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SUMMARY OF MONTHLY REPORTS

Month ending July 31, 1943

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The most important event of the month was the announcement of the segregation program. Center residents were expecting this and they took the news calmly. Every effort has been made to keep them informed as promptly and as fully as possible. Evacuee leaders were immediately notified when more details of the program became available. Family interviews by the Welfare Department of repatriates and expatriates were started in the last few days of July. Since segregation was announced there has been an increased interest in repatriation and expatriation and there are indications that there will be a good many more of these requests.

Relocation slowed down in July. 132 persons were granted indefinite leave, and 74 went out for seasonal work. Part of the lull in relocation was due to the fact that money for transportation and expense was not available for a short time but much of the decrease was due to the fact that most of the young single persons have left the center and mostly men with families remain. These are much more difficult to relocate because they must be more particular about the kind of jobs they accept and about living conditions. There is also a tendency on the part of many people to delay in leaving the center in the hope that more favorable relocation opportunities will arise or will be provided by the Government.

The reduction in evacuee employees is progressing according to plan. There have been a few complaints because of the reduction, but there has been no undue confusion although many of the evacuees consider it a move to force them to leave the center.

There has been considerable activity in the construction field. Apartments for the appointed personnel are virtually completed. The construction of a large drainage canal is well under way. An ice house, a cannery, and the auditorium for the high school and a center library are under construction.

Farming operations have been seriously hindered by excessively dry weather. Yields have been substantially reduced and the planting of late vegetable crops has been seriously delayed. Produce raised on the farm and valued at \$7,781.25 was used in July compared to \$7,964.22 worth used in June. This consisted mostly of cucumbers, egg plant, potatoes, squash, and mustard greens. At the end of the month more than 20 acres of vegetables were being watered by an improvised irrigation system and it is planned for a much larger acreage to be watered. More than 400 hogs are being fed for use at the center but none have yet been slaughtered. A considerable number of these have been lost because of disease but it is believed that this is now under control.

The Fire and Police Departments have been carrying on only routine activities. The Judicial Commission heard its first case and the decision was approved by the Project Director.

The Advisory Relocation Committee appointed by the Administration has been dissolved and has been replaced by another group appointed by the Community Council. It is believed that the evacuees will have greater confidence in the Council committee and that its value will be

increased because of this. The Council and the different committees appointed by it are composed of respected residents of the center. However, a majority of them are Issei and most of the discussions are in Japanese. This places the younger Nisei members at a disadvantage and there is some complaint on this point.

High school graduation exercises were held with 154 receiving diplomas. Both the High School and the Elementary School have been given an "A" rating by the State Department of Education.

Considering the extremely hot weather which has broken or equalled most of the records for this section, the health of the center residents has been good. There has been only a normal amount of sickness, and most of the deaths have been among the very old. Very few cases of contagious diseases have appeared. There have been no cases of malaria among the evacuees to date. The mosquito control program has been fairly effective.

The two chief events in the field of public relations were a 3-day Fourth of July Jamboree and "Press Day." The latter was held June 30 and July 1. Nineteen representatives from newspapers and radio stations in this and three other States attended. The resulting publicity was very satisfactory with reference to both volume and content.

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At the first of August, segregation had just been announced and the evacuee leaders had been advised of most of the details. At the end of the month the program was well under way and much of the work had been completed. All those in Groups I and II had been interviewed by the Welfare Department, and those requiring it had received medical interviews. All those in Group II had received segregation hearings, and leave clearance hearings were continuing. The Housing Survey had been completed. 774 in Groups I and II were scheduled to go to Tule Lake. 219 of these were in the Group II classification.

During all the preparations for segregation, evacuee leaders were kept informed of all developments and they passed the information on to the people. Statements by the Project Director and announcements in the project paper also gave center residents necessary information. Pamphlets in both Japanese and English explaining segregation were distributed among the evacuees and similar booklets were given to the appointed personnel. Segregation booklets were given to all teachers and the program was explained in detail at a pre-school conference of the teaching staff.

Near the first of the month the Council appointed a Segregation Committee composed equally of segregants and non-segregants. The work of this committee has been most valuable, their requests have been reasonable and their suggestions helpful. The Block Managers have also been of great assistance, and the evacuees in general have cooperated in a satisfactory manner.

On August 29, 63 repatriates and expatriates left the center to sail on the Gripsholm. One incident marred their otherwise uneventful departure. A center resident attempted to give a note to one of the departing families. One of the guards interfered and part of the note was recovered. The writer swallowed part of the letter or another note. He claimed he was only attempting to transmit a personal message. A hurried translation revealed the letter was distinctly of a pro-Japanese nature. The FBI is still investigating the case. The details of this incident have been given in a special report to the Director.

Since July 1 approximately 500 persons have asked for repatriation or expatriation. It is believed that many of these were made by persons who wished to accompany relatives to Tule Lake. It was explained to each one that members of the immediate family of persons going to Tule Lake need not make this application. The number now applying is declining.

There was a marked increase in August in the number of people relocating. In July, 132 persons were granted indefinite leave and 74 went out for seasonal work. In August there were 195 in the first group, and 140 in the latter. 7 were granted student leave. In general, interest in relocation appears to be increasing. The new relocation committee appointed by the Council has not been effective or cooperative. It is apparent that the majority of the committee does not favor relocation at this time.

The new garage, the ice house, and the apartments for the appointed personnel were completed this month.

Health conditions are satisfactory. However, there is a real need for more doctors and this situation still causes uneasiness on the part of the evacuees.

At the end of August the stock of the Cooperative and its records were checked and it was disclosed that since it started operating eleven months ago on \$250.00 borrowed capital, it had succeeded in accumulating a net profit of \$45,000.00. This included merchandise and \$12,000.00 in cash. It is planned to pay patronage refunds on September 30. Because of lack of merchandise, the Montgomery Ward Mail Order Service was discontinued.

The school year closed July 30, and those teachers who did not take vacations conducted a Summer School Activities program under the supervision of the Director of Health and Physical Education. Approximately 1500 students participated in different types of youth training and recreation.

A class of student teachers has been organized to gather information on relocation so that it can be used in every grade and class during the coming school year. Four additional teachers are needed in the elementary school and one in high school. This situation is acute and so far all recruiting efforts have failed to obtain even one applicant for any of these positions.

Most of the activities of the Welfare Section have been devoted to segregation work. The appointed personnel of this section was increased to three when another person was employed to handle housing.

The severe drought continued throughout August and materially lowered agricultural production. Early corn was a complete failure. Carrots, gobe, eggplant, peppers, late tomatoes, okra, cucumbers, and squash are now being irrigated with fair results. The yield of watermelons and canteloupes was good. Soy beans are holding up well but need rain to mature properly.

Evacuee Property: not included. | Housing report incomplete

The most important event of the month was the departure of 433 persons for Tule Lake on September 14. Although the date for the departure had been unexpectedly advanced by one week, this group left with a minimum of confusion and trouble. On Saturday afternoon, members of the information committee were in each block checking freight. Sunday, the freight was picked up by trucks and taken to the warehouse for shipment. Monday, checkable baggage was picked up and placed directly in the baggage cars which had previously been spotted. By 10:30 Tuesday morning, all the persons who were to leave had entered the train, and lists had been checked. The fact that the train was two hours late caused some confusion at first since the trucks had already gone into the blocks to pick up the segregants, but no serious trouble resulted. The WRA representative who accompanied the train to Tule Lake came back with another train of evacuees who entered the Jerome center. He reported an uneventful trip, both to and from Tule Lake. All records in connection with the Rohwer train checked out perfectly. This also included checkable baggage.

As a whole, the segregation program has progressed with satisfactory smoothness and efficiency. There has been no unpleasant reaction among the evacuees. Much of the success of the program is due to the helpful cooperation of the segregation committee which was appointed by the Community Council. This committee, which is composed of segregants and non-segregants,

has worked faithfully and has been of great assistance in keeping the center residents advised of different phases of the program. Plans are now being made for the departure of the second train which will leave from this center on October 7.

Leave clearance hearings are being held four mornings each week. 116 recommendations have been sent to the Washington office and 15 have been mailed to field offices. 88 dockets are now on hand awaiting hearing, and it is estimated that there will be 400 additional hearings for persons in Group III. Up to the present time, approximately 1/3 of the recommendations have been for denial of leave clearance. It is believed that there will be approximately 450 persons in Group III who will go to Tule Lake after the mass movements have been completed.

All the directors of the Cooperative have been re-elected and plans are continuing for the payment of dividends about October 15. The number of evacuee employees has been reduced to the project quota without undue difficulty. Segregation and relocation made this adjustment fairly easy. 157 left the center to take outside employment. 55 of these were granted seasonal leave, and 102 indefinite leave. 247 left the center the previous month. Interest in relocation seems to be declining at this time but it is thought there may be some improvement in the program as soon as segregation has been completed.

The Police and Fire Departments continued their routine activities. There were no unusual developments with respect to

either of these. The number of employees of the Fire Department has been greatly reduced by segregation and it has been necessary to operate on a 24-hour shift, but it is expected that this situation will improve as soon as new employees are found.

The project schools started the second term on September 6 with a somewhat smaller enrollment than was had during the last term. Most of the loss in enrollment was due to relocation and segregation. Approximately 164 students were lost through segregation. At the beginning of the new school year, there was a marked improvement in the attitude of the pupils and the teachers toward their work, and it is believed that a more effective school program will result. Relocation is being stressed in the high school, both in class work and in other school activities. A relocation room is being established in the senior high school and will be available to both students and non-students. The enrollment in adult education classes is somewhat lower than it has been. This has been due to the unusual heat, segregation, loss of teachers, and a change in policy to short-term vocational classes. There is a shortage of evacuee and appointed personnel teachers, but the reduced enrollment has made the situation less critical.

The Welfare Department has continued its interviews of families who are going to Tule Lake, and in addition to this, has carried on its routine work. 55 persons who had been scheduled

to sail on the Gripsholm returned to this center to await transfer to Tule Lake. Most of these were from other centers; and many of them had lost their baggage and personal effects when they could not be removed from the Gripsholm when it was found that these people would not be permitted to sail. The Welfare Department and the center chapter of the Red Cross gave assistance to these persons.

The Third War Loan Drive at this center was very successful. Although \$10,824.64 was 30% of the gross payroll for September, total bond sales for that month was \$18,179.61. This represents 50.3% of the total payroll. The maturity value of the bonds sold was \$24,239.48.

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The most important event of the month was the departure of the second train load of segregees for Tule Lake which left October 7. This group was composed of 40 persons from Jerome and 373 from this center. The train arrived at 12:30 PM. Loading started at 12:45 PM, and the train left at 2:30 PM. Freight was checked by the information consultants on October 4. It was picked up in the blocks on October 5, and checkable baggage was picked up the following day. Baggage cars had been spotted before the passenger train arrived, and these were loaded by the evening of October 6. All operations in connection with the departure of the second train were carried out smoothly, and no unusual incidents occurred. The attitude of the evacuees was very satisfactory, and the cooperation of the leaders of the center residents was excellent. The work of the Segregation Committee and of the Block Managers was exceptionally helpful.

The schedule of leave clearance hearings has been stepped up. Formerly only 32 cases each week were heard, but recently 60 cases are being scheduled. However, the number of hearings during the last week in October decreased because a sufficient number of dockets were not received from Washington. Hearings are also handicapped by the fact that, in some cases, dockets are returned to the center only with the notation that the Joint Board has not recommended clearance. No reason is given for this action, and it would be very helpful if those handling

the interviews had more information concerning the decision of the Joint Board.

Requests for expatriation and repatriation are at a new low. In October only 14 persons requested repatriation, while 18 persons requested withdrawal of their applications.

There was a considerable decrease in the number of people relocating during the past month. Eighty-four persons were granted indefinite leave and 46 left the center on seasonal leave. In September 114 persons went out on indefinite leave and 60 on seasonal. It is believed that the segregation program and the approaching winter season are the chief reasons for the drop in relocation. As far as can be determined general interest in the relocation program among the evacuees is rather high. Many who opposed it several months ago approve of the program now, and it is thought that there will be an increased number leaving before next year's farming season begins.

The Community Activities program is handicapped by the fact that there is no immediate supervision by any member of the appointed personnel. This work is being done by three evacuee supervisors, and they are performing in a creditable manner. Preparation is now being made for the celebration of Christmas at this center, and it is planned that most of the Christmas supplies will be ordered from firms in larger cities, so that stocks of local stores will not be drained. This should be helpful in keeping down criticism

by local residents in nearby towns. Football and basketball schedules are being arranged, and there have already been two football games between teams at this center and the Jerome Project. The Visual Education Section of Community Activities have been assisting in showing relocation films.

Within the last two or three months most of the evacuee doctors in this center have relocated. The resulting scarcity of physicians has caused considerable concern among the evacuees. In October three new doctors were added to the appointed staff of the hospital, and this has done much to quiet the fears of the center residents. In general health conditions at the project are satisfactory.

The officials of the Cooperative Enterprises are still working on plans for the payment of dividends. There has been considerable criticism by center residents because of the delay in paying dividends, and there is also a great deal of friction among certain evacuee groups over the management of the Cooperative. This situation is now being investigated, and as soon as all the information has been gathered, a special report will be prepared on the subject.

The work of the Internal Security and the Fire Department continued to be of a routine nature. One criminal case was submitted to the Project Director during the month, and this man was given a 90 day sentence to the County Jail. On the request of evacuee leaders, all but 21 days of this sentence was suspended.

The offender in this case had threatened a member of Internal Security, and a rather heavy penalty was imposed because he had committed several acts of a similar nature in the past.

The trial of the deer hunter, who wounded an evacuee last year, was finally held in the Circuit Court at Arkansas City. The Project Attorney and other project officials insisted that he be tried on a charge of assault with intent to kill, but the judge permitted him to plead guilty to the charge of aggravated assault and a fine of \$50.00 and cost was imposed.

The Comaunity Council has been rather active during the past month, and has worked with the administration on such problems as fuel supply, segregation, shortage of doctors, and the old folks home. As it has been previously stated, the work of the Segregation Committee was particularly helpful. The cooperation of the Council and its leaders has been satisfactory, but the fact that practically all of the members are Issei make it difficult to deal with them as a group. Only Japanese is spoken at the meetings, and this makes it useless for members of the appointed personnel to attend these. All business is transacted with the Council through the chairman, its Executive Committee and other appointed committees.

There are 170 employees engaged in crop production in October, as compared to 242 in September. The proportion of

women workers has been increased. Most of those who were engaged in farming operations are still working for the Agricultural Division but are cutting wood. Approximately 1000 cords have already been distributed to the blocks. An unusually early frost in the middle of October killed a promising crop of beans and tomatoes, but most of the other crops are not harmed. Thirty-nine hogs were slaughtered at an average of 270 pounds live weight. Five hundred and fifty-five more are still being fed and will be slaughtered from time to time. The harvest of soy beans has been started, but the yield will be low because planting was late. The crop was seriously damaged by last summer's severe drought.

The new home economics building has been completed, and a manual arts building is now under construction. Housing facilities have been obtained for three new nursery schools, and it is planned for these to be established within a short time. Plans are also being made for special instruction for handicapped children. Other school activities are being carried on in a routine manner.

Until recently evacuee property matters have been handled by the head of Transportation and Supply Division and by the Project Attorney. On October 11 the new Evacuee Property Officer reported for duty. Evacuees have been somewhat discouraged and disappointed concerning property left on the West Coast, but this attitude has improved somewhat since several shipments of property

have been received. Warehouse receipts and notices of shipment are now being received from time to time, and this helps to encourage center residents concerning their property. Evacuees coming in for interviews with the Property Officer number from 15 to 20 each day.

The M. P. Company which has been stationed here since the center opened was ordered to leave on a new assignment November 1. It will be replaced by part of the company stationed at Jerome, and it is believed that there will be no difficulty in carrying out this new arrangement. Relations with the original company were exceptionally cordial, and it is believed that similar friendly relations will be established with the new group.

There has been apparently no great change in the attitude of local residents toward the evacuees. There has been very little local publicity with reference to the segregation program. Local newspapers carried accounts of the strike at Tule Lake, but no attempt was made to play it up. The chief of Community Services made two addresses at the Southern Conference of the Fellowship Reconciliation which was held at Nashville, Tennessee the 8th, 9th and 10th of October. One of the Assistant Project Directors addressed the Lions Club at Camden, Arkansas, and the head of Adult Education spoke before a church group of the Presbyterian Church at McGehee. An evacuee girl addressed church groups at Conway and at Cabot, Arkansas. She has left this center for a speaking tour throughout Kentucky. These engagements were sponsored by the Baptist Church.

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The project experienced its first serious traffic accident this month when the head of the Mess Section lost control of a WRA pickup truck which was occupied by five evacuees. The driver's vision was obscured by dust, and the car skidded in the loose gravel when he applied the brakes as he approached a narrow bridge that was also being approached from the other end by another truck. The pickup skidded across the road and was struck broadside by the larger transport truck. Three of the evacuees were thrown to the highway, and one of them died of internal injuries a few hours later. Another received a broken shoulder, and a third was bruised and lacerated. The young woman who was killed had gone to McGehee to interpret for her mother who was buying material for the tofu manufacturing project. Up to this time there have been no indications that project residents blame the administration or the Project Steward for the regrettable incident; and on the other hand, their attitude with respect to this has been admirable.

There were new developments in the Co-op controversy between evacuee groups which we mentioned in our last report. The Co-op block delegates called a special meeting by circulating a petition; and at this meeting, the Co-op manager and remainder of the Board of Directors submitted their resignations. A temporary Board of Directors was appointed and the management of the Co-op has changed hands, but it is not known what will be the final outcome of this matter. The regular annual meeting of the Co-op delegates is scheduled to be held December 7; and after this, it is believed that more definite information concerning the situation will be available, and it is hoped that the trouble will subside without further incident.

Plans are being made, and a schedule of meetings and conferences has been prepared, for the relocation team which is to arrive here on December 2. The chairman of the evacuee relocation committee has recently resigned because of his plans to accept outside employment, but a temporary chairman has been appointed by council officials, and it is believed that the cooperation of this group will be satisfactory. Because of the winter season and the approaching holiday period, it is not believed that there will be an immediate increase in the number of people relocating, but it is thought that a campaign of this kind will be beneficial in the long run.

81 indefinite leaves and 32 seasonal leaves were granted during the month of November. These figures are approximately the same as those for the previous month. Most of the center residents are still definitely interested in relocation and approve of the program, but most of them are waiting for what they consider reasonably advantageous offers of employment or business opportunities. There is also a tendency on the part of some to remain in the center and see what added inducement the government may offer in order to get them to relocate.

During this month, 129 leave clearance hearings were held. In one week, 17 were held; and another, 20; another, 30; and the peak was reached when 62 were conducted in one week. It was originally planned for 62 cases to be held each week but this schedule has not been maintained because sufficient dockets were not forwarded from Washington. The proposed schedule would place a heavy burden on administrative employees and especially on stenographic help, but it is believed that it could be maintained if sufficient dockets were received.

The farm project completed most of its harvest operations during this month. The yield of daikon and cabbage was particularly good. Some mustard and turnip greens were canned; and a 30x70 root cellar is practically complete for the storage of potatoes, cabbage, daikon, and other food crops. 61 hogs were slaughtered, and enough pork was obtained to make the project self-supporting in this respect. 483 feeder hogs are still on hand, and only five died during the month. These deaths were due to garbage poisoning.

For some time the Fire Department has been short of employees, and a 24-hour shift has been necessary. This month additional firemen were employed, some of whom had previous fire fighting experience, and the department is now operating on a 12-hour shift. On November 4, a call was received from the town of Watson, which is located 8 miles north of the center. One truck and four men were sent but the fire was under control when the truck arrived. However, some assistance was given in putting out some of the smouldering flames. The local Fire Department has received several calls of this kind from time to time and has always responded, and this has helped create better local sentiment.

The work on the high school auditorium and library continues. Approximately 90% of the materials needed for this building has already been received, and the structure is already 60% complete. Exceptionally good progress was made during the month of November because of favorable weather conditions and a decided improvement in the morale of the construction workers.

The Superintendent of Education and the Adult Education Director have discussed with the State Vocational Director and the Director of the T. & I. Program of Arkansas, the possibility of a War Industries Training Program at the center. The Director of the T. & I. Program stated that he would be willing to assist in this matter if permission could be obtained from his Washington office, and a decision on this matter is expected within a short time.

The annual Junior Red Cross membership drive was conducted during the month and resulted in a total of 1,553 memberships, which is approximately 95% of the total school enrollment. The high school paper has been accepted in the Quill and Scroll organization and has

its charter. The National Honor Society has been very active lately in sponsoring a War Bond and Stamp selling drive. The "Buy a Jeep" program is being carried out so successfully that instead of stopping with enough sales to buy one jeep, sufficient sales are now in sight to furnish funds for three.

The Relocation Room, which is sponsored by the Art Department, is being better equipped with maps, pictures, and information concerning various sections of the country, and is becoming more popular as the interest in relocation grows.

In November, excellent progress was made in withdrawing evacuee property from temporary places of storage and having it placed in government warehouses or sent to the owners. Carload shipments for this center are now being made up, both in San Francisco and Los Angeles; and another car is being loaded jointly in the Sacramento and Stockton districts. Because of the decrease in relocation, shipments of property from this center to residents who have left have decreased, but it is expected that they will pick up in the latter part of the winter and early Spring. Most of the deals concerning real estate and leases are being carried out through private channels, although the Property Officer is consulted about these quite frequently. Copies of warehouse receipts, evacuee property reports, and progress reports are received by the Property Officer here and are immediately forwarded to those concerned. This naturally promotes a better understanding and a feeling of confidence on the part of the property owners.

Clothing allowance payments for September and October were made this month. These totalled \$16,996.50 and \$17,241.50 for the respective periods. The Welfare Department has made plans and recommendations concerning the proposed program of family interviews to obtain information with reference to relocation possibilities.

The Assistant Project Director in charge of Community Management attended an annual meeting of the Christian World Institute, which was held at Kansas City, October 31 to November 7. During this period, he made a series of 19 addresses and led several discussions. Several evacuees have filled speaking engagements in surrounding towns and states. Most of these were of a religious nature.

Local papers have handled the Tule Lake situation with commendable restraint and have not given undue publicity to the incidents there. However, the general public does not seem to make the proper distinction between the Tule Lake center and the relocation projects. The average man in this section is still inclined to consider them all the same type.

An 82-page annual containing descriptions of project operations and some literary work by evacuees has been prepared and distributed by the Reports Division.

December was an unusually quiet month at this project, and operations were carried on in a routine manner. A satisfactory plan was worked out for Christmas shopping. All buying by evacuees was done between the 13th and 20th of December. In this period, 12 persons from each block were permitted to shop. These shoppers bought for the rest of the block residents. A special bus made two trips each day from the project to McGehee. This arrangement was approved by the merchants of that town.

The distribution of gifts at the project and the Christmas program were arranged by a special Christmas committee. The Community Activities Section took the lead in this work. Nearly 7500 gifts were received from the outside, and \$176.00 in cash was also donated. More than 200 people and organizations made contributions, either in gifts or money. 2165 evacuee children under 17 years of age received presents, and 53 children of the appointed personnel also shared in the gifts. Christmas trees were furnished by the Boy Scouts.

The Relocation Team arrived on December 2 and remained at the project for ten days. The first day was spent in meetings with the evacuee relocation committee, the community council, and the block managers. After that, meetings were held in the blocks each night; and meetings for special groups of workers, such as agricultural workers, office workers, industrial workers, and etc., were held in the afternoons. After the group meetings, members of the team were available for individual conferences. Attendance at group meetings each night ranged from 50 to 400. It is estimated that a total of 1100 persons, or 40% of the adult population, attended at some time. The two WPA films "Go for Broke" and "The Way Ahead" proved to be popular. There was also considerable interest in the photographs displayed by the member of the Reports staff. The results of the work of the relocation team were not spectacular, but it is believed that much good will result in the long run. The visit of the team also made more effective the work of the evacuee relocation committee which had recently been reorganized. The number of people relocating was smaller in December than it has been in any month since last Spring. Starting with January, it is expected that there will be a progressive increase in the number leaving the center each month until summer.

A mild type of influenza has been prevalent at this center for the last two or three weeks. Many of the center residents have contracted the disease, but in most cases hospital treatment has not been necessary, and the medical staff and the hospital have been able to handle the situation. One of the results of the epidemic has been a considerable increase in the number of cases of pneumonia.

The National Honor Society of the center high school conducted a War Bond and Stamp Sale in a "Buy a Jeep" campaign. At first only

one jeep was the goal; but before the campaign ended, more than \$3500 worth of bonds and stamps had been sold, or more than enough to buy three jeeps. The project schools also raised \$127.20 by the sale of T.B. stamps.

An attempt is being made to start an Auto Mechanics class under the War Industries Training Program. This class has been approved by the State Department of Education, but it will be necessary for additional equipment costing approximately \$1000 to be obtained before the class can be started. A request for the approval of this purchase has already been forwarded to Washington. An Apprentice Training program is just getting under way. Most of this training is being done in the Motor Pool, but some instruction is being given in office work.

In approximately one more week, all harvesting will be completed by the Agricultural Division. A severe freeze of several days' duration at the first of the month destroyed practically all the broccoli, Chinese cabbage, and lettuce. 50% of the daikon crop was lost, and the celery was also badly damaged. Turnips, rutabagas, and spinach were not greatly harmed. 36 hogs, averaging 319 pounds each, were slaughtered. Practically all land preparation for the 1944 crop has been completed, and hot beds for the various types of seedlings and plants have been prepared. Most of the agricultural workers have been engaged in wood cutting, but there is a shortage of fuel because of difficulty in hauling the wood to the blocks after the recent rains.

The work of the Fire and Police Departments was unusually light during the month. In fact, there were no fire losses during the last six months of 1943. The Police made no arrests in December, and had only one case in November, and this was carried over from the previous month.

On December 30 a carload of miscellaneous property was shipped from Los Angeles to residents of this center. The bills of lading and itemized Consist sheets have already been received. Notices have been sent to the 73 owners.

A release concerning the "Buy a Jeep" campaign was used in an abbreviated form by the State's leading paper. A 26-page pamphlet entitled "Lil Dan'l, or One Year in a Relocation Center" was completed by the Reports Division and distributed to center residents and the appointed personnel. This pamphlet was composed principally of drawings which depicted life at this center. It has proved to be very popular with both the center residents and the appointed personnel.

The Reports Officer assisted in planning the program of the Relocation Team which arrived at this center in the early part of

the month. Arrangements were also made for the showing of the two films which the team brought with them, and for the distribution of various types of informational material concerning relocation. There was an increase in the amount of this type of material distributed throughout the month.

The Assistant Project Director, in charge of Community Management, addressed the national conference of the Home Mission Council at Denver. His address, or part of it, will appear in pamphlet form and will be distributed by the Council. He also spoke before the district conference of Christian Ministers at Amarillo, Texas.