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DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

REPORT

November 9, 1942

The Department of Agriculture of Poston III was organized on October 2, 1942, when, through the assistance of Mr. Burge and Mr. Vumino, and by a nominating committee of four, a temporary executive committee consisting of seven members was appointed to serve for a period of six weeks.

SUBJUGATION:

The first step taken by the committee was to organize a sujagation crew for the Engineering Department which at that time consisted of nine men. At the present time the crew has been increased to thirty men and to sate the following tracts have been subjugated:

Block 311, 312, 301, 302, 313, 314, and the firebreaks between H. Street and I. Street lying east of Block 303 and 312; the firebreaks between 3rd and 4th street lying south of 311 and 312; corner lot between 3rd and 4th and H. and I. Streets; the firebreak south of Block 313; the tract between the new road and K. Street; a width of 200 feet as far south as Block 315; At the present time the crew is clearing Blocks 303, and 304.

The area cleared includes the site for the proposed school buildings, the present administration area and approximately twenty-five acres of farm land.

IRRIGATION:

Before further steps could be taken toward farming, it was necessary to install a pumping plant for irrigation purposes. Arrangements, therefore, were made to purchase a pump for this project. On October 20th, the pumping plant arrived and the Engineering Department installed the plant but after it was tested it did not meet with the approval of the Committee as the plant did not supply sufficient water for irrigation purposes; therefore, the Department is awaiting arrival of another pump. It is anticipated that irrigation water will be available the latter part of November. Lumber with which to make check gates has already been received.



#### TRUCK CROP:

The approximate twenty-five acres to be farmed located in vacant Blocks 311, 312, the firebreak east of Block 303 and 312 between H. and I. Streets and the firebreak south of Block 311 and 312 between 3rd and 4th Street is cleared, levelled and ready to be farmed as soon as the irrigation water is available. This plot will be planted into lettuce, cabbage, nappa, daikon, carrots, turnips, beets, onions, and radishes. During the Poston III Exhibit, with the cooperation of individual growers and from the block gardens, the Agriculture Department displayed a wide variety of vegetables.

#### SEED DISTRIBUTION:

On October 14th the Department received from Unit I, Vegetable seeds, fertilizer, and insecticides to be used by the Department as well as for distribution to the various blocks for block gardens. To date fourteen out of the sixteen blocks have taken out vegetable seeds. In addition to the vegetable seeds, each block will be allotted flower and rye grass seed.

#### TRANSPORTATION & EQUIPMENT:

Without adequate transportation facilities it was very difficult for the Department to undertake any action, therefore the matter of securing a truck was taken up with Mr. Sharp, Supervisor of Farm Management, and through his efforts, on October 29th, the Department received a truck from Camp I. Since then the truck has been used regularly for collecting used crates and milk cartons from the mess hall as these materials will be needed as the project progresses.

Because it was essential that the Department have for use some farm machinery and equipment, arrangements were made with Engineering Department and with Mr. Ripkey's permission, the Department now has available for use one Ford Tractor. At present the Engineering Department is using this equipment but this will be transferred to Agriculture Department as soon as there is need for it.

#### Nursery:

The Nursery Department became a Division of the Department of Agriculture on October 28th and at present plans are being made to pick a suitable site to construct a lath house. This division is furnishing men and supplies for



Landscaping the Administration area. They have already received from Camp II, red and white. oleander and tamarack cuttings and are awaiting arrival of Chinese elms from New Mexico.

SOIL DIVISION:

THE Soil Division was incorporated into the Department of Agriculture after the Department was organized and up to the present time they have conducted surveys in two areas, namely, Area I and II. Area I is bounded on the north by 4th Street, on the south by 6th Street, on the east by the main highway running southwest from Camp I, and the west by H. Street. Area II is located in the firebreak between the administration building and Block 316.

This group has conducted their surveys by reading the soil profiles, taking samples of the soil and analyzing it, making salt tests, checking internal drainage, determining water holding capacity, and recommendations are made by this division as to whether or not the land is suitable for agricultural usage.

The Soil Division exhibited a very interesting and informative display at the Poston III Exhibit.



COLORADO RIVER WAR RELOCATION AUTHORITY

DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

Poston, Arizona

November 10, 1942

MEMORANDUM TO: W.C. Sharp  
Supervisor of Farm Management

FROM: Department of Agriculture  
Division of Soils, Camp 3

SUBJECT: Weekly Report

Monday: Cleaning up the display, set up at the  
Poston 3 Exhibit.

Tuesday: Worked in Area 5

Wednesday: Worked in Area 5.

Thursday: The whole division went to Parker and Poston  
Unite to assist in unloading burlap for the  
camouflage net factory.

Friday: Same as Thursday

Saturday: Worked on reports.

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George Kitahara, Chief  
Division of Soils



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MEMORANDUM TO: W.C. Sharp  
Supervisor of Farm Management

FROM: Department of Agriculture

SUBJECT: Weekly Report

Due to the Poston III Exhibit being held over for another day by popular acclaim, the first part of the week was spent in delivering fresh vegetables from the various blocks to the Exhibit building and then the tearing down and returning of borrowed property to its rightful owners on the following day.

On November 3, Mr. Mizusawa came down from Camp 1 at which time a meeting was called and several questions pertaining to the organization was brought up. Mr. Charles Onoye of Camp 2 gave his report on what procedure Camp 2 had followed in organizing their Agriculture Department. Frank Mizusawa explained the procedure they took and what good response they had received from all those who had any interest in any agricultural field or who had some connection along that line.

During the week several visits were made by Mr. Sharp and Mrs. Hanada to this Department to talk over the matter of the present standing of the Executive Committee, the keeping on file of all property and supplies brought into this department, weekly reports, lumber, etc. Mrs. Mizusawa also came soon with Mr. Sharp on one of their visits.

On November 5 tamarack and oleanders were received from Camp 2. That afternoon was spent in looking over the site for a lath house near the nursery in Block 325.

Few members of the Executive Committee went over to Camp 1 on the 6th with hopes of bringing back some lumber but was told that the truck from Camp 1 had already gone out to get the lumber and that the lumber would be delivered to Camp 3 that afternoon. However, late in the afternoon Mr. Sharp notified



us that through some misunderstanding we would not receive the  
lumber that day.

On Saturday the Department selected three boys to go to New  
Mexico with nine others from Camp 1 and Camp 2 to dig and bring  
back Chinese elm trees.

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M. Matsumoto, Chairman  
Executive Committee



COLORADO RIVER WAR RELOCATION AUTHORITY

DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

Poston, Arizona

November 16, 1942

MEMORANDUM TO: W.C. Sharp, Supervisor  
of Farm Management.

FROM: Department of Agriculture, Camp 3

SUBJECT: Weekly Report

11-9-42: Three boys left for New Mexico to assist in the digging of Chinese elms to be brought back to the the project. Committeemen~~2~~ accompanied these boys as far as Camp I and at the same time had hopes of obtaining lumber but of no avail. It was learned that the water pump had arrived from Fresno and was being checked in at the warehouse.

The subjugation crew is clearing the area west of Block 304 between F. and D. Streets.

11-10-42: Three men went to Camp I for lumber and at this time received 95 pieces of lumber. Crew collected empty milk cartons and used crates from mess halls.

11-11-42 We were notified by the the Agriculture Department of Camp I that we transfer 37 pieces of the lumber which we receive the previous day to the Department of Industry so this transaction was completed. Committeemen had hopes that the pump would be installed so ont to the site but as yet the pump was not installed. The Transportation Divison Assisted the Department of Industry in hauling moyashi to the the mess hall.

11-12-42: The committeemenwent to look over a new site for a proposed lath house north of 1sth Street adjoining the mesquite growth. The size of the lath house will be approximately 40 x 80 feet. The office was closed at 2:00 P.M. for one hour as the staff went to hear a lecture by the Honorable John Colliers, United States Commissioner of Indian Affairs. Mrs. Robert Pratt, a friend of Mr. John Colliers' and connected with the Department of Geography, University of Chicago accompanied by Mrs. Potts, who is on the teaching staff



at Poston, visited the department. Mrs. Pratt was particularly interested in the work the Soil Division was doing, how the surveys were conducted, what areas had been worked over, and what area would be used for farming purposes. She was shown several of the area reports submitted by the Soil Survey Division and Mr. Uota explained to her in detail, pointing out on the map the areas cleared and to be farmed.

11-13-42: Mr. Sharp came down and discussed with the committee the proposed lath house site and the men accompanied him to look the site over.

The Construction Department sent two carpenters to fix up the office so they began first by building a counter.

In the afternoon a group of men went to Camp I with a requisition for various hand tools and brought back with them pieces that were available.

11-14-42: Received from Camp I some sweet pea seeds. There was very little activity on his Saturday morning. However, we received notice that we were to send six men to go to Camp I to help bring the pump back but as it was Saturday afternoon, no one was available.

During the week the subjugation crew cleared the firebreak area west of Block 304 and started working west of Block 311 between F. & D. Streets.

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M. Matsumoto Chairman,  
Executive Committee.



COLORADO RIVER WAR RELOCATION AUTHORITY

DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

Poston, Arizona

November 30, 1942

MEMORANDUM TO: W.C. Sharp, Supervisor of Farm Management

FROM: Department of Agriculture, Soil Survey Division  
Camp 3

SUBJECT: Weekly Report

11-23-42: Finished up Area #6 and made plans for Area #7

11-24-42: Worked on Area #7

11-25-42: Worked on Area #7

11-26-42: Thanksgiving day.

11-27-42: Worked on Area #7

11-28-42: Held discussion on are covered.

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George Kitahara, Chief  
Soil Division

cc: H.A. Mathiesen



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Poston, Arizona

November 23, 1942

MEMORANDUM TO: W.C. Sharp, Supervisor of Farm Management

From: Department of Agriculture, Division of Soils

SUBJECT: Weekly Report

11-16-42: Soil Study in Area #5 and #6

11-17-42: Soil Study in Area #6

11-18-42: Soil Study in Area #6

11-19-42: Soil Study in Area #6

11-20-42: Soil Study in Area #6

11-21-42: Soil Study in Area #6. Discussion was held on the  
are covered.

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George Kitchara, Chief  
Division of Soils

cc: H.A. Mathiesen



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DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

Poston, Arizona

November 30, 1942

MEMORANDUM TO: W. C. Sharp, Supervisor of Farm Management

FROM: Department of Agriculture, Camp 3

SUBJECT: Weekly Report

11-23-42: Because the situation at Camp I was unsettled, plans for commencing work on the lath house construction was postponed. Mr. Sharp visited the department and arrangements were made to have several post hole diggers sent down as these were needed to prepare the ground for planting of the elm trees.

11-24-42: Mr. Wumino, Administrative Assistant of Poston 3, sent word to this department that arrangements had been made with Mr. Anderson for leveling the ground where the lath house is to be constructed. Until the leveling is done, construction will not begin.

Crates were collected from the mess halls. It was decided that it would be to our advantage if the empty crates were taken to the warehouse area to be stored until ready for use.

11-25-42: Crew moved all crates which were stored in the room adjoining the office to the warehouse area.

Distribution of rye grass seed to all blocks was completed.

The afternoon was spent putting up stakes in preparation for elm tree planting.

11-26-42: Thanksgiving Day so everyone celebrated by remaining at home.

11-27-42: The three boys who were in New Mexico returned with the elm trees and Camp 3 was given 4,175 trees. These trees were temporarily planted in front of the Agriculture Building until ready for planting.

An attempt was made to get tractor equipment from Camp I but this could not be accomplished as the Unit I office was not as yet functioning.

The Soil Division consented to assist in planting the elm trees, equipment was secured from Camp I.



11-28-42: Several blocks in Roku I completed tree planting Saturday.

Carpenters completed making check gates this week.

M. Matsumoto, Chairman  
Executive Committee

cc: H. A. Mathiesen



COLORADO RIVER WAR RELOCATION AUTHORITY

DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

Poston, Arizona

December 8, 1942

MEMORANDUM TO: W. E. Sharp, Supervisor of Farm Management

FROM: Department of Agriculture, Camp 3

SUBJECT: Weekly Report

11-30-42: Two new persons were assigned to work for the department, one on the administrative staff and the other in the Division of Nursery and Landscape.

With the cooperation of the Soil Division who surveyed the blocks and put up the markers, further progress was made in tree planting.

Executive Committee meeting was held. Discussion of organizing different divisions for the Department of Agriculture was held as no divisions have been formed up to this time. The Department is not ready to commence work in the Truck Crop and Nursery Divisions. Plans previously laid out for planting three trees between the barracks was changed to four trees as it was found that there would be sufficient trees to increase the number of trees per block.

12-1-42: Crates were collected from the mess halls.

The site for the construction of the lath house was again brought up as there were two other convenient locations which might be considered. However, it was definitely decided that the site originally selected would be used for the lath house located directly north of the north water tower.

12-2-42: Levelling was done in preparation for construction work and the land was cleared where the lath house is to be built. Part of the crew took part in tree planting while part supervised the clearing and levelling work.

Meeting was held to discuss the divisions to be set up. It was decided that the following divisions would be formed:

Truck Crop	Labor
Nursery & Landscape	Livestock
Materials & Supplies	Soils

To date the Soil Division is the only organized group.



12-3-42: It was learned that the pipe line was nearing completion and very soon irrigation of the field could be started. Mr. Sharp brought two valves to be put in.

An attempt was made to get a flat bed truck so that manure and sand can be hauled for nursery use. It was understood that this department was to get one of the trucks which were brought back from New Mexico.

12-4-42: Another attempt was made to get a truck at Camp I but the men who went for the truck were told to return again.

A portion of the lumber for the lath house was received.

12-5-42: Tree planting was continued throughout the week with the assistance of the Soil Division.

M. Matsumoto, Chairman  
Executive Committee

cc: H. A. Mathiesen



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Poston, Arizona

December 8, 1942

MEMORANDUM TO: W. C. Sharp, Supervisor of Farm Management  
FROM: Soil Division, Department of Agriculture  
SUBJECT: Weekly Report

The week of November 30th, to December 5th was devoted to setting out stakes for tree planting.

George Kitahara, Chief  
Division of Soils

cc: H. A. Mathiesen



COLORADO RIVER WAR RELOCATION AUTHORITY

Poston, Arizona

December 14, 1942

MEMORANDUM TO: W. C. Sharp, Supervisor of Farm Management

FROM: Soil Survey Division  
Department of Agriculture, Camp 3

SUBJECT: Weekly Report December 7th to 12th

December 7, 1942: Worked on area for proposed amphitheater.

December 8, 1942: Worked in area of amphitheater.

December 9, 1942: Worked on Roku I. Set out stakes for planting trees.

December 10, 1942: Worked on Roku I. Set out stakes for planting trees.

December 11, 1942: Worked on Roku I for planting trees.

December 12, 1942: Helped out at the Christmas Bazaar.

George Kitahara, Chief  
Soil Survey Division

cc: H. A. Mathiesen



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Poston, Arizona

December 14, 1942

MEMORANDUM TO: W.C. SHARP, Supervisor of Farm Management

From: Department of Agriculture  
Nursery & Landscaping Division

SUBJECT: Weekly Report December 7th to 12th

/As the Department received a flat bed truck the first of the week, <sup>arrangements</sup> ~~arrangements~~ were immediately made to commence hauling manure. During the week <sup>2</sup> ~~to~~ loads were hauled from outside of Poston to be used by the Nursery Division.

Lumber for the lath house was received the latter part of the previous week and the first of the week. Construction work commenced on Wednesday.

Elm tree planting was continued throughout the week with the assistance of the Soil Division who set out the stakes and part of the subjugation crew. With the exception of Block 310 in Roku I, tree planting is completed in this section. Roku ~~II~~ II and III are partially completed.

The Landscaping crew consisting of twelve men planted flowers around the Administration Building, Postoffice, and medical clinic.

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George Kanikawa  
Nursery & Landscaping Division

CC; H.A. Mathiesen.



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DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

Poston, Arizona

December 16, 1942

MEMORANDUM TO: W.C. Sharp, Supervisor of Farm Management  
FROM: Department of Agriculture, Camp 3  
SUBJECT: Weekly Report December 7th to 12th

A block gardeners meeting with the Agriculture Department was scheduled for Monday, December 7th, but as there was a misunderstanding as to the time, the meeting could not be held.

The much awaited for flat bed truck was received but we were through some error assigned a truck which was not the one requisitioned for. Therefore, an effort was made to have the truck changed but it was found that the other truck had already been assigned to another Department in Camp 2.

Farming implements previously requisitioned were received from Camp I Maintenance and Equipment Division during the week.

Grate collecting was again done once during the week.

The Agriculture Department cooperated with the Christmas Bazaar Committee by offering them the use of a truck for the event.

On Wednesday, December 9th, information was received from Camp I that nappa was being harvested and was available for Distribution if needed. As this product was plentiful at the time, our department did not accept any.

Executive Board meeting in camp I on Friday called for the presence of to executive Committeemen.

cc: H.A. Mathiesen

M. Matsumoto, Chairman  
Executive Committee



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DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

Poston, Arizona

December 22, 1942

MEMORANDUM TO: W.C. Sharp, Supervisor of Farm Management  
FROM: Soil Division, Camp 3  
SUBJECT: Weekly Report December 14 to December 19, 1942

December 14, 1942: Set out stakes in Roku #2 for planting trees.

December 15, 1942: Set out stakes in Roku #3 for planting trees.

December 16, 1942: Worked in Roku #3

December 17, 1942: Worked in Area #8

December 18, 1942: Worked in Section No. 32.

December 19, 1942: Worked in Section No. 32.

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George Kitahara, Chief  
Division of Soils.

cc: H.A. Mathiesen.



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DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

Poston 3, Arizona

December 22, 1942

MEMORANDUM TO: W. C. Sharp, Supervisor of Farm Management  
FROM: Department of Agriculture, Camp 3  
SUBJECT: Weekly Report - December 14th to 19th, 1942

Progress toward developing different divisions had gradually been in the making and with the construction of the lath house under way and pipe lines laid for irrigation purposes, the Nursery and Truck Crop Divisions were both ready to commence actual work. This called for a reorganization of the staff as well as the addition of several new members. Harvey Iwata was approved as General Manager; Y. Tanase as Supervisor, Truck Crop Division; George Kamikawa, Supervisor Nursery Division; Y. Nagano, Supervisor of Labor; K. Umezawa, Supervisor of Livestock Division; S. Uota, Supervisor of Materials and Supplies; George Kitahara, Supervisor of Labor; Harley Mimura joined the staff as Produce Inspector, Marketing Division while a tractor driver was added to the Equipment and Maintenance Division.

Representatives from this department attended a meeting at Mr. Gelvin's Office on December 17, 1942.

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Harvey Iwata  
General Manager

cc: H.A. Mathiesen  
Chief of Agriculture



COLORADO RIVER WAR RELOCATION AUTHORITY  
DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE  
Poston 3, Arizona

December 22, 1942

MEMORANDUM TO: W.C.Sharp, Supervisor of Farm Management  
FROM: Truck Crop Division  
SUBJECT: Weekly Report - Dec. 14th to Dec. 19th, 1942

Mr Y. Tanase was appointed Supervisor for the Truck Crop Division. During the week a For Ferguson tractor was transferred from the Engineering Department to the Agriculture Department. When work was commenced on the plot west of the Administration area it was found that the ground could not be cultivated due to the deep mesquite roots. Therefore, the subjugation crew again went over the plot digging up the roots.

Empty crates and milk cartons were collected from the mess halls and stored in the warehouse for future use.

Harvey Iwata  
General Manager

cc: H. A. Mathiesen  
Chief of Agriculture



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DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

Poston 3, Arizona

December 22, 1942

MEMO TO: W. C. Sharp, Supervisor of Farm Management  
FROM: Nursery & Landscape Division  
SUBJECT: Weekly Report - December 14th to 19th, 1942

Elm tree planting was completed on Saturday, a total of 3,525 trees being planted in all three Rokus. There are now on hand a balance of approximately 650 trees which will be used around the administration and warehouse area.

Lath house construction was continued and by Saturday almost half of the lath was nailed on. It is anticipated that the construction will be completed some time the first part of January.

Six loads of manure were hauled during the week.

As the Truck Crop Division did not need the use of the tractor, it was used for cultivating and preparing the ground for planting lawns around the administration buildings.

Harvey Iwata  
General Manager

cc: H. A. Mathiesen  
Chief of Agriculture



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DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

Poston 3, Arizona

December 22, 1942

MEMORANDUM TO: W. C. Sharp, Supervisor of Farm Management

FROM: Marketing Division, Camp 3

SUBJECT: Summary

On December 17, 1942, I took a trip to the Agriculture Department of Unit I. I made a brief investigation as to the Marketing Division and also the duties of the Produce Investigator which operates under this particular division. I had the pleasure of meeting the staff members of the Marketing Division, namely: Harvey Tanaka, Inspector; George Nakamoto, Field Foreman; Harvey Suzuki, Supervisor of Truck Crops; and the Head of the Marketing Division, James Ito.

To my knowledge at present, the Marketing Division is not officially performing their duties, such as inspection and price quotations. However, they are assisting in distribution of the harvested produce to the respective mess halls.

Mr. Ito states that the duties of the Inspector are to inspect the harvested produce and quote the prices on the merchandise according to grade and quality. The price quotations on the merchandise is made through the approval of Inspectors from Units 1, 2, and 3, which is based upon the prevailing Los Angeles Wholesale Marketing prices.

I also met with Ken Shikuma of Camp 2 who stated that at present they had not appointed any particular person as Produce Inspector ther but had someone in mind.

Harley Mimura  
Marketing Division

cc: H. A. Mathiesen  
Chief of Agriculture



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Poston, Arizona

December 23, 1942

MEMORANDUM TO: W. C. Sharp, Supervisor of Farm Management  
FROM: Department of Agriculture, Camp 3  
SUBJECT: Assignment of Tractor

On December 18, 1942, a Ford Ferguson tractor was transferred from the Engineering Department to the Department of Agriculture, Poston III, tractor No. TR 37W, Engine No. 9N989634.

The tractor is apparently in good running condition and the tires are in fair shape.

Harvey Iwata  
General Manager

cc: Transportation, Equipment  
& Maintenance Div., Camp I.



### Truck Crop Division

On January 5, 1943, the pump was operated for the first time on trial and on January 7, 1943, irrigation was commenced on the twenty-five acre plot west of the Administration area. In spite of encountering considerable difficulty several times, irrigation was completed on January 15, 1943. To finish the twenty-five acre plot the pump was operated seventy-six and one half hours, consuming three hundred eighteen gallons of fuel and twenty quarts of oil. On January 16, a permanent cement foundation for the pump was laid.

The subjugation crew supplied the labor for the Truck Crop Division during irrigation but as soon as the division is ready to use a steady crew, permanent workers will be hired.

Y. Tanase  
Truck Crop Division

### Poultry Division

The first step taken toward starting the poultry project in Camp 3 commenced with the drawing of a plan for a brooder house 18' x 96', composed of four units, each unit being 18' x 24'. This plan was approved by Mr. Sharp on January 13, 1943.

The site selected for the building is east of the lath house approximately sixty feet from the proposed road which will run north and south. This site was selected as it was thought that this would be the most convenient location, taking into consideration the necessity of piping water to the brooder houses. However, the question of the availability of this land will be taken before the Poston 3 Land Planning Board at their next meeting for approval of the site by the Board.

Seven hundred feet of pipe of various sizes was received by the Poultry Division.

George Okamura  
Poultry Division

### Soil Division

Throughout the week the Soil Division worked on the SW $\frac{1}{4}$  of Section 32 making soil surveys and tests.

George Kitahara  
Soil Division



### Marketing Division

The meeting of the Marketing Division with the Subsistence Department was held at Unit I at which time Mr. Snelson of Subsistence gave the consumption of vegetables by the people of Poston during January and a discussion was held as to the type of vegetables which would be suitable for planting in this climate and at the same time be of high vitamin content.

Meeting at Camp II with Mr. Sharp was attended by the Marketing Division representative of three units. The topic of discussion was to agree upon a uniform system of produce distribution, making reports of advanced estimates of crops to be harvested, pickling, recording of block vegetables delivered to the respective mess halls, and marketing.

A summary of block garden survey was prepared and these surveys will be conducted from time to time.

Harley Mimura  
Marketing Division



WEEKLY REPORT  
January 11 to 16, 1943

Landscape Division

After several days of planning, the landscape drawing for the new canteen finally completed. During this time, the area to be landscaped was leveled off. The first step of construction was dividing the ground into the various areas--the lawn, the walks, the shrubbery border. This was done by marking off the areas and inserting a narrow strip of redwood along the edges. Upon completion of the pathway the walking area was flooded in order to form a hardpan upon drying. It was then lightly rolled to compress the surface. The forming of the walk was now completed.

The appearance of the ugly walls needed great improvement so there were twenty-two window boxes constructed and installed. The boxes were then filled with well prepared soil and petunias were planted hoping that the flowers when in full bloom will add much color. The preparation of the flower border was now ready. The work commenced with spading up the ground to a good depth, breaking up the subsoil clods and removing all rocks and debris not conducive to good plant growth. As the border developed, well rotted manure was added and worked into the soil to improve the fertility and then the ground was worked over and raked to level it off. Now the ground is ready for planting.

A request for the purchase of shrubs, vines, and trees was made to Mr. Sharp.

Bun Eguchi  
Landscape Division

Nursery Division

Construction of the lath house was completed and the construction crew commenced making nursery benches to put the flats on as lumber for this was requisitioned and received.

Calendula plants were distributed to all blocks, each block receiving approximately two flats.

As the lath house was completed the nursery crew was kept busy moving their stock from Block 325 to the new lath house. The crew also put in seven truckloads of sand in the lath house ground.

George Kamikawa  
Nursery Division



January 19, 1943

MEMORANDUM TO: W. C. Sharp  
Supervisor of Farm Management

FROM: Department of Agriculture, Camp 3

Attached are weekly division reports for the week January 11th  
to 16th, 1943

Harvey Iwata  
Supervisor of Agriculture  
Camp 3

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WEEKLY REPORT  
January 18 to 23, 1943

Landscape Division (Admin.)

During the past week, four checks of land were leveled near the Administration Building "B", the mess hall and the clinic, in preparation for the planting of grass. The irrigation ditch from the main gate to the end of Administration "C" building was cleaned. The flowers, bordering the buildings were irrigated and were cultivated. Elm trees were planted around the warehouse latrine and irrigated. Also, markers were put along the south side of the warehouse buildings in preparation for the planting of elm trees next week. With a few trees planted near the dining hall, the work was concluded for the week.

Hideo Morikawa  
Landscape Division (Admin.)

Landscape Division

The beautification of the new canteen area is gradually becoming a reality. Working patiently and diligently, the landscape crew composed entirely of isseis is striving hard in transforming this desert ground into a beauty spot of Postnn.

After the construction of the walks were completed, several truck loads of road gravel were hauled in. This road gravel was evenly scattered along the walks to improve its appearance and condition. Due to a breakage of the gravel pit, the full amount as requisitioned was not fulfilled. Six more loads will be delivered soon. In the meantime, calendula plants were transplanted along the border. An application of manure was spread thickly around the plants to protect the roots from frost injury.

A step was taken to the preparation of the lawn area. Rocks, woods and debris not conducive to good growth were gathered and removed. Then the ground was thoroughly flooded in checks in order to make cultivation easier.

Bun Eguahi  
Landscape Division



### Poultry Division

The Land Planning Committee granted to the Department of Agriculture the piece of land north of First Street 500 feet east from the road running by the side of the tank and approximately 1,500 feet or more north for the poultry farm. With this approval the division commenced immediate work on the construction of the brooder house, leveling the land and making forms for construction of the cement floor with the assistance of the Construction Department. One hundred fifty sacks of cement, six rolls of poultry netting and anchor bolts as well as a portion of the lumber was received. The subjugation crew assisted by digging a trench approximately 275 feet. Where the pipe is to be laid leading to the brooder house. Also ten truckloads of sand and gravel were brought in.

George Okamura  
Poultry Division

### Truck Crop Division

As the ground had dried sufficiently to commence tractor work, the borders were broken the first part of the week. After that was finished, plowing was started but it was found that plowing could not be properly done because of deep mesquite roots. The subjugation crew was again summoned to remove these stumps.

Y. Tanase  
Truck Crop Division

### Nursery Division

With the moving of the nursery into the new lath house completed, the next step undertaken was the building of a compost pit. After the boys worked diligently putting up the posts and digging, they were asked to move this to another location. It was found that this location was already set aside for another purpose. Levelling was done in and around the lath house in addition to the usual nursery work caring for the plants.

George Kanikawa  
Nursery Division

### Soils Division

The Soils Division completed survey of Section 32, SW and a written report on the forty-two holes tested will be submitted within a few days.

George Kitahara  
Soils Division



January 27, 1943

MEMO TO: W. C. Sharp  
Supervisor of Farm Management

FROM: Department of Agriculture, Camp III

SUBJECT: Week Division Report

We are submitting our Division Reports for the week January 18  
to 23, 1943.

Harvey Iwata  
Supervisor of Agriculture III

cc: H. A. Mathiesen



### Truck Crop Division

The making of furrows on Plot 5 were finished the first part of this week. 43 acres of honeydews and 6 acres of striped watermelon Klondike were planted.

Again the pumping engine gave us trouble and had to be repaired, causing unnecessary delay in irrigation of plot 5. The situation of engine repair and equipment as far as Truck Crop division is concerned is in a very deplorable condition.

The tomatoes and cucumbers are growing in good condition and were thinned and hoed.

The engine #EG4W finally would not start so we had to get a replacement thru latter part of the week. The engineering department of Camp 1 brought McCormick during #EG5W. However there are several changes that had to be made before it could be used so the irrigating of plot 5 had to be postponed this week.

Y. Tanase  
Truck Crop Division

### Landscape Division (Adm.)

During the week the lawn was cut and irrigated and the work on the arbor was continued through the week. Also the flowers were irrigated and taken care of and the land by the postoffice and around the arbor was leveled and prepared for the sowing of the lawn seed. With the planting of the seed it was irrigated. Trees were planted across from the administration A. building which were dug and hauled from the river.

Hideo Morikawa  
Landscape Division (Adm.)

### Poultry Division

This week we received another shipment of 637 S.C. white leg-horns in very poor condition. There were supposed to be sexed. At the time of arrival 18 were found dead. The boys are taking the very best care of these chicks. The mortality rate this week was 2%.

George Okamura  
Poultry Division



### SOIL SURVEY DIVISION

In the course of soil survey, we are now working in a heavily wooded area. (Mesquite trees with thorns and all.) Using the compass for the traverse, we are doing ~~even~~ our utmost to clear a path so as to follow a straight line.

The greater part of the week was attended to the collection of soil samples and the older members, are taking the greatest precaution of doing the job with care so as to benefit the new inexperienced men. The soil surveyors also spent three days constructing a base map of section 32 by plan table traverse. Again the inexperienced men were taught with close guidance.

We are having another hectic week due to members leaving the division to work in the net garnishing factory which has opened in Unit Three. The manpower needed for this division to undertake the job is getting very acute

Joe Fujimoto  
Soil Survey Division

### NURSERY DIVISION

This week was devoted to making 300 ft of shades out of arrow weeds to be used in the lath house, for protection against the strong sunlight. Transplanting of zinnia and asters and lilies was continued from the previous week.

Approximately 100 used flats returned from blocks was repaired. We hauled leaf mold from the near by woods. (Leaf of old mesquite trees layed for years and fermented to be used as soil mixer.) We also distributed 200 flats of various kinds of flower plants such as African Daisies, African Marigolds and Morning glories.

George Kanikawa  
Nursery Division



## WEEKLY DIVISION REPORT

March 15 to 20, 1943

### Landscape Division

#### School

During the past week, approximately 239 ft. of cotton wood border which was unfinished from previous week was completed, located on the west side of the school latrine. Proposed lawn area was flooded in order to hold more moisture as well as settling the soil, prior to the planting of lawn seed. The first lawn was planted between mess hall and laundry room. It is a rectangular lawn.

The following is the description of the various lawns:

A. Lawn--Rectangular	Length 16' - 9"	Width 16' - 9"
B.                      Width 6'		
B. Lawn--Rectangular	Length 50' - 3"	Width 17' - 9"
Width 7' - 8'		
C. Lawn--Rectangular	Length 35' - 3"	Width 17' - 9"
Width 7' - 8'		
D. Lawn--Rectangular	Length 50' - 9"	Width 17' - 9"
Width 10' - 5"		
E. Lawn--Rectangular	Length 44' - 9"	Width 17' - 9"

Lawn seed was sown, and manure was sprinkled on the top of the seed in order to hold the moisture.

#### Canteen

General condition of the canteen lawn is in terrible shape, due to the stampede of stray Indian Horses. There is nothing we can do at present until the barbed wire fence is repaired.

#### Church

General condition of the church lawn is progressing wonderfully. We cut the grass during the early part of the week. Flower and shrubs are being cared for and watered.

Joe Nagasawa  
Landscape Division



Nursery Division

The crew this week hauled lumber from Parker to be used for making flats. This was very badly needed as we have been short of flats from the start. Approximately 350 yds. of compost was made during this week which took good part of week. In addition to this general lath house work was continued.

George Kamikawa  
Nursery Division



## WEEKLY DIVISION REPORT

March 22 to 28, 1943

### Poultry Division

The chicks are growing very rapidly but they are of very uneven sizes, because of the crowded condition in the pens. To alleviate this condition it would be of great advantage if we could turn them loose in the back yards but due to our inability to obtain door hinges for the back door we are unable to use the back yard at present. We received 20 sacks of chick mash this week. This should last us 3 weeks. We are also feeding chick scratch about 1 lb. to a hundred. We are still waiting for lumber to be used to construct range shelters and ware-house

George Okamura  
Poultry Division

### Soil Survey Division

The daily soil survey was taken in section 32 northwest quarter. We are doing our utmost in these unpredictable times to accomplish our daily work with insufficient manpower. The greater part of the work was attended to the collection of soil samples. The preparation and the work itself was accomplished for suitable excavation to undertake the discription of soil profiles.

Joe Fujimoto  
Soil Sruvey Division

### Landscape Division (Adm.)

The flowers were cultivated and irrigated and the arbor by the clinic was completed. The trees which were brought from the river were planted around the administration C building. The lawn was cut and irrigated in front of the administration A and B and personnel quarters and mess hall. The lawn by the clinic and the post office was irrigated. The latter part of the week was devoted to getting wood for the arbor in front of the administration C building.

Hideo Morikawa  
Landscape Division (Adm.)

### Truck Crop Division

This week all hoeing of the tomatoes, squash, and cucumbers were finished. In midweek we finally received another engine for our pumping plant. Thanks to Mr. Short of the engineering department for his efforts in installing and making the necessary alternations on the engine, we were able to start irrigating the parched land on plot 4 and plot 5. After running the engine for one day, the gasoline tank sprung a leak and further repairs were necessary. When this was taken care of the valves needed adjustment, and again irrigation was delayed. By the end of the week, everything began to run smoothly and we are irrigating plot 5, 14 hours a day in order to catch up.



Y. Tahase  
Truck Crop Division

Landscape Division

SCHOOL:

The lawn located in the west side of the latrine is beginning to germinate through the sifted manure covered soil.

Various rectangular lawns are as follows:

16' - 9" length	18' width
50' - 3" length	18' width
35' - 3" length	18' width
50' - 9" length	18' width
44' - 9" length	18' width

Due to warm weather it has progressed very rapidly in growing. It is being watered and cared for twice a day.

- A. Between the men and women latrine, there is rectangular flower bed its dimension being 36' long 20' wide, planted with African Daisies. There is a green lawn 4' wide surrounding and forming the outer border. This has been completed.
- B. Between the women's latrine and laundry room a rectangular flower bed with dimension 36' long 20' wide was planted with petunias also with a green lawn 4' ft. wide surrounding and forming an outer border.
- C. Between the laundry room and the ironing room we are working on a rectangular cactus garden 18' long 20' ft. bordered with a green lawn 3' wide. This will be completed in the near future. Walks between the lawn area were leveled during the last few days.

CANTEEN:

The canteen lawn is in an unsightly condition due to a stampede of stray Indian horses and steers the past few weeks. This condition must be revedied at once to avoid any more unnecessary damages. At the present time it is being watered and cared for as usual.

Petunia flowers are blooming beautifully in the window boxes. The flowers are of various hues.

CHURCH:

The flowers, lawns, and shrubberies are progressing beautifully. Since there is no fence around the church, precaution must be made so that the horses will not make the property and unsightly mess as was made at the canteen.

Rihachi Nagasawa  
Landscape Division



## WEEKLY DIVISION REPORT

March 8 to 13 1943

### Landscape Division

During the week the school ground was levelled. The walk 8'x4" wide and approximately 236' 10" long has been completed. The walk is located on the west side of the latrine. The prosed lawn area is also 237' 6" long. Approximately 239' of walk remains to be completed. In the near future the walks will be graveled so in the case of rain the students will not carry mud into the class rooms.

It was stated in last week's report that the Christian Church located on Block 305 will be cared for by volunteer Church workers or the Block 305 gardeners, but as they are unable to take care of this for an indefinite period with the cordial understanding of Supervisor Mr. Harvey Iwata of Department of Agriculture the Landscape Division will continue to look after the above garden. Christian Church lawn is growing nicely and will be ready for cutting within a few days. We spread cow manure on newly planted snapdragons and larkspur and gave them general care.

Canteen lawn and flower is progressing nicely. Due to wind many new leaves of Chinese elm trees were badly wind burned. Last Thursday we had the first opportunity to cut the beautiful lawn grass.

Rihaichi Nagasawa.  
Landscape Division

### Landscape Division (Adm.)

Early part of the week was spent in getting wood for the arbor and the work on the arbor was continued throughout the week. The land between the post office and the firehouse was leveled and with the spreading of top soil, the lawn seed was planted. The lawn in front of the administration A and B buildings, and the personnel quarters and mess hall was cut and irrigated.

Hideo Morikawa  
Landscape Division (Adm.)

### Truck Crop Division

This week plot #5 was disced and floated. We had trouble several times on the pins of the distributor of the tractor, causing further delay in the preparation of the land.

The tomatoes, cucumber, and squash plants are doing very good and show vigorous growth at the present time. However five



stray horses are wreaking havoc to the plants by stepping upon it.

Later part of this week, we received one new Ford tractor. This much needed tractor could have helped in preparing our land much sooner if it had arrived two weeks earlier.

Y. Tanase  
Truck Crop Division

#### Poultry Division

On March 9 we received 2425 chicks, 1175 White rocks and 1250 S.C. white leghorns. We counted 51 dead when the chicks arrived. These chicks were in very poor condition being yorkey and chilled as well as being poorly sexed. We lost quite a few chicks probably caused by improper handling at the time of sexing. The mortality rate is very high, about 5% this week.

George Okamura  
Poultry Division

#### Nursery Division

The construction of the office and supply building was continued. The frame work including a part of roof was completed this week. We landscaped the back lot of the lath house around the office building digging ditches to irrigate trees and plantings around the trees. Also for experimental purposes, we have started a small garden for seed and floral culture. At present we have Petunia and zinnias planted. We have started this experiment and if this proves to be successful it will ~~will~~ minimize future seed purchases thereby cutting down our costs in beautifying the camp.

George Kanikawa  
Nursery Division



## WEEKLY DIVISION REPORT

March 1 to 6, 1943

### Landscape Division

The landscaping of the Christian Church located at block 305 was completed by graveling the south side walk and planting common well known shrubs such as pyracanthus, cotoneasters, japonica, flowering quince, and few different varieties of roses. The lawn is growing to my expectation. Within the next few days it will be taken care by the block gardner or volunteer church workers.

The Canteen lawn area is progressing slowly due to alkali soil. My predecessor used sulphur to neutralize the soil. During the past few days the boys have used cow manure to fertilize the Calendulos and newly planted shrubs to hold moisture and to enrich the soil.

Last Friday the long awaited tractor from Engineer Department cultivated the school latrine area. Saturday the crew staked off the lawn area before preparing for the lawn.

Rihachi Nagasawa  
Landscape Division

### Truck Crop Division

The first part of this week, the cucumber and squash plants came through the ground. Irrigation of plot 1, 2, 3, 4, was continued till mid week, so the ground was thoroughly soaked.

The plowing of plot 5 was finished and quite a few chunks of concrete was removed from mid field.

Discing and scraping was started immediately after plowing. The fan belt on the tractor broke this week, causing delay again in our planting.

Y. Tanase  
Truck Crop Division

### Soil Survey Division

The week of March 1-6 was spent on reorganization. The two new members who joined the staff were educated to the techniques of soil surveying and soil science. All the steps involved in the work was explained to them carefully and repeatedly. It was stressed that the objective of the work is to provide information directly relating to the agricultural use of the land.



The greater part of the week was stressed on the identification and classification of soil types which vary accordingly. On examining the data of Section 32, NE Quarter, little information was missing. This objective was undertaken and completed.

Joe Fujimoto  
Soil Survey Division

#### Nursery Division

This week we received the remaining 250 Black Mission fig cuttings from Camp I.

The crew worked on landscaping around the lath house. Regular nursery work such as transplanting, watering, etc., was undertaken for the upkeep of the nursery.

George Kanikawa  
Nursery Division

#### Landscape Division (Adm.)

During the week, wood was hauled for the arbor and also leaf mold for the flowers. All flowers bordering the buildings were irrigated. The land beside the clinic was leveled and rye seed was sown and irrigated. The flower beds were made beside the fire house and flowers were planted and irrigated and with the work on the arbor the program for the week was concluded.

Hideo Morikawa  
Administration Landscape

#### Poultry Division

This week we are preparing to set up home made brooders, using mess hall stoves, plater boards, and other odds and ends. Each brooder is composed of two 4' x 8' plastic wall boards and 1 garbage can cover and a stove. It will take care of from 500 to 800 chicks each. We are still waiting for electricity to come through the Brooding house and also faucets and door hinges.

George Okamura  
Poultry Division



## WEEKLY DIVISION REPORT

January 25th to 30th, 1943

### Landscape Division

Due to unfavorable weather condition we could not proceed with the work as planned. In spite of the wet ground, the south section of the lawn area was worked over. Due to the excess alkali in the soil, a liberal amount of humus was added and thoroughly mixed to improve its fertility. Also sulphur was applied to neutralize its alkalinity. The soil was then raked over to pulverize any clods or lumps which have formed. The next was leveling the ground and stamping over the surface to compress the under-soil. The ground was now ready for planting. Seven elm trees were planted alongside the border for framing purpose and also two grapefruit trees were set in the lawn area as specimen. Again the surface was lightly raked and the ground is now ready for grass seed sowing.

Bun Eguchi  
Landscape Division

### Landscape Division (Admin.)

The irrigation ditch from the mess hall to the fire house was cleaned and the flowers were irrigated and cultivated. The land between the clinic and the fireman's building was leveled and a few flowers were planted along the border of the clinic. The flower beds between the administration garage and the administration B. Building and also between the personnel mess and the living quarters were prepared for planting. A few shrubs were planted in front of the administration A. and B. buildings and top soil was hauled from the south side of Block 327 for the flower beds.

Hideo Morikawa  
Administration Landscape

### Nursery Division

The nursery crew commenced planting flowers in the flats this week. Larkspur, snapdragon, African daisy, verbena and phlox were planted. Additional flower seeds were received from Camp I during the week. Leaf mold was gathered from the southwest section of camp. Due to inclement weather we were unable to accomplish as much as we anticipated.

George Kamikawa  
Nursery Division



### Truck Crop Division

The Truck Crop Division has made very little progress. Although the one tractor has been doing the plowing, due to the rain and excess moisture in the ground, the work was again delayed. Further delay was caused by the depletion of the gasoline supply in Camp III.

Y. Tanase  
Truck Crop Division

### Poultry Division

The Poultry Division is progressing quite slowly. This week the subjugation crew helped pour cement for the concrete floor of the chicken house. The crew took about two days to do the work. The Poultry boys are working very hard on the brooding house. So far the division has three boys. Next week we anticipate increasing the crew considerably. An order was placed for 2,000 chicks plus the feed. One ton of starter mash, one ton of chick scratch, three tons of growing mash, two tons of cracked yellow corn, two tons of laying mash, one ton of wheat and one ton of rolled barley was ordered. We have set aside March 8 as "Chick Day."

George Okamura  
Poultry Division



### Nursery Division

The brooders which have been in use for the past months were proved very unsufficient, especially during the cold months. The low grade stove oil makes it very difficult in maintaining the proper temperature, on account the fuel does not burn effeciently. Fortunately, this Arizona climate was very warm during the winter months.

At the end of every four weeks the mortality was high. In most cases the main cause of these death was because of intestinal defect which was diseased when the birds were hatched.

Division of Poultry  
Masao Okamura

### Truck Crop Division

Ever since the Agriculture project was started in Poston III, this week everything went along as scheduled. The engine ran smoothly without any trouble so ample water was given to all the vegetalbes.

This week was spent in thinning, hoeing, and spraying cucumbers, nappas, and squashes.

Division of Truck Crop  
Yasaburo Tanase

April 5 to 10, 1943

### Landscape Division

#### Red Cross and Baby Clinic-

We completed approximately 342 feet of willow tree border which faces south and north of the barrack. This area has been leveled off and is ready for planting in the near future.

Due to shortage of water hose, manure, and man power, delay has been made in the landscaping.

Division of Landscape  
Rihachi Nagasawa

### Landscape Division (Adm.)

The flowers which were planted around the lawn were cultivated and irrigated. We leveled the land around the Administration C Building throughout the whole week, while some men went to the river to get more wood. We continued working on the arbor which is to be constructed in front of the Administration C Building.

Division of Landscape (Adm.)  
Hideo Morikawa

### Nursery Division

Our nurseryman excavated the ground in preparation for planting tomatoes, cucumbers and peppers. This is purely for experimental purpose. The



ground is approximately 2,500 square feet. The purpose for this sort is to raise vegetables and flowers. The plants in the Lath house have been same as previous weeks, such as Pointed Daisies and Marigold, and Zinnias.

Division of Nurseries (122.)

George Kamikawa



WEEKLY DIVISION REPORT

March 29 to April 5, 1943

Camp III

Landscape Division

School-

The rectangular lawn located at the west side of the latrine is progressing very rapidly. Due to the warm weather it has grown faster than we had anticipated.

Petunia beds between the latrine and the laundry room are not progressing as well as it should.

The extreme heat has burned the foliage. We accumulated few yards of top soil, sand, and rocks from the neighboring hills, to be used for the small cactus garden on the school ground. This is to be located between the laundry room and the homemaking classroom.

I am hoping that we may be able to complete it some time during the coming week. We also graveled the school walks, around the lawn area which covers approximately 289 square feet.

Various sizes of side walk areas are between 8 to 10 ft. wide. We used approximately 20 yards of gravel mixed with sand from the east of the Camp II hills.

Canteen-

The Canteen lawn is in an unsightly condition because in the past there has been no cooperation from the people in closing the gates to keep out the horses.

There must be some solution in compelling the people to close the gates. They must be made to realize that any improvement or beautification of the grounds are to their own benefit.

Church-

The church lawns, shrubs and flowers are progressing in a very satisfactory manner. The petunias are just beginning to bloom, making a pleasing environment.

Agriculture office-

We cut cotton wood to be used for bordering the walks and around the lawn area at the Agriculture building.

Division of Landscape  
Rihachi Nagasawa



April 12 to 17, 1943

Landscape Division

Industry-

Approximately 325 feet of cottonwood border were laid around the Industry and Agriculture Departement. This was completed in the middle part of April. Preparation of that area was made for lawn planting. The walk between the lawn areas in the front of the building is 7 feet wide and 18 feet long. The front strip facing north is 18 feet long and 22 feet wide.

The front strip facing south is 22 ft. wide and the length runs 59 ft. to the B apartment. Running west from Apartment B to C is a cactus garden composed of many varieties of cacti which were brought in from the nearby desert.

This garden is 19 ft. long and 15 ft. wide. There is a walk 5 ft. wide between the cactus garden and a strip of lawn 45 ft. long and 21 ft. wide.

Everything has been completed to date. The driveway between the Industry and the Agriculture Building is 10 ft. wide. This has been graveled for beautifying purpose.

Division of Landscape  
Rihachi Nagasawa

Landscape Division (Adm.)

The early part of this week was spent in getting top soil for the area around the Administration C Building. Rye grass will be planted there as soon as the ground is prepared.

Our next important job was to dust the plants for the mildew was starting to form. Considering the Poston heat, our lawn and flowers are still in good condition.

More work was spent in the improvements of the arbor.

Division of Landscape (Adm.)  
Hideo Morikawa

Nursery Division

This week we planted tomatoes and pepper (Chinese Lantern and also a few squashes (Summer variety).

Two-hundred and fifty flats of various kinds of summer flower plants were delivered among sixteen blocks.



Our vegetable and flower plants have been progressing very nicely.

Our boys were proud to be able to furnish flowers for special occasions.

Division of Nursery  
George Kamikawa

Poultry Division

Most causes of mortality rate this week were indigestion. Then another sickness appeared called the gizzard erosions which is caused by poor mixture of feed, such as low percentage of alfalfa and wheat.

Alfalfa is the most effective good for live stock, but as yet, there is no alfalfa field in this relocation center. Poultrymen are gathering rye grass from residents to decrease gizzard erosions.

Divisions of Poultry  
Masao Okamura



### Truck Crop Division

This week was spent in irrigating and hoeing of Plot 1, 2, 3, and 4. Also tomatoes were replanted. With warm weather, the plants are showing vigorous growth and coming along fine.

Division of Truck Crop  
Yasaburo Tanase

April 19 to 24, 1943

### Landscape Division

#### Canteen-

The Canteen lawn is being watered and cared for as usual.

Due to man power shortage we are unable to continue the work of the Canteen grounds.

Our supervisor, Mr. S. Uota is making arrangements with the Canteen Supervisor, Mr. T. Miyata to make arrangement for the caring of the lawn and shrubs. At a later date, we were requested by the head of the Community Enterprise to care for the Canteen Garden. At the present, the work is carried on by the part-time workers.

#### School-

We completed a rectangular lawn. It is progressing satisfactorily and is now being cared for by the school gardener. At the present time, flowers such as African Daisies and Petunias are blooming nicely. I believe the school gardeners are doing a fine job of working on the watering and giving the garden general care.

#### Church-

Petunias and Camellias are blooming beautifully in various colors. The lawn and shrubs are growing very rapidly. We put up barbed wire fences around the church lawn area to keep stray horses away. Mr. Evans, the fire chief of Poston III has requested us to take the barbed wire fence down, due to hazard in an emergency case.

### Landscape Division (Adm.)

The earlier part of this week was spent in getting top soil for the lawn around the Administration C Building. Then the soil was put on the land and leveled with the planting of the rye grass and was irrigated. After a little work on the lawn and flowers, such as cutting the borders on the lawn and cutting old flowers off the vine, it was irrigated. With continued work on the shade in front of the Administration C Building, the work was concluded for the week.



### Nursery Division

Landscaping around the office building had been started by the Nursery workers.

We screened approximately 50 square yards of gravel to make walks around the building. We also landscaped four flower beds between walks and office building with willow trees.

### Poultry Division

The brooders were finally taken out of the room and the roosters were put in place of pullets and meat birds.

The mortality is getting to be low as usual this age of pullets.

### Truck Crop Division

Furrows in the eggplant plot had to be made by hand labor due to difficulties in borrowing the necessary equipment from Unit I at the right time. Also melons were hoed this week.

The main road through Unit III had to be blocked because the road was uncompleted, and the dust raised by passing cars and trucks were injuring the plants.

Due to the infestation of aphids in the nappa plot, it was decided to harvest one portion about the middle of next week.

### Poultry Division

Unusual weather conditions affected the chicks, raising the percentage of mortality. The chicks are becoming hysterical due to the excess heat caused by the smallness of their pens and with lack of green food. The poultrymen find that pullets are picking on each other. Tar is being used to take care of their injuries. Three others have minor injuries caused by such picking.

The yellow legs of the chicks indicated that they are healthy. The feathers also appear to be as normal as it should be.

Division of Poultry  
Masao Okamura

### Truck Crop Division

The irrigation of Plot 5 was completed this week. Tomatoes were thinned. There were some missing plants so these were replanted. The cold spell has retarded the growth of the plants. But other wise, the plants are doing well, except eggplant.

Division of Truck Crop  
Yasaburo Tanase



### Poultry Division

We leveled the ground where the summer shelter house was for the pullets and the hens. The summer shelter is located 100 feet north of the office and the warehouse. The shelter house which is 18' x 96' is facing north. The yard is 40' x 60'. The shelter house and the yard is divided into four equal parts and each pen will be 24' x 58' including the house and the yard.

### Truck Crop Division

This report is being made after every bit available land was set out to vegetables. Since the water supply for this unit was stated in previous reports is very limited we are forced to cut down on our anticipated acreage. The gasoline engine driving the pump of fifteen horsepower capacity is supply the gardens and the roads as well as the truck garden.

#### Tomatoes-

The tomato plot consisting of 4.23 acres is looking very fine. After transplanting earlier in the seasons the growth is fairly even except for one spot of about  $\frac{1}{2}$  acre which has a very high salt content. The crown set is blooming but the blooms are not setting on account of the frequent wind storms which blows the vines around. The vines which are standing about one foot are easily blown down.

As for insects and diseases we have not had much trouble except for a few applications of dust to check the green cut worms which were eating the young growth. But as a whole it is looking fine.

#### Cucumber-

Consisting of 1.00 acre is not growing too well. The wind storms are damaging the vines and the bloom is not setting. The insect is under control. Aphid were sucking the vines and keeping it from growing. A few applications of nicotine sulphate was necessary thus far.

#### Watermelon- (Striped Klondike Variety)

Consisting of 4.00 acres is looking fine. Although we were delayed in planting the vines are growing rapidly.

#### Honeydew-

Consisting of 4.00 acres seems to be growing the best of all. After hoeing and thinning the vines are getting more space to grow out. The flowers are blooming little by little. There seems to be a great future for this type of melon in this region.

#### Eggplant-

Consisting of about .50 acre. The growth is very satisfactory on what came up. Later in the season it will have to be transplanted.



Nappa- (Wong Bok)

Consisting of 1.15 acre is looking very nice. After a few more irrigations it will be ready for harvest. Aphids are spreading and causing considerable harm. But we expect to be able to harvest it before too much harm is done.

Nappa- (Chile Variety)

Consists of about  $\frac{1}{4}$  acre is growing satisfactorily. This is a late variety and it seems to be more resistant to insects such as aphid.

Italian Squash- (Zucchini)

Consisting of about  $\frac{1}{2}$  acre will be ready to harvest in a few weeks. The vines have a vigorous growth which looks very health. The insects are well under control. The dusty condition of the roads are not helping any of the crops but we are having it checked.

In conclusion of this report the Vegetable crop as a whole looks bright inspite of the newly developed land with lot of the top soil taken off and the windy conditions. The materials not being here on time and having to make several repairs on the farm equipment caused considerable delay but the crops for this summer are all planted and will be ready for harvest in the near future. With the splendid cooperation of all other divisions we are carrying on the best we can.



April 26, to May 1, 1943

#### Landscape Division

At the present time the apartment is used as a warehouse.

There is a driveway 12 feet wide to make it convenient for the truck driver to back their trucks to the door for loading and unloading purpose. This small driveway is also graveled. A big strip of lawn area facing south of the Agriculture Building is still incomplete due to the manure shortage in the Nursery Division. A few varieties of shrubs such as variegated collas, Japonica, flowering quince, and climbing roses, and a few plots of Shasta Daisies have been planted.

We completed approximately 606 feet of willow tree border the latter part of April.

The lawn area facing east and north side of the Agriculture Building has been completed. Flowers and shrub beds running from the west side to the east near the building is approximately 3 feet wide and 120 feet long. Next to the beds is a walk 4 feet in width and approximately 120 feet in length. This walk has been graveled. The front lawn facing north is 22 feet long and is running west 62 feet in length. This extends to the B Apartment and the walk is 5 feet wide.

From the Apartment B to C is a Cactus garden. This cactus garden is 17 feet long and 8 feet wide. It is composed of many varieties of cacti which we had gathered from around the desert areas and also many beautiful rocks, which we used to form a border for the garden.

There is another walk of 5 feet in width. From there, another lawn runs west 42 feet. It turns south 11 feet to the Apartment B.

#### Landscape Division (Adm.)

The planting of the lawn around the Administration C Building was completed, and the landscaping of the land around the flag pole was started with the leveling of the land and building a walk with rocks acquired from the mountains.

The flowers were irrigated and taken care of and the lawn was cut and irrigated. Some flowers were planted around the arbor and flower seeds were planted in little boxes for transplanting in the near future.

#### Nursery Division

The greatest job this week and what took up the most time of all the workers was the planting of egg-plants by the Agriculture Department Truck Crop. Approximately 1500 plants were planted in milk containers. We also delivered the remaining plants to the Blocks and School of Poston III.