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UNITED STATES
DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

Granada Project
Amache, Colorado

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September 27, 1944

Journalism Teacher
Manzanar High School
Manzanar, California

Dear Madam;

The staff of our paper, the Amache High School "It," would appreciate very much exchanging school papers with your high school. In this way we can get a better understanding of what your school is doing.

I wonder if any ninth grade students would be interested in forming a "pen pals" club among the centers? If so, please send their names and addresses as well as the school paper to Miss Rosalind Walls, Amache High School, Amache, Colorado.

Yours very truly,

Herbert K. Walther
Principal
Amache Secondary Schools

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[to All centers]

WAR RELOCATION AUTHORITY

Canal High School
Rivers, Arizona
September 22, 1944

Staff of Amache Paper
Amache High School
Amache, Colorado

Dear Editor:

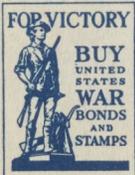
We, the staff of the HI TIDE, would like to exchange issues with your school. HI TIDE is published weekly.

Any comments or ideas to improve our paper will be greatly appreciated.

Yours truly

HI TIDE

Alice Round
Exchange Editor



When you receive your copy of the It, scan the gossip column, and blithely throw the thing away--oh, brother--you're breaking our hearts. Let us explain the laborious process of putting together the It.

First, the reporters search out the news and write it up. Then, the copy goes to the typist who types up the story in column form. The make-up man gets it next--he's the fellow who pastes the stories in their proper places on the newspaper dummy page. The page is then stenciled on our one and only good typewriter--a tricky job, that. Eye-catching headlines are then lettered on the stencil by the head-cutters (not cannibals). There it is--a completed stencil, ready to be run off on the mimeograph. This is where the dirty work comes in. All the pages are mimeographed. Now comes the hectic, last-minute rush to staple the pages together in the right order with none of them upside down, ready to be distributed to the classes and to be read by you.

That's the process the It goes through, and it takes all of two weeks. It isn't our paper; it's your paper. So couldn't you read the whole thing, bless your heart?

Walls

UNITED STATES
DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR
GRANADA PROJECT
AMACHE, COLORADO

September 26, 1944

Principal
~~Journalism Teacher,~~
High School,
City, State.

Dear Sir:

The name of our school paper is the Amache High School "It". Our students, who are all Japanese-American evacuees would very much like to read your school paper.

We shall be glad to send you ours in return. We are interested in your school's activities and hope that "It" will hold some interest for you.

Please transmit this request to the Journalism Teacher of your high school.

Please direct your reply to Miss Rosalind Walls, Amache High School, Amache, Colorado.

Yours very truly,

Principal
Amache Secondary Schools

OK?
How many?
or to whom?

TRANSMITTAL SLIP

Date Sept. 28, 1944

To: Miss Walls

From: H. K. Walther
Jr. - Sr. High School - 10G

HKW

There is no reason why you should
labor and suffer over the school mimeo-
graph machine. Please prepare your
stencils in advance, letting an
experienced person check the drawing,
art work, etc. for their printing
ability, and I will see that you will
have the assistance in printing the

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paper during school time.

We shall never send out a paper of
which we are not quite proud.

When you get time, I would be interested
in seeing a good statement of policy for
a high school paper revised in terms of
the framework under which we operate.

I know that you are teaching many

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classes and have many extra interests.

You are to be complimented for your
enthusiasm, sincerity, and good judgment,
and I appreciate the good quality of
the work you are doing.

October 19, 1944

To: Miss Walls

From: H. K. Walther

Please tell your staff that I liked ~~the~~ last issue of ~~your~~^{their} paper very much. I should like to insist, however, that the printing from now on be more readable. They had better practice cutting stencils until they have developed more skill. You are welcome to trade typewriters with Miss McFarling until you have machines that cut stencils well.

I enjoyed my visit with your staff. After having read the booklet which you gave me, I am willing to follow this procedure:

1. You, the sponsor, are wholly responsible for everything that goes into the paper.
2. The staff should have a written philosophy which will provide sufficient and reasonable safeguards.
3. I shall be glad to read with you any items or editorials about which you or the staff might be in doubt.

I appreciate very much your enthusiasm and your devotion to your work. I wish I could feel that I had been of greater assistance.

Have the Press Club and Quill And Scroll been reorganized?

November 13, 1944

Miss Madge Ferguson
Sponsor, The North Star
North High School
Denver, Colorado

Dear Miss Ferguson:

Your discussion in the Journalism section meeting at the Colorado Education Association was very helpful, especially, in view of the fact that so many of us have not sponsored a High School paper before this year.

I am the sponsor of the "IT", our High School paper, at Amache High. We should like very much to exchange with the North Star, as we feel the students here at Amache Relocation Center need as many contacts with normal life on the outside as possible. Our editorials may be of interest to you in showing what kind of ideas the students of Amache have.

Have you ever tried a school-wide broadcast of world-wide, national, local, and school news? Some of our students are interested in such a project and I will appreciate any ideas you may have, which might help us put this idea into action. We would welcome any suggestions which might help our students get a fairer picture of life outside the center.

Sincerely yours,

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GRANADA PROJECT
AMACHE, COLORADO

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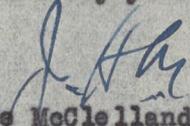
November 14, 1944

Mr. Fred Betz
Lamar Daily News
Lamar, Colorado

Dear Mr. Betz:

I thought you would be interested in reading the editorial appearing in the last issue of the Amache High School newspaper. I think the writer has done a splendid job discussing a very unhappy situation.

Sincerely yours,


Joe McClelland
Reports Officer

Enclosure

Miss Walls

WAR RELOCATION AUTHORITY

GRANADA PROJECT

OFFICE MEMORANDUM

Date: 11-16-44

To: Miss Walls ✓

From: H. K. Walther

Subject:

Please tell your staff that I really appreciated the last issue of "It". Your news coverage was good and I am glad the open letter to Wiley was included.

I hope the question box idea works.

Since there is plenty of heavier weight paper, you will probably have better luck with the printing next time. It was, however, an improvement over last time.



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WAR RELOCATION AUTHORITY

In reply, please refer to:

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December 13, 1944

Misses Joanna Nakamura
and Martha Murakami
Co-editors of the "IT"
Amache High School
Amache, Colorado

Dear Joanna and Martha:

I enjoyed the November 28 issue of your paper immensely. It is a great improvement over previous issues from every standpoint. I want to congratulate and thank you especially for the editorial entitled "In Case You've Forgotten". Your coverage of news was good and the headlines and printing showed marked improvement.

Very truly yours,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Herbert K. Walther".

Herbert K. Walther
Principal
Amache Secondary Schools

HKW:rt

Amache High IT
Amache, Colorado
Dec. 14, 1944

Editor Scholastic Roto
18 Journalism Building
University of Minnesota,
Minneapolis 14

Dear Sir:

This letter is to inquire about the Scholastic Roto. We are wondering if we may subscribe to it. May we start with the January Edition? We would like to know the price for 700 copies a month.

Sincerely,

Martha Murakami
Joanna Nakamura
CoEditors Amache High IT

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Scholastic

Roto

Fawkes Building,
Minneapolis, Minnesota

December 22, 1944

Co-Editors
Amache High IT
Amache, Colorado

Dear Co-Editors:

The distribution list of SCHOLASTIC ROTO is now over-subscribed, and we cannot give you any definite date on which your paper might be added to the list even though you complied with the requirements.

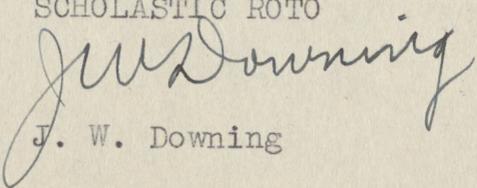
In order to be eligible to distribute SCHOLASTIC ROTO, the high school must publish a paper, hold a membership in National Scholastic Press Association, the cost of which is \$4.50 per school year, pick up the shipment at the local baggage station, and agree to distribute it along with an issue of the school paper.

We do not think you now belong to N.S.P.A., and in order to be placed on the waiting list for SCHOLASTIC ROTO you would have to take out a membership. We want to tell you frankly that even though you do take out a membership in N.S.P.A. and are placed on the waiting list, we cannot give you any guarantee that your paper would be added to the SCHOLASTIC ROTO distribution list during the present school year.

We are sorry that it is necessary to write in this way because we would like very much to place every high school wanting it on the SCHOLASTIC ROTO distribution list, but we are limited to one million copies per issue. So long as there is a shortage of paper, we will have to limit our circulation.

Cordially yours,

SCHOLASTIC ROTO


J. W. Downing

JWD:hpd

Edited and distributed by National Scholastic Press Association

AMACHE SECONDARY SCHOOLS
GRANADA PROJECT
AMACHE, COLORADO

March 1, 1945

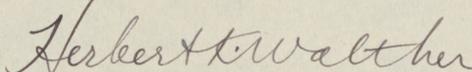
Misses Joannie Nakamura and
Martha Murakami
Co-editors, Amache High "IT"
Amache, Colorado

Dear Joannie and Martha:

I enjoyed your last issue of "IT" and I am sorry that Dr. Garrison and I were not able to furnish you with a statement about the evaluation at this time. I shall be glad to give you the first complete release of this information on about March 10.

Your editorial was excellent. The news coverage was complete. The printing has improved. May I suggest that you do not use too much space and material in gossip columns which interest only a limited number of people?

Sincerely yours,



Herbert K. Walther
Principal
Amache Secondary Schools

HKW:hk

Amache Consumer Enterprises, Inc.

WAR RELOCATION CENTER • AMACHE, COLORADO

March 17, 1945

TO THE EDITOR OF THE "AMACHE HIGH IT":

The Center Co-op was asked to answer the questions ^{which} appeared in the Letter to the Editor of "Amache High It" March 12th issue. We tried to be fair with ~~the~~ person who wants to know what he doesn't know or who sincerely wants to know the fact existing behind the scenes or in the public. We have tried every effort to inform the public with true picture of the people's Co-op. Unfortunately, today we found that there are some residents of the Center (I hope they are not evacuee residents) who have not been fully awarded the principles of Rochdale Cooperative and the effort contributed by the Board of Directors and other officials of the local Co-op ~~only~~ for benefit of the residents of the Center. Their wages are not more than \$19 a month, considerably lower compared to normal wages. Three officers out of nine members of the Board of Directors are receiving highest limited Center wages of \$19. Other six members are voluntarily, without pay, devoting their time for your benefit and your families'.

Yes, Amache Consumer Enterprises, Inc. is a non-profit cooperative whose earnings have been and will be paid to patrons in proportion to the amount of their patronage during the fiscal period. Furthermore, our by-laws provides that at the time of dissolution of this Co-op any surplus, after paying the debts and expenses and returning to the members the par value of their membership certificates, will be distributed among those patrons who have been members or subscribers at any time during the past three years on the basis of their patronage during that period.

What do you want to find behind the scenes? If any person thinks that he can find a gold or diamond behind the scenes, we advise him to find first such so called "behind the scenes". The Board meeting will be always opened for any persons who wants to sit at the meeting.

The Co-op appreciates the patronage of Amache students. We estimate that more than 50% of our business are catered by and for Amache students. Your daily needs of clothing, tooth brush, tooth paste, pencils, papers, shoes, buttons, needles for your repairing pants, and other thousand items are for sale at the Co-op store. Co-op patrons will never pay for more than the cost of goods plus \$16 or \$19 wage expenses plus very low percentage of freight or buying expenses. Patrons will be paid back any surplus, other than reserves, as the patronage refund at the end of each fiscal year. Buy at the Co-op store; you will never pay more than the cost of goods sold, No profit for operator.

Amache Consumer Enterprises, Inc.

WAR RELOCATION CENTER • AMACHE, COLORADO

What is wrong with investing accumulated earnings, which will be paid back to patrons at the end of fiscal year, in treasury bonds (writer of the letter to the Editor called them war bonds), which can be cashed in at any time, and gain a little interest from that investment instead of leaving money idly waiting in the bank's cold safe until its turn of paying out refund? We believe that there is no enemy alien among the students and teachers of Amache.

The writer of the Letter to the Editor is much concerned about where his money will go. He better tighten his own pocket book, otherwise his money will run away from him. His money will always belong to him if he neither spends wastefully nor throws it away.

As the by-laws of the Co-op provides, any surplus or reserves left at the time of liquidating the Co-op, every penny will be distributed among the patrons on the basis of their patronage during the period of three years. However, patrons who leave the Center before the liquidation of the Co-op should leave their forwarding address or should appoint someone who can act as their power of attorney, for future distribution of reserves and refund.

The monthly written financial statements have been forwarded to the members of the business committee who are elected at the blocks representing the respective blocks residents. Our books have been audited by the public auditor semi-annually. The audited statements were published in the Pioneer and were distributed at the regular membership meeting. They were duly approved by the members.

We wish that these will answer your questions. If there are any more to be asked, we are always open for your questions.

Any complaints! You will always find Suggestion Box in the Co-op store. Any questions! You will always find someone at the office to answer your worry. Anything to learn about Co-op! We have books in our office and also have a educational director.

The cooperative principles teaches a true democracy in economy.

AMACHE CONSUMER ENTERPRISES, INC.

cc: Mr. Johnson
Dr. Garrison
Mr. Walther
Editor of Amache High It

Amache Consumer Enterprises, Inc.

WAR RELOCATION CENTER • AMACHE, COLORADO

March 19, 1945

Editor of the Amache High It
Amache Senior High School
Amache, Colorado

Dear Editors:

I am enclosing the answers to the letter of
Amache High It, March 12th issue.

Hoping those will answer the request satisfactory,

I remain

Sincerely yours,

AMACHE CONSUMER ENTERPRISES, INC.


Akira Inaba, Secretary

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Enclosure

Scholastic Roto

18 Journalism Bldg.
Univ. of Minn.

~~Fowler Building,~~
Minneapolis, Minnesota

March 21, 1945

Co-Editors
Amache High IT
Amache, Colorado

Dear Co-Editors:

An unexpected opportunity to add the Amache HIGH-IT to the SCHOLASTIC ROTO distribution list brings to light the fact that the HIGH-IT has not complied with the requirements to be added to the list. This is probably due to our letter of December 22 in which we advised that we did not think it would be possible to make the addition this school year.

Under these circumstances, we are adding the Amache HIGH-IT to the list to receive the April issue. We are sending 700 copies which may be more than you will need to cover your circulation. This first shipment sent to you will be by Prepaid Express as we have not yet obtained the baggage route to your school. However, future shipments will be made by prepaid baggage and when you receive a shipping notice from our printer, you can then arrange to pick up the shipment at your local baggage station.

In order to be added to the distribution list of SCHOLASTIC ROTO, the school paper must hold a membership in N.S.P.A., the cost of which is \$4.50 per school year and they must agree to pick up the shipment at the local baggage station and to distribute it with an early issue of the paper.

(We are enclosing an agreement card which please sign and return to us along with your remittance for \$4.50 to cover the National Scholastic Press Association's dues if you wish to remain on the SCHOLASTIC ROTO list.

Cordially yours,

SCHOLASTIC ROTO

J. W. Downing
J. W. Downing

JWD/nf

Scholastic Roto

Fawkes Building,
Minneapolis, Minnesota

April 11, 1945

Co-Editors
Amache High IT
Amache, Colorado

Dear Co-Editors:

As per our letter of March 21, we sent the April issue of SCHOLASTIC ROTO anticipating that you would take our a membership in National Scholastic Press Association at \$4.50 per school year so that we might continue sending you the ROTO.

We find that the membership has not been received so we will not be permitted to send the May issue.

Incidentally, we applied for a baggage rate to Amache and were informed that no baggage service was available, so the only way SCHOLASTIC ROTO could be sent you would be by Express Collect.

Cordially yours,

SCHOLASTIC ROTO

J. W. Downing
J. W. Downing

JWD/nf

Scholastic

ROTO

Fawkes Building,
Minneapolis, Minnesota

April 25, 1945

Rosalind Walls
Adviser, Amache High IT
Amache High School
Amache, Colorado

Dear Miss Walls:

We wish to thank you for sending the check for \$4.50 for membership in N.S.P.A. and also for your agreement to distribute SCHOLASTIC ROTO. We hope you received the ROTO for distribution in April and that your students enjoyed it.

There are only eight issues of SCHOLASTIC ROTO during each school year and the May issue is the last one for this year. We are having our printer ship you 600 copies of the May issue at once by Prepaid Express. We hope this will be more convenient for you than picking up the shipment at Granada as you suggested since this will be the only shipment made this year.

Since you told us that your school will close permanently this summer, we are not adding your school to the ROTO list for next year. However, should plans change and you wish to receive the ROTO for next school year, we will be glad to have you write us and we will place your school paper on our distribution list.

Cordially,

SCHOLASTIC ROTO

J. W. Downing
J. W. Downing

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THE JUNIOR HIGH NEWSPAPER

The Junior High newspaper was undertaken by the Junior High students early in the school year of 1944-45.

The name was chosen by the entire student body. Names were submitted and the three best were chosen by a committee of Senior High teachers. The three best names were placed on ballots and the name, "Spotlight" was chosen.

Its chief objectives were: to keep the students informed on interesting, exciting, or unusual happenings around the school and Center, and to offer opportunities for original writing.

Student interest was good, but getting the paper out was difficult because very few of the students could type. An issue was published every month.

Such work as the methods of illustration and reproduction, the writing of editorials and news articles, and the organization of an efficient staff proved worth-while.

2. Journalism

- B. The journalism class members and the adviser cooperated in choosing the editors and filling other major positions. Recommendations for minor position changes were made by the adviser.
- C. The journalism class met one period daily. Students enrolled for one or two semesters. Much of the technical work on the paper was done before and after school, at night and week ends.
- D. Aims
 - 1. Use mass media intelligently
 - 2. Present verified facts objectively
 - 3. Write simply, clearly, effectively, and concisely
 - 4. Write creatively
 - 5. Explore journalistic vocations
 - 6. Give technical vocational training
 - 7. Learn journalistic techniques vital to production of school newspaper
 - 8. Develop character and personality traits desirable in a democracy
 - 9. Develop ability to work independently and as a group

III. EVALUATION

- A. The school paper was the result of an expressed need on the part of the students and the desire of a small group to fill this need. The result was not only a school publication to circulate news and encourage creative art and writing, but also an enterprise which brought those who worked on it into a closer relationship with a unified purpose.
- B. The exchange list of about one hundred names provided for publicity and improved relations for all Japanese Americans

News

JOURNALISTIC CODE FOR THE AMACHE HIGH IT

I. SERVE THE ENTIRE SCHOOL

1. Provide information and publicity, develop interest and school spirit, improve student government and pupil-pupil and pupil-teacher relationship.
2. Constructive criticism--no unnecessary griping.
3. Capitalize on school interests.
4. No slander or mud-slinging.

II. SERVE THE COMMUNITY

1. Provide information and publicity, especially to parents.
2. Present the student viewpoint.
3. Circulate up-to-date ideas on school, local, state and world happenings.

III. SERVE OTHER CENTERS AND COMMUNITIES

1. Exchange other ideas with other centers for mutual improvements.
2. Develop interest and healthy attitudes about centers and people of Japanese descent.