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MINIDOKA PROJECT SCHOOLS  
Hunt, Idaho

Weekly Narrative Report

DATE: Nov. 1st through 7th, 1942

TO: Mr. George Townsend, Chief of Community Services

FROM: Mildred E. Bennett

Two elementary schools were opened Monday, Oct. 19th, in Blocks 10 and 32. Schools are housed in barracks temporarily. There are 304 children enrolled in Block 10 and 428 children in Block 32. This includes Kindergarten through Grade Sixth. When beet workers return, we expect the enrollment to reach 750.

There are still seven Caucasian teachers needed. Until they can be secured, college students from among the Colonists are assuming responsibilities for home rooms with varying degrees of success. There are two certified Colonist teachers who will continue as home-room teachers. At present there are nineteen Colonists employed as Teachers' Assistants. Due to shortage of teachers, five classes of Fifth and Sixth Graders attend school only half day. Teachers for two of these have been hired but are not, as yet, on the job.

School seems to have started off more smoothly than was anticipated, considering the physical circumstances. Dining hall tables are used as children's desks. Newsprint and crayons are used in lieu of blackboards. As yet teachers are getting along with no equipment. Textbooks have been ordered but we feel that the teaching in some of the rooms is superior to what will be done when textbooks arrive.

The attached letter was the initial contact with parents. A conscientious attempt to correct lunchtime habits is being made.

Elementary teachers entertained the administrative staff--both Caucasians and Colonists, hospital staff, day nursery staff, and Jr.-Sr. high school staff at a tea in Block 32 on Thursday, Nov. 5th, from 4:00 to 5:00 p.m. Approximately 123 persons attended.



Construction was started in the elementary school office in Block 32 Thursday, Nov. 5th. This recreation hall is to be divided into an inner office, an outer office, a storeroom, and a teachers' rest room.

*Mildred E. Bennett*  
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Elementary Principal



MINIDOKA PROJECT SCHOOLS  
Hunt, Idaho

Weekly Narrative Report

*School Reports*

DATE: November 23rd to 28th, 1942

TO: Mr. George Townsend, Chief of Community Services

FROM: Mildred E. Bennett, Elementary Principal

Enrollment in the two elementary schools is approximately the same. Attendance is very irregular due to colds, bad weather, and a few cases of chicken pox. The number of tardy marks in our last report was quite disgraceful. We are requesting a crow bar from the warehouse to be used as a bell with the hope that this condition might be improved.

Gravel for walks is desperately needed in both areas.

The office in Block 10 has been completed, a desk secured for the Assistant Principal, and conditions improving there steadily.

Two young men have been put on the staff of the elementary schools to assist in the Fourth grades. We feel that this should greatly improve the discipline in these large rooms where Colonist teachers have been working.

Cots and blankets were delivered for teachers' rest room, health room, and children's rest room.

Plans are under way to make Christmas as happy a holiday as is possible for these children without involving any expense on their part. Children are very happy over the prospect of a tree for every room. We hope to have the trees soon, because the number of school days between now and Christmas are relatively few.

In the contest for names for the two elementary schools, in Block 10 the names, "Mountain View," "Sage Side," and "Bennett Sage" predominate. In Block 32 "Sun Valley School," "Minidoka Grammar," "Victory School," and "Stafford School" seem most popular. Final votes will be cast this coming week.

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Mildred E. Bennett  
Elementary Principal

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MINIDOKA PROJECT SCHOOLS

Hunt, Idaho

Nov. 24, 1942

MEMORANDUM TO: Mr. Townsend, Chief of Community Services

FROM: Mildred E. Bennett, Elementary Principal

SUBJECT: Narrative Report for Week of Nov. 15th  
through 21st

The enrollment in elementary schools has increased five this week.

Transcripts have arrived for many children from previous schools and several readjustments are being made in grade assignments. A standardized testing program is now under way. The Stanford Achievement Test Form D is being administered by the principal to all children from grades 3 through 6. This program will be continued for another two weeks. Gates Primary Reading Test will be given to Second Graders.

A few cases of chicken pox are being reported each week. Colds are very prevalent among the children.

Construction is being completed in the Assistant Principal's office.

The six County School Superintendents, who visited us Friday, were most enthusiastic in their praises and were much impressed with what teachers were able to do without materials. They often remarked that they wished some of their teachers could see what could be done with so little. Our schools here were discussed Saturday at Teachers' Institute at a meeting of fourteen County School Superintendents. I was invited to their luncheon meeting. I wish you could have heard what they said about our work here.

In our contest for names for Building 32, the names "Sun Valley" and "Stafford School" seemed to head the list at this time. Not all rooms have reported, however, and the report is not in for the school in Block 10. I will let you know when names have been chosen.

*Mildred E. Bennett*  
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Elementary Principal



MINIDOKA PROJECT SCHOOLS  
Hunt, Idaho  
Dec. 8, 1942

Weekly Narrative Report

*W. H. Reports*

DATE: Nov. 30th to Dec. 5th, 1942  
TO: Mr. Townsend, Chief of Community Services  
FROM: Mildred E. Bennett, Elementary Principal

Stanford Achievement Tests have been completed in Grades 3, 4, 5, and 6, except for a few who were absent when the tests were given. A retest will be given for those soon. Graphs showing test results will be prepared for your consideration in the near future. Many children are being reclassified on the basis of these test results.

Miss Ruby Smith joined the staff as 6th Grade Teacher. That leaves us lacking two 5th Grade teachers, two 4th Grade teachers, and two 1st Grade teachers.

Plans are under way to make Christmas as happy a season as possible without the expenditure of money. Caucasian teachers are contributing to a fund to provide a treat for the children in each classroom. Gifts and decorations for the Christmas trees in each room are to be made. Children are eagerly awaiting the trees which were promised by the Christmas Tree Committee, since time is short for them to enjoy them between now and Christmas.

Tuesday evening at 3:30 a health meeting was planned for elementary teachers, teachers' assistants, and nursery school teachers. The purpose was to plan the school health program for the year. Dr. Neher postponed the meeting until Thursday. When Thursday came, he went to Shoshone to meet his mother. Mrs. Evans had about 10 minutes' preparation for the meeting; therefore, not much was accomplished. She did not feel free to commit herself, and the responses to the teachers' questions and problems were not entirely satisfactory.

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Elementary Principal

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MINIDOKA PROJECT SCHOOLS  
Hunt, Idaho  
Dec. 15, 1942

Weekly Narrative Report

*Mr. Townsend*  
*Chief of Comm. Serv.*

DATE: Dec. 6 to Dec. 12, 1942

TO: Mr. Townsend, Chief of Community Services

FROM: Mildred E. Bennett, Elementary Principal

Seven complete case history of crippled children were gathered last week for attendance at the orthopedic clinic held in Twin Falls, Wednesday, December 9. Home calls were made and records from the hospital secured, four children were able to attend the clinic. Each child was accompanied by a parent. The clinic was most satisfactory, from the point of view of parent and child morale, state relationship, and school recommendations. A survey of all handicapped children was completed for the Regional Office. There may be additional cases to add to it eventually. Inasmuch as several handicapped children are not enrolled in school, the complete information is a bit difficult to get at.

The matter of evaluation reports to parents and grading is being studied seriously by the elementary group in an attempt to arrive at some satisfactory evaluation instruments and report cards.

Some of the Christmas gifts which are being made by children are a joy to behold. Decorations for the Christmas trees which have been promised by the Community Services Division are being made. Children are eagerly awaiting these trees. They ask each day, "Must we use sage brush for a tree, or will we have a real one?"

The Portland people have loaned the following equipments to the school in block 32:

one mimeograph machine  
play-ground equipment (swings, slides, whirl-a-gigs, and back-stops for ball games)  
curtain materials for classroom windows

Due to the icy conditions of the road, we feel that the children's lives are definitely endangered as they come to and from school. In addition to a definite program of classroom instruction, the elementary schools, in cooperation with Captain Lee, are organizing a School Safety Patrol Squad for each school block.

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Elementary Principal

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MINIDOKA PROJECT SCHOOLS  
Hunt, Idaho  
Dec. 22, 1942

Weekly Narrative Report

DATE: Dec. 14th to 19th, 1942

TO: Mr. Townsend, Chief of Community Services

FROM: Mildred E. Bennett, Elementary Principal

Meetings were held in each elementary school for the organization of the safety patrol squad. Twenty 5th and 6th Grade boys and girls from each school met with Mr. Tad Muraoka from the Office of Internal Security and men teachers in each area to make plans for the functioning of such a squad. When we found that it may be weeks before the Internal Security Department could get badges and flags made for these youngsters, we set about to improvise paper ones in art classes to be utilized until the cloth ones could be made. This squad expects to begin functioning next week. Membership in this organization is going to be considered one of the highest honors possible in the elementary school and is not limited to those of highest scholastic standing. Rather boys and girls who show cooperation, a desire to serve, dependability, and good citizenship are to be chosen. Since it is our plan to develop leadership, membership in the squad will rotate every nine weeks in order to give opportunities to additional people. The Internal Security Department has provided us with school crossing signs for the highways. We hope this cuts down on our traffic hazards.

Christmas caroling has started in earnest this week. By December 24th every block in the Project, the hospital area, and the administration area will have heard carols. The children seem to enjoy this experience tremendously.

Very attractive Christmas tree decorations have been made by the children and in some cases particularly attractive gifts for parents have been made. The children seem to have caught the spirit of giving as well as receiving during the Christmas season. A Christmas tree donated by Community Services has been placed in every elementary room and day nursery school. The sight of a really green, fresh tree seems to have brought a great deal of joy.

Plans are under way for a dental case finding survey for all school children.

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Elementary Principal



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MINIDOKA PROJECT SCHOOLS  
Hunt, Idaho  
Dec. 8, 1942

Weekly Narrative Report

DATE: Dec. 20th to Dec. 26th, 1942

TO: Mr. Townsend, Chief of Community Services

FROM: Mildred E. Bennett, Elementary Principal

Every block in the project and the hospital were visited by the Christmas carolers within the week. The weather prevented a visitation to the Administrative Area which had been planned for Tuesday and Wednesday.

Christmas parties were held in each room. The elementary teachers contributed to a treat for every elementary child and every nursery school child in the project. Several parents visited school for the parties. The puppet show which was given by the Community Dramatics Club added greatly to the pleasure of the children.

A dental clinic was planned beginning Monday, December 28th. At this clinic, a survey is to be made to determine what dental care is needed. This clinic is to be conducted by the Community Hospital Dental Staff.

Tardiness is a much greater problem than absences. A school bell would help to eliminate most of the former.

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Mrs. Sakamoto

Field Investigation Report

DATE: Dec. 20, 1944  
TO: Mr. Townsend, Chief of Community Services  
FROM: Missed E. Towns, Community Services

Every child in the school had the opportunity to visit the Christmas tree which was decorated with lights and ornaments. The children were very happy and enjoyed the visit.

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A special child was chosen to be the Christmas tree. The child was very happy and enjoyed the visit. The child was very happy and enjoyed the visit. The child was very happy and enjoyed the visit.

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Missed E. Towns



MINIDOKA PROJECT SCHOOLS  
Hunt, Idaho  
Jan. 6, 1943

Weekly Narrative Report

DATE: Dec. 27, 1942 to Jan. 2, 1943

TO: Mr. Townsend, Chief of Community Services

FROM: Mildred E. Bennett, Elementary Principal

The Dental Case Finding Survey was completed in the Stafford School. Statistics showing findings will be compiled at a later date and will be available.

At the Faculty Meeting on Saturday, Jan. 2nd, teachers completed the choices of textbooks in the areas where basic texts seemed desirable. Earlier choices had been made in some subject areas, but since an insufficient number of samples had been available, further decisions had awaited until this week. The growth in thinking and working together in attacking a problem, which has taken place in elementary teachers from the time of Workshop until the present, was most gratifying.

With the organization of the Schoolboy Patrol Squad traffic hazards seem to have been greatly minimized around the school areas. A letter to parents, explaining our purpose and plans, written in English and Japanese is being sent home. Patrolmen were measured at the Sewing Project for rain capes, and a request was placed for ten such capes to be made. Measurements were also taken for Sam Brown Belts for each child on the squad. An order for materials for these belts is enclosed.

This week finds the elementary school settling down to greater emotional stability and a more nearly normal approach to school problems than has been noted since the opening of school.

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MINIDOKA PROJECT SCHOOLS  
Hunt, Idaho  
Jan. 12, 1943

Mr. Townsend  
Chief of Comm. Services

Weekly Narrative Report #10

Date: Jan. 4, 1943 to Jan. 9, 1943

To: Mr. Townsend, Chief of Community Services

From: Mildred E. Bennett, Elementary Principal

The biggest event in the lives of the elementary schools to date was the arrival of the shipment of text-books and the chairs from Tule Lake! These are being numbered and distributed as hastily as possible. Reports of distributions made will be sent as soon as available.

The children in school seem to reflect the unrest which is being indicated in various ways through out life in the Project. Teachers have been attempting to get at the truth in an effort to squelch various rumors. Those which seemed to cause the greatest amount of unrest were:

- (1) Those regarding the shifting of the population here to other Projects.
- (2) Reports regarding Public Health menaces.
- (3) The existence of scorpions, spiders, snakes, etc. which endanger the life of the residents.

Phil Schafer, Project Director, visited the Faculty Meeting on Saturday morning and was able to state many facts which should help the mental hygiene of teachers and through them, the children and parents.

Two new pupils enrolled in the Huntville School; they were transfers from the Tule Lake Project.

Several cases of chicken pox still exist and one case of red measles was reported but not verified by the hospital staff.

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Mr. Townsend  
Chief of Community Services

MINIDOKA PROJECT SCHOOLS  
Hunt, Idaho  
Jan. 19, 1943

Weekly Narrative Report #11

DATE: Jan. 10, 1943 to Jan. 16, 1943

TO: Mr. Townsend, Chief of Community Services

FROM: Mildred E. Bennett, Elementary Principal

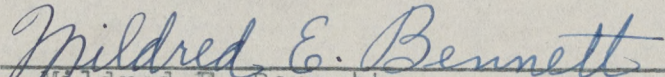
The original order for basic and supplementary textbooks was filled this week, and by using student teachers, the books were all labeled, numbered, and distributed throughout the elementary schools. This brought great joy to pupils and teachers.

Gates' Reading Tests were given to children in the second grade. These have been delayed until such time as these children showed readjustment to school situation. We believe that the test will give a fairly accurate picture of the reading ability at this time. Class graphs are being completed to show results of the Stanford Achievement Tests, in grades 3 through 6. Plans are underway to begin the administration of individual Binet Intelligence Tests.

The first elementary publication, the Stafford Press, was released last week by one of the sixth grade classes in that school.

Much of the dissatisfaction among Colonist teachers was alleviated this week when lunch permits were issued, allowing those who live a great distance from their work to eat in the dining room near their work. Requests have been made for children to have the same privilege. No reply has been received as yet.

A community tea and an informal reception was given Friday afternoon honoring Orby Cole, Curriculum Adviser, who was leaving for duty with the Armed Service.

  
Mildred E. Bennett  
Elementary Principal

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MINIDOKA PROJECT SCHOOLS  
Hunt, Idaho  
Jan. 26, 1943

Weekly Narrative Report #12

DATE: Jan. 17, 1943, to Jan. 23, 1943  
TO: Mr. Townsend, Chief of Community Services  
FROM: Mildred E. Bennett, Elementary Principal

The school administrators met with Dr. Carlyle Thompson, WRA Medical Officer, and Miss Joyce Stewart, Chief Nursing Consultant, on Tuesday, January 19th. Following this meeting the school people realized that the health program in schools rests on their shoulders except for specialized and advisory services. The Public Health Nurse, Miss Cona, is to train nurses' aides who will assist in schools. Due to the shortage of personnel any health program undertaken by the Community Health Services must be of remedial nature rather than preventive. This need not, as we see it, limit the activities of the school. The public health nurse and the medical officer will be used to train teachers rather than work immediately with the children. We believe that teachers will welcome the added knowledge and training and will know more about each individual child, since almost the entire responsibility rests with her. School health forms, which have been worked out cooperatively here, were approved by the visiting officers and will be put into use in the schools.

Delegations of teachers, pupils, and parents met with us frequently during the week regarding lunch permits for children who come from Blocks 15 through 19 to the Stafford School. A list of those children had been given previously to Mr. Pomeroy. Lunch permits have now been granted for all Colonist teachers and secretaries who live in an area outside the one in which they work.

At the Faculty Meeting on Saturday the large overall pattern for Progress Reports to Parents was agreed upon. Because of the differences in the specific goals on the various grade levels and the need for different terminology, it was decided that one report should be made for Kindergarten, a Primary Progress Report for grades 1, 2, and 3, and an Intermediate Progress Report for grades 4, 5, and 6. These reports are more formal than some of us would have liked, but in a very frank and open discussion in which the resident teachers took an active part, these factors were mentioned:

1. Reports not too different from the ones to which they have been accustomed would give parents a feeling of greater security.
2. Subject matter as such is the most important part of school life to many of the older people. Grading these might help to make them realize that this is a real school and not a makeshift.



3. Reports to parents are valuable only in so far as they are interpreted and understood by parents and children.

4. It is a mistake to try to move too far ahead of parents and children with any reporting system.

5. Residents are reported to be very prone to compare one child with another. Some system of grading should be agreed upon which will attempt to get the idea across that a child is to be compared only with his own growth and ability.

6. If teachers place most emphasis upon the personality side, we believe that children and parents can be helped to see the importance of that side.

7. As parents and children show a readiness, the report will be made less formal.

8. An interpretation of the grading symbols in Japanese was violently opposed by the Colonist teachers. They suggested rather that a letter of interpretation of our aims and goals, our philosophy of individual differences, and the purpose of the report, as well as an interpretation of the symbols, be given in both English and Japanese and attached to the first report.

9. Teachers are to take from an hour to two hours at least to interpret the reports before they are used and again before they go home to try to make sure that children understand what is being done. Children are to be encouraged to ask questions, and we hope parents will feel free to do likewise.

It was agreed that single mimeographed sheets should be used with personality traits on the left-hand side and growth in subjects and skills on the right-hand side. Each subject is to be broken down, so that a grading in a given subject is meaningful. Samples of the proposed reports will be discussed with you and Mr. Pomeroy before they are actually put into use.

Music teachers are delighted with the start made this week in tuning the pianos.

Additional chairs are coming in but have not as yet been numbered or distributed.

*Mildred E. Bennett*  
Mildred E. Bennett  
Elementary Principal

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MINIDOKA PROJECT SCHOOLS

Hunt, Idaho  
Feb. 2, 1943

Weekly Narrative Report #13

DATE: January 24, 1943, to January 30, 1943

TO: Mr. Townsend, Chief of Community Services

FROM: Mildred E. Bennett, Elementary Principal

Teacher conferences regarding exceptional children are being continued daily. As a supervisory device, this seems to be yielding especially fine results. During these scheduled interviews teachers bring many problems concerning not only the exceptional child but the normal one.

A demonstration on the teaching of intermediate reading was held for the benefit of teachers' assistants. Miss Ruby Smith, Grade Six, gave a demonstration from 10:45 to 11:45 a.m. Monday, Jan. 25th. Teachers' assistants and Mr. Kleinkopf reported the demonstration to be of value.

Three new teachers joined our staff this week. Mrs. Meadows was assigned to Grade One, Huntville School, and Miss Morton was assigned to Grade Five, Stafford School. This puts all children in this area in school all day. Mrs. Boatright was assigned to Grade One in Stafford School, which is to be composed of a division of the two very large first grades. A Fourth grade teacher is expected early next week.

Following the lunch hour Friday, Jan. 29th, the School Administrative Staff met with Miss Cona, Public Health Nurse, to plan specific steps in the school health program. It was agreed that she would work with the teachers and they, in turn, would take the responsibility for their health program. She is to be on call for emergencies at all times and will help wherever possible. Her first talk with the teachers on general health procedures will be given at an all-staff meeting Saturday, Feb. 6th, at 11:00 a.m.

*Mildred E. Bennett*  
(Mildred E. Bennett  
Elementary Principal



MINIDOKA PROJECT SCHOOLS  
Hunt, Idaho

Weekly Narrative Report #14

DATE: February 1 to February 7, 1943

TO: Mr. Townsend, Chief of Community Services

FROM: Mildred E. Bennett, Elementary Principal

Four new teachers have been added to the elementary staff recently. This makes our staff complete with the exception of two elementary teachers and a Caucasian Day Nursery Supervisor. Although the second Fifth Grade still does not have a Caucasian teacher, Miss Hultcrantz with two assistants is having the children attend school all day. Miss Plemmons, the other Fifth Grade home-room teacher, is expected soon.

With the addition of two First Grade teachers our First Grade enrollment is now divided into three rooms. Due to the uneven distribution of children the one in Huntville School is still very much larger. Parents are very reluctant to transfer their children.

Conferences are being continued with home-room teachers regarding the handling of exceptional children.

At a meeting which was called especially for that purpose, the patrol squad was issued Sam Brown belts, badges, and rain-capes last Friday. Mr. Bigelow had promised to come to take pictures but due to the army demands was unable to do so. He promises to take them at a later date. Boys and girls on the squad are bursting with pride over their new belts.

At an all-staff meeting on Saturday a report of the Denver Conference was given by Mr. Townsend. Miss Cona, Public Health Nurse, discussed the teachers' responsibilities in the public health program.

Thirty-three cartons of used books from the California library were received this week.

The Educational Administrative Staff met with the representatives of the Community Enterprises Thursday to plan the school supplies which had seemed advisable for Community Services to carry.

*Mildred E. Bennett*  
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Elementary Principal



MINIDOKA PROJECT SCHOOLS  
Hunt, Idaho

Weekly Narrative Report #15

DATE: February 8 to February 13, 1943

TO: Mr. Townsend, Chief of Community Services

FROM: Mildred E. Bennett, Elementary Principal

Mr. Robert E. Gibson, Assistant Director of Education and Recreation from the National Office, visited the project Monday and Tuesday. Due to conflicting schedules, he spent very little time in the elementary schools. His suggestion that we have more building and activity in the elementary schools seem impossible at this time because of the lack of space. In few classrooms is there any floor space available. We feel that the new furniture will make such adjustments possible.

At a series of faculty meetings Miss Cona, Public Health Nurse, is carrying on a program of health education with the teachers. This week the care of eyes and examination with the Snellen Eye-Chart are being stressed. A demonstration of the use of the Snellen Eye-Chart was given for the teachers' benefit. The next subject for consideration is that of communicable diseases among children. We are studying their causes, symptoms, period of incubation, length of exclusion from school, treatments, possible complications, and immunization.

Final meetings are being held to improve the proposed report cards. We hope to have them ready for use before long.

In an attempt to develop children's choruses, joy in group participation, and community spirit, a music concert was held in Recreation Hall 34 Friday at 3:00 P.M. for grades 3 and 4. Approximately 135 children took part. Mrs. Hara's division worked with us in planning the concert and took the leadership during the concert. The children not only had an opportunity to sing together--some old songs and some new ones but also had some listening lessons. Since facilities for this are entirely lacking in the school, we feel that this sort of program, if it can be developed, will fill our real need.

Mrs. Ruble, Community Librarian, began working with the elementary schools. She met with us at our faculty meeting on Saturday. We made plans together for the future function of the community library in the life of the school.

Valentine parties were held in most rooms last week and seemed to bring much joy to the children.

Individual Intelligence Tests (Binet) are being given for children whom teachers question and for all first graders.

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*Mildred E. Bennett*  
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MINIDOKA PROJECT SCHOOLS  
Hunt, Idaho

Weekly Narrative Report #16

DATE: February 14 to February 20, 1943  
TO: Mr. Townsend, Chief of Community Services  
FROM: Mildred E. Bennett, Elementary Principal

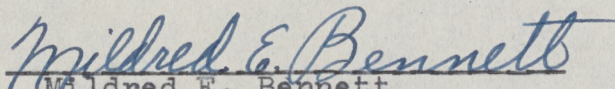
Teachers and administrators have worked together to develop a growth report to parents. These were worked out on three levels: kindergarten, primary, and intermediate. They are to be mimeographed and sent home in the near future. They will be accompanied by a letter of explanation and interpretation written in both in English and Japanese.

A new teacher, Miss Plemmons, from Texas, joined the staff this week. She takes the fifth grade room and relieves Miss Hultcrantz who has been carrying a double load.

School furniture manufactured in Tule Lake and assembled here is now being painted. It will be ready for use within the week.

Conferences have been held with the Project Librarian, Mrs. Ruble, with regard to correlating the school program and utilizing her services. An additional order is being placed to develop a juvenile library.

Individual Intelligence Tests are being given daily, first to children whose adjustment seems difficult and then including all first graders.

  
Mildred E. Bennett  
Elementary Principal

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MINIDOKA PROJECT SCHOOLS  
Hunt, Idaho  
March 2, 1943

WEEKLY NARRATIVE REPORT # 17

DATE: February 22 to February 27, 1943

TO: Mr. Townsend Chief of Community Services

FROM: Mildred E. Bennett, Elem. Principal

Plans are underway in cooperation with the fire department to plan fire drills for the elementary and nursery schools. Fire Chiefs Yeager and Burke have planned a series of schedule visits to include each classroom to observe the fire drill routine as it has been worked out, to make suggestions and to complete plans for a quick, orderly evacuation of all classrooms. Their visits begin next Monday.

Growth reports to parents have been completed and are to be sent home next week.

One sack of flower bulbs have been donated to the elementary schools by Mr. Dan Sheehan, Construction and Maintenance Engineer. Plans are underway to develop a bulb plot in each area. It is the plan to give the children the experience of preparing the soil, planting, and caring for the bulbs. This should be a splendid introduction to the garden project which we are anticipating in the near future.

Our first bad accident on the playground took place when Peter Nakamura, age nine, fell on the frozen ground and cut a bad gash just above the knee. The dispensary cooperated immediately with bandages. We took the lad and his mother to the hospital and had immediate attention. Many, many stitches were necessary, but we believe that there will be no serious after-effects.

*Mildred E. Bennett*  
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Elementary Principal

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MINIDOKA PROJECT SCHOOLS  
Hunt, Idaho  
March 9, 1943

WEEKLY NARRATIVE REPORT # 18

DATE: February 28 to March 6, 1943  
TO: Mr. Townsend, Chief of Community Services  
FROM: Mildred E. Bennett, Elem, Principal

Twenty-two new students have enrolled in the elementary schools. Twenty are from the Bainbridge Island group and two are from Tule Lake. All grades including kindergarten were represented. Two families unfortunately were housed in the Huntville area and enrolled in Huntville School, despite the fact that we had worked with Mr. Ingham in an attempt to have them located in Stafford School. The second and third grades in Huntville School which drew new pupils are both very badly crowded. Although it is too early judge, teachers almost in all cases have reported that these children's abilities in the basic subjects do not seem to measure up to that of the children in Hunt schools. After more time has lapsed and adjustment has been made, the situation may be modified somewhat.

Growth reports for all children are being filled in this week and will go home to parents on Monday, March 5.

Plans are underway for a cleanup campaign in cooperation with the committee-wide campaign.

The elementary schools were donated a large sack of bulbs which we believe, to be iris bulbs. Classes are now drawing plans for the beds and studying the preparation of the soil. It is intended that this should become an all-school project. Many trips have already been made to the library. Nursery and hothouse specialists in the community have been consulted, and much enthusiasm is being manifested by the children. Committees have been formulated for the various responsibilities. We hope to have some spots of beauty around our school grounds soon.

Supply cupboards in each classroom have been built in Stafford School and are now underway in Huntville School. These cupboards certainly improve the looks of classrooms and the morale of teachers and children.

Workbooks have been received for remedial reading and speech work in grades two and above. These were chosen with the idea of training ears and speech mechanisms as well as eyes. They should be particularly helpful in this situation.

Individual intelligence Tests which were started in first



grades have been abandoned there and will be given in third grades. We found the language handicap much too great to secure valid results. We believe that in the majority to cases, children begin to speak English only when they start to school. We believe added years necessary before they can express themselves adequately and their intelligence be judged.

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Mildred E. Bennett  
Elementary Principal

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Hunt, Idaho  
March 16, 1943  
WEEKLY NARRATIVE REPORT # 19

DATE: March 7 to March 13, 1943  
TO: Mr. Townsend, Chief of Community Services  
FROM: Mildred E. Bennett, Elem. Principal

Our growth reports accompanied by a letter of interpretation and explanation written both in English and Japanese went to every home on Monday. Some of the comments made by parents on these reports are most interesting. We expect to compile some of the interesting ones into a report.

One sixth grade class has taken the responsibility for planting flower plots for Stafford School. The ground was laid out, spaded, and raked ready for planting as soon as the weather permits. The bulbs which were given us were shared with Huntville School. The children are making window-boxes and, in general, planning to add some spots of beauty to their surroundings.

On Friday the kindergarten and first grade teachers and assistants met to discuss the reading readiness program. Plans were made for the coordination of the reading readiness program on both levels.

Painted school furniture has been supplied in two class rooms to date.

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Mildred E. Bennett  
Elementary Principal

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MINIDOKA PROJECT SCHOOLS  
Hunt, Idaho  
March 23, 1943

*Mr. Pomeroy*  
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WEEKLY NARRATIVE REPORT # 20

DATE: March 15 to March 20, 1943  
TO: Mr. Townsend, Chief of Community Services  
FROM: Mildred E. Bennett, Elem. Principal

Both elementary schools are busy planning and planting flower plots. The children are taking responsibility for the preparation of the soil, for the planning of the plots, and for their care after planting. We believe these will furnish some excellent learning experiences in addition to adding some beauty to our schoolgrounds. Several adults have been consulted by the children, and considerable research has been done in the library. We haven't seen as much enthusiasm evidenced by the children this year. We expect outstanding results in terms of children's experiences, regardless of the outcome of the flowers.

Teachers were overjoyed this week with the arrival of filing cabinets. They will not only be a great convenience but are most attractive pieces of furniture. We are looking forward now to teachers' desks.

In order to give training, experience, and recognition to more children, new patrol squads have been organized in both schools. The one in Stafford School where there has been difficulty seems to be running much more smoothly now that every person on the squad is new. The difficulty was traced at least in part to the officers in charge.

In collaboration with Mr. McLaughlin's department, some specific training is being offered the boys in physical education in grades 5 and 6. Twice weekly a member of the high school staff meets with the boys for an hour in the afternoon to work on specific problems. The home-room teachers work with the girls at this time on sewing projects, etc.

Our final order of textbooks has arrived. The books are being labeled, numbered, and distributed. Since these happen to be in the field of social studies and dictionaries, they will add a great deal to the curriculum.

Teachers have made definite plans for the enlarged classrooms which are anticipated for another year. We hope to have these taken into consideration by the Public Works, in order that our rooms next year may be more adequate and convenient.

There has been a definite increase in the parent visitations since growth reports have gone home. An urgent invitation to parents was included with them and has definitely had results.



Huntville School has gone to press! Since one newspaper did not seem to adequately cover the need for a newspaper in both schools, the sixth grades in Huntville School decided to edit their own paper. The first issue came off the press this week under the name Huntville Sage. Mrs. Edith Kleinkopf's sixth grade published this issue, and Miss Haug's sixth grade plans to publish the next one. Future editions will be much shorter.

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Mildred E. Bennett  
Elementary Principal

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MINIDOKA PROJECT SCHOOLS  
Hunt, Idaho  
March 30, 1943

WEEKLY NARRATIVE REPORT # 21

DATE: March 22 to March 27, 1943

TO: Mr. Townsend, Chief of Community Services

FROM: Mildren E. Bennett, Elementary Principal

A first-aid kit has been placed in Stafford School by Miss Cona for use with the minor accidents. For each administration or application of first-aid, a report must be filed and sent to Miss Cona.

The project school administration entertained the Schoolmasters' Club of Southern Idaho on Friday at dinner. A program was furnished and several rooms held open house. The teachers were in the rooms to visit with guests and answer questions about the educational program.

Flower gardens and window boxes as well as a few experimental hot frames are found in or near almots every classroom. There seems to be great enthusiasm over the the beautification of the school site.

The sewing machine were loaned to each elementary school by Community Services for use during the activity period. Bobbins are needed in the two at Huntville School.

Play areas are being put in shape by project machinery. The leveling and hanwork will be done by groups of volunteers. Thirty rakes were transferred to the elementary school department for use on the play-grounds. These will probably be used both by the children and adult committees.

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/s/ Mildred E. Bennett  
Elementary Principal

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*Mr. Pomeroy*

MINIDOKA PROJECT SCHOOLS  
Hunt, Idaho  
March 31, 1943

Mr. Hara  
Head Block Manager  
23-2-A

Dear Mr. Hara:

Our kiddies have contributed \$.24 for the Junior Red Cross since the committee collected the contributions from the two elementary schools. This additional amount is enclosed. Could we have 10 additional Red Cross buttons for these children?

Thank you very much.

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Mildred E. Bennett  
Elementary Principal

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Enclosure



MINIDOKA PROJECT SCHOOLS

Hunt, Idaho

April 6, 1943

WEEKLY NARRATIVE REPORT # 22

DATE: March 28 to April 3, 1943

TO: Mr. Townsend, Chief of Community Services

FROM: Mildred E. Bennett, Elementary Principal

The army engineers have completed the sealing of the office in Huntville School. After two weeks, the office will be open for normal activities again.

Work is going ahead on raking the playground at Stafford School. Crew consisting of thirty boys work at a time. Although the results are not quite as good as they would be if adults were working on it, we were pleased with the boys' attitude when they said, "Why can't we do it?" When the raking has been completed the entire school will be organized for an hour of two, one day next week and every child given an opportunity to pick up rocks.

We met with Mr. Thunberg, Engineer from the National Office, and Mr. Arai in our Public Works Department last week to estimate the expenditure involved in turning our barrack classrooms into suitable ones for next year. Mr. Arai seems most agreeable, interested, and imaginative. We are to meet him again in the near future to work out details. The contact with him was most encouraging.

One of our certified Colonist teachers, Mrs. Lury Sato, resigned this week, stating that she need more time to be with her husband. This leaves us without a certified teacher in two fourth grades and one third grade at this time. Teacher trainees are doing a better job in some cases than certified Caucasian teacher so we are not particularly alarmed.

Twenty-eight parents, five of whom were fathers, met in the office of Stafford School Thursday, April 1, to lay the ground work for a P.T.A. organization. A student teacher, Miss Betty Murakami, did a skillful job as interpreter, and it was not long until the ice was broken and issei and nissei parents were carrying on a lively discussion. Many excellent recommendations were made which will be acted upon in the organization. This group decided that the organization should be made in a large mass meeting held Wednesday, April 7th, 7:00 p.m. in dining hall 32. A committee decided that entertainment and refreshments would be dispensed with at this first meeting. Miss Fitzsimons, new curriculum directorm, sat in on the meeting and pronounced it an excellent introduction to her life here. On the whole it was one of the most thrilling experiences which we have had to date.



The insecurity of these parents, their intense interest in their children's welfare, their great eagerness to cooperate and their extreme appreciation of any consideration makes one feel humble to work with them.

To comply with numerous requests and to try to demonstrate some of the procedure and the practices which we have been advocating, the principal gave a demonstration in primary reading with third grade children Friday, April 2nd, at 1:15. A most valuable discussion with primary home-room teachers and Mr. Kleinkopf was held at the close of the demonstrations. Teachers have asked for many more of these.

The comments from parents on progress reports which went home recently have been summarized into a report. This material will be most valuable for documentary purpose as well as for guidance in our school program.

Teachers were badly disappointed when Mr. Gibson from the National Office found time to visit only one classroom. Individual conferences were held with some staff members, However, in preparation for his meeting in Denver next week.

A splendid opportunity was afforded the educational administrative staff Friday night when they were asked to speak at the Education Forum in dining hall 38 as a part of the Adult Education Forum in dining hall 38. Many interested parents were there clamoring for information and security about their children. It was an excellent opportunity to meet with them and to try to answer some of their problems. It was the first experience with an interpreter with some of the speakers had and that in itself was a worthwhile experience.

The relocation program is affected<sup>ing</sup> the teacher-train-program a great deal, as we have anticipated that it would. We expect to be affected even more as time goes by.

The morale of home-room teachers was considerably raised this week when the long-looked-for teachers' desks arrived. At the same time they received waste-paper baskets, teachers' grade books, and the teachers' plan books. They felt that Christmas had come again. Except for floor space now, classrooms are really getting into fine shape. The kind of living toward which we are striving is becoming more and more apparent in the classrooms, mated if not entirely realized.

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Mildred E. Bennett  
Elementary Principal



MINIDOKA PROJECT SCHOOLS

Hunt, Idaho  
April 13, 1943

WEEKLY NARRATIVE REPORT #23

DATE: April 5 to April 10, 1943

TO: Mr. George Townsend, Chief of Community Services

FROM: Mildren E. Bennett, Elementary Principal

At the request of the Chief of Community Services, a new survey was made of all handicapped people in the project. The elementary school had 27 cases to report. This included some adults and high school students as well as nursery and pre-school children.

A mass meeting was held for parents in blocks 21 through 44 to organize a Parent-Teacher Association on Wednesday, April 7. Invitations were made by each school child and delivered to parents. The meeting was held at 7:00 in dining hall 32. Mr. Fujii, Superintendent of Housing, acted as chairman of the evening and interpreter. About 80 parents including a goodly number of fathers attended. The discussion was very free due to Mr. Fujii's leadership. The atmosphere was very friendly, easy, and spontaneous. The decision was made to have two delegates elected from each block who will compose the nominating committee for officers for P. T. A. It was recommended that Miss Bennett contact the block managers at their next meeting and ask for their cooperation. This would give each block an equal voice in this important election. The first Friday of each month was decided as an appropriate meeting time. Meetings are to be held in dining hall 32 at 7:30 p.m. All meetings are to be interpreted. The next meeting will be held May 7 at which time elected officers will be presented. There was great eagerness to affiliate with the state and national association next September. It was agreed that these preliminary steps be taken now and we function as a parent club until we have earned the right to operate under the title of P. T. A. We were told that had the meeting been held another week, there would have been a greater turnover. The celebration of Buddha's birthday was believed by some to have interfered with the P. T. A. meeting.

On Thursday which was supposed to have been the 2,443rd anniversary of the birth of Buddha, a committee of women contacted the school office to ask whether they might honor Buddha and the teachers by presenting us each with a gardenia to wear on that day. They explained that in a city real gardenias would have been presented. A lovely box of hand-made paper gardenias was delivered to each elementary school with a sufficient number for every teacher, teacher's assistant, and secretary. We all enjoyed wearing them very much.



In order to make it possible for all student teachers and teachers' assistants to take the trip to Albion Normal School on Friday, several teachers and the principal taught double rooms for the day. The teachers' assistants reported that the trip was most delightful and enjoyable despite adverse weather conditions.

At the faculty meeting on Saturday, Miss Ethel Fitzsimons, new Curriculum Adviser, was presented to the teachers and the discussion was held regarding curriculum development. The group feels that Miss Fitzsimons definitely has something to offer and that progress will be made under her leadership. Mr. Briggs was also present to discuss school garden plots and answer specific questions regarding gardening.

The rapid turnover in personnel among teachers' assistants continues, so that our teacher-training program is a constant one. This condition will probably exist from here-on.

All books, supplies, and practically all furniture were moved out of Stafford School office to make ready for the army engineers. They started work on Thursday noon and are moving very rapidly. This office will soon be sealed. Our plans for the storeroom had been revised since the old plan prevented the use of windows, looked unsightly from the outside, and was inadequate for the supply of used books which have been donated. Miss Fitzsimons plans to work with us in organizing curriculum material on the new shelves in a way so it will be made more usable to teachers.

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Mildred E. Bennett  
Elementary Principal

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MINIDOKA PROJECT SCHOOLS  
Hunt, Idaho  
April 13, 1943

WEEKLY NARRATIVE REPORT # 24

DATE: April 12 to April 17, 1943

TO: Mr. George Townsend, Chief of Community Services

FROM: Mildred E. Bennett, Elementary Principal

The left-over Christmas supplies which have been stored in the warehouse were gone over by representatives from the counselor's office, Community Activities, and the elementary school including nurseries. The supplies were distributed according to suitability and delivered to the various offices.

The principal met with the block managers on Monday, April 12 at 3:00 p.m. in dining hall 14 to ask their cooperation in the election of PTA delegates. These two elected delegates are to serve on the nominating committee for PTA officers. The block managers were very receptive to the idea, very friendly, and made the speaker feel very much at home. She stayed for refreshments and had a delightful afternoon.

Election of delegates was held on Friday in each block, 21 through 44 with the exception of block 24 and 26. They have promised to elect their delegates soon. A meeting will be held early next week with these delegates to plan election of officers.

Grades 4, 5 and 6 turned out en masse to pick up sagebrush in the school garden plot at Stafford School last Wednesday. Mr. John Bigelow came to take some pictures. The children seemed to enjoy the work.

Nearly every room has planned some sort of garden plot in addition to the large school plot. They're either flowers, vines, or grass in front of each door. A load of fertilizer came for these flower beds and another for the large school plot.

On Thursday, April 15, a demonstration in fourth grade reading was given by the principal. Intermediates teachers and teacher's assistants observed the demonstration.

On Friday, the Music Division of Community Activities conducted group-singing for fifth and sixth grades in Huntville School at 3:30 to 4:00 p.m. in Rec. 8. The children reported a delightful time.

At the faculty meeting on Saturday, Mr. Pomeroy, Superintendent of Education, shared with the teachers his experiences while at the Denver Conference.



The work has been finished, sealing both school offices. The shelves have been restored in Safford School office, but due to difficulty over lumber, shelves have not been replaced in Huntville office. We are still working on this and hope that it will be finished soon.

Miss Fitzsimons, new Curriculum Advisor, is already functioning in a helpful way in the elementary schools.

Mildred E. Bennett  
Elementary Principal



MINIDOKA PROJECT SCHOOLS  
Hunt, Idaho  
April 28, 1943

WEEKLY NARRATIVE REPORT  
# 25

DATE: April 18 to 24, 1943

TO: Mr. George Townsend, Chief of Community Services

FROM: Mildred E. Bennett, Elementary Principal

Returns from the election of P. T. A. delegates have come in for all blocks and a meeting is being held Friday evening, 7:30 in Recreation 32 to elect P.T.A. officers for Stafford School.

The two elementary schools cooperated in furnishing a program for the Keirokei Party sponsored by the Adult Education Department on Saturday and Sunday for the elders

A garden plot, 336' long and 87' wide, has been laid out for Stafford Elementary School. The soil is soon to be ready for planting.

Children were dismissed from school on Good Friday afternoon to attend church services wherever desired.

At the faculty meeting Saturday, elementary teachers and teachers' assistants had the best time yet when Miss Gretchen Wahl conducted a workshop in the use of finger-paint. An exhibition of the 'works of the great masters' has been placed in the office in Stafford School. At this faculty meeting the services of ten teachers were enlisted by Mr. Asaba for help in conducting the boy-scout merit tests. At the same meeting, consideration was given toward accumulative permanent record forms. It was decided that the elementary teachers could go no further until they had conferred with the high school teachers about their desire to have one form for both levels.

Several rooms adjacement to the elementary classrooms have been vacated, and we are eagerly awaiting the services of Public Works to remove the partitions and make our classrooms of a more desireable size. This work-order has been placed.

Mildred E. Bennett  
Elementary Principal



MINIDOKA PROJECT SCHOOLS

Hunt, Idaho

May 5, 1943

Weekly Narrative Report # 26

DATE: April 26 to May 1, 1943

TO: Mr. George Townsend, Chief of Community Services

FROM: Mildre E. Bennett, Elementary Principal

Eleven children were taken to the Orthopedic Clinic in Twin Falls Wednesday, April 28. This number included some out of school age and some high school children. One case for an elementary child was dismissed; for another, surgery was recommended; for another a special kind of braces. The State Board of Health and the Children's Bureau seem to be cooperating beautifully.

Forty-three members of the Junior Safety Patrol Squad took part in the Flag Dedication Service Friday April 30 at 4:00 p.m. The children were very much impressed by this service.

On Friday, April 30 at 7:30 p. m. in the principal's office, the following officers were chosen for Stafford P.T.A. for the coming year:

Rev. F. M. Hayashi,	32-1-C	President
Mrs. H. Terakawa	35-8-B	Vice President
Miss Betty Murakami	38-4-E	Secretary
Mr. Hikoichi Katada	34-5-C	Treasurer
Mrs. Vivian Arai	22-9-A	Publicity Chairman

Plans were completed for the first regular meeting of the P. T. A. in dining hall 32 at 7:30 Friday, May 7, 1943. This group seems particularly interested, intelligent, and willing to go ahead. We feel very enthusiastic over the attitude of the people in this section regarding P.T.A. It was interesting to note that many nursery school parents were represented and felt as much a part of the P.T.A. as parents of elementary children. This was most gratifying.

At a general staff meeting Saturday, delegates from the State Convention, held in Boise the previous week-end, reported on the meeting.

The second report card period ended this week and growth reports are to go home Monday, May 10. Children's attitude toward the growth reports has been interesting. The fact that teachers are to make comments to parents seems to carry quite a bit of weight with the children.

Quite a large shipment of supplies which have been ordered for last quarter have arrived in the last few days.

Mildred E. Bennett  
Elementary Principal



MINIDOKA PROJECT SCHOOLS

Hunt, Idaho  
May 11, 1943

WEEKLY NARRATIVE REPORT #27

DATE: May 3 to May 8, 1943

TO: Mr. George Townsend, Chief of Community Services

From: Mildred E. Bennett, Elementary Principal

The Visual Aids program for the Elementary Schools is being evaluated and plans made for the summer program. The community-wide committee, working with Community Enterprises, is reconsidering the matter of movies for Elementary School children. Many problems have been discussed, such as the types of pictures shown, the health aspects of our community theatre at present, the eyestrain involved because of poor projection, and many problems concerning the abuses of free tickets. The whole matter is being considered, and the committee hopes to arrive at some specific plans for the future.

Both Elementary Schools participated in the community-wide Clean-Up Day, Tuesday, May 4. Because of unfavorable weather, there is still much to be done.

The committee appointed to work on cumulative records (permanent individual record forms) has been meeting with the high school committee to discuss the advisability of planning one form which carries through the entire school life. A possibility of having printing done presents the greatest problem.

A fine shipment of school supplies was received last week. This included chalk and pendils, both of which were desperately needed.

Requisition was placed for supplies and equipment for the summer quarter.

211 parents attended the Stafford P. T. A. meeting, Friday, May 7, in Dining Hall 32. Mr. Harry Stafford, Project Director, was the principal speaker. A most delightful evening was enjoyed by all. Miss Koontz, First Grade room won the Room Count (had the highest percentage of parents present at the meeting).

The Elementary Schools are waiting patiently, the preparation of the soil for their school gardens. They are a little concerned lest enthusiasm wanes before planting is possible.

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Mildred E. Bennett  
Elementary Principal



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MINIDOKA PROJECT SCHOOLS  
Hunt, Idaho  
May 18, 1943

WEEKLY NARRATIVE REPORT #28

DATE: May 10 to May 15, 1943  
TO: Mr. George Townsend, Chief of Community Services  
FROM: Mildred E. Bennett, Elementary Principal

Growth reports went home for the second time, Monday, May 10. Pupils, as well as, teachers, seemed to have a better understanding of the report this time, and we believe that they will be even more effective.

In order to give more children an opportunity on the Junior Safety Patrol Squad, a new troop is organized following each growth report period. This gives each troop an opportunity to serve for nine weeks. This organization seems to be making a very valuable contribution to individual child development. Opportunities are being given more and more to the reticent child or to the child who had had little recognition. They seem, not only to make better patrol members, but the personal development and growth is obvious and most gratifying.

Work on the school garden plots has seemed at somewhat of a standstill lately. We hope that the adult crew moves ahead on the preparation of the soil.

At the last faculty meeting, May 8, Miss Ruth Hultcrantz fifth grade teacher in Huntville School presided. After common problems were discussed, Miss Fitzsimons dealt with curriculum development. Miss Hultcrantz gave a demonstration on the techniques of handling group play. Every staff member was encouraged to participate, and a lively time was had by all.

The elementary student teachers all spent the day, Saturday, May 15 in Twin Falls. This trip seemed to do wonders for morale.

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Mildred E. Bennett  
Elementary Principal

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MINIDOKA PROJECT SCHOOLS

Hunt, Idaho  
May 25, 1943

WEEKLY NARRATIVE REPORT #29

DATE: May 17 to May 22, 1943

TO: Mr. George Townsend, Chief of Community Services

FROM: Mildred E. Bennett, Elementary Principal

Plans are moving ahead for the modified summer program, which will include gardening. Much work was done on the garden plots, specifically, on the one at Stafford School. Sixth grade boys were taught to run the Farm-all, and after about four days' work, had the soil about ready for the seed. It was necessary to haul many rocks away, to pick up and burn sagebrush several times. Then after harrowing, disking, the ground was leveled. This was a wonderful learning experience for the boys, and, we are sure, made the garden seem much more like the children's own. Teachers are still not quite settled in their own minds as to whether the garden units should be highly mechanized or most of the work done by hand. They recognized that the latter will furnish a better learning experience, but that the former will assure care during vacation months.

The Community Movie Committee, functioning at the invitation of the Consumer Enterprise, meets every Monday morning at 11:00 in the Stafford School office. Evaluation of the present plan is under way and a study is being made of how to improve the situation. New tickets are ready for distribution in all school units. The new tickets have been marked with the name of the day when the child is to attend, with the hope of eliminating some of the trading of tickets.

Several of our older boys took part in the Boy Scout Court of Honor on Tuesday night and were awarded medals of different sorts.

The P. T. A. Board met in the Stafford School office, Wednesday, May 19, at 7:30 p.m. Some policies were formulated, plans were made for the coming year, and specific plans were made for the next P.T.A. meeting, June 4.

Several demonstration lessons have been planned by home-room teachers and administrators for the benefit of student teachers. Some of these demonstrations are quite exceptional.



Teachers are responding very enthusiastically to a Japanese Flower Arranging Class, held each Wednesday, 4:00 to 5:00 p.m., under the direction of Miss Matsuda, employee of the Cooperative.

Plans are under way for group intelligence tests to be given to everychild from Kindergarten through Grade Six. The Pintner Series has been ordered. It is also planned to give Stanford Achievement Tests as a follow-up to check on the growth made within the year. A different form of the same test given last fall will be used so that evaluation will be possible.

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Mildred E. Bennett  
Elementary Principal

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MINIDOKA PROJECT SCHOOLS  
Hunt, Idaho  
June 1, 1943

WEEKLY NARRATIVE REPORT #30

DATE: May 23 to May 29, 1943

TO: Mr. George Townsend, Chief of Comm Services

FROM: Mildred E. Bennett, Elementary Principal

Much work has been done on both school gardens during the past week in an attempt to get them ready for planting. Mr. Briggs has supervised the work, and has, wherever possible, used Fifth and Sixth Grade boys for the work to be done. Units of work centered around gardening have been planned in every room so that the children take an active part in the planning of the garden. Several rooms have taken excursions to the community farm plots to see the chickens and to examine the hotbeds. This has proved quite an experience for some children who have never seen tiny chickens.

The Movie Committee, working in cooperation with Community Enterprises, has new movie tickets ready for distribution to school children.

Miss Ruth Hultcrantz, Fifth Grade teacher at Huntville School, gave one of the finest demonstrations on the use of poetry and rhythms which we have seen, on Monday, May 24. It was planned for student teachers.

The kindergarten of Stafford School gave a May fete on Wednesday and Thursday for student teachers and for parent. The entire program was done with music and it was remarkable to see the emotional control and security which these five-year olds manifested. They were entirely sure of themselves. All knew what to do next, how to do it, and it seemed quite remarkable to the administrators that the teacher's voice was heard not once during the entire performance.

A lovely wool bunting flag was donated to each Elementary School by the volunteers from this Project. Plans are under way for Public Works to erect flag poles, and both Elementary Schools are planning services for Flag Day, June 14, when the flags will be raised for the first time.



Teachers and administrators are spending much time attempting to work out plans for the summer program. The Community Church Council is cooperating with other community representatives so that the most satisfactory program can be worked out for all concerned.

Elementary Teachers have completed what they consider an appropriate form for permanent cumulative records to be used in the Elementary Schools. The problem of mimeographing or printing still seems to be a major one.

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Mildred E. Bennett  
Elementary Principal

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# MINIDOKA PROJECT SCHOOLS

Hunt, Idaho  
June 9, 1943

## WEEKLY NARRATIVE REPORT #31

DATE: May 31 to June 5, 1943  
TO: Mr. George Townsend, Chief of Community Services  
FROM: Mildred E. Bennett, Elementary Principal

The form for cumulative records has been worked out and mimeographed on 5" x 8" cards. The form is very much simplified, but, we feel, does contain essential information and avoids duplication of records. We feel that this system will be quite satisfactory.

The school administrative staff met with the representatives from the Community Church Council, Thursday, June 3 at 10:00 a.m. in Stafford School office to make plans for the summer program. The following schedule was agreed upon:

June 28	Regular school session ends
June 28 to July 9	Children freed for church school
	Teachers work on records and tests
	Inventories and other community activities
July 12 to Aug. 14	Modified summer program
Aug. 16 to Sept. 4	Vacation
Sept. 6 to Sept. 11	Elementary workshop
Sept. 13	School begins

The Buddhist and Catholic Churches plan to hold their church school during the Aug. 16 to Sept. 4 vacation period. The Protestant Churches plan to hold theirs during the dates indicated above because of the availability of teachers at that time. Several members of the Appointed Personnel volunteered to help with the Protestant Bible School and the Catholic members will help Father Tibesar in his plans, if they are on the Project at the time when they would be needed.

Several children's families have moved to the Huntville area, recently, but we have had to insist that they remain in Stafford School because of the heavy enrollment at Huntville. Lunch permits are being requested for all such children.



The second monthly meeting of the Stafford P.T.A. was held in Dining Hall 32 at 7:30 p.m. Friday, June 4. Approximately 240 parents and teachers attended. The spirit seemed especially fine. The problem of getting sand on top of our walks was brought up. A volunteer crew was organized and by Monday morning, the walks were entirely covered with nice, clean sand. At the P.T.A. meeting, Miss Ruby Smith, sixth grade teacher, presided over the Question and Answer session, at which the parents were encouraged to ask question. The following ones were brought up and discussed:

1. Dismissal time for kindergarten children and grades 1 and 2.

The question seemed to be about their having sufficient time to get home for lunch. The discussion seemed to simmer down to the fact that dining halls are still serving earlier than scheduled. The school officials pointed out that all rooms had been allowed half an hour to get home, if lunch were served as scheduled.

2. At what grade level does the school advocate the beginning of homework? Why are our children assigned no homework?

It was pointed out, probably, no homework should ever be assigned below 4th grade. The school officials explained that, due to home conditions, specifically, poor lighting, lack of study tables, privacy, and quiet, it had been considered advisable to work hard while at school, to fit assignments to children's abilities, and require no homework.

3. This prompted the next question. If our children should leave the Project tomorrow, what would be the standing of our classes with that of others? Miss Smith pointed out that by the time we had completed 36 weeks, we expected our boys and girls to have made as much growth as they would have made within the year in any school, anywhere. This answer brought an applause from the parents.

4. What plans have been made for the summer program and what are the dates?

The specific calendar was read and some of the activities which had been planned, were outlined.

Miss Cona's talk on public health program for elementary children was very well done, and we were happy for her to stress the need for rest among our boys and girls. We were glad to have her point out the responsibility of parents and to urge that parents continue to bear this responsibility, rather than to shift it to the school.



Mrs. Boatright's first grade won the Room Count.

Invitations have been sent home to interested parents to meet on Wednesday, June 9, 2:00 p.m. in Miss Haug's office, to organize Huntville P.T.A.

A beautiful flag pole has been erected at Stafford School and plans are under way for one at Huntville. We hope to have flag raising services at each school on Flag Day, June 14.

7 Both school gardens are shaping up in a gratifying manner.

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Mildred E. Bennett  
Elementary Principal



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MINIDOKA PROJECT SCHOOLS  
Hunt, Idaho  
June 15, 1943

WEEKLY NARRATIVE REPORT #32

DATE: June 7 to June 12, 1943  
TO: Mr. George Townsend, Chief of Community Services  
FROM Mildred E. Bennett, Elementary Principal

The Administrative Staff met, Monday, June 7 at 4:00 p.m. to make further plans for the modified summer program.

The Principal has conferred again with Public Works on classroom plans for next year. Specific plans and requests for materials had been prepared for the Washington office. The plans for the larger classrooms seemed quite adequate and satisfactory.

A group of twelve parents, all mothers, met in Miss Haug's office to discuss preliminary plans for Huntville P.T.A. Wednesday, June 9 at 2:00 p.m. It was agreed that a large group meeting should be held Tuesday evening, June 15 in Dining Hall 10 when all plans and election of officers should be taken care of by the group.

Additional classrooms are being vacated a few at a time and turned over to us by Housing. Kenneth Barclay, Chief of Internal Security met with Tad Mutaoka, Miss Wahl, Miss Bennett, and Miss Fitzsimons in the office to discuss a problems with Junior Safety Patrol boys. Older boys in Miss Wahl's room had been abusing fourth grade boys on the squad. Mr. Barclay pointed out the possible consequences of such behavior patterns, and we feel that there, probably, will not be a repetition of such incidents.

Plans were made in both elementary schools for flag raising ceremonies to be held June 14 in each school. Scout Master George Fujinaga, worked with us on the matter of bearing and raising the flag.

Evaluation conferences have been held with teachers, in so far as possible, regarding the work covered throughout the year. These will be continued by Miss Fitzsimons.

Planting was done in both school gardens. Enthusiasm of the children, both boys and girls, was gratifying.

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Mildred E. Bennett  
Elementary Principal

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MINIDOKA PROJECT SCHOOLS  
Hunt, Idaho  
June 22, 1943

WEEKLY NARRATIVE REPORT #33

D DATE: June 14 to June 19, 1943  
TO: Mr. George Townsend, Chief of Community Services  
FROM: Ethel Fitzsimons, Acting Elementary Principal

The organizations of the Huntville P. T. A. was successfully effected at a meeting held in Dining Hall 10 on Tuesday evening, June 15. Miss Mildred Bennett and Mr. Kanaya acted as co-chairman, with Mr. Kanaya serving as interpreter. About 175 parents and teachers were present. The purposes of P. T. A. were presented and the delay for organization at Huntville was explained, by Miss Bennett. It was decided that the group will meet regularly on the second Tuesday of each month during the summer with the understanding that the organizations would become affiliated with the state and national organizations in the fall. After the presentation of teachers, the nominations for officers were made from the floor. The election was held by secret ballot and the following officers were elected.

President	Mrs. T. Sakai	7-6-D
Vice President	Mrs. Ishihara	13-4-C
Secretary	Mrs. T. Nakamura	4-1-D
Treasurer	Mr. Urakawa	10-4-C
Publicity Chairman	Mrs. Nagamine	19-8-B

Refreshments were served by a group of mothers who had volunteered to act as a Hospitality Committee at this first meeting of parents and teachers.

An epidemic of measles seems to have started among the younger children attending Stafford School. No serious cases have been reported. It is hoped that with the closing of school on Friday of this week, that a further spread of this epidemic will be curbed.

The drowning of Roy Tada, member of the 5th grade group at Stafford School has caused serious thought on the part of all the children. Effort has been made to prevent this matter from developing into an emotional problem in the school. Plans are now under way, whereby, an expression of sympathy may be extended to Roy's family.



The following schedule represents the divisions of time planned for the summer program.

June 25                      Regular term closes

June 28  
to  
July 9

Church Schools in session  
Children will attend church schools of their choice. Seven elementary school teachers have volunteered to assist in this program. Other teachers will give full time to the completion of records and the planning of work for the modified summer school program.

July 12  
to  
Aug. 14

Modified summer program  
This program is planned to be informal and for the most part, recreational in nature. Gardening activities and remedial work for children needing special help will be given particular attention in the forenoon. The afternoon program will consist, very largely, of periods of relaxation handicrafts, and various other forms recreation. A letter seeking the enlistment of parents' cooperation in the forwarding of this program has been prepared and will be sent with the letter from the Church Schools to the parents on Wednesday of this week.

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Ethel M. Fitzsimons  
Acting Elementary Principal

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MINIDOKA PROJECT SCHOOLS

Hunt, Idaho  
June 29, 1943

WEEKLY NARRATIVE REPORT #34

DATE: June 21 to June 26, 1943

TO: Mr. George Townsend, Chief of Community Services

FROM: Ethel M. Fitzsimons, Acting Elementary Principal

Reports and other items attendant to the closing of the regular school term are now receiving the attention of the elementary school staff. Children were dismissed on Friday, June 25 for a period of two weeks. During this time the Buddhists are conducting a school in Block 10 and Block 32. The Federated Churches, also, have schools in these blocks respectively. The first day's total enrollments were reported as follows: Buddhist Churches, 230; Federated Churches, 325. A number of Appointed Personnel and colonist teachers have volunteered their services in these Church Schools.

About fifty members representing the Stafford P. T. A. group extended a farewell courtesy to Reverend Hayashi recently resigned President, at a party held in Dining Hall 32 on Sunday evening, June 27. Remarks were made by the Acting Elementary Principal and by Mr. Jerry Light, Principal of High School. The program consisted of songs and dancing numbers given by groups from the fourth, fifth, and sixth grades of Stafford School. A gift was presented, refreshments were served, and a general social evening was enjoyed.

A group of nine County Superintendents of schools of Northern Idaho were guests of the Hunt Schools on Saturday, June 26, following their conference held at Albion earlier in the week. These education seemed to be impressed with the fact that the schools in every relocation center are quite like public schools, and that learning situations are not unlike those to be found in the school which they supervise.

Five of the eight members of the Project Movie Committee met in the office of Stafford School on Monday, June 28. Mr James Momura, chairman, presented lists and materials from which selections were made for recommendations of pictures to be shown on the Project. It was decided that the time of meeting should be changed in order to accommodate more members of the committee. A secretary will be elected at the next meeting.



Seven members of the Stafford teaching staff attended the funeral of Roy Tada on Monday evening at Recreation Hall 22. At the service Arthur Takeuchi classmate of Roy, read the message prepared and signed by members of the fifth grade class group. Febral offerings were sent by teachers and by children of the fifth grade. A group of five teachers called at the Tada home the day following Roy's death.

The problems pertinent to the present prevalence of measles among school children have been discussed with members of the health staff of the Project. Steps are now being taken for the dissemination of information to parents regarding the care of children having this disease.

Areas of garden plots at Stafford and Huntville Schools respectively, are now planted in entirety. Corrugations have been made and water has been sent through the gardens at least once in each area. Toru Ogasawara and Henry Aoyama, colonist teachers, are acting as gardening consultants for the duration of the summer term. They will confer with Mr. Briggs upon occasion.

Materials for crafts work, equipment and directions for games, plans for remedial work, and other like matters are now being made ready for use in the modified summer school program. The attached program represents plans made for the summer school program.

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Ethel M. Fitzsimons  
Acting Elementary Principal

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MINIDOKA PROJECT SCHOOL

Hunt, Idaho  
July 6, 1943

WEEKLY NARRATIVE REPORT # 35

DATE: June 28 to July 3, 1943  
TO: Mr. George Townsend, Chief of Community Services  
FROM: Ethel M. Fitzsimons, Acting Elementary Principal

Preliminary enrollments have been made for children who will enter Stafford and Huntville Schools in September. Additional enrollments will be made in late August. The early July preliminary enrldments have made possible conferences with parents which would otherwise have to be unsatisfactorily brief.

School gardens in Blocks 32 and 10 have been irrigated during the period intervening the regular term and the summer term of school. It is gratifying to know that the gardens continue to have attention even though school is not formally in session.

Miss Tordis Heyerdahl, recently arrived member of the Educational Staff, is giving valuable service in the planning of teachers' work in the modified summer program. We are indeed happy to have a member of our staff so well trained in juvenile library work. We feel sure that Miss Heyerdahl's services will add greatly to the efficiency of the elementary schools in many ways.

The two elementary schools and the five nursery schools are now supplied with one First Aid Kit each. This equipment has been made possible in the schools through the cooperation of Miss Antoinette Cona, Public Health Nurse.

A number of cases needing the attention of social workers have been reported to proper persons who in turn are giving attention to them. The services of social workers as they function through the schools are greatly appreciated.

A tour, arranged by Mr. Pomeroy was enjoyed by eighteen teachers of the Elementary Schools. Recently added members of the staff became acquainted with the Project as a whole while members of longer standing were familiarized with such newly developed additions as the irrigation system, the stock ranches and the teletype. All members of the group expressed the feeling that the tour was very much worthwhile, and that the activities of Monday afternoon were in keeping with the spirit evidenced by the patriotic decorations found in the dining halls of the Project.

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Ethel M. Fitzsimons  
Acting Elementary Principal

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MINIDOKA PROJECT SCHOOLS  
Hunt, Idaho  
June 28, 1943

*Mr. Pomeroy*

WEEKLY NARRATIVE REPORT #00

DATE: June, 1943

TO: Miss Mildred E. Bennett  
Highly Esteemed Member on Leave

FROM: Ethel M. Fitzsimons  
Pinch-bitter Principal

Friday, June 25 was highly flavored with reports, the turning in of scissors, requests for rooms, and voices of children playing ball games. Bulletin board was decorated with black plots with shadings of red and blue indicating rooms to be used by Buddhist and Federated Schools, respectively. The artistic effect was most amazing.

Saturday, June 26 was well punctuated with comings and goings. Early in the day arrived County Superintendents from Northern Idaho, who recently met in conference at Albion. Mr. Pomeroy served as official escort and made that they observed the tiled laundry in Block 32. The body of women emerged from said laundry with faces expressing great relief.

Sunday evening brought the occasion of farewell courtesy for Rev. and Mrs. Hayashi, soon to relocate in Minneapolis where Rev. Hayashi will conduct Japanese language classes in the University of Minnesota. Remarks were made by Miss Fitzsimons, a speech was given by Mr. Light, and dances were given by sixth grade girls. Rev. Hayashi graciously accepted the billfold which was presented as a farewell gift and explained briefly his work in Minneapolis. The committee served generous refreshments. Numerous inquiries concerning Miss Bennett's welfare were made, and many expressions relative to patrons' desires for her rapid recovery and return to Stafford School.

Monday, June 28 began with a cheery note in the form of bouquet of gay nasturtiums picked from the garden just outside the office. Yellow and orange blossoms nodded "good mornings" to all who entered the office.

Mr. and Mrs. Kayahara find many worthwhile additions to make to Recreation Hall 32. Among these are handles for recently hung screen doors. Mr. Kayahara rejoices over the fact that irrigation water is now available, making possible his not having to carry twenty pails of water to plants, daily.



The present view from the office window reveals our garden plants growing gratifyingly. Men are sweeping the corners of the ball diamond, and the telephone brings the message that Miss Heyerdahl is expected to arrive on Thursday of this week. Mr. Kleinkopf sits erect and somber at the end of the long table in the office, awaiting conference.

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Dear Miss Bennett:

I sincerely hope that you are getting along nicely, and that you will soon be back with us. I have tried to spend as much time working with elementary people as possible. I volunteered to give Stanford Achievement Tests and have done so in most of the upper grades. Miss Fitzsimons is doing a very nice job, I think, filling in in your place. You'd be interested to know that Miss Yoshida has resigned. I find a great spirit of cooperation with all the people in the elementary schools. It, certainly, is a pleasure to work with them. May I again hope for you a speedy recovery.

Sincerely yours,

A. Kleinkopf



MINIDOKA PROJECT SCHOOLS  
Hunt, Idaho  
July 14, 1943

*Mr. Pomeroy*  
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WEEKLY NARRATIVE REPORT #36

DATE: July 5 to July 10, 1943  
TO: Mr. R. A. Pomeroy  
Acting Chief of Community Services  
FROM: Ethel M. Fitzsimons  
Acting Elementary Principal

A general meeting of the elementary school staff was held on Wednesday afternoon at Huntville School. Miss Tordis Heyerdahl, new member of the library staff, presented plans and received suggestions relative to library service for the elementary schools. Teachers were gratified to learn of recent organization and book additions designed to meet the needs of children in the elementary grades. Mr. R. A. Pomeroy discussed with teachers the matter of annual leaves and presented to them the various phases of problems contingent to extended leaves.

A general meeting of elementary teachers held on Saturday, July 10, had as its general purpose the completion of schedules and general plans pertinent to the summer school program. Upwards of twelve members of the elementary school staff assisted librarians in the sorting and organization of Project library books during certain hours on Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday, Friday, July 6, 7, 8, 9.

The director of Student Teacher Training and the principals of the elementary schools were guests of the student teachers and elementary school secretaries at a delightful luncheon on Friday, July 9 in recreation hall in Block 32. This courtesy and its fine expressions of good fellowship afforded an occasion long to be remembered by hosts, hostesses, and guests alike.

The five weeks' summer term for the Stafford and Huntville Elementary Schools opened on Monday morning, July 12, with a staff of Appointed Personnel and student teachers sufficient to supply all groups with homeroom teachers. With a total enrollment of 705 pupils, all indications point toward an active, interesting, and worthwhile summer school program.



At the Huntville P. T. A. meeting in Dining Hall 10 on Tuesday evening, July 13, musical numbers were furnished by pupils and teachers in the nursery schools of Blocks 16 and 4. The problem of providing children's playground equipment for the area served by Huntville School was discussed by parents and teachers. Mr. Walter Kipp of the Community Activities Division discussed problems with P. T. A. members and presented possible ways of meeting needs for playground equipment in this area. A committee of P. T. A. members was appointed and requested to meet with Community Activities representatives for a furtherance of this matter.

Ethel M. Fitzsimons  
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Acting Elementary Principal

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*Education Division*  
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MINIDOKA PROJECT SCHOOLS

Hunt, Idaho  
July 21, 1943

DATE: July 12 to July 17, 1943  
TO: Mr. R. A. Pomeroy, Acting Chief of Community Services  
FROM: Ethel M. Fitzsimons, Acting Elementary Principal

At the Huntville P. T. A. meeting held July 13 in Dining Hall 10, patrons and teachers discussed the problem of acquiring playground equipment to be used by young children in the area in which the Huntville School is located. Mr. Walter Kipp of the division of Community Services discussed with members of the Association the various phases of the problem and suggested ways and means of meeting needs for playground equipment for which parents are making an urgent request. A committee representing school patrons was appointed to meet with Mr. Kipp on the following Wednesday to further plans relative to the building and use of playground equipment.

Musical numbers were furnished by groups of children from nursery schools in Blocks 4 and 16,

The Stafford School P. T. A. meeting was held on Friday evening, July 16. Portland Area Council Drum and Bugle Corps gave an outdoor demonstration early in the evening. Mr. William L. Yeager, Project leader of Boy Scouts, and Mr. Wade Balmforth and Mr. Lundine, Scout leaders from Twin Falls, were guests of the Association. Mr. Balmforth gave a very interesting and informative presentation of Cub Scout work. Mr. Yoshimura served as a very able interpreter. In this presentation it was made clear that training afforded through Scout activities provides a desirable means through which boys can become active citizens in communities in which families will relocate.

Mr. Yeager reaffirmed Mr. Balmforth's recommendations and urged parents to encourage the organization of Cub Scout group at Hunt.

Children of the Stafford morning kindergarten under the direction of Miss Charlotte Stull delighted the audience with numbers from their May Fete program.

Miss Gwendolyn Cline, Miss Gladys Bakken, and Miss Katherine Dirksen, newly added members of the elementary school staff were introduced. Refreshments were arranged and served by the Hospitality Committee. The Room Count showed the third grade taught by Miss Bakken to have a representation of 58%, while the kindergarten taught by Miss Stull and the first grade taught by Mrs. Boatright both had a representative attendance of forty-two per cent.



All boys and girls who have served as members of the Junior Patrol during the school year of 1942-1943 met at the Huntville and Stafford Schools respectively on Tuesday morning July 13. The Project photographer, Mr. Ralph Ochi, took pictures of the groups for record purposes. Mr. Tad Muraoka who has served faithfully as Junior Patrol Supervisor, having organized the patrols for the summer term, left Hunt for a three-months' work leave on Wednesday, July 14. Patrol leaders are now directly responsible to school authorities and to the Chief of Internal Security. To date officers are serving commendably and with a high degree of initiative and a fine sense of responsibility.

Pupils of the sixth grade in the two elementary schools and their teachers were guests of the High School on Wednesday and Thursday morning, July 14 and 15. Enthusiastic reactions were made by the children upon their return from the visitation of classes and departments in the High School. Preliminary registration sheets were filled out by sixth grade teachers in conferences with the children. The registration sheets were taken home for consultation with parents. Red sheets will be used for basic references when final registrations are made prior to the opening of the fall term, in High School.

Major discussions held at the elementary teachers' meeting on Saturday, July 17, centered on the matters of ways and means to vary the recreational program under the direction of Miss Marjorie Queen and story telling as a medium of teaching, presented by Miss Tordis Heyerdahl.

Problems pertinent to the recent reorganization of janitorial service has become a matter of deep concern to all teachers and supervisors in the elementary schools. At the present writing the provision for janitorial service according to present understanding is as follows:

Stafford School                  Block 32  
Block foreman -- Mr. Kayahara  
Blocks 29, 30, 31, 32

Two janitors:  
Mr. Akiyama  
Mrs. Saito

Huntville School Block 10  
Block foreman -- Mr. Watanabe  
Blocks 7, 8, 9, 10, 11, 12

One janitor:  
Mrs. Shoshita

Duties: Sweeping and dusting of classrooms, daily.  
Scrub on Friday or Saturday.  
(No specific provision made for fire  
building to date)



At present, no provision for janitorial service in the five nursery schools has been made. Teachers are caring for the Recreation Halls Nos. 4, 16, 26, 36, and 40 in which the schools are held. Mr. Green, Superintendent of Maintenance promises that janitorial service will be provided as soon as possible. It is recognized that this problem is a complex one and that it is essential for the schools and other Project divisions to cooperate in order that satisfactory results be obtained. Teachers are endeavoring to do their part in order to effect a satisfactory and successful program.

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Ethel M. Fitzsimons  
Acting Elementary Principal

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MINIDOKA PROJECT SCHOOLS

Hunt, Idaho  
July 29, 1943

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WEEKLY NARRATIVE REPORT #38

DATE: July 19 to July 24, 1943.

TO: Mr. R. A. Pomeroy, Acting Chief of Community Services

FROM: Ethel M. Fitzsimons, Acting Elementary Principal

Miss Marie E. Johnson reported for duties as an elementary teacher at Stafford School on Monday, July 26. During her first week in the school, she is serving as supply teacher in the second grade while Mrs. Nancy Bauman is on annual leave. She will assume the duties of first grade teacher on August 2 at which time Mrs. Jewell Boatright will have been transferred to the schools at Tule Lake, (California) relocation center.

The regular weekly staff meeting of the elementary schools was held in the Teachers' Rest Room at Stafford School Saturday, July 24. Miscellaneous items pertinent to administration were discussed. Among these was the problem of janitorial service which continues to be a perplexing one. It is recognized that Mr. Green and his assistants are putting forth commendable effort in attempts to provide satisfactory janitorial service. However, because of the urgent needs peculiar to our school situation, teachers felt very strongly that additional janitorial service should be provided. Teachers unanimously agreed that daily scrubbing of floors is essential to the health of the children. In a situation where there is an excess of dust everyday in loosely constructed buildings, it seems imperative that there be additional help on the janitorial staff. Particularly, is this important that provisions be made in view of needs which will come with the winter months. A communication dated July 27 shows the service assignment to be as follows:

Mrs. Shizuko Yamaya	32 - 3 - F
32 - 15 (Rec. Hall)	Office ABCD
32 - 2 - AB	CD EF GH
32 - 4 - AB	CD EF
32 - 6 - AB	EF

Mr. Shigeo Akiyama	31 - 1 - F
32 - 8 - AB	EF
32 - 10 - AB	EF
32 - 12 - AB	EF
<u>26</u> - 15 (Nursery)	

It will be noted that provision is made for the care of Recreation Hall 26. We feel that this is an important move in the right direction but that it does not provide adequate care of an entire barrack in daily use by very young children.



Pupils of the sixth grades in the Huntville and Stafford Schools, respectively, have filled preliminary enrollment sheets for classwork in Junior High School. These sheets were taken home for conferences with parents before final forms were submitted to the High School Principal, Mr. Light; and the Guidance Director, Miss Amerman.

According to present schedules the sixth grade children will have a very brief vacation period between the closing of the elementary schools' summer session on August 13 and the opening of the fall term in the high school on August 23. Sixth grade teachers have recommended that boys and girls in their groups be excused from the summer term activities at the end of the fourth week ending on August 6.

Summaries of Stanford Achievement Tests given in June to pupils in grades 3, 4, 5, and 6 will be completed this week. Comparisons of outcomes are being made between the November and June tests. Gates Reading Tests and Pintner-Cunningham Intelligence Tests are being administered to children in the primary grades. Miss Katherine Dirksen, Nursery School Supervisor, is administering the Pintner-Cunningham Tests in all of the kindergartens and first grades. Booklets for these tests arrived the week of July 19 to July 23.

Reports have been made to the Housing Division relative to the present status of occupancy of barracks in the school area of Block 32. At present three families are living in this area. A chart showing locations of these families, and partitions yet to be removed was submitted to the office of Superintendent of Schools on July 27.

School supplies ordered before the close of the regular term of school are arriving at irregular intervals. Deliveries are being checked and stored in the stockroom at Stafford School. According to order sheets a considerable number of items are yet to be delivered.

Mr. Tom Takeuchi, Coordinator of Section VI, interviewed the Acting Elementary Principal on July 28 relative to movies which will be shown by a volunteer committee of residents from the Portland area. This committee is desirous of using the movie and sound projector, owned by the Portland group, in showing pictures in various dining halls on the Project. Mr. Takeuchi is eager to cooperate with the schools in getting desirable pictures to show to children and to adults. He requested that the volunteer group be allowed to use one of the beaded screens owned by the community schools. He was told that arrangements would be made whereby satisfactory use of the screen would be provided. The attitude of Mr. Takeuchi and his committee seems to be highly commendable and their purpose is indeed worthwhile.



Requests from various organizations have been made for the use of schoolrooms in out-of-school hours. Mr. Kayahara, foreman for Section V has generously agreed to assume responsibility for the care of keys and the opening of doors upon occasion. His assumption and carrying out of responsibility in this connection are most gratifying.

*Ethel M. Fitzsimons*  
Ethel M. Fitzsimons  
Acting Elementary Principal

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*Mr. Pomeroy*

MINIDOKA PROJECT SCHOOLS  
Hunt, Idaho  
August 3, 1943

WEEKLY NARRATIVE REPORT #39

DATE: July 26 to July 31, 1943

TO: Mr. R. A. Pomeroy, Acting Chief of Comm. Services

FROM: Ethel M. Fitzsimons, Acting Elementary Principal

Elementary teachers met for their weekly meeting in Mrs. Kleinkopf's sixth grade classroom at Huntville School on Saturday, July 31. To have ample space in a classroom made attractive through the efforts of the teacher and the pupils is highly gratifying to all who know of the crowded conditions which existed only a short time ago. The following matters were given attention with reference to summer term last-week activities.

An exhibit of arts and crafts work is to be held in a centrally located room in each school area. Arrangements will be made whereby parents will have opportunity to visit these exhibits.

A ball game between the fifth grades in the respective schools will be played.

Clearance of rooms and preparation for revamping of barracks during the interval between the closing of summer school and the opening of fall term was planned.

Announcement was made regarding Mr. Pomeroy's sanction of the sixth grade teachers' suggestion that sixth graders be dismissed August 6 in order to give them more than ten days' vacation before the opening of High School on August 23.

A group of sixth grade children gave numbers on the tonettes, instruments which they have learned to play during the present school year. One number was of the children's own composition.

On August 2, a request was made by Sister Rosaire and Sister Thomas Marie with respect to the use of a large classroom in each school area during the four weeks that the elementary schools will not be in session. It was explained that school rooms will be in process of improvement during this time but that plans will be effected whereby space for Catholic School classes will be provided.

The quality of janitorial services in the elementary schools continues to be in a state of flux. The Huntville classrooms have been left apparently without attention, for periods of 24 hours. Reports in this service have been made to the proper authorities from time to time by Miss Haug.



At Stafford School the service has been somewhat more satisfactory. This is probably due to the fact that Mr. Kayahara, division foreman, has exercised personal interest in the care of classrooms. It is significant to note that Mrs. Kayahara serves voluntarily even though she is not at present a member of the janitorial staff. The unusual interest and efforts of Mr. and Mrs. Kayahara are indeed commendable.

Through the cooperation of the Huntville P. T. A. and the Community Services Division, plans for the construction of playground equipment are now materializing. At the present time volunteer workers in and near Blocks 16 have almost completed the construction of three sets of teeter-totters and one set of three swings to be used by young children in the area served by Huntville School. This equipment is being constructed in Warehouse 14 under the direction of members of the Adult Education Staff. Additional equipment has been planned and will soon be under way. It is gratifying to report that at Stafford School the thirteen teeter-totters presented some months ago by the Portland area group are soon to be set up by volunteers of the Stafford P. T. A. membership. Mr. Kipp of the Community Services Division has done much to stimulate action toward reaching the goal which parents have long sought in acquiring equipment for their children to use on playgrounds.

The advantages afforded by the program now in effect in juvenile libraries located in Blocks 31 and 7 are proving highly satisfactory to teachers and pupils alike. Miss Heyerdahl, specialist in juvenile library work, personally conducts story hours and directs children's reading for at least two days in each library. The experiences enjoyed by the children during hours spent with Miss Heyerdahl are truly delightful ones.

*Ethel M. Fitzsimons*  
Ethel M. Fitzsimons  
Acting Elementary Principal



MINIDOKA PROJECT SCHOOLS  
Hunt, Idaho  
August 10, 1943

*Mr. Pomeroy*

WEEKLY NARRATIVE REPORT #40

DATE: August 2 to August 7, 1943

TO: Mr. R. A. Pomeroy, Acting Chief of Comm. Services

FROM: Ethel M. Fitzsimons, Acting Elementary Principal

The fifth and last week of the summer term has centered largely around activities connected with the school exhibits held in Huntville and Stafford Schools respectively. Pupil hostesses in charge of guest books report that visitors include a gratifying number of members from the Administrative offices of the Project. The interest manifested by parents and friends of the children has been equally gratifying to pupils and teachers.

Supervision of the care of school gardens for the period intervening the summer and fall terms has been provided by Mr. Briggs in an arrangement made with Jojo Ike. This young man will work with small groups of children who have agreed to work in the school gardens for one hour each day during the vacation period.

The ten teeter-totters placed for use on the Stafford School grounds by volunteer workers are proving to be very popular with children of all ages. Mr. Kipp and his workers and the P. T. A. members are to be congratulated on this evidence of excellent cooperation in the setting up of teeter-totters donated by the Portland group.

Arrangement has been made with the Catholic Church School leaders, Sisters Rosaire and Thomas Marie, whereby the following rooms are to be used for Catholic classes to be held between August 13 and September 13.

Huntville School	10 - 6 - EF
Stafford School	32 -10- EF

It is understood that classes will move from these rooms in accordance with needs brought about by the process of sealing classrooms.

The graphing of outcomes of standardized tests administered to Elementary School pupils in November and in June have been completed. In general the results show a consistent growth in the work done in all levels of the Elementary Schools. Particular needs are indicated by results in the areas of reading, language, and elementary science. It may be said that, as a whole, outcomes are indicative of a very gratifying degree of achievement for the school year.



The following report on provision for janitorial service is as of August 10:

Foreman of area including Block 32:

Mr. Tamiyasu 39 - 9 - D

Mrs. Saito

32-10 + 32-8 +  $\frac{1}{2}$  of 32-2

Mrs. Shiogi

32-6 + 32-4 +  $\frac{1}{2}$  of 32-2

Mr. Akiyama

32-15 + 32-12 + Rec. Hall 26

Teachers are finding janitorial service improving although everyone regrets that Mr. Kayahara, who has been outstanding in his high quality of service, has been assigned to another area. A new staff of janitorial workers has been recently assigned to Huntville School. A report on the personnel of this staff is available in Miss Haug's office at Huntville School. Present understandings regarding the opening of classrooms for use of Sunday Schools are to the effect that keys are to be in charge of the section foreman, and that he is responsible for the unlocking and locking of doors to rooms used by Sunday School classes.

At the meeting of elementary teachers held on Saturday, August 7, Mr. R. A. Pomeroy discussed problems related to the closing of the summer term. Major emphasis was given to the importance of tolerance and cooperation in matters of recent administrative adjustment including janitorial services. Items to be check with reference to the preparation of final reports were presented. Addresses of teachers going on leave were taken.

Work to be done in view of preparation for the opening of the regular term of school is now in process of planning. A division of labor will be made in accordance with the number of teachers in the time to be spent by them respectively, on the Project between August 13 and September 13.

Effort is being expended toward the employment of teachers sufficient in qualification and number to fill positions essential to a satisfactory carrying on of a full, on-going program for a regular school year.

*Ethel M. Fitzsimons*  
Ethel M. Fitzsimons  
Acting Elementary Principal

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MINIDOKA PROJECT SCHOOLS  
Hunt, Idaho  
August 17, 1943

Mr. Pomeroy  
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WEEKLY NARRATIVE REPORT #41

DATE: August 9 to August 14, 1943

TO: Mr. R. A. Pomeroy, Acting Chief of Comm. Services

FROM: Ethel M. Fitzsimons, Acting Elementary Principal

The first week of the interval between the summer and fall terms was spent very largely in the taking of inventories of school stock on hand at Stafford School. With the able assistance of Chet Kajiwara and Yoichi Ito a complete record of textbooks purchased during the school year was completed. Paper stock, athletic equipment, art materials and the like were recorded and filed.

It is expected that similar inventories will be completed at the Huntville School by the end of the current week. Orders for the coming three months' supplies are in the making and will be ready to be submitted by Monday, August 23. The order for supplies for nursery school use has been submitted.

The exhibits held at Huntville and Stafford Schools on Tuesday and Wednesday, August 10 and 11 were visited by a gratifying number of persons. Guest registers show signatures of 171 visitors at the Huntville exhibit and 177 visitors at the Stafford exhibit. Addresses included those of persons from Oregon, Kentucky, Idaho, and Washington, D. C. Comments made by guests were highly complimentary and stimulating.

Continued interest in the welfare of the pupils and teachers of the elementary schools is evidenced by communications recently received from Henry Aoyama and Toru Ogasawara, former teachers and garden consultants now located at Nounan, Idaho, and from Tad Muraoka, Junior Patrol leader on work leave at Ogden, Utah. A welcome caller at the office on Friday, August 20 was Mac Kawamura, former colonist teacher of fourth grade, who is also on work leave at Ogden, Utah. Rev. Hayashi, first president of the Stafford P. T. A. has written a letter telling of very pleasant associations enjoyed by himself and his family now located in Minneapolis, Minnesota.

The visit made by Dr. Lester K. Ade, head of W. R. A. Education, on August 14, 16, and 17 made possible an over-view of the Elementary School program, in terms of general supervisory expectancy. Visits to the school exhibits, school gardens,



juvenile libraries and classrooms were made by Dr. Ade. Comments resulting from these visits conveyed the impression that school work had been progressing satisfactorily. At the suggestion of Dr. Ade, a brief report of the summer program was prepared for his office. Suggestions made toward planning for the coming year's work were gratefully received and noted.

Carpenters began the revamping of classrooms at Huntville School on Monday, August 16. At the present moment, walls have been sealed in the three rooms of Barrack 2 in Block 10. Doors have been cut in each room, and work has been done toward the altering of windows. As yet floors have not been treated with oil or varnish. School furniture is stocked outdoors while work is under way. To date no work has been started in the revamping of classrooms at Stafford School. In Block 32 areas between school barracks have been plowed and rye has been sown.

School gardens are being well irrigated under the direction of Mr. O. S. Cutkowsky who has as his assistants Mr. Jojo Ike and committees of elementary school pupils. Records of production are being kept as children harvest vegetables. While such results are gratifying it is recognized that the reaping in terms of learnings surpasses that evidenced by objective output.

A conference with Miss Edna Kirton and Mr. Morris Roth, newly arrived members of the High School Physical Education staff, held on Thursday, August 19 was pointed toward the possibilities of effecting a school-wide health program for the coming school year. Plans for the elementary teachers' workshop to be held September 6 to 11 are beginning to take shape. It is hoped that a part of the workshop activities can be centered on the working out of plans for a desirable program of health. Other plans to be followed in the workshop are being worked out by Mr. Kleinkopf. All elementary teachers with the exception of Miss Marie Johnson, Mrs. Nancy Bauman, and Miss Marjorie Queen are on annual leave at the present writing. These staff members are assisting in the preparation of plans and materials to be used in the workshop program.

*Ethel M. Fitzsimons*  
Ethel M. Fitzsimons  
Acting Elementary Principal



MINIDOKA PROJECT SCHOOLS  
Hunt, Idaho  
August 24, 1943

*Mr. Pomeroy*

WEEKLY NARRATIVE REPORT #42

DATE: August 16 to August 21, 1943

TO: Mr. R. A. Pomeroy, Acting Chief of Comm. Services

FROM: Ethel M. Fitzsimons, Acting Elementary Principal

For the week of August 16 to August 21, the following items are listed for purposes of record.

The termination of Miss Gladys Bakken, third grade teacher at Stafford School, on Friday, August 20. Miss Bakken will assume duties as teacher of third grade at Two Harbors, Minnesota, on August 30.

A very worthwhile staff meeting of nursery school teacher on Saturday, August 21.

Teachers were informed of provisions for a daily snack for morning and afternoon groups of children made possible through the cooperation of the Steward's Division.

An in-service training program of practical nature was observed with the conclusion that this is being guided under the very commendable supervision of Miss Katherine Dirksen.

Forwarding of plans for workshop.

Conferences have been held with Mr. Fogarty and with Mr. Kleinkopf in view of gaining their opinions and suggestions relative to a program of practical help to teachers.

Continued remodeling of school barracks.

At Huntville School windows have been placed on one side of rooms in each of the barracks 2, 4, 6, and 8. Fire-escape doors have been cut. Carpenters give promise of completion of remodeling of Block 10 by August 28 when work will be started in the barracks at Stafford School.

Workmen caring for chimneys and flues gave attention to stoves in Barrack 2 in Stafford School on Monday, August 23.



Continuance of Catholic Schools.

Remodeling of schoolrooms has necessitated changing Catholic School meeting places from one barrack to another. The Sisters and children are showing remarkable patience and cooperative spirit in making adjustments to a shifting of environment.

Ethel M. Fitzsimons  
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Acting Elementary Principal

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MINIDOKA PROJECT SCHOOLS  
Hunt, Idaho  
August 31, 1943

Mr. Pomeroy

WEEKLY NARRATIVE REPORT #43

DATE: August 23 to August 28, 1943

TO: Mr. R. A. Pomeroy, Acting Chief of Comm. Services

FROM: Ethel M. Fitzsimons, Acting Elementary Principal

The remodeling of school barracks continues to be the major interest in both elementary schools. Sections of barracks at Huntville School have assumed the appearance of modernized classrooms. Lighting from one side of the room, and varnished floors are particular improvements over the former lighting and floor conditions. Carpentry work in the Stafford School remodeling is progressing at a promising rate. It is hoped that electric wiring for lighting, and heating stoves will be in readiness in both schools as soon as lighting and heating equipment are needed for classroom use. It is felt that considerable effort and patience have been exercised in providing the schools with needed improvements in classroom construction.

Irrigation of the planted areas between barracks at the Stafford School has resulted in the recent appearance of rye growth. At the suggestion of Mr. Pomeroy, diagrams have been made to show repair needs in walks in each of the school areas, and walks which are needed in addition to those now in use. It is obvious that by training children to use walks on the school grounds it will be possible to make planted areas attractive, as well as to improve conditions of sanitation in classrooms. Also, walks will aid in children's getting to playgrounds without having to wade in mud during the rainy season. Staff members are appreciative of this interest and action taken in behalf of the welfare of elementary school children.

On Tuesday, August 31, Mr. Erling Erlandson, High School instructor in Music, requested that the piano in Recreation Hall 32 be moved to Block 23 for use in Physical Education work in the High School. With the understanding that this piano has been assigned to the schools by Community Services, it was agreed this one, of the two pianos housed at Stafford School, should be made available for use in the High School where there has been only one piano heretofore.

Plans for the workshop for elementary teachers are going forward with two assumptions in mind: 1. -- that seven new teachers will have reported for duty by September 6; 2.-- that all other employed members of the Appointed Personnel Staff



will be present with the exception of Mrs. Kleinkopf who will continue with duties at Tule Lake until the opening of the school term on September 13. At present, there are no teachers employed for positions in the following grades:

Grade Two -- (two positions)

Grade Three -- (one position)

Grade Five -- (one position)

It is earnestly hoped that at least two of these positions will be filled by Appointed Personnel not later than September 13, and that the other two will be filled by Colonist Teachers whose capabilities have been very satisfactorily demonstrated in previous teaching in the Minidoka Project Schools.

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Ethel M. Fitzsimons  
Acting Elementary Principal

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MINIDOKA PROJECT SCHOOLS  
Hunt, Idaho  
September 14, 1943

WEEKLY NARRATIVE REPORT #44

DATE: August 30 to September 13

TO: Mr. R. A. Pomeroy, Acting Chief of Comm Services

FROM: Ethel M. Fitzsimons, Acting Elementary Principal

August 30 to September 13

During the week of August 30 to September 4 attention and efforts were directed toward preparation for the Elementary Teachers' Workshop which was held the following week. Efficient assistance of the secretary and colonist teachers made possible the preparation of wide range of suggestive outlines and guides for use in meetings during the workshop period.

Construction work on the remodeling of class rooms was forwarded with gratifying results. Class rooms at Huntville School were finished to the point of their being made ready for occupancy even though shelves, blackboards, and cabinets were still in process of construction in warehouse carpentry shop.

September 6 to September 13

The attached sheet shows the Elementary Teachers' Workshop program as it was followed from Monday morning through Friday. The cooperation of Mr. Erling Erlandson and his high school students in furnishing musical numbers is particularly appreciated. Miss Charlotte Stull and Miss Katherine Dirksen were especially helpful in arranging for the musical numbers furnished by high school students.

Among the tangible outcomes of the workshop is the teachers' handbook, a copy of which is herewith submitted. It is hoped that this compilation of information will be of practical value to incoming teachers as well as to others who have need for frequent references to sources of information on matters pertinent to the elementary schools.

September 10 was the closing date of the schools conducted by Catholic Sisters at Huntville and Stafford Schools. The Sisters' consistent willingness to make adjustments to changing and rather unpleasant conditions, necessitated by remodeling of school barracks, is typical of the fine cooperative spirit manifested throughout the Project.



The elementary schools opened on Monday, September 13, with an approximate enrollment of 785 pupils. It is expected that by the end of the week there will be 800 enrollees.

The beginning of regular work for Grades 1 and 2 was postponed until Wednesday, September 15, in order to make allowance for the drying of varnish placed on the classroom floors. On attached sheet No. 2 is given a list of the elementary grades with the respective teachers on the present date, September 14. According to current plans one grade of third grade pupils and one grade of fourth grade pupils at Stafford will be in charge of Miss Nispel and Miss Ruth Lambert respectively, beginning Wednesday, September 15.

There is much satisfaction in reporting that Miss E. Greiner, recently arrived Public Health Nurse, called with Miss Dorothy Cram, Medical Social Worker, at the Stafford School office on Monday, September 13 to make known the services which they are able to render with reference to the elementary schools.

To date a series of dental appointments for young children have been scheduled and arrangement has been made whereby school work may be carried on for a second grade pupil soon to leave for treatment at the state hospital at Boise.

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Ethel M. Fitzsomons  
Acting Elementary Principal

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ELEMENTARY TEACHERS' WORKSHOP

September 6 - 11, 1943

Monday morning

Introductions

Greetings:

Mr. R. A. Pomeroy  
Sup't. of Education  
Mr. A. M. Kleinkopf  
Supervisor, Student Teachers

Group Singing

Led by Miss Katherine Dirksen

Appointment of Committees

Monday afternoon

Tour of the Project

Miss Marjorie Queen, director

Reception

Dormitory #14

Mrs. Nancy Bauman, hostess

Tuesday morning

Library Acquaintance

Greetings:

Mrs. Louise Ruble  
Project Librarian  
Library Services for the Schools  
Miss Tordis Heyerdahl  
Juvenile Librarian

Workshop Activities

(Library Work)

Tuesday afternoon

Oriental Costumes

Miss Sumiko Tanaka  
Miss Margaret Hester, narrator  
Miss Hannah Ikeda

Panel

"The Minidoka Educational  
System"

Adult Education

Mr. Jerry Fogarty

High School

Mr. Jerry Light

Nursery School

Miss Katherine Dirksen

Forum

Wednesday morning

Music

Violin Solo

Miss Katherine Kido

Vocal Solo

Miss Eileen Nakamura

Accompanist

Miss Miye Hata

Community Analysis and the Schools

Mr. de Young

Physical Education and Health

Mr. Morris Roth

Director, Physical Education

Hunt High School

Miss Edna Kirten

Instructor, Girls' Physical Education

Wednesday afternoon

Workshop Activities

(Committee work)



ELEMENTARY TEACHERS' WORKSHOP  
(continued)

Thursday morning

Speech Training

Mrs. Nancy Bauman

Discussion

Lesson Plans

Report on N. E. A. Journal article

Thursday afternoon

Whistling Solo

Mrs. Ellen Herndon

Violin Sextette

Amy Nii, leader  
Margaret Morita  
Irene Takahashi  
Haruye Masuda  
Marie Horiuchi  
Hiroko Nakagawa  
Elsie Urakawa

Workshop Activities

Friday morning

Cornet Quartette

Mr. Henry Tsuboi  
Mr. Pete Yoshino  
Miss Mary Mitsudo  
Mr. Roy Okada

Internal Security and the Schools

Mr. Kenneth Barclay  
Assoc. Int. Sec. Officer

Presentation of Procedures

Enrollment and Requisitions  
Miss Betty Murakami  
Attendance  
Mrs. Sachiko Iwami  
Pupil's Individual Folder  
Miss Hannah Ikeda

Saturday morning

Workshop Activities

Miss Charlotte Stull  
Chairman, Music Committee

Mrs. Sachiko Iwami  
Secretary

Friday afternoon

Workshop Activities

Committee Reports

Teachers' Handbook  
Elementary Science

Saturday afternoon

Workshop Activities

Miss Betty Murakami, Chairman  
Committee on Preparation of  
Workshop Materials

Miss Ethel M. Fitzsimons  
Coordinator



MINIDOKA PROJECT SCHOOLS  
Hunt, Idaho  
September 15, 1943

HUNTVILLE ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

Blocks 1-19

<u>Grade</u>	<u>Teacher</u>	<u>Assistant</u>	<u>Enrollment</u>	<u>Room</u>
Kdg.	Miss Hester		25	10-2-AB
1	Miss Koontz	Miss Otaka	48	10-2-EF
2	Miss Tanabe	Miss Ikeda	30	10-2-DC
3	Miss Queen		39	10-4-EF
4	Miss Koch		33	10-6-EF
5	Mrs. Roth		29	10-4-AB
5	Miss Plemmons		23	10-4-AB
6	Miss Erickson		37	10-6-CD
6	Miss Haug		<u>36</u>	10-6-AB

Total Enrollment 300

STAFFORD ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

Blocks 21-44

<u>Grade</u>	<u>Teacher</u>	<u>Assistant</u>	<u>Enrollment</u>	<u>Room</u>
Kdg.	Miss Stull		42	32-8-AB
1	Miss Johnson		44	32-2-CD
2	Mrs. Bauman		24	32-2-EF
2		Mrs. Murata & Miss Yamashita	26	32-2-GH
3	Miss Nispel		24	32-4-CD
3		Miss Sakurai & Miss Ochiai	26	32-4-AB
4	Miss Schmidt		31	32-8-EF
4	Miss Lambert		35	32-8-CD
5	Miss Murakami	Miss M. Murakami	34	32-6-EF
5	Miss Morton		20	32-4-EF
6	Miss Smith		35	32-6-CD
6	Mrs. Kleinkopf		<u>36</u>	32-6-AB

Total Enrollment 377



MINIDOKA PROJECT SCHOOLS  
Hunt, Idaho  
September 28, 1943

*Mr. Kleinkopf*

WEEKLY NARRATIVE REPORT #45

DATE: September 13 to September 25, 1943

TO: Mr. Richard A. Pomeroy  
Assistant Project Director in charge of Community  
Management

FROM: Ethel M. Fitzsimons, Acting Elementary Principal

With the arrival of Miss Irma Nispel on September 22, all grade groups in the elementary schools were provided with teachers with the exception of two first-grades teachers.

Records for nineteen elementary school pupils were sent from the Minidoka Project Schools to Tule Lake Schools on September 25. Records received from the Tule Lake Center upon the arrival of evacuees on September 25 indicate an additional number of 35 children of elementary school age in the first group to arrive. Advanced lists suggest that a greater number of elementary school pupils will arrive with the trains bringing residents to the Minidoka Project on September 27 and September 30. It follows that the estimated total number would be at least 125 children of elementary school age.

At the present time, the available space in the school areas is sufficient to accommodate the incoming number of pupils. However, it is obvious that the present teacher supply is inadequate to provide for satisfactory instruction should new grade groups be formed.

The elementary school staff has endeavored to welcome children and parents from the Tule Lake Center through the mediums of letters given to heads of families, and posters placed in appropriate places.

The number of pupils added to the Minidoka schools will necessitate the ordering of additional supplies before the regular time of ordering. Such an order will be in readiness within the near future.

New doors serving as fire exits have been placed in each classroom in both elementary schools. It is hoped that a satisfactory and consistent form of door fastening can be provided before fire drills are conducted during Fire Prevention Week, October 4 to 9. Platforms and steps have been placed at each fire exit and seem to be quite satisfactory in both schools.



It is hoped that cupboards and shelves will have been placed in all elementary classrooms by October 2. The cupboards are proving particularly desirable in that the sliding doors make possible the prevention of dust's settling on books and other materials.

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Barrack 10 in Block 32 has two 60 foot rooms. The floor of one room has been varnished. In Block 10, Barrack 8 has one 60 foot room, one 20 foot room, and one 40 foot room. The 40 foot room will be used to advantage upon the arrival of a first grade teacher who will have full-time charge of one of the two half-day groups now being handled by Miss Jessie Koontz.

Barrack 12 in each block should be in readiness for school use soon. Chairs are needed for assembled groups of children. Efforts are being directed toward the acquisition of benches through carpentry work being done by classes in Adult Education.

A committee of P. T. A. officers will meet in the Stafford School office on Tuesday, October 5 for the purpose of planning the first parent-teachers' meeting of the regular school year.

The service recently provided for the purpose of facilitating transportation in the elementary schools and the nurseries is proving to be very helpful. Mr. K. Yamamoto, the driver of the stage making regular trips, is endeavoring to accommodate all teachers needing the transportation of materials as well as, personal transportation. It is believed that irregularities will soon be adjusted so that Mr. Yamamoto's schedule will run smoothly.

*Ethel M. Fitzsimons*  
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Acting Elementary Principal

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MINIDOKA PROJECT SCHOOLS  
Hunt, Idaho  
October 5, 1943

*Mr. Kleinkopf*

WEEKLY NARRATIVE REPORT #46

DATE: September 27 to October 9, 1943

TO: Mr. R. A. Pomeroy, Assistant Project Director in  
charge of Community Management

FROM: Ethel M. Fitzsimons, Acting Elementary Principal

Elementary school pupils coming to the Minidoka Project from the schools of the Tule Lake Project number 125 to date. This number brings the total enrollment of the elementary schools to 798 pupils. Because of an excessive enrollment in the third grade at Huntville, eleven children living in Blocks 19, 17, 14, and 16 were asked to transfer to third grade rooms in the Stafford School. Lunch permits allowing these eleven children to eat the noon meal at the dining hall in Block 32 have been granted by the Steward's Division.

With the resignation of Mrs. Kiyo Murata on Saturday, October 2, it became necessary to make adjustments in the teaching of the two second grade groups at Stafford School. Temporarily, Mrs. Nancy Bauman, appointed personnel teacher of one second grade group, is in charge of one group of children in the forenoon and the other group in the afternoon. It is expected that a full-time program for second grade children will become effective upon the arrival of Miss Nadine J. Leonard who has been appointed to fill the vacancy occurring with the resignation of Mrs. Murata.

The two first grade groups at Huntville and the two first grade groups of children at Stafford continue to attend school for half-day sessions. It is hoped that a full-time teacher for each of the four first grades will be on duty before the beginning of the second month of school.

Cupboards with sliding doors and wall shelves have been placed in every classroom in both elementary schools. Teachers are finding these cupboards and shelves very convenient additions to the school equipment.

Fire Protection Officer Burke has inspected latches and fastenings on fire exits in the elementary schools. He reports that he has made recommendation to proper authorities relative to the installations of desirable latches for all classrooms. As a result of conferences held by Fire Protection Officers, the Acting Elementary Principal, and teachers, directions and plans have been formed for the purposes of



training children in ways and means of protecting themselves and others against fires. It has been agreed that an all-school fire drill will held in each school monthly.

Members of the Stafford School janitorial staff are repairing walks running along the side and the one end of the office barrack. This service is particularly appreciated in view of the fact that fall rains are likely to come soon. It is desirable that additional needed walks will be completed within the near future.

Representatives of the Episcopal Church and of the Federated Churches have requested the use of school barracks for the weekly use of Sunday School classes. Arrangements have been made whereby keys to barracks are to remain in the hands of Mr. Akiyama, head janitor, and that he open doors to rooms requested not lather than 9:15 each Sunday morning. Barrack 12 is to be used by the Episcopal group. Because of the early hour of worship, Mrs. Pepper has agreed to be responsible for a key admitting this group to Barrack 12 only, the barrack requested for the service of worship. It is understood that all church groups meeting in school barracks are responsible for the building of fires and for leaving classrooms in good condition.

School and church groups alike are in need of chairs for use in Barrack 12 where large groups may be assembled for various types of meetings and group activities. To date, several inquiries have been made regarding the possibilities of acquiring the needed number of chairs. In this connection present needs may will be met through the provision of 200 chairs. At present no definite assurance has been found of meeting this need.

It is highly gratifying to know that a functional juvenile library program has become a vital part of the elementary school curriculum. Schedules have been effected whereby every group in the two elementary schools has opportunity to spend at least 40 minutes every week under the supervision of Miss Tordis Heyerdahl, Juvenile Librarian.

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Ethel M. Fitzsimons  
Acting Elementary Principal

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MINIDOKA PROJECT SCHOOLS  
Hunt, Idaho  
November 23, 1943

WEEKLY NARRATIVE REPORT  
Nursery Report #46

DATE: November 15 to November 20, 1943

TO: Mr. A. M. Kleinkopf, Superintendent of Education

FROM: Katherine Dirksen, Nursery School Supervisor

National Education Week was observed in our Nursery Schools. The parents were invited to come and visit. Nursery School V in Recreation Hall 40 had the largest number of visitors.

We have health cards for all the children in nursery school. The teachers have been weighing and measuring the children this week. From the standard weight and height chart we can determine if a child is very much over-weight or under-weight. Parents will be interested in seeing how much their child weighs, if he is much over-weight or under-weight.

Our present enrollment is 234 pupils. Nurseries 4, and 16 have the greatest number of children enrolled. 56 children in Nursery 4 and 66 in Nursery 16. We are very happy to have the assistance of a high school student, Miss Mary Niiyama, in Nursery 16.

Our weekly staff meeting was held Friday afternoon in Recreation Hall 26. Several reports were given and a general discussion was held on the following topics:

What Traits Do Our Children Acquire  
Why Are Children in the Same Family Different  
Rewards  
When Children Destroy Things  
The Lazy Child  
Bashfulness  
Children Copy Grown-up People

Letters are being sent home to the parents of nursery school children asking them to come for a visit and conference to be held at a designated day and hour next week. At that time the parent will see the periodical growth report of his child and samples of his handwork. These conferences are held between the hours of 3:00 and 5:00 each afternoon of Conference Week.



We hope that both parent and teacher will learn to understand each other better. The parent will learn what we are trying to accomplish in nursery school for his child as well as for all others who attend.

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Katherine Dirksen  
Nursery School Supervisor

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MINIDOKA PROJECT SCHOOLS  
Hunt, Idaho  
October 19, 1943

*Mr. Kleinkopf*

WEEKLY NARRATIVE REPORT #47

DATE: October 11 to October 16, 1943

TO: Mr. R. A. Pomeroy, Assistant Project Director in charge  
of Community Management

FROM: Ethel M. Fitzsimons, Acting Elementary Principal

It is expected that dental examinations will have been completed in the two elementary schools by Thursday, October 21. The Huntville children were examined the week of October 11 to 15 with Stafford children having examinations the following week. Reports on examinations and follow-up work on findings are anticipated by those in charge of elementary schools.

Communications with Miss Esther Greiner, Public Health Nurse, point toward the completion of physical examinations for kindergarten children in the very near future.

With the cooperation of Miss Dorothy Cram, Medical Social Worker and Miss Greiner, Public Health Nurse, a report on provisions made for the care of exceptional or atypical children is being prepared for Dr. Lester K. Ade, Director of Education.

The first high school student to receive assignment as an assistant in the kindergarten in connection with the high school work program is Miss Takako Mukaita who began work with Miss Hester at Huntville on Tuesday, October 12. It is understood that Miss Mukaita will give full-day assistance during the high school harvest vacation, and that her services thereafter will be for half-day periods only.

Mr. Virgil Barron, Associate Internal Security Officer, at the invitation of the sixth grade in charge of Miss Haug at Huntville School, discussed problems of Internal Security with class members on Thursday, October 14. Major discussion centered on the duties of Junior Patrol members. The excellent cooperation and the fine spirit manifested by members of the Internal Security Division in connection with educational responsibilities are greatly appreciated by members of the school staff.

The first meeting of the Stafford School P. T. A. for the regular school year, 1943-1944 was held in Dining Hall 32 on Friday evening, October 15 with approximately 200 persons in attendance. Parents recently arrived from Tule Lake and new teachers were welcomed by Mrs. Terakawa, Acting P. T. A. President; Mr. A. M. Kleinkopf, Acting Superintendent of Education;



and Ethel M. Fitzsimons, Acting Elementary Principal with Mr. Yoshito Fujii serving as interpreter. A brief talk was made by Mr. Ben Kasubuchi who described the present crowded situation at Tule Lake and expressed his pleasure in having his children in school on the Minidoka Project. A program of Japanese dances and accordion numbers arranged by Mr. Jiro Sakano was enthusiastically received.

It was decided by vote that officers for the school year would be nominated by a group of persons selected by block managers, the report to be made at the next meeting. Refreshments prepared by Mr. Soeda, dining hall chef in Block 32 were served by members of the Hospitality Committee.

With present living space inadequate to accommodate the total number of Appointed Personnel staff members wishing to live on the Project, it seemed advisable that steps be taken toward assisting incoming teachers in the location of desirable available quarters in Twin Falls. In view of this need, on Saturday, October 16, two members of the elementary staff, Mrs. Edith Kleinkopf and Miss Tordis Heyerdahl acted on a committee with high school teachers in the location of living quarters now available for teachers wishing to reside in Twin Falls.

Three broken window panes in Barracks 6 and 15 in Block 32 were replaced on Monday, October 18. The prompt action taken in response to the report made regarding the need for this replacement is highly gratifying.

A conference with Dr. N. E. Viles, Educational Adviser, was held at the high school office on Monday, October 18. Problems pertinent to building occupation, school enrollments, teaching personnel, school reports and records were discussed. In compliance with Dr. Viles request, a report relative to these items is in process of preparation.

Teachers and pupils are enjoying the "fruits of the harvest". With thanks to Mr. Morris Roth, High School Supervisor of Physical Education, watermelon and pumpkins are now much in evidence in the elementary schools. Watermelons are affording table socialization and pumpkins are rendering themselves to various forms of seasonal and Hallowe'en decorations. Through Mr. Roth's enthusiastic support, plans for elementary school participation in a harvest festival are now under way.

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Acting Elementary Principal



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MINIDOKA PROJECT SCHOOLS  
Hunt, Idaho  
October 26, 1943

WEEKLY NARRATIVE REPORT #48

DATE: October 18 to October 23, 1943

TO: Mr. R. A. Pomeroy, Assistant Project Director in charge  
of Community Management

FROM: Ethel M. Fitzsimons, Acting Elementary Principal

Miss Marie Otaka, assistant student teacher in first grade at Huntville School since the opening of the present fall term left Hunt on October 18 to relocate at Utica, New York, where she will assist in the care of young children in a parochial school. Mrs. Alyce Katsuyama, recently arrived from Tule Lake, is assisting Miss Koontz with the two first grades at the present time. Miss Chieko Yasaki, from Tule Lake, assumed duties as assistant teacher in Grade One at Stafford School on Monday, October 25.

Attendance at conferences held by Dr. N. E. Viles, W.R.A. Educational Consultant, on October 18, 19, 20, afforded opportunity for the clarification and acquisition of information on practical matters pertinent to the elementary schools. Among items discussed were those of attendance reports, teacher allotment, building occupation, and nursery school needs. A report showing enrollments, teacher assignments, and building occupation was prepared and submitted for Dr. Viles' approval on Thursday, October 21.

The first issue of the Stafford Press for the school year, 1943-1944, appeared on October 21. The sixth grade pupils of Miss Ruby Smith and Mrs. Edith Kleinkopf are to be commended for the results achieved through excellent cooperation. Copies of the Press have been sent to former teachers and to friends of Stafford School, as well as, to members of the Administrative Staff now on the Project.

Dental records of clinic examinations have been completed in both elementary schools, and teachers are now transcribing records from clinic forms to school forms. It is felt that the fine cooperation manifested in this service rendered by the clinic is particularly noteworthy. It is hoped that plans may be effected whereby findings may be followed up in the care of the children's dental needs within this school year.



Plans are under way for the administering of Pintner tests throughout the elementary schools during the week beginning November 1.

Repairs made on chairs to be used in the kindergartens have been made by Mr. Linke in the Adult Education carpentry shop. This prompt and willing service enjoyed by the elementary schools deserves particular mention for it is representative of the miscellaneous services rendered to the elementary schools by the unit of Adult Education.

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Ethel M. Fitzsimons  
Acting Elementary Principal

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*Mr. Kleindoff*

MINIDOKA PROJECT SCHOOLS  
Hunt, Idaho  
November 2, 1943

WEEKLY NARRATIVE REPORT #49

DATE: October 25 to October 30, 1943

TO: Mr. R. A. Pomeroy, Assistant Project Director in  
charge of Community Management

FROM: Ethel M. Fitzsimons, Acting Elementary Principal

It is a pleasure to report that two teachers have joined the elementary school staff. Miss Nadine Leonard assumed duties as teacher of second grade at Stafford on Wednesday, October 27, while Miss Esther Gienap took charge of the third grade on Monday, November 1.

The addition of Miss Leonard and Miss Gienap makes the elementary school teaching staff complete with reference to the number of teachers allotted by W. R. A. educational authorities. Despite this fact, the peculiar situation at Minidoka makes necessary the assignment of two elementary grades to colonist teachers. Furthermore, the situation is such that four first-grade groups must be handled by only two members of the Appointed Personnel staff. The distribution of population on the Project with respect to the locations of the two elementary schools necessitates a grouping of children resulting in a number of teachers not coinciding with the number allotted by W. R. A.

Miss Chieko Yasaki, 5-2-A, became a member of the student-teacher group on Monday, October 25. Since that time she has been assisting Miss Marie Johnson, teacher of first grade at Stafford. The present number of student teachers working in the elementary schools is eleven.

Director Dillon Myer's second visit to the Minidoka Project stimulated comments reflecting teachers' confidence in W. R. A. leadership. Mr. Myer's calmness in dealing with problems of deep significance and wide scope affords an excellent example for all employees of W. R. A.

A pleasant visitor at Huntville and at Stafford was Mr. Tad Muraoka whose active interest in Junior Patrols is maintained during his residence off the Project, as well as, during his period of service at Hunt. Tad met with Junior Patrol members at each of the schools during his visit and added enthusiasm and interest to the good work which members are endeavoring to carry on during their leader's seasonal leave.



Work on construction of rooms in Barrack 10 of Block 32 has been discontinued. Partitions have been set to form three 40-foot rooms. However, no doorway has been made to provide a opening between two of the rooms for which specification was made in the approved plans. To date, no stove has been placed in the middle room. In Block 10, Barrack 8 has a status very similar to that of the barrack previously described. A check reveals that no fire exits have been made in Barrack 12 in Block 10. As yet fastenings on fire exit doors in both schools are miscellaneous in type and structure. Repairs of walks in both elementary school blocks are needed.

Reports from teachers indicate that janitors in both schools are endeavoring to give satisfactory service. Some difficulty has risen in connection with the fact that a odd number of nursery schools necessitates an extra janitor. Since school janitorial service has been allocated to the section of Education, Mr. T. Wakamatsu was engaged on October 30 to serve as janitor in Recreation Hall 26, headquarters for the five nursery schools. Each of the four other nursery schools is cared for by a janitor whose time is given to servicing two recreation halls.

An elementary teachers' meeting was held at Stafford School on Saturday, October 30. Plans were made for a reception of National and State officers of Congress of Parents and Teachers, expected on the Project the following Tuesday. There was discussion and tentative planning regarding the observances of Education Week and Book Week.

The cooperation of Miss Dorothy Cram and Miss Esther Greiner in the preparation of a report on the care of exceptional and atypical children found on the Project is greatly appreciated. The complete report requested by Dr. Ade will be submitted to the Washington office in the very near future.

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Ethel M. Fitzsimons  
Acting Elementary Principal

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MINIDOKA PROJECT SCHOOLS  
Hunt, Idaho  
November 9, 1943

DATE: November 1 to November 6, 1943

TO: Mr. R. A. Pomeroy, Assistant Project Director  
in charge of Community Management

FROM: Ethel M. Fitzsimons, Acting Elementary Principal

Adjustment of second grade enrollments was made on Monday, November 8, when eleven members of the second grade group taught by Miss Tanabe and Miss Ikeda at Huntville were transferred to the second grades at Stafford. This adjustment leaves the three second grades with the following enrollments:

Huntville School	
Miss Tanabe, Miss Ikeda	32
Stafford School	
Mrs. Bauman	33
Miss Leonard	33

Lunch permits for these eleven children have been granted by the Steward's Division. Children are transported to and from the Stafford School on the Project bus.

With the winter season approaching, it seems advisable that the juvenile library in Recreation Hall 31 be open for half the noon hour during the school week. In order to make provision for this service, arrangement has been made whereby the two assistant librarians employed at Library 31 will have charge of the noon-hour period beginning November 8th.

On Saturday, November 6, Jeanetter Unosawa of the second grade at Stafford returned after a satisfactory operation on webbed fingers at St. Luke's Hospital in Boise. Keiji Yoshitomi, a second grade boy remains at the hospital for further treatment of an ankle bone. Both of these children were taken by Miss Cram to Boise where they entered the St. Luke's Hospital on September 23rd.

Five children of elementary school age will be taken to Twin Falls for psychometric testing on Wednesday, November 10. This testing service is provided by the State of Idaho. Mrs. Nancy Bauman will accompany the children to Twin Falls where Miss Cram and Miss Greiner will assist with the testing.



In compliance with the request made by way of adjusting orders for books and workbooks about which there has been confusion, 100 copies of Friends and Neighbors and 130 copies of More Streets and Roads have been returned intact to Warehouse #2. It is understood that these unused copies of textbooks will be exchanged for workbooks having the same titles.

Four visitors representing national and state organizations of the Congress of Parents and Teachers were guests of the elementary teachers and parents of the Minidoka Project on Tuesday, November 2. These guests,

Mrs. Evans	First Vice-President Twin Falls, Idaho
Mrs. Maughan	State President Preston, Idaho
Mrs. Hirning	Nat'l. Field Worker South Dakota
Mrs. Anna Hayes	Publicity Chairman Nat'l. Congress of P.T.A. Twin Falls, Idaho

were escorted to various points of interest on the Project by two student teachers, Miss Nobuko Ochiai and Miss Masako Murakami. A tea arranged by the teachers and attended by parents and other guests was followed by a meeting at which the honored guests were the principal speakers. A copy of the minutes of this meeting has been sent to the office of the Superintendent of Schools. As a result of the day's visit to the Minidoka Project, two Stafford P.T.A. officers, Mrs. H. Terakawa and Mr. Y. Arai, outgoing and incoming Presidents, respectively, were guests at the State P.T.A. Board Luncheon and symposium held at Boise on Friday, November 5. Reports from Mrs. Terakawa and Mrs. Arai indicate that friendly relationships between residents of W.R.A. Relocation Centers and those of State and National P.T.A. organizations were fostered and strengthened appreciably at the Boise meeting. It is hoped that such relations will be far-reaching and permanent now and in the future.

Mr. Morris Roth, Director of Physical Education in the Mindoka Schools has been actively helpful in the planning and organization of competitive games in the fifth and sixth grades. In addition to this work, Mr. Roth has planned and supervised the marking of floors in Barrack 12 of each school area so that



indoor games may be enjoyed and directed during the winter season.

In this connection, it is highly important that stove guards be provided for safeguarding children from burns during recreation periods.

On Saturday, November 6, a short meeting was held with student teachers recently enrolled. There was a discussion of the various observations made by these teachers. Problems peculiar to teaching were raised and guide sheets were given to each member with the intention of their serving to aid students in their exercise of insight in the field of teaching. Following this meeting Miss Greiner, Public Health Nurse, met with teachers in each of the elementary schools to discuss the use of the Snellen Eye Chart and to answer questions which teachers had regarding health records.

The Pintner General Ability Tests, Verbal Series in Form B have been administered by Mrs. Nancy Bauman to pupils in the fifth and sixth grades in both elementary schools. Tests have been checked and results summarized, and are available to teachers who are now making growth reports for the first nine weeks of the school term. Reports will be placed in pupils' hands on Monday, November 15,

Plans for combined observances of Book Week and Education Week are taking shape. Teachers and pupils in their respective rooms will formulate and carry out plans for Open House to be held on days between November 15 and 19. With the variety of interesting and commendable activities covered during the first period of the school term, there is promise of a worthwhile culmination in the hospitalities of Open House.

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MINIDOKA PROJECT SCHOOLS  
Hunt, Idaho  
November 16, 1943

WEEKLY NARRATIVE REPORT #51

DATE: November 8 to November 13, 1943

TO: Mr. Arthur M. Kleinkopf, Superintendent of Education

FROM: Ethel M. Fitzsimons, Acting Elementary Principal

An all-school auditorium program was held for the first time at Huntville and at Stafford on Armistice Day, 1943. A number of points on which improvement can be made resulted from these programs. It was observed that it is possible for all children of each school to assemble in Barrack 12 in each area but that acoustic properties of the barracks are such that it seems advisable hereafter to have not more than half of the children participating in a given program.

It is gratifying to have an in-door assembly center where children and teachers can enjoy associations in both large and small groups. Although Barrack 12 in Block 10 is yet without fire exit doors and satisfactory hinges and latches on entrance doors, progress has been made toward the utilization of this building. Mr. Roth of the Physical Education Department has supervised the painting of lines on the floor of Barrack 12 in each school block and has seen that quoits, bean bags, and other pieces of equipment are in readiness for playing games in the "recreational halls". Mr. Roth's interest and action with reference to the elementary schools' Physical Education program is appreciated.

The November meeting of the Stafford P. T. A. was held in Dining Hall 32 on Friday evening, November 12. About 240 parents and teachers were in attendance and reports on the State meeting held at Boise the previous week were given by the Hunt P. T. A. delegates, Mrs. H. Terakawa and Mrs. Y. Arai. Each of these ladies gave her report in English and in Japanese. Mr. Joseph Beeson, who was present as a parent, spoke on the subject of relocation; and greetings were extended by Mr. Robert Davidson, also a new Stafford parent. There was a generous response of fathers who indicated their willingness to serve as volunteer workers in the completion of walks in the Stafford School block.

Additional enrollments in the elementary schools on Monday, November 15 totaled eight pupils, with three new registrations at Huntville and five at Stafford School. This brings the present total enrollment of the Elementary Schools to 805 pupils.



Plans for the shifting of grades 1 and 2 at Stafford School from Barrack 2 to Barrack 10 have been postponed because of delay in the completion of construction work needed in Barrack 10 before changes can be made.

Present plans regarding teachers for third grade are as follows:

Huntville Third Grade will be in charge of Miss Esther Gienap beginning Wednesday, November 17.

Third Grade recently in charge of Miss Gienap at Stafford will be taught by Miss Lily Sakurai and Miss Nobuko Uchiai, colonist teachers, until the arrival of a teacher of the Appointed Personnel staff.

Notes have been sent to the parents of twelve children for whom arrangements have been made to attend the crippled children's clinic to be held at Twin Falls on Thursday, November 18. Eight of these children are of elementary school age, two of nursery school age, and two are students in the junior high school.

Teachers are asking that the schools have a supply of timepieces in order that there may be coinciding of time allowed for recess and dismissal. It is hoped that the purchase of greatly needed timepieces will become possible within the near future.

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MINIDOKA PROJECT SCHOOLS  
Hunt, Idaho  
November 23, 1943

*Mr. Kleinkopf*

WEEKLY NARRATIVE REPORT #52

DATE: November 15 to November 20, 1943

TO: Mr. A. M. Kleinkopf, Superintendent of Education

FROM: Ethel M. Fitzsimons, Acting Elementary Principal

Elementary Teachers' Meeting

The meeting of elementary teachers held at Huntville on Saturday, November 20 centered on the evaluation of Open House in terms of teachers' reactions to this observance of Education Week. Reports showed the number of parent visitors to range from two in one room to thirty-five in another. There was a general consensus of opinion expressed in the feeling that parents are inclined to visit schools when definite invitations are extended with stipulations of specific time and place. It was stated that identification of the respective classrooms is needed. Teachers agreed that a placard placed inside the glass in each entrance door would be the most desirable form of identification in our school situation.

Reports on the War Fund contributions showed a total of slightly less than \$110 contributed by teachers and pupils in the elementary schools.

During the recess period, teachers visited the juvenile library at Huntville School and judged book jackets which had been prepared by children participating in a contest which served as one of the Book Week activities.

Teaching Staff Personnel

Upon the termination on November 26 of Miss Kimiye Tanabe and Miss Hannah Ikeda, colonist teachers of second grade at Huntville, Miss Nadine Leonard will transfer from the position of second grade teacher at Stafford to the similar position at Huntville. The group at Stafford will be in charge of Miss Fumi Hayashida and her assistant Miss Elsie Yamashita until the coming of Mrs. Boyer whose arrival is expected within the very near future.

P. T. A. Activities

Parents who volunteered at the November P. T. A. meeting to construct walks on the Stafford School block reported according to plans on Saturday afternoon, November 20. Due to insufficient number of shovels and other necessary implements, the work was not complete. It is hoped that arrangement can be



made whereby needed tools will be on hand for the completion of the work on Saturday, November 27.

Plans are under way for the next meeting of P. T. A. to be held on December 10. It is expected that one of the Japanese doctors from the hospital will speak to parents and teachers on the care of children having communicable diseases, particularly chicken pox and mumps, now prevalent on the Project.

#### Clinical Service

On November 18, Miss Dorothy Cram and Miss Esther Greiner accompanied eleven children to the Idaho District Clinic for Crippled Children held at Twin Falls. On the following day doctors came from the clinic to Hunt to examine three other children. Of the fourteen children examined, ten are in the elementary schools. Copies of the reports and recommendations made by the doctors giving the examinations are to be placed with the records of individual children in the school files.

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MINIDOKA PROJECT SCHOOLS

Hunt, Idaho  
November 30, 1943

WEEKLY NARRATIVE REPORT #53

DATE: November 22 to November 27, 1943

TO: Mr. A. M. Kleinkopf, Superintendent of Education

FROM: Ethel M. Fitzsimons, Acting Elementary Principal

The first allotment of chairs ordered for the auditorium, (32-12) was delivered on Saturday, November 27. Thirty-four chairs labeled "C condition" were delivered. Two chairs of the thirty-four were broken before their arrival and have been set aside for repair. This recent delivery of school chairs will enhance the supply of chairs available for use by Episcopal worshipers who assemble in Barrack 12 every Sunday, besides serving the school in the use of the Barrack as an auditorium.

Reverend Terakawa, priest of the United Buddhist Church, has requested the use of Room 10-10-CD, (a 60-foot room), for the use of Buddhist services weekly on Wednesday evening and at various hours on Sunday. Arrangement has been made whereby his request can be granted.

Two deliveries of juvenile library books have been received at the Stafford School office and delivered to the Juvenile Libraries. The first shipment received November 24 consisted of sixteen titles with two copies of each, while the second shipment received on November 29 was comprised of twenty-eight titles with two copies each of twenty-four and one copy each of four titles. Miss Heyerdahl expresses her pleasure at having received these additions to the Juvenile Libraries and has seen that copies have been made ready for circulation in each of the two juvenile libraries.

On Saturday, November 27, a third meeting was held with students who have entered the student teaching program within the current school year. A discussion was centered on points which had been listed for observations to be made during the previous week. New sheets of guide questions were given to the students for the following week with the suggestion that students feel free to note and report additional observations not specifically mentioned in the guide sheets but worthy of discussion.

The final report on War Fund contributions made by staff members and pupils of the elementary schools was in the amount of \$117.29.

*Mr. Kleinkopf*



Present situation with respect to elementary grades taught by colonist teachers is as follows:

Second grade      Stafford School

Miss Fumi Hayashida  
Miss Elsie Yamashita

Third grade      Stafford School

Miss Nobuko Ochiai  
Miss Lily Sakurai

Fifth grade      Stafford School

Miss Betty Murakami  
Miss Masako Murakami

It is hoped that it will be possible to open a first grade at Huntville School within the near future in order to provide a full day's schedule for all children of the first grade.

Application has been made for positions of assistant teacher by Toru Ogasawara and Henry Aoyama, former colonist teachers recently returned from work leave. Tad Muraoka, former patrol leader and recently returned from work leave, has also made application for position as assistant teacher. Plans are under way for the assignment of these young men to appropriate positions in the elementary schools.

It is a pleasure to report that the construction of sidewalks on Stafford School was completed by seventeen volunteer workers on Saturday afternoon, November 27. This response is the second one made by parents to whom appeal was made through the P. T. A. for assistants in the construction of sidewalks. Teachers and pupils are highly appreciative of the splendid cooperation manifested in the completion of the walks which will be of benefit to all concerned throughout the coming months.

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Acting Elementary Principal

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MINIDOKA PROJECT SCHOOLS  
Hunt, Idaho  
December 7, 1943

WEEKLY NARRATIVE REPORT # 54

DATE: November 29 to December 4, 1943  
TO: Mr. A. M. Kleinkopf, Superintendent of Education  
FROM: Ethel M. Fizzsimons, Acting Elementary Principal

The recently added members of the colonist teaching staff, Mr. Henry Aoyama, Mr. T d Muraoka, and Mr. Toru Ogasawara, assumed duties in the elementary schools on December 1 in the following capacities:

Mr. Henry Aoyama  
Assistant teacher to the two sixth grades at  
Stafford School. (Present assignment, teaching  
of arithmetic and science)

Mr. Tad Muraoka  
Assistant teacher in charge of Junior Patrol  
members and assistant to all teachers in  
physical education and recreational activities  
at Huntville School.

Mr. Toru Ogasawara  
Assistant teacher in charge of Junior Patrol  
members and assistant to all teachers in  
physical education and recreational activities  
at Stafford School.

These young men have assumed assigned responsibilities enthusiastically and are finding ways of meeting needs of which they are aware.

Barriers to check traffic on the road running past the Huntville School are missing. In view of heavy traffic which passes the school on this roadway, it is important that barriers be provided. Conferences with members of the Division of Internal Security have resulted in the conclusion that it would be advisable to have the roadway blocked at the school ground rather permanently. Further pressure on this matter is being brought to bear through channels of Junior Patrol Leadership.

All of eighteen members of the elementary appointed personnel staff, with the exception of one who requested annual leave, were in attendance at the I. E. A. meeting held at Twin Falls on Saturday, December 4. Reactions to the meetings attended indicate that lectures were both enjoyable and helpful.



A crew of twenty 6th grade boys and girls worked diligently after school on Friday afternoon clearing the Stafford School ground. Under the direction of Mr. Toru Ogasawara, a good job was done in an hour's time. It is hoped that within the near future as good a job can be accomplished in the clearance of rocks left from the construction of sidewalks.

Plans are under way for P. T. A. meetings to be held in the two elementary school areas, respectively, within the coming week.

A tea given in honor of Miss Katherine Dirksen, Nursery School Supervisor, and Miss Kimiye Tanabe and Miss Hannah Ikeda, second grade teachers at Huntville School, was held in Nursery School 16 on Wednesday afternoon, December 11. Misses Tanabe and Ikeda will join the staff on teachers in a Catholic School located in Utica, New York, while Miss Dirksen expects to be located in nursery school supervision near Los Angeles, California. These teachers will be greatly missed by all elementary and nursery school teachers who wish them well in their new teaching situations.

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Ethel M. Fitzsimons  
Acting Elementary Principal

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*Mr. Kleinkopf*

MINIDOKA PROJECT SCHOOLS  
Hunt, Idaho  
December 21, 1943

WEEKLY NARRATIVE REPORTS #54 and #55

DATES: December 6 to December 11, 1943  
December 13 to December 18, 1943

TO: Mr. A. M. Kleinkopf, Superintendent of Education

FROM: Ethel M. Fitzsimons, Elementary Principal

Seasonal Activities

Teachers and pupils in the elementary schools have had two major seasonal interests during the past two weeks:

Christmas activities and colds.

Holiday interests

Christmas activities may be described in the following outline:

A. Week of December 6 to 10

1. Reading of Christmas observances in other lands.
2. Writing of stories, poems, dramatizations.
3. Listening to Christmas stories during library hour.
4. Planning Christmas activities.

B. Week of December 13 to 17

1. Making decorations for classrooms.
2. Singing carols.
3. Continuing activities of previous week to be culminated for the week of December 20 to 24 in:
  - a. Caroling in blocks of school district.
  - b. School auditorium programs.
  - c. Classroom parties.
  - d. Sharing of decorations, cards, and the like.

Epidemic Control

A school-wide campaign sponsored by Mr. Roth on the prevention and spread of colds has been effected to the extent of persuading children to stay in bed at home when symptoms of a cold can be observed. To date, school absenteeism has not exceeded seventeen per cent (17%) in the elementary schools.



### School Papers

It is a pleasure to report that both the Stafford Press and the Huntville Sage, elementary school papers, will be ready for distribution before the Christmas recess. Sixth grade teachers and children have worked diligently in the preparation of these publications. Contributions from all grades are indicative of the interest which children have in this unifying agent of classroom activities. It is strongly felt that these papers are valuable and tangible means through which school spirit and unity can be expressed.

### Movie Tickets

Tickets prepared and issued by Community Activities had been distributed to the children in the elementary schools. Schedules for Saturday and Sunday matinees have been arranged for the younger and older children, respectively in the project areas A and B. 1:00 p.m. matinees are to be held for children of kindergarten, first, and second grades, while 3:00 p.m. matinees are to be shown for children of third, fourth, fifth and sixth grades.

### P. T. A. Meetings

The December P. T. A. meetings were held at Stafford and at Huntville on December 10 and 14, respectively. At the former meeting, Dr. Donnell M. Boardman, Project Pediatrician, discussed the care of children having communicable diseases. The meeting held at Huntville was largely an organization meeting; officers for the current year being elected to replace those who have relocated outside the Project.

### Repairs

It is gratifying to know that prompt response is being made to requests made for repairs in the school blocks. Window panes have been replaced, some stoves have been cleaned and new padlocks have been provided for doors previously fastened with turnkeys. (It is hoped that with every schoolroom now provided with a padlock on the main door, that there will be no further reports concerning evidences of prowlers and molesters on school property in Block 32.) Eight padlocks are yet needed for doors at Huntville.

Teachers and pupils are delighted with the fine improvement in lighting made through recent installations at Huntville. They are equally pleased with the sidewalks which have been completed and are proving their worth during a week of moist weather.



Christmas Trees

The lovely, fresh Christmas trees delivered to the elementary schools through Community Activities are sources of real joy. Children are anxiously making various forms of decorations which they admire and share with each other. In American schools as in American homes, the Christmas tree forms a center around which is generated a glowing warmth of spirit, immeasurable but all-important in the lives of those who live to share mutual happiness.

Ethel M. Fitzsimons  
Elementary Principal

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MINIDOKA PROJECT SCHOOLS  
Hunt, Idaho  
January 11, 1944

Mr. Kleinkopf

WEEKLY NARRATIVE REPORTS #57, #58, and #59

(three weeks)

DATES: December 20 to December 25, 1943  
December 27, 1943 to January 1, 1944  
January 3 to January 8, 1944

TO: Mr. Arthur M. Kleinkopf, Superintendent of Education

FROM: Ethel M. Fitzsimons, Elementary Principal

Christmas Activities

Christmas observances and activities in which children in all groups in the elementary schools participated in the season of 1943 included the following:

1. The singing of Christmas carols in neighboring blocks. (Damp, foggy weather prevented a full carrying out of plans made for the caroling program.)
2. The making of gifts for parents, hospital patients, soldiers, relocated friends.
3. Room parties planned and conducted through children's committee work.  
Party refreshments consisted of Santa Claus cut-out cookies furnished by the teachers and apples and sugar cookies provided by the Steward's Division.
4. School programs. (Primary groups; intermediate groups meeting in the auditorium,-- Barrack 12 in each school block. Program contributions were constituted of class activities carried out by respective groups.)
5. Christmas trees brought to the schools through the services of Community Activities were provided for all classrooms and were delivered on Monday, December 20. The trees were particularly nice-looking, being of good size and quite fresh-looking and symmetrical



in shape. The trees afforded opportunity for the children to enjoy making trimmings which gave evidence of originality and artistic ability. Teachers found pleasure in watching the children's reactions of happiness and seeing the results of their efforts placed on the trees.

Children in the elementary schools were granted a Christmas recess from December 24 to January 3. Staff teas were held at Stafford and at Huntville on December 22 and January 1, respectively. Teachers were privileged to tour Area B of the Project late in the afternoon of December 24 to visit dining halls decorated for the holiday season.

Saturday, Christmas Day, was enjoyed as a holiday by all members of the staff.

Members of the elementary school were happy to have the privilege of enjoying two varieties of holly which were generously shared with them by Miss Gwinn of the high school and Miss Heyerdahl of the elementary libraries. The holly came from Oregon and Washington where friends had cut it with the thought of its adding cheer to the holiday observances in the Minidoka Relocation Center.

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Stove pipes and flues in the Stafford School block were cleared of soot and other stoppage on Monday, December 27. Since that time there have been no reports on the smoking of stoves, a problem which had become prevalent previous to this time.

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#### Teachers' Meetings

A meeting of the elementary teachers was held on Wednesday, December 29. At this meeting, teachers reported various Christmas activities carried on in their respective rooms, and there was an evaluation of auditorium programs. Recommendations for improvements in growth report forms were made and recorded for the use of committees to be appointed for the consideration of report revisions.

There was a presentation of the matter of reporting satisfactory and unsatisfactory teaching experiences at Hunt with the request that each teacher write her reactions with respect to each of these topics.



Announcements were made relative to plans for the giving of Stanford Achievement Tests and the work of the Health Council.

Copies of the form to be filled for record purposes in the Personnel Office were placed in the hands of each teacher and a discussion regarding points listed with reference to teachers followed.

General aims to be kept in mind for the remainder of the term were presented and with a follow-up of suggestions pertinent to each group, respectively. Miss Alynne Morton gave a brief overview of the activities used in the direction of her development of fifth grade work culminating in the Christmas room program centered around a study of carols.

The elementary staff met on Saturday, January 8 to discuss with the Superintendent, the school calendar for 1944--45. The calendar agreed upon is elsewhere recorded. Miss Heyerdahl presented books recently arrived at the juvenile libraries and Mr. Roth offered suggestions on group organization for indoor physical education activities.

Teachers and pupils are delighted to have a supply of new wooden folding chairs delivered on December 30 for use in the auditoriums in the elementary schools. 156 chairs were delivered at Stafford, while 244 were placed in Barrack 12 at Huntville. At the present time, the total number of chairs for auditorium use in the elementary schools is 488, a shipment 88 miscellaneous, used chairs having been delivered on November 27.

Since padlocks have been provided for all front entrances to classrooms, there have been no reports of missing property in classrooms at Stafford. The school gong used for calling children in to school barracks has not been returned. To date no replacement has been made. The need for a bell or other means of calling children to classes continues to be urgent.

The Health Council held upon call by Mr. Roth, chairman, makes possible the bringing into focus the health problems of concern to all persons who work with children and those who work with adults, alike. The meeting held on Friday, January 7 made possible a discussion resulting in enlightenment of school leaders on the milk situation. Other problems of equal importance are yet to be discussed.

The first monthly reports on elementary school staff personnel were prepared and submitted to the Personnel Office on January 10. It is hoped that these reports will be of assistance in the evaluation of not only teacher personnel but also of elementary school accomplishment in general.

Ethel M. Fitzsimons  
Elementary Principal



MINIDOKA PROJECT SCHOOLS  
Hunt, Idaho  
February 8, 1944

WEEKLY NARRATIVE REPORT # 60

(four weeks)

DATES: January 10 to January 15  
January 17 to January 22  
January 24 to January 29  
January 31, 1944 to February 5, 1944

TO: Mr. Arthur M. Kleinkopf, Superintendent of Education

FROM: Ethel M. Fitzsimons, Elementary Principal

A summary of matters of concern to the elementary schools for the four weeks, January 10 to February 5 has been made under the following headings:

I. Meetings

A. Staff meetings

General meetings of elementary teachers were held on January 22 and February 5. At the former meeting, miscellaneous matters of concern to all teachers were discussed. This meeting was followed by the general educational staff meeting called by Mr. Fogarty for the purpose of having staff members hear a report on the N. E. A. Wartime Conference on Education held at Seattle, January 10 to 12, the report being given by Mr. Shoun, Superintendent of the Jerome Public Schools.

The meeting held on February 5 centered on cooperative efforts of the Welfare Division and the elementary schools with reference to children in need of clinical treatment. Miss Cram, Medical Social Worker, presented services extended by the state of Idaho to the residents of the Minidoka Project and urged teachers to report cases which they felt would benefit through these services. Miss Greiner, Project Nurse, answered teachers' questions on matters of children's health.

B. P. T. A. meetings

Officers of the Stafford P.T.A. held a cabinet meeting on Tuesday, February first in the Stafford office. Plans were formulated for the February meeting to be held on Saturday,



February 5th. Subsequently, plans effected through the Project Relocation Office resulted in a modification in which an afternoon meeting to be held on Thursday, February 10 would be substituted in place of the Saturday meeting. Likewise, a meeting of Huntville P.T.A. members has been planned for Tuesday afternoon, February 8th in place of the regular meeting originally planned for the evening of the same date.

## II. Reports

- A. In compliance with requests made by the Housing Division, school reports for five elementary school pupils:

Funo, Masatada	Grade Two
Funo, Michio	Grade Five
Okamoto, Chiye	Kindergarten
Okazaki, Elsie	Grade Four
Okazaki, Michael	Grade Four

who left the Minidoka Project on January 23 to enter the Crystal City Project Schools, were delivered to the Superintendent's office on January 28th.

- B. A form pertaining to nursery schools and sent by Dr. Viles of the Washington W.R.A. Education Office was filled in and supplemented with information pertinent to nursery school needs on January 31st.
- C. The first monthly reports on school personnel were submitted on January 10, 1944. Suggestions on the part of the Superintendent are always welcomed with reference to reports to be submitted to the Personnel Office.

## III. Other Divisions

- A. Lunch permits granted by the Steward's Division to children living in the Huntville district but attending school in the Stafford district have been graciously provided. Food used in kindergarten snacks has been provided and delivered to the elementary schools every two weeks, the supply being sufficient to last over a period of two weeks.
- B. At the request of Mr. Kipp of the Community Activities Section, movie tickets issued for the children living in the administrative area have been placed in the hands of the director of Community Activities. This has been done in view of the fact that some of these



children attend school at Huntville, while others attend at Stafford. The movie to be attended by the children is to be decided at the discretion of those in charge of Community Activities.

- C. It is a pleasure to report that manifestations of cooperation on the part of Internal Security may be pointed out in the fact that both Mr. Virgil Barron and Mr. Kenneth Barclay have given talks on the subject of Safety Education to children of the sixth grades in both of the elementary schools. The interests maintained by Internal Security supporting junior patrol activities is highly gratifying.
- D. A construction crew began the work of putting wall-board linings in school barracks at Stafford School on Monday, January 31st. It is hoped that all will be completely lined not later than Wednesday, February 16. It is assumed that the crew will work at Huntville immediately following the completion of work at Stafford.

It is a great advantage to have use of the new walk completed on January 21 extending from the office barrack in Block 32 to the street. The effort expended in having this walk constructed is very much appreciated by all members of Stafford School, particularly those who ride on the bus.

- E. Hospital services rendered to the schools during the past four weeks included the giving of fluoroscopic examinations to twenty-six of the thirty-two elementary school staff members on Saturday, January 29th.

Clinical services for Shigeru Hashimoto and May Ebihara have been made possible through Miss Cram who took these children to Boise on Monday, February 7th.

#### IV. Miscellaneous

##### A. Report Card Committee

A committee under the chairmanship of Miss Ruby Smith is now working on the possible revision of growth report forms. It is expected that they will make their first report at the staff meeting to be held on Saturday, February 19th.

##### B. Garden Luncheon

A sixth grade luncheon comprised largely of vegetable raised by children in our school gardens



proved to be a most gratifying school experience on January 21st. Cooperation of teacher and children in a culminating activity relating to a large number of learnings may be regarded as one of the outstanding undertakings of the school year.

#### C. Library

Much satisfaction is being derived from the fact that the juvenile library serving Stafford School is now housed within the school block. Miss Heyerdahl and sixth grade assistants did a highly commendable piece of work in moving books and other library equipment from Recreation Hall 31 to 32-2-ABCD in less than one-half day. Librarians, Katsuye Fukuhara and Emiko Tanaka, are doing well in their conducting of a library service valuable to all members of the school, despite the fact that Miss Heyerdahl is able to be in the library only one day per week.

#### V. Problems

##### A. Gravel

The condition of excessive mud is causing janitorial and health problems. Several loads of gravel supplementing surfaces of school walks would be very, very helpful in preventing the carrying of mud into classrooms.

##### B. Coal

The coal brought for use in the school barracks consistently disappears between evening and morning hours. Any action which can be taken toward eliminating the taking of the larger pieces of coal by other than school janitors will be greatly appreciated.

##### C. Supplies

A method of informing the elementary school office of supplies which have been ordered and those which are available and those which are unobtainable, respectively would facilitate the bookkeeping relative to supplies.

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