose family is still in Center, dies in Chicago from beating, presumably by robbers
- 24 Blue Star Service club honors USO hostesses with buffet supper
- 24 Cleveland opens hostel for relocating evacuee families
- 24 Public assistance now available to needy families--Old age assistance, aid to the blind, and to dependent children
- 29 Amache Community Council sponsors meeting to discuss accelerated relocation program
- 29 Project Director Lindley and other officials confer with WRA officers in Denver
- 30 Three Pueblo County Commissioners visit Center
- 31 243 Amacheans relocate during March, 46 to the West Coast. Indefinite leaves pass the 4000th mark since opening of Center

April: 1945

- 1 Easter sunrise service held at Amache Bowl
- 1 11 Amache reservists leave for St. Louis to report for active duty
- 2 High school students take ASTEP qualifying test
- 4 Blue Star Service club and Community Activities section make service flags for center families
- 6 Dr. N. E. Viles, Washington educational advisor, arrives to discuss transfer of school property
- 6 Spanish Embassy formally notifies U. S. State Department it will no longer represent Japanese interest in the United States
- 7 Army discharge points for Nisei are the same as for all other U. S. soldiers
- 7 WRA rules that visitors may stay up to 30 days if making plans for family relocation, students up to 90 days
- 7 Last scrap paper drive for Center
- 7 5% patronage refund authorized by Co-op
- 7 Colorado Congressman Chenoweth visits center, interested in possible use of buildings and equipment by state
- 8 "Hana Matsuri" service, commemorating birth of Sakyami Buddha, held at high school building
- 8 Voluntary contributions to Amache Red Cross brings total of \$1,216.40
- 11 Many job offers for evacuees listed in east central and midwestern areas
- 11 WRA offers to lend surplus furnishings to non-profit hostels
- 12 Amache shocked with rest of nation by sudden death of President Franklin D. Roosevelt
- 13 Memorial service for President Roosevelt held at high school

April, 1945 Cont.

- 13 A. W. James, Washington head of Internal Security Section, arrives on official inspection tour of center
- 13 High school seniors present annual play, "Spring Fever"
- 14 Meeting of all soft-ball managers to plan season's schedule
- 14 Residents asked to conserve water for possible fire emergency as supply dwindles
- 17 Famous piano team of Helene Druke and Walter Shaw give 2-piano concert at high school auditorium
- 18 M. M. Tozier, chief of Washington WRA reports office, visits Center
- 18 War Manpower Commission officer in center to make occupational survey of evacuees
- 18 Buddhist hostel opens in Los Angeles for evacuees returning to that area
- 21 Memorial service held at high school auditorium. Col. P. J. Atkinson presents posthumous DSC to family of Kiyoshi Muranaga
- 21 Residents of Shelton, Nebraska hold stormy session to protest against employment of evacuees on neighboring farms
- 23 This week proclaimed Clean-up Week for Amache in conjunction with Fire Prevention Week
- 25 7th War Loan drive officially opens at Center
- 25 7 Amache families receive notice of sons' casualties
- 25 PIONEER publishes WRA Director Myer's comments on 21 recommendations passed at Salt Lake City conference of all-center community council members
- 25 Civil Service Commission officer in Center to recruit men for ordnance depot in Utah
- 25 Miss M. Goodman holds interviews with evacuees interested in relocating to Great Lakes Area
- 25 One Amachean killed, 6 wounded in action in new Nisei casualty list
- 28 Clean-up period extended another week because of stormy weather
- 28 Three men acquitted on charge of arson at Doi ranch, Auburn, California; one held for further trial.
- 28 Amache Employees' Supply Club opens at new location in staff recreation hall
- 28 Hostel for evacuee family groups opens at Boston, Massachusetts
- 30 345 indefinite leaves granted--80 for West Coast returnees
- 30 First month since opening of Center no deaths are recorded at Amache

May: 1945

- 1 Center-wide campaign to collect clothing for destitute people of liberated countries started
- 2 5 more Amache servicemen listed as wounded--21 called for active duty
- 2 2 returnee families fired upon at Merced, California
- 4 Junior-Senior prom held at High School gymnasium
- 4 High School Co-op officially closes
- 5 Casualty list shows 3 Amacheans killed, 5 wounded--15 more stars added to Amache's service flag
- 8 V-E Day--Center work goes on as usual. School children dismissed after special assembly exercises
- 9 6 more casualties listed in European theater of war
- 9 California State Senate Committee goes on record as still opposed to return of Japanese to California before the end of war

May, 1945 Cont.

- 12 All-Center Field Day held--3000 spectators and participants
- 13 Special Mothers' Day programs by various center organizations
- 13 Point system announced for servicemen's discharge--minimum 85 points
- 15 Silk Screen Shop closes after 2 years' successful operation
- 16 Amache soldier, Joe Yoshiwara, receives Lieutenant's commission directly on field
- 16 New district relocation office opens at Wasalia, California, serves 6 counties
- 18 Amache high school student council sponsors "Student Day"
- 19 Secretary of Interior Ickes denounces shooting attacks against evacuee returnees as "planned terrorism by hoodlums"
- 19 Senior class of 1945 holds annual banquet in Hawaiian setting at workers' mess hall
- 19 Hostel opens in Seattle, Washington
- 20 Girl Reserves hold ring ceremony at Hospitality House
- 20 Another hostel opens at San Jose, California
- 21 Seniors win final interclass basketball tournament
- 23 Immigration and Naturalization Service speeds up procedure for relocation of paroled enemy aliens
- 26 3 Amache youths suffer minor injuries when WRA truck overturns in ditch
- 30 USO sponsors social for visiting servicemen
- 30 GRANADA PIONEER publishes Memorial Day edition dedicated to 17 Amacheans who died for their country
- 30 Stockton, California CIO Longshoremen's Union suspended because of racial discrimination
- 30 All records broken as 439 Amacheans are relocated in May, 84 returning to the West Coast

June: 1945

- 1 13 selectees report for physical examinations
- 3 Rev. Paul Roberts, Dean of Denver Episcopal Cathedral, speaks at high school Baccalaureate Service
- 5 Commencement exercises held for final Amache High School graduating class of 109 members
- 5 Probationary term of 6 months given to rancher charged with firing shotgun into home of Fresno evacuees. Sec. Ickes censures judge for lenient sentence
- 6 High School activities awards issued at final assembly
- 6 Amache schools close--no summer session scheduled
- 7 9 more Amacheans leave for Army induction
- 7 First special coach leaves with evacuees returning to Sacramento area
- 9 Memorial service held for Amacheans who recently died in service--bronze star presented to family of James Karatsu
- 9 U. S. Supreme Court refuses to review Nisei draft violation case
- 9 Amache graduate receives \$400 scholarship award at Northwestern University for Highest grades in class
- 9 Third and final edition of high school annual, ONLOOKER, is distributed
- 10 Special service honors Bussei graduates
- 10 "Vanities of 1945" program nets \$104.81 for benefit of Amache Scholarship Fund
- 11 Nisei Army draftees hereafter not to be placed on reserve list before induction

June, 1945 Cont.

- 13 Reduction of hospital personnel causes curtailment of center health services
- 15 16 councilmen re-elected, 10 new members chosen
- 17 Ring leaders of Stockton GIO Warehousemen's Union who refused to work with Nisei placed on trial
- 17 5 boys, 11 to 14 years, severely reprimanded for property damage in block recreation hall
- 20 Daily vacation Bible school sponsored by Granada Christian Church opens
- 20 WRA asks for final appropriation of \$25,000,000 for duration of Centers
- 21 10 Amacheans report for active duty
- 23 General meeting of Co-op members to discuss liquidation of enterprises
- 23 Miss Ruth Riemer, research sociologist from University of Southern California, studies center evacuee family adjustment
- 23 Community Activities Section plans summer recreational program for school children
- 23 6 Amache graduates granted scholarships of \$50 each from Amache Scholarship Fund
- 25 25 Amacheans leave on special Pullman, 45 on special coach for Los Angeles and other California points
- 25 First mess hall closes--6H
- 25 Freak tornado-like storm does about \$8000 worth of damage to Motor Pool area and PIONEER building
- 30 Resettlement plan for Nisei returning servicemen set up

July: 1945

- 1 Center census shows total of 4,292 Amache residents
- 2 Two more mess halls close--12G and 9H
- 2 E. A. Walsh, manager of USES at Lamar, to be at Center every Tuesday to assist relocatees with job offers and housing throughout Colorado
- 4 Fourth of July carnival at high school grounds
- 4 Appointed personnel picnic at Hayden ranch
- 4 Bill Mauldin, cartoonist, censures West Coast mistreatment of Nisei
- 4 Miss June Suzuki remains in Center to counsel Amache students interested in attending college
- 4 Nisei G.I. wins \$200 with prize essay "Rumor of an Impending Crisis"
- 6 4 more Amacheans report for army duty--97 war casualties listed for Granada to date
- 7 Amache's 7th War Loan Drive nets total of \$27,555.36
- 7 4 Amache representatives leave for conference at Salt Lake City of all center Co-operatives
- 10 Another "California Special" leaves Granada
- 12 PIONEER publishes "Extra" on Center closing, scheduled for October 15. Amache first center to be closed
- 14 Center hospital to be used only for emergency cases hereafter
- 14 Amache listed as being in second place among centers in percentage of evacuee relocation--Minidoka first

July, 1945 Cont.

- 16 Mess halls 12F and 6F close
- 18 Families of Nisei servicemen are declared eligible for Federal housing projects
- 18 Stockton judge rules Issei have no rights to lease or occupy commercial property
- 18 Woman given 90-day sentence for abusing returnee families at Walnut Grove, California
- 20 Center Police Department moves into new headquarters at high school building
- 21 Ration books for all evacuees to be issued henceforth at Center relocation office
- 21 Project Director Lindley urges early relocation for all residents
- 21 Relocation officers from Stockton and Sacramento give evacuees first-hand information of those areas
- 22 U. S. State Department announces that Switzerland will take over representation of Japanese interests in the United States
- 23 Mess halls 8G and 12H close
- 25 Silver Star for "gallantry in action" awarded posthumously to Harry Masuoka
- 25 Group of Stockton war veterans restore graves in Japanese cemetery previously desecrated by hoodlums
- 25 Largest single group of 140 persons leave for California on 2 special coaches and a Pullman
- 25 WRA announces that evacuees are eligible to build new homes with approval of FHA in special cases
- 25 Project Director Lindley points out necessity for each family to make relocation plans by September 1
- 27 5 more high school graduates receive scholarship grants of \$50 each
- 30 General meeting of Co-op stockholders to discuss dissolution of Amache Consumer Enterprises
- 30 Mess hall 6G closes

August: 1945

- 1 Books of Amache school libraries transferred to Indian Service
- 1 U. S. District Attorney Hennessey asks Federal Grand Jury at Sacramento to take action in case of attempt to dynamite ranch home of Sumio Doi, former Amachean
- 1 WRA directive curtails services at Center—education, hospital, maintenance
- 2 19 Amacheans leave for induction at Fort Logan, Colorado
- 4 Army authorities reaffirm Western Coast Command has sole responsibility of determining which persons of Japanese ancestry may not be permitted to return to West Coast area
- 6 Special coach for Chicago and points east leaves with 56 relocatees
- 8 First list of Nisei servicemen to be discharged since V-E Day names two from Amache
- 8 Pictures of relocated Amacheans and others placed in various mess halls
- 8 PIONEER publishes supplement containing information on California hostels
- 10 44 more returnees leave on special coach for California points
- 11 National WRA Director Myer issues directive for scheduling terminal departures after September 1

August, 1945 Cont.

- 11 Federal Grand Jury returns indictments against Watson brothers charged with attempted dynamiting of Sumio Doi's ranch
- 11 PIONEER publishes special Student Relocation bulletin
- 13 Mess halls 9L and 12K close
- 13 3 more Amacheans granted scholarships of \$50 each
- 15 VFW Post, Spokane, Washington, rejects application for membership of 2 Nisei war veterans
- 15 89 Amacheans leave for San Francisco and Los Angeles on 2 special coaches
- 15 Amache celebrates V-J Day with 2-day holiday--all offices closed
- 18 Amache goes on 44-hour work week
- 18 10 Amache servicemen receive citations in European combat area
- 19 In accordance with President Truman's wishes, Amache churches hold thanksgiving services for the war's end
- 20 Co-op opens final pre-liquidation sale with goods at half price
- 20 Special coach for California leaves with 56 returnees
- 22 WRA Director Myer replies to suggestion made at all-center conference that centers be maintained beyond closing dates that all evacuees will be successfully relocated by that time
- 25 Amache Consumer Enterprises officially close--all stock and cash refund receipts to be turned in by August 31
- 25 Report from Italy states that Nisei were chosen to lead V-J parade of 15,000 G. I. troops
- 25 National VFW sends letter of apology to Nisei veteran rejected by Spokane Post
- 25 Federal Housing Authority lists 230 apartments available on Coast to families of G. I. Nisei
- 26 Admission charges on all Center movies removed
- 27 Two special coaches carry 94 evacuees returning to former homes in California
- 29 40 relocatees leave on Eastbound Special for Chicago area

September: 1945

- 1 Members of Army Service Command relieved of duties at center. WRA takes over charge of Gate
- 1 Charters of 2 Nisei Legion Posts, revoked after Pearl Harbor, restored by executive committee of American Legion of California
- 1 Special Japanese-language bulletin issued by PIONEER about memorial for cemetery
- 2 V-J Day proclaimed by President Truman as Japanese sign surrender terms
- 2 Amache still has 3,192 residents to be relocated
- 2 Buddhist Sunday School services discontinued
- 3 E. B. Garnett, KANSAS CITY STAR reporter, visits Amache to get material for story on closing of center
- 4 12 renunciants and 2 deportees are taken to Santa Fe
- 4 Miss Evelyn Rose, statistician from Washington WRA office, in center on official business
- 4 All individual exclusion orders heretofore issued by West Coast Command are rescinded
- 5 U. S. Congressman, J. Edgar Chenoweth of Colorado visits center in interest of disposition of surplus property.
- 5 14 Amache GI'S awarded Distinguished Unit Badges for outstanding performance overseas--4 draftees report for induction--2 for physicals

September, 1945 Cont.

- 6 Granite monument dedicated at outdoor ceremony in Amache cemetery in memory of residents who died in the Center
- 8 Coast Guard revokes waterfront employment restrictions on Nisei
- 8 National Red Cross gives permission to local chapter to use remaining funds for servicemen's families and other needy in the center
- 9 Appointed personnel members start handling evacuee freight because of lack of available help
- 9 Sunday supplement of KANSAS CITY STAR carries feature story on closing of Amache by E. B. Garnett
- 14 J. Raoul Turner, Pueblo photographer, takes pictures of Amache arts and crafts
- 15 Final edition of the Granada PIONEER published
- 15 Housing still remains the greatest problem in relocation--EPHA trailer units made available to evacuees in California
- 15 Final meeting of members of Co-op held to hear liquidation and financial reports
- 20 Article "A Parent-School Relations Program" by Dr. Enoch Dumas, published in September issue of NEA Elementary Principals' Yearbook
- 20 Mess halls close in blocks 11F and 11H
- 22 Special train of 7 coaches and 3 Pullmans leaves for West Coast--440 persons
- 23 Mess halls 6H and 8E close
- 25 135 persons leave for Cortez, California in 3 special coaches
- 26 Fire in evacuee residence block at 4:30 A.M. causes estimated loss of \$1200
- 27 Mrs. Edwards, field representative of the American Red Cross, St. Louis, visits center

October: 1945

- 1 Miss Emily Brown, Washington WRA Information Specialist, arrives in center to write special stories on closing
- 2 Special train--largest group to leave at one time--10 chair coaches, 2 Pullmans, 2 baggage cars--leaves for San Francisco, Walnut Grove, Colusa, Yuba City, Los Angeles, etc. 578 persons terminated
- 4 Photographer Hikaru Iwasaki arrives to take pictures of closing--from Denver Photographic WRA Unit
- 6 4 special coaches and 1 Pullman leave for West Coast--170 persons
- 11 Katharine Luomala, Social Analyst from Washington WRA office, visits center
- 13 Special train leaves for West Coast with 314 Amacheans
- 15 Jack Shimada, Amache school boy, wins first prize in "Tomorrow the World" contest
- 15 Total inductions into Granada center--10,331; births 412; deaths, 106
- 15 Closing date for the Amache center--126 persons leave on last special coaches for Sacramento and nearby points--from Granada railroad station at 3:00 P.M. All evacuees out of center as scheduled

APPENDIX NO. V

THE SEGREGATION PROGRAM GRANADA RELOCATION CENTER

I. GENERAL CHRONOLOGY OF EVENTS

- July 10 Segregation hearings begin
- July 14 First general announcement of segregation program in center newspaper (English and Japanese sections) quoting Director Myer
- July 16 Announcement made giving names of members of the Review Board for Segregation
- July 23 Group III segregation hearings started
- July 26-27 Segregation conference in Denver attended by Project Director James G. Lindley, Project Attorney Donald T. Horn, Assistant Project Director W. Ray Johnson, Project Leave Officer Willis Hanson, and Project Reports Officer Joe McClelland
- July 28 Announcement made that Tule Lake was chosen as the segregation center
- July 29 Report of Denver conference given by Director Dillon S. Myer and Project Director James G. Lindley
- August 7 Statement of policy regarding segregation by Director Myer published in full in English and Japanese sections of the center paper
- August 11 Dates of segregation movement announced in project paper
- August 11 Segregation bulletins in English distributed to residents of Amache
- August 14 Segregation chart showing all procedures reproduced in center newspaper
- August 14 Announcement made in project newspaper that two evacuees were to sit in on all segregation hearings
- August 14 Segregation pamphlets in Japanese distributed in Amache
- August 17 Information consultants meet with Block Managers regarding details of the segregation program
- August 19 Welfare Section received first referrals from the Review Board

August 21 Announcement made of number of Granada evacuees going to Tule Lake

Sept. 1 Plans for welcome of Tuleans announced

Sept. 1 Change in segregation movement dates announced

Sept. 8 Final plans announced for receiving of Tuleans at Granada

Sept. 15 First group of Tuleans (511--Trip I) arrive at Granada

Sept. 15 Editorial in project newspaper--welcome to Tuleans; also statement of welcome by Project Director

Sept. 16 125 evacuees from this center leave for Tule Lake (Trip 2)

Sept. 22 Segregation movement from Tule Lake completed. Second and last group of Tuleans arrive at Granada. (478--Trip 5)

II. APPOINTED PERSONNEL ASSIGNMENTS

In order to provide for the smooth functioning of the segregation program at Granada, Project Director James G. Lindley made a number of definite assignments.

Willis Hanson, Leave Officer, was placed in charge of the entire segregation program in order that all activities could be coordinated.

Other assignments were made as follows: Fiscal, Henry F. Halliday, Assistant Project Director; Transportation, D. E. Harbison, Assistant Project Director; Freight, Mark Radcliffe, Evacuee Property Officer; Check Baggage, R. J. Mitchell, Property and Warehouse Officer; Mess, William Wells, Project Steward; Medical, Dr. W. T. Carstarphen, Principal Medical Officer; Public Health, Ruth E. Hudson, Supervising Nurse; Legal, D. T. Horn, Project Attorney; Welfare Interviews, John J. O. Moore, Counselor; Records, Lewis W. Fanslan, Assistant Placement Officer; General Arrangements, H. M. Tomlinson, Chief of Internal Security; Evacuee Contacts, John A. Rademaker, Community Analyst; Information, Joe McClelland, Reports Officer.

In addition, five information consultants were appointed to work closely with the segregates. They were C. G. Wright, Grace E. Good, Jean Franker, Muriel G. Beck, and Gwendolyn W. Collins, all from the Education Section.

Ross E. Chappel, representing the Santa Fe Railroad, and Capt. Jack Large, representing the army, visited the project and assisted in transportation arrangements.

III. EVACUEE COMMITTEES

The following committees were appointed to assist with details of welcoming and inducting the evacuees arriving from Tule Lake:

1. Hospitality composed of Enoch Dumas, Elementary School Principal, and Shiro Abe, Co-Chairman. Jiichiro Mitani, Yasutoshi Yoshizawa, Walter Higuchi, Lester Suzuki, W. Ray Johnson (Assistant Project Director), and Yuri Domoto. This committee was responsible for the job of making the new residents from Tule Lake feel welcome at Amache, and a very complete and successful program was organized.
2. Committee on reception was composed of Lewis W. Fanslan, Assistant Placement Officer, and Toshio Ninomiya, Co-Chairman. Kay Ikuta, Frances Shuck (Supervisor of student teachers), H. M. Tomlinson (Chief of Internal Security), Ruth E. Hudson, (Supervising Nurse), and Dr. Robert Obi. This committee arranged for registration and induction, assisted in the issuing of housing assignments previously made by the Housing Office, and prepared all the necessary records of induction. They were also responsible for the medical check-up, the distribution of baggage, the direction of families to apartments, and the general work involved in the induction program. Their work was well done and registration was accomplished quite smoothly.
3. Committee on Housing was composed of E. B. Eaklor, Housing Superintendent, and James Hikido, Co-Chairman. John A. Rademaker (Community Analyst), Harry Nishijima, John Azeka, and Minoru Matsuda. It was this committee's responsibility to see that housing space was available for the incoming group, and that individual assignments to apartments were made, as well as to attend to the various details involved in the housing movements. The job was completed with very fine cooperation on the part of the evacuees in most instances. When the second group of evacuees from Tule Lake arrived, it was necessary to house 30 families in temporary apartments constructed in some of the recreation halls. These temporary quarters are to be vacated as soon as regular barracks space is available.

IV. COMPOSITION AND PROCEDURE OF HEARING BOARDS

The Review Board for Segregation at this center consisted of the following:

D. E. Harbison, Assistant Project Director
W. Ray Johnson, Assistant Project Director
Donald T. Horn, Project Attorney
Walter J. Knodel, Employment Officer
H. M. Tomlinson, Chief, Internal Security

The board conducted all of the segregation hearings, although Project Director James G. Lindley sat in on a number of the cases. An evacuee representative from the Block Managers and a representative from the Community Council attended all of the hearings. The evacuee chief of police, C. Y. Nakamura, acted as interpreter in cases where one was needed.

Before each hearing, the person interviewed was informed in detail as to the nature and purpose of the hearing, and care was taken to make sure that the person interviewed understood each question. All the hearings were conducted in an informal manner, and practically the same procedure was followed as is recommended for leave-clearance hearings. In other words, many more questions were asked than were required to be asked. This was done so that the board would have as much available information as was possible as to each interview.

V. SEGREGATION INFORMATION WITHIN THE CENTER

More than thirty news stories and editorials were published in the center newspaper regarding all aspects of the segregation program from the period July 14 to October 20. The segregation bulletins prepared after the Denver meeting were distributed throughout the center on August 11 (English), and August 14 (Japanese). A diagram showing all steps in the segregation program was reproduced in the center newspaper on August 14. The drawing also was posted on the bulletin boards in each block and in the various bulletin boards in the administrative area of the center.

The only rumor of any consequence that developed concerned the special handling of parolees and a story was published in the project newspaper on August 18, stating that parolees were not to be considered different from others as far as the segregation program was concerned. Several special meetings were held for the evacuees from the center who were scheduled to leave for Tule Lake and complete information supplied to them verbally and in written form. The segregation program was explained in detail to the Block Managers and the Community Council members, and both of these groups were constantly kept informed of the developments in the program.

It appears that the information program at Granada was successful in its objective of supplying facts on all aspects of the segregation program. Once the program was announced and detailed information provided, there seemed to be little, if any, misunderstanding anywhere in the center. In fact, the segregation program was accepted for what it was. The only discontentment that was evidenced at all concerned housing changes in preparation for the new arrivals, and this was not so much of a segregation matter as it was a matter of individual housing moves. The housing program, however, was accomplished with no unpleasant incidents.

By taking the Block Managers into our confidence and supplying them with the information necessary to answer questions, much of the information job was accomplished within the respective blocks. This, supplemented by the overall information program, prevented any great number of individual questions being asked members of the appointed personnel, except as they affected specific rules and regulations; such as, handling of baggage, etc.

VI. PLANS FOR THE RECEPTION OF NEWCOMERS

The report on Evacuee Committees (#111) covers quite fully the program for the reception of newcomers. Housing assignments were made by the Housing Section after consultation with each Block Manager. Before the Tuleans arrived a considerable amount of voluntary and requested housing moves were made in order to vacate every apartment possible for the incoming Tuleans. For the most part, cooperation by evacuees was good, although in a few cases orders to move had to be given individual families where a very small family was occupying a large apartment, and would move to a smaller one. With the use of 12 recreation buildings, emergency quarters were provided for 80 people as follows: 12 rooms (16x20) housing 27 people; 9 rooms (20x20) housing 27 people; 6 rooms (20x24) housing 26 people.

Despite the fact that both trains from Tule Lake arrived at the project a day earlier than expected, housing facilities were furnished to every family the day they arrived. The temporary quarters in recreation halls will be vacated when space in regular barracks is available.

VII. PUBLIC RELATIONS

Prior to receiving the notice from the Washington Office not to publicize the segregation program, the project newspaper, the local newspapers, and wire services in the state had been given general stories concerning the coming segregation program including dates of the movements. The segregation program was received very favorably by the general public in this area. Although no editorials on the subject are known to have been written, the news stories were quite favorable. After the actual segregation movements took place, stories were sent to the local newspapers and wire services stating that fact.

In the small town of Granada near Amache the merchants got together and prepared store posters marked "Welcome Tuleans". In addition, a large banner was erected by the merchants across the main street from the railroad station with the words, "Welcome Tuleans" on it. This gesture was appreciated not only by the incoming Tuleans but by Amache residents as well. As far as the local communities are concerned in this area, the evacuees from Tule Lake are considered the same as other evacuees at Amache.

During the time of the arrival and departure of trains, no press representatives were on hand for stories or pictures. The information used was supplied by the project after the movements took place.

APPENDIX NO. VI

VISITORS TO THE CENTER

From its inception Anache was a focal point for visitors; the casual, the curious, and the interested. On July 1 and 2, 1943, the center was host to 13 press, radio and newsreel men from Kansas City, Omaha, Colorado Springs, Denver and from local smaller towns. The visitors were free to roam about the center, talk to staff and evacuees alike, take pictures, and eat in the mess halls. This visit resulted in much desirable publicity in press and radio and scotched many current rumors of pampering and mal-administration. Other representatives of the press who visited the center at various times might be listed:

Lee Casey, Columnist, Rocky Mountain News, Denver, Colorado
E. B. Gernett, Special Writer, Kansas City Star, Kansas City, Mo.
Ralph Myers, Photographer, International News Service, New York
Robert Geiger, Special Writer, Associated Press, New York
T. M. Metzger, Manager, Associated Press, Denver, Colorado
Jack Carberry, Sports Editor, The Denver Post, Denver, Colorado
H. A. Davis, Special Writer, New York Daily News, New York

The center-wide carnivals and agricultural fairs held annually drew large crowds of visitors from nearby farms and villages.

Church and school officials -- local, state and national -- made frequent visits. The federated churches were very helpful in promoting a healthful public relations program. The National YWCA, the Denver Juvenile Court, National Red Cross, the Fellowship of Reconciliation, the American Friends Service, all took an active and cooperative interest.

In addition to dignitaries and officials from the Army, Navy, Departments of State, Justice and Agriculture, and our own Interior and Authority officials, the following visitors might be mentioned:

Mrs. Hugo Cedergren, Countess Bernadotte, of Sweden
Mrs. Mark W. Clark, wife of the Commander of the Allied Forces
in Italy
Carey McWilliams, author and protagonist of racial minorities
Dr. Y. C. Yang, Director East Asia Department Ministry of
Foreign Affairs, Chungking, China
Hon. J. Edgar Chenoweth, member of Congress, Third Dist., Colo.
Florence Crannel Means, author of "The Moved Outers", a story
of life in a relocation center
Dr. Allen Eaton, Director, Department of Arts and Social Work,
Russell Sage Foundation