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WEEKLY REPORT

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Week Ending Noon 10-31 1942

PROJECT Jerome Relocation Center

POPULATION: (evacuee) Last Week 4727 This Week 6780

Account for any major increase or decrease in evacuee population:

LEAVES ISSUED:

1. Short Term Leaves:

Type	Number of Applications	Number Issued	Number Denied
<u>None</u>	<u>None</u>	<u>None</u>	<u>None</u>

2. Group Employment Leaves: None

3. Indefinite Leaves: (a) To Accept Outside Jobs None
(b) To Attend College . . None
(c) For Other Purposes . None

VITAL STATISTICS:

Deaths: Men None Women None Children Under 18 None Total None
Births: Boys None Girls None Still Births None Total None
2 births last week - boys
Number of marriages at center this week None

HOSPITAL:

Admissions this week: Men 4 Women 1 Children Under 18 1 Total 6
Communicable Diseases Reported: (number and kind) 1
(Rubeola)

GOVERNMENT: Major Ordinances and Resolutions Adopted by Council.

Not organized

PUBLIC MEETINGS HELD: (Purpose and Number in Attendance)

Religious services October 25, 1942 - approximately 500

VISITORS TO PROJECT: (Identify) L. E. Griffin, Supt. of Schools in Dermott, Ark., O. J. Buttedahl, Washington office, R. O. Smith, Boy Scout Executive, L. L. Walton, Civil Service representative, Rev. R. H. Cannon, Dermott, Ark., Gus Fugh, local planter, Brooks Hays, Congressman-elect, C. M. Measel, FSA regional official, Rev. & Mrs. Mattingly, Eudora, Ark., Lee Baker, State Representative, Lake Village, Ark.

FIRES:

<u>Date & Time</u>	<u>Location</u>	<u>Cause</u>	<u>Estimated Damage</u>
10/27 1:30 p.m.	East side of project timbered area	unknown	Negligible
10/27 4:45 p.m.	South side of project timbered area	unknown	negligible

ARRESTS:

<u>Types of Offenses</u>	<u>Number</u>	<u>Referred to Judicial Commission (number)</u>	<u>Referred to Outside Officials* (number)</u>	<u>Not Prosecuted</u>
Leaving boundaries of project	2			2

*Indicate state or local officials to whom referred.

Project Staff additions or resignations this week: (positions involved)

GENERAL COMMENT BY PROJECT DIRECTOR: (Discuss briefly the major problems and developments at the project this week).

1. Housing - slightly more than 2000 evacuees were received during the week. This is enough people to fill approximately 8 blocks. In no single instance was the block to be occupied made available to the WRA until after the train arrived. As an example, a train of 452 evacuees arrived at 6:45 Friday morning. It rained most of the day. None of the evacuees were permitted to enter their barracks (with the contractor's permission) until after 12:00 noon. Several barracks were not made available to evacuees until approximately 4:30 in the afternoon. It was necessary for a WRA evacuee crew to install several of the light fixtures and assist the contractor in order to obtain lights in one entire block. One or more window is missing in practically every apartment occupied yesterday. The cash for windows is not available on the project. A total of 112 heating stoves has been made available to the WRA for administrative personnel, military police and evacuees. The military police have 8 or 10 of these stoves and the balance has been distributed in accordance with hospital recommendations to evacuee families. Temperatures have been as low as 26° F.

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PROJECT Jerome Relocation Center

POPULATION: (evacuee) Last Week 6780 This Week 7653

Account for any major increase or decrease in evacuee population:

LEAVES ISSUED:

1. Short Term Leaves:

Type	Number of Applications	Number Issued	Number Denied
<u>None</u>	<u>None</u>	<u>None</u>	<u>None</u>

2. Group Employment Leaves: None

3. Indefinite Leaves: (a) To Accept Outside Jobs None
(b) To Attend College . . 1
(c) For Other Purposes . None

VITAL STATISTICS:

Deaths: Men 1 Women None Children Under 18 None Total None

Births: Boys None Girls None Still Births None Total None

Number of marriages at center this week 1

HOSPITAL:

Admissions this week: Men 13 Women 9 Children Under 18 3 Total 25

Communicable Diseases Reported: (number and kind) Chicken Pox - 1

Rubeola - 2 Pertussis - 2

GOVERNMENT: Major Ordinances and Resolutions Adopted by Council.

First meeting in preparation for setting up community government was held November 6. Nominations are to be made Nov. 10 and the election is to be held Nov. 17.

PUBLIC MEETINGS HELD: (Purpose and Number in Attendance)

Religious services November 1 - approximately 1000

VISITORS TO PROJECT: (Identify) Oral Smith and George Simpson, Boy Scout Representatives, Little Rock, Ark., Elbert S. Land, Vice President of Union Planters Bank and Trust Company, Memphis, Tennessee, Rev. D. S. Crumley, McGehee, Arkansas.

FIRES:

<u>Date & Time</u>	<u>Location</u>	<u>Cause</u>	<u>Estimated Damage</u>
<u>None</u>			

ARRESTS:

<u>Types of Offenses</u>	<u>Number</u>	<u>Referred to Judicial Commission (number)</u>	<u>Referred to Outside Officials* (number)</u>	<u>Not Prosecuted</u>
<u>None</u>				

*Indicate state or local officials to whom referred.

Project Staff additions or resignations this week: (positions involved) Pauline Austin, Secondary teacher, G. F. Castleberry, Community Activities Supervisor, John J. Crowe, Prin. Agri. Aide, Virgie Morris, Elementary Teacher, Elizabeth L. H. Moseley, Telephone Operator, Minnie L. U. Reeves, Elementary Teacher, and Lester Smith, Refrigeration Foreman.

GENERAL COMMENT BY PROJECT DIRECTOR: (Discuss briefly the major problems and developments at the project this week).

The last train load of regular evacuees arrived Tuesday morning, November 3. According to the custom established on this project, after approximately 1/2 of the people had been assigned to quarters in the two blocks which had been promised me, entrance to these blocks was refused by the contractor and the people were placed in another block which had not previously been considered for occupancy. The shortage of toilet facilities, hot water for baths and mess halls is still a pressing problem. I am enclosing a report on facilities available in occupied blocks as of noon, November 2. As of that date, we had two wards of the hospital. One of these wards only was equipped for operation. No screens are on the windows as yet. Most of the heating stoves have been received and are being rapidly installed. Some progress is being made in the completion of occupied blocks. It will probably be 10 days or 2 weeks before all mess halls and bath facilities will be in operation.

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Project Director

GENERAL COMMENT BY PROJECT DIRECTOR:

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2. Bath house facilities - I am enclosing a map and a report of all facilities available in 22 occupied blocks as of noon October 26. Please note the locations of blocks, the availability of toilet facilities, including hot water. A sulfite compound has been used in ceiling all water pipes. As a consequence, practically every person in the Center suffers a 1 to 3 day case of acute dysentery, upon first arriving at the project.

3. Feeding facilities - Out of a total of 26 blocks occupied, mess halls are operating in 17. In 4 of these mess halls there are only 2 stoves. The location of mess halls with respect to occupied blocks is such that each of these 4 mess halls must feed at least 500 people each day. One of these mess halls was not in operation until last night. Therefore, in 2 of the mess halls 750 people were given 2 meals yesterday. It was necessary for residents of certain blocks to travel a distance of approximately 1000 yards to reach the mess hall. Navigating this distance through mud and water ankle deep is no easy task. (Only slight exaggeration.)

4. Hospital - The first ward of the hospital was turned over to me early this week. By turned over, I mean we were permitted to start setting up beds and preparing the ward for use. The first patients were moved to the ward last night. There are no screens on the windows of this ward. A second ward was turned over to us yesterday. It will be several days before it can be occupied. In addition to this, our project hospital consists of 5 apartments being used as emergency clinics and first aid stations.

5. Morale of the people - The general morale of evacuees appears extremely good. Very few complaints have been received. Of those received, most of them concern the shortage of toilet facilities, second, absence of hot water for bathing, and, third, crowded mess halls. Complaints on other subjects are negligible.

6. Administrative - From an administrative standpoint, our one big problem is transportation facilities. We have approximately 70 pieces of equipment, the greater part of which is 3 years old or older. Either we are using it extremely inefficiently, or it represents approximately one-half the quantity actually needed. We absolutely must have several crawler type tractors. Yesterday and today, for example, no motor vehicle except a crawler type can travel on unsurfaced areas in this locality. This condition will prevail between 50 to 75 per cent of the time from now until April 1.

I regret very much the necessity of submitting such a pessimistic report. I hope and believe that we have reached the all-time high for problems. As facilities are completed, I am confident that many of our present problems will vanish.

Paul A. Taylor
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Project Director

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WEEKLY REPORT

Week Ending Noon, Nov. 21 194 2

PROJECT Jerome Relocation Center
Denson, Arkansas

POPULATION: (evacuee) Last Week 7653 This Week 7650

Account for any major increase or decrease in evacuee population:

LEAVES ISSUED:

1. Short Term Leaves:

Type	Number of Applications	Number Issued	Number Denied
<u>To attend sick relative</u>	<u>1</u>	<u>1</u>	<u>0</u>
_____	_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____	_____

2. Group Employment Leaves: none none

3. Indefinite Leaves: (a) To Accept Outside Jobs none
(b) To Attend College . . none
(c) For Other Purposes . none

VITAL STATISTICS:

Deaths: Men 1 Women 0 Children Under 18 1 Total 2

Births: Boys 0 Girls 1 Still Births 0 Total 1

Number of marriages at center this week none

HOSPITAL:

Admissions this week: Men 6 Women 0 Children Under 18 6 Total 12

Communicable Diseases Reported: (number and kind) Influenza - 1

Chickenpox - 4, Measles - 2, Lues - 4.

GOVERNMENT: Major Ordinances and Resolutions Adopted by Council.

Temporary council of 30 members, one from each block, elected November 17. No Ordinances and Resolutions have been adopted by the council as yet.

PUBLIC MEETINGS HELD: (Purpose and Number in Attendance) Religious services - approximately 4000 in attendance

VISITORS TO PROJECT: (Identify) Rev. Oscar S. Lanham, McGehee, Ark., Mother M. Irene and Sister M. Sylvester, St. Mary's Hospital in St. Louis, Mo., C. H. French and Claud Foster, State Board of Health, Mr. N. H. Walker, Social Security Board, Pine Bluff, Ark.

FIRES:

<u>Date & Time</u>	<u>Location</u>	<u>Cause</u>	<u>Estimated Damage</u>
<u>None</u>			

ARRESTS:

<u>Types of Offenses</u>	<u>Number</u>	<u>Referred to Judicial Commission (number)</u>	<u>Referred to Outside Officials* (number)</u>	<u>Not Prose- cuted</u>
<u>None</u>				

*Indicate state or local officials to whom referred.

ADDITIONS

Project Staff additions or resignations this week: (positions involved) R. R. Richmond, Asst. Project Steward, Frances W. Barrett, Tel. Operator, Zeph B. Wheat, Chief Foreman, Robt. A. Allison, Sr. Statistical Clerk, James P. Gayne, Sr. Foreman of Laborers, Prinda A. Campbell, Grad. Nurse, Sr. Staff, - Resignations - Andrew Nikita, Secondary School Teacher.

GENERAL COMMENT BY PROJECT DIRECTOR: (Discuss briefly the major problems and developments at the project this week).

Labor - There has been some discontent among the labor crews during the past week. This is especially true of the persons working on land clearing and clearing right-of-ways for drainage ditches. Since some of these evacuees are working 10 to 15 miles from project headquarters, we have felt it necessary that they take lunches rather than return to the Center for lunch each day. The lunches have been none too satisfactory and Thursday of this week the labor crews all refused to eat their lunches, and, accordingly, were returned to project headquarters at noon. The unified action on the part of the employees was such that, I am confident, it was planned and not a spontaneous objection. Also, there has been the feeling among these crews that everyone employed on them should receive \$16 and \$19 per month. Administrative Instruction does not appear to me to be clear on this point. Paragraph IV A 1 stated that the \$12 per month shall be an "entrance rate, and shall apply to new workers, trainees, partially qualified workers and apprentices." Also, in the same paragraph it is stated that "this rate shall not apply to common labor on simple tasks requiring hard physical work." It is true that land clearing is hard physical work, but it is not a simple task, that is, if a simple task is defined as one requiring no special skill. To a person who knows how to handle an ax and saw, land clearing may be made to appear simple, but I have never seen anything look more difficult than it appears when attempted by evacuees who have apparently never had an ax or a cross-cut saw in their hands before. I felt that workers should put in 2 or 3 weeks in training at the rate of \$12, following which they would be placed

GENERAL COMMENT BY PROJECT DIRECTOR (Continued)

in the \$16 class. They, on the other hand, insisted that it was hard physical work and, therefore, should carry the \$16 rate. Since the Instruction is such that they had plenty of backing for their argument, we are placing all persons working on land clearing either at \$16 or \$19 from the beginning, and if they do not develop reasonable skill within a few weeks, we plan to terminate them.

Use of Cameras in the Project - I understand that an instruction prohibiting the use of cameras by any evacuees is being sent to us. We have had a great deal of difficulty regarding soldiers who visit the Center wanting to take pictures. Thus far, we have not given the soldiers permission to take their cameras into the Center proper. However, there is nothing to prevent them standing outside the gate and taking as many pictures of the Center as they wish. I discussed this at some length with Mr. Parker, who was here during the past week taking pictures. I do not see that the use of cameras by evacuees in this Center would cause any damage since persons outside the Center can, at the present time, take all the pictures they desire. They could also, by use of telescopic lens stand on the outside of the area and make as many authentic pictures as they desire. Since there is no censorship of mail coming into and leaving the project, persons inside the project could arrange with persons outside of the project to take any type of damaging picture that they may desire. I think the danger of having cameras in the Center is extremely slight, and the fact that they are not permitted is a very big factor affecting the morale. It has been my experience thus far that small insignificant appearing regulations affect morale much more than do the major restrictions imposed upon residents of these centers.

Schools - We had planned schools in Blocks 23 and 33 last Wednesday. The toilet facilities in each of these blocks are still incomplete. We are hopeful that they will be completed some time this next week so that we can open school not later than a week from this coming Monday. I am enclosing a copy of the report on status of construction in the 30 occupied blocks as of November 16. By comparing this with the report as of November 9, you can see that the increase in available facilities is comparatively small.

Paul A. Taylor
Project Director

(To be sent AIRMAIL ~~on~~ Saturday)

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WEEKLY REPORT

Week Ending Noon 11-28 194 2

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PROJECT Jerome Relocation Center
Denson, Arkansas

POPULATION: (evacuee) Last Week 7650 This Week 7764

Account for any major increase or decrease in evacuee population:
Received group of 107 from Hawaii (Transferred 75 from here to Rohwer) and received 69
LEAVES ISSUED: persons from various work groups.

1. Short Term Leaves:

Type	Number of Applications	Number Issued	Number Denied
None	None	None	None

2. Group Employment Leaves: None

3. Indefinite Leaves: (a) To Accept Outside Jobs None
(b) To Attend College . . None
(c) For Other Purposes . None

VITAL STATISTICS:

Deaths: Men 0 Women 0 Children Under 18 1 Total 1
(Stillbirth)
Births: Boys 1 Girls 0 Still Births 1 Total 2

Number of marriages at center this week None

HOSPITAL:

Admissions this week: Men 4 Women 8 Children Under 18 8 Total 20
Communicable Diseases Reported: (number and kind) Influenza - 1, Measles - 1,
Chickenpox - 7, Mumps - 1

GOVERNMENT: Major Ordinances and Resolutions Adopted by Council.

The first meeting of the temporary council was held November 25 - 26 representatives were present, 4 absent - two of whom were represented by proxies. This meeting was given over primarily to getting acquainted. Two of the elected representatives were attending the board meeting of the JACL in Utah. These men are two of the most prominent leaders among the Nisei of this Center. It is probably for this reason that the representatives did not wish to organize until return of these two men. The organization meeting is to be held November 30.

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11/28/42
L. J. Korn

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WEEKLY REPORT

Week Ending Noon 11-28 194 2

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PROJECT Jerome Relocation Center
Denson, Arkansas

POPULATION: (evacuee) Last Week 7650 This Week 7764

Account for any major increase or decrease in evacuee population:
Received group of 107 from Hawaii (Transferred 75 from here to Kona) and received 69
LEAVES ISSUED: persons from various work groups.

1. Short Term Leaves:

Type	Number of Applications	Number Issued	Number Denied
None	None	None	None

2. Group Employment Leaves: None

3. Indefinite Leaves: (a) To Accept Outside Jobs None
(b) To Attend College . . None
(c) For Other Purposes . None

VITAL STATISTICS:

Deaths: Men 0 Women 0 Children Under 18 1 Total 1
(Stillbirth)
Births: Boys 1 Girls 0 Still Births 1 Total 2

Number of marriages at center this week: None
The organization meeting is to be held tomorrow 30.
Lesson that the ladies' meeting did not miss to organize many ladies of these and
most prominent people among the staff of this center. It is hoped for this
week arranging the social meeting of the ladies in hall. There may be one of the
and wash each day. It is hoped to be a success. The ladies' meeting is to be held
this evening 7:30 - 8:00. One of whom was ladies' meeting in hall. This meeting
communicable diseases reported. Number and kind.
The ladies' meeting of the community center, and the ladies' meeting 30 - 30 ladies' meeting
Chickenpox - 7, Measles - 1

GOVERNMENT: Major Ordinances and Resolutions Adopted by Council.

PUBLIC MEETINGS HELD: (Purpose and Number in Attendance) Special Thanksgiving Day
Services - approximately 4000 attended.

VISITORS TO PROJECT: (Identify) Dr. and Mrs. Crawford Crenshaw, former missionaries
to China, now in South Carolina, L. L. Hilton, Head of Extension Dept. of University
of Arkansas, Miss Frances Vogler, Red Cross Representative

cover letter
11/28/42
L. J. Korn

FIRES:

<u>Date & Time</u>	<u>Location</u>	<u>Cause</u>	<u>Estimated Damage</u>
<u>None</u>			

ARRESTS:

<u>Types of Offenses</u>	<u>Number</u>	<u>Referred to Judicial Commission (number)</u>	<u>Referred to Outside Officials* (number)</u>	<u>Not Prose- cuted</u>
<u>None</u>				

*Indicate state or local officials to whom referred.

Project Staff additions or resignations this week: (positions involved) Irene Herren, Tel. Opr., William Horn, Sr. Storekeeper, Henry Bynum, Sr. Foreman of Laborers, Ira Spencer, Teacher (Shop and Ind.), Zelma Dollarhide, Elem. Teacher, Marguerite Smith, Elem. Teacher, and Virginia Tidball, Sec. Teacher. No resignations.

GENERAL COMMENT BY PROJECT DIRECTOR: (Discuss briefly the major problems and developments at the project this week).

On the whole, operations within the Center have progressed very smoothly this week. It turned quite cold this week, and there was some concern among the evacuees as to whether they would have sufficient wood to keep warm. Voluntary crews in large numbers started bringing wood into the blocks and thoroughly disrupted the wood cutting operations. In order to allay this fear on the part of evacuees, most of the trucks on the project were turned over to the voluntary crews Thursday afternoon, and project Caucasian personnel marked trees for the voluntary crews to cut. As a result, all blocks have from 10 to 50 cords of wood, either already cut or in the form of poles located within the blocks, and no one has any fear of fuel shortage. I believe that we can now proceed in our organized attempts to supply each block with sufficient fuel, using such mechanized equipment as we have to the best advantage.

Construction of walks within the blocks - A crew has been selected in each block and employed to build walks in accordance with a standard plan. Approximately 250 yards of clay gravel is being delivered to each block to surface these walks. Grading of the walks and spreading the gravel is done by evacuee labor. Approximately 1/2 of the occupied blocks have been completed. All of them should be completed within the next week.

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GENERAL COMMENT BY PROJECT DIRECTOR: (Continued)

Administrative quarters - Ten 4-apartment buildings have been located and marked in preparation for the pouring of foundations. Actual construction on these buildings should get under way during the coming week.

Construction by U. S. Engineers - The completion of the project by the U. S. Engineers is proceeding slowly. I am attaching a copy of the report as of November 23. A personal check was made of bath houses yesterday afternoon and toilet facilities were available in all occupied blocks except three. No toilet facilities are available in either of the school blocks as yet, so we are now hoping to open school a week from Monday.

Payroll difficulties - At the present time, we have one agent cashier with a \$5000 bond. We have been doing our utmost to get his bond raised to \$30,000. We had another agent cashier with a \$15,000 bond, who was called to the Army last weekend. We have a payroll plus clothing allowances of approximately \$60,000 to be made at the end of this month. Any suggestions as to how it can be accomplished will be appreciated.

Paul A. Taylor
Project Director

(To be sent AIRMAIL on Saturday)

WEEKLY REPORT

WRA Library Washington

Week Ending Noon 12-5 1942
Jerome Relocation Center
PROJECT Denson, Arkansas

POPULATION: (evacuee) Last Week 7764 This Week 7764

Account for any major increase or decrease in evacuee population:

LEAVES ISSUED:

1. Short Term Leaves:

Type	Number of Applications	Number Issued	Number Denied
To Visit Relatives	<u>3</u>	<u>3</u>	<u>none</u>

2. Group Employment Leaves: none none

3. Indefinite Leaves: (a) To Accept Outside Jobs 1 none
(b) To Attend College . . 1 none
(c) For Other Purposes . 1 none

VITAL STATISTICS:

Deaths: Men 1 Women 0 Children Under 18 0 Total 1
Births: Boys 0 Girls 1 Still Births 0 Total 1
Number of marriages at center this week 1

HOSPITAL:

Admissions this week: Men 11 Women 6 Children 8 Total 25
Under 18

Communicable Diseases Reported: (number and kind) _____

Chickenpox - 4; pertussis - 2; T. B. of lung - 2

GOVERNMENT: Major Ordinances and Resolutions Adopted by Council.

In the second meeting of the Temporary Community Council, December 1, Johnson Kebo was elected Acting Chairman, Kebo immediately appointed three councilmen, Frank Ishii, James Hashimoto, and Dr. T. T. Yatabe to serve on the organizational committee. It was voted that the block managers would appoint two non-citizens to assist on this committee so that aliens could have a part in the formation of the center government. The Block Managers appointed William Hiroshi Konishi and William Kondo. It was voted to open all subsequent council meetings to public, except that closed sessions may be called.

John McClellan, U. S. Senator Elect, Arkansas; Tom Johnson, Banker, McGehee; W. Gerald Richardson, Community Enterprise Division, WRA, Washington; D. Frank Herron Smith, Religious Worker; E. B. Jeffries, Merchants Bank, Fort Smith; and Miss Frances Vogler, Red Cross Representative; also Mr. Hoffman of the Fire Protection Department, WRA, Washington.

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Week Ending Noon 12-5 1942
Jerome Relocation Center
PROJECT Denson, Arkansas

POPULATION: (evacuee) Last Week 7764 This Week 7764

Account for any major increase or decrease in evacuee population:

LEAVES ISSUED:

1. Short Term Leaves:

Type	Number of Applications	Number Issued	Number Denied
To Visit Relatives	3	3	none

2. Group Employment Leaves: none none

3. Indefinite Leaves: (a) To Accept Outside Jobs 1 none
(b) To Attend College
(c) For Other Purposes 1 none

VITAL STATISTICS:

Deaths: Men 1 Women 0 Children Under 18 0 Total 1
Births: Boys 0 Girls 1 Still Births 0 Total 1
Number of marriages at center this week 1

HOSPITAL:

Admissions this week: Men 11 Women 6 Children Under 18 8 Total 25

Communicable Diseases Reported: (number and kind)

Chickenpox - 4; pertussis - 2; T. B. of lung - 2

GOVERNMENT: Major Ordinances and Resolutions Adopted by Council.

PUBLIC MEETINGS HELD: (Purpose and Number in Attendance) none

VISITORS TO PROJECT: (Identify) D. S. Myer, Director, War Relocation Authority; John McClellan, U. S. Senator Elect, Arkansas; Tom Johnson, Banker, McGehee; W. Gerald Richardson, Community Enterprise Division, WRA, Washington; D. Frank Herron Smith, Religious Worker; E. B. Jeffries, Merchants Bank, Fort Smith; and Miss Frances Vogler, Red Cross Representative; also Mr. Hoffman of the Fire Protection Department, WRA, Washington.

FIRES:

<u>Date & Time</u>	<u>Location</u>	<u>Cause</u>	<u>Estimated Damage</u>
<u>None</u>			

ARRESTS:

<u>Types of Offenses</u>	<u>Number</u>	<u>Referred to Judicial Commission (number)</u>	<u>Referred to Outside Officials* (number)</u>	<u>Not Prosecuted</u>
<u>Indecent Exposure & Assault 1 negro</u>			<u>Justice of Peace, sitting in and for Chicot County, Arkansas.</u>	
			<u>(convicted and sentenced to 1 yr. and \$100.)</u>	

This incident only reached an elementary stage and was rapidly and satisfactorily handled. Civil authorities were very cooperative in this case.

*Indicate state or local officials to whom referred.

Project Staff additions or resignations this week: (positions involved)

Grace Van Matre, Head Nurse, November 30

Charles Vincent Van Matre, Sr. Foreman of Laborers, December 1

Mary George White, Secondary School Teacher, December 3.

No resignations.

GENERAL COMMENT BY PROJECT DIRECTOR: (Discuss briefly the major problems and developments at the project this week).

The building program for the center, as far as accommodations for the evacuees are concerned, is progressing slowly but surely. Additional mess halls and laundry and bath facilities were turned over to us this week. It is impossible to estimate the exact date of completion of this type of work. Construction work got under way this week on living quarters for the administrative personnel. Dormitory-apartment buildings are being started.

The wood situation as referred to in last week's report is clearing up fairly satisfactorily. The problem was placed before the block managers and the community council to make them realize the seriousness of the situation we would face unless improvements were made in the organization of the crews assigned to this particular job.

Mr. Myer's visit to the center was very helpful to the administrative personnel as well as improving the understanding with the evacuees and in developing higher morale of the whole center.

The work in drainage being carried on by the Public Works Division and the land conditioning of the Agricultural Division took on new life this week and is going along at the most satisfactory rate of any time since the project started. We feel that real progress can be made, weather permitting. However, we have had the heaviest rainfall in the past 24 hours than at any time yet.

Our greatest difficulty at this time is equipment. We have insufficient office equipment in the way of typewriters, adding machines, etc.; field equipment, including heavy equipment necessary to go forward with the work on the project; and automotive equipment, both light and heavy. The equipment transferred to this project, as is well known by everyone connected with the WAR Relocation Authority, is old and in poor mechanical condition. Additional equipment of all types is needed and equipment for repairing the equipment is also needed. In the way of a suggestion, I noticed in the morning papers that the WPA is being discontinued by Executive Order. It seems to me that this is an excellent source of some badly-needed equipment.

W. D. Tullon
Asst project Director

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WEEKLY REPORT

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Week Ending Noon 12-12 1942

PROJECT Jerome Relocation Center

POPULATION: (evacuee) Last Week 7764 This Week 7794

Account for any major increase or decrease in evacuee population:

LEAVES ISSUED:

1. Short Term Leaves:

Type	Number of Applications	Number Issued	Number Denied
<u>To attend court trial in California</u>	<u>1</u>	<u>none</u>	<u>none</u>
_____	_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____	_____

2. Group Employment Leaves: None

3. Indefinite Leaves: (a) To Accept Outside Jobs None
(b) To Attend College . . None
(c) For Other Purposes . None

VITAL STATISTICS:

Deaths: Men 0 Women 0 Children Under 18 0 Total 0
Births: Boys 1 Girls 2 Still Births 0 Total 3
Number of marriages at center this week 1

HOSPITAL:

Admissions this week: Men 3 Women 9 Children Under 18 5 Total 17
Communicable Diseases Reported: (number and kind) Mumps - 1, Pertusses - 1,
Dog bite - 1, Erysipelas - 1

GOVERNMENT: Major Ordinances and Resolutions Adopted by Council.

At the meeting of the Temporary Community Council on Wednesday, December 9, it was agreed that the previously selected organization commission would serve to draw up a simple constitution and by-laws under which the Temporary Council would operate as well as plan the permanent form of government for the Center. The Council passed two resolutions - (1) giving the concurrence of the Council to the Administration inviting into the Center representatives of any legitimate newspapers or periodicals for the purpose of obtaining information and pictures, and (2) requesting the allotment of 2 apartments in a barrack centrally located within the project, one to be used as an office and the other as a council room.

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PROJECT Jerome Relocation Center

POPULATION: (evacuee) Last Week 7764 This Week 7794

Account for any major increase or decrease in evacuee population:

LEAVES ISSUED:

1. Short Term Leaves:

Type	Number of Applications	Number Issued	Number Denied
<u>To attend court trial in California</u>	<u>1</u>	<u>none</u>	<u>none</u>
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_____	_____	_____	_____

2. Group Employment Leaves: None

3. Indefinite Leaves: (a) To Accept Outside Jobs None
(b) To Attend College . . None
(c) For Other Purposes . None

VITAL STATISTICS:

Deaths: Men 0 Women 0 Children Under 18 0 Total 0
Births: Boys 1 Girls 2 Still Births 0 Total 3
Number of marriages at center this week 1

HOSPITAL:

Admissions this week: Men 3 Women 9 Children 5 Total 17
Under 18
Communicable Diseases Reported: (number and kind) Mumps - 1, Pertusses - 1,
Dog bite - 1, Erysipelas - 1

GOVERNMENT: Major Ordinances and Resolutions Adopted by Council.

PUBLIC MEETINGS HELD: (Purpose and Number in Attendance) See sheet attached

VISITORS TO PROJECT: (Identify) Paul Berg, St. Louis Post Dispatch, St. Louis, Mo.,
Oral Smith, Boy Scout Representative, Bishop R. Bland Mitchell, Little Rock, Ark.

FIRES:

<u>Date & Time</u>	<u>Location</u>	<u>Cause</u>	<u>Estimated Damage</u>
<u>None</u>			

ARRESTS:

<u>Types of Offenses</u>	<u>Number</u>	<u>Referred to Judicial Commission (number)</u>	<u>Referred to Outside Officials* (number)</u>	<u>Not Prose- cuted</u>
<u>None</u>				

*Indicate state or local officials to whom referred.

Project Staff additions or resignations this week: (positions involved) **Additions -**
John R. Anders, Sec. School Teacher, Elizabeth Bressi, Sec. School Teacher, Cecil E. Keown,
Telephone Operator, and Maud J. Gordon, Grad, Nurse Sr. Staff.
Resignation - Elizabeth H. Moseley, Telephone Operator

GENERAL COMMENT BY PROJECT DIRECTOR: (Discuss briefly the major problems and
developments at the project this week).

Schools - Toilet facilities in the 2 blocks to be used for schools are still incomplete. It will be several days and possibly a week until the facilities in one block can be used. Because of this situation and in view of the fact that Christmas is near, we have decided not to open schools until January 4. We shall make every effort to get in as much school equipment as possible and to complete walks within the 2 school blocks, also lay up a supply of fuel wood, so that schools may operate as smoothly as possible once we have begun.

Cameras - We appreciate very much receiving Mr. Rowalt's recent letter authorizing the use of cameras in this Center. The reaction has been very favorable and I think it will do much toward boosting morale.

Wood for fuel - We have had about two weeks of cold wet weather. With the limited facilities, the inexperience of the evacuees, and the adverse weather conditions, it has taxed us to the utmost in attempting to obtain sufficient wood for fuel. No one has suffered severely, but, without question, some apartments have had an inadequate supply of fuel. We appreciate the immediate service given us by Mr. Seltzer in obtaining the A-1-J priority rating for 40 wagons. This order has been placed, and we should receive the wagons within the next 2 weeks. Actually, we will need approximately 100 wagons on the project, but these 40 will certainly be of material assistance.

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GENERAL COMMENT BY PROJECT DIRECTOR: (Continued)

Fire Protection - During Mr. Hoffman's recent visit to the project he was very much dissatisfied with our fire protection measures and also with our present Fire Chief. I did not talk with Mr. Hoffman personally, but do have a copy of his report. Most of the items mentioned therein deal with construction and are, therefore, largely outside the jurisdiction of this Administration. I will say, however, that I think Mr. Hoffman was unduly exercised about the fire hazards in view of our weather conditions in this locality. I also feel that he was overly critical of our fire chief. To the best of my knowledge, there has only been two fires within the Center proper. One of these was in the military block due to a defective and incomplete flue, and the other was in the hospital area and was caused by a temporary stove installed by the construction people to dry out a room under construction. There was one other fire reported to me but not mentioned in Mr. Hoffman's report and that is the one which occurred in his pocket started, I understand, from his pipe and occurred in the hospital at the time he was lecturing personnel on the evils of smoking within the hospital buildings.

Trust for Community Enterprises - The 7 trustees have been appointed for the Community Enterprises to serve until the cooperative organization can be organized. The 7 trustees include 5 evacuees and 2 Caucasians members. The 5 evacuees were selected from a panel of 10 recommended by delegates from each of the 31 occupied blocks. The 2 Caucasian trustees are James H. Wells, Administrative Officer, and Wayne Foster, Acting in Charge of Community Enterprises.

Paul A. Taylor
Project Director

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PROJECT Jerome Relocation Center

POPULATION: (evacuee) Last Week 7794 This Week 7811

Account for any major increase or decrease in evacuee population:

LEAVES ISSUED:

1. Short Term Leaves:

Type	Number of Applications	Number Issued	Number Denied
<u>To visit relatives - 4</u>			
<u>To attend court trial - 1</u>	<u>4</u>	<u>5</u>	<u>none</u>

2. Group Employment Leaves: none none

3. Indefinite Leaves: (a) To Accept Outside Jobs 2 none
(b) To Attend College . . none none
(c) For Other Purposes . 1 none

(To join husband)

VITAL STATISTICS:

Deaths: Men 0 Women 0 Children Under 18 0 Total 0

Births: Boys 0 Girls 2 Still Births 0 Total 2

Number of marriages at center this week none

HOSPITAL:

Admissions this week: Men 10 Women 3 Children Under 18 5 Total 18

Communicable Diseases Reported: (number and kind) Pertussis - 1,

Varicella - 6, Ives - 6

GOVERNMENT: Major Ordinances and Resolutions Adopted by Council.

At the meeting of the Temporary Council on Wednesday, December 16, a draft of the rules and regulations, which had been prepared by the committee consisting of 3 council members and 2 Isseis selected by the Center as a whole, was read, amended, and adopted by the council. I do not have a copy of these amended rules and regulations but should receive a copy early next week and will send them to Washington along with my next weekly report. I believe Mr. Leflar has already sent a copy, which is approximately correct, to Mr. Glick.

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PROJECT Jerome Relocation Center

POPULATION: (evacuee) Last Week 7794 This Week 7811

Account for any major increase or decrease in evacuee population:

LEAVES ISSUED:

1. Short Term Leaves:

Type	Number of Applications	Number Issued	Number Denied
<u>To visit relatives - 4</u>			
<u>To attend court trial - 1</u>	<u>4</u>	<u>5</u>	<u>none</u>

2. Group Employment Leaves: none none

3. Indefinite Leaves: (a) To Accept Outside Jobs 2 none
(b) To Attend College . . none none
(c) For Other Purposes . 1 none
(To join husband)

VITAL STATISTICS:

Deaths: Men 0 Women 0 Children Under 18 0 Total 0
Births: Boys 0 Girls 2 Still Births 0 Total 2
Number of marriages at center this week none

HOSPITAL:

Admissions this week: Men 10 Women 3 Children Under 18 5 Total 18
Communicable Diseases Reported: (number and kind) Pertussis - 1,
Varicella - 6, Iues - 6

GOVERNMENT: Major Ordinances and Resolutions Adopted by Council.

PUBLIC MEETINGS HELD: (Purpose and Number in Attendance) 21 athletic meetings with 2600 participants and spectators - Social indoor activities (22 meetings) 245 participants, dancing - 300 - talent show 560 - Issei program 675 - Hawaiian orchestra 1650
VISITORS TO PROJECT: (Identify) Rev. & Mrs. Boyd Baker, Lake Village, Ark., J. I. and P. L. Pagan, and John Norsworthy, Collinston, La., Charles Fox, Civil Service Representative, Mr. & Mrs. Marvin Collie, New Orleans, La.

FIRES:

<u>Date & Time</u>	<u>Location</u>	<u>Cause</u>	<u>Estimated Damage</u>
<u>None</u>			

ARRESTS:

<u>Types of Offenses</u>	<u>Number</u>	<u>Referred to Judicial Commission (number)</u>	<u>Referred to Outside Officials* (number)</u>	<u>Not Prosecuted</u>
<u>None</u>				

*Indicate state or local officials to whom referred.

Project Staff additions or resignations this week: (positions involved)
 Adabell M. Hays, Sec. School Teacher, Mittie L. Anders, Sec. School Teacher, and
 Mary E. Moore, Sec. School Teacher

GENERAL COMMENT BY PROJECT DIRECTOR: (Discuss briefly the major problems and developments at the project this week).

Labor problems - For some time now the labor situation within the area has been getting more difficult. Several incidences occurred during the past week which I hope represent the climax of the situation. I have mentioned our difficulties in obtaining wood several times. I believe that 250 or 300 individuals properly equipped and accustomed to wood cutting could easily supply the area. With evacuee labor working at its best and properly equipped, it will probably take 500 workers. If the weather gets extremely bad, it will be physically impossible with our present equipment to supply wood for fuel this winter. We put on an intensive drive during the last week to obtain additional equipment and to sign up additional workers. Our wood crew has been increased from approximately 365 last weekend to somewhere between 500 and 600 at the present time. We have on hand 6 wood saws in operating condition and need 15 more or a total of approximately 20. We discussed this matter with the Sears & Roebuck representative today, and he indicated that he might be able to furnish us 2 or 3 saws without priorities but would need priority to furnish a greater number. If and when we receive the 40 wagons which we have on order, it will alleviate the situation to some extent. When we started our drive for additional wood crews, we started putting pressure on the workers in less essential jobs to either produce or transfer to the wood crew. 4 crews in the Public Works Division and 2 crews in the Transportation and Supply Division involving a total of about 75 men started a slowup campaign practically equivalent to a sit-down

GENERAL COMMENT BY PROJECT DIRECTOR: (Cont'd.)

strike. The people reported to work but accomplished practically nothing. When supervisors attempted to talk with the evacuee foremen, in most instances the foremen would turn and walk off and would not discuss problems. As a consequence, all these crews were terminated on the basis that they had refused to work. Upon being terminated, the persons who had been dismissed started over the project in gangs attempting to intimidate other workers into leaving their jobs. The intimidation met with little success and in each instance within 2 or 3 hours after termination notice had been handed out, the foremen were willing to sit down for the purpose of ironing out difficulties. As a result of our putting pressure and indicating that persons who loafed on the job would definitely be terminated, the amount of work accomplished per worker has greatly increased on several jobs. We had approximately 75 men clearing a right-of-way for a drainage ditch. After terminating about 25 of these, the remaining persons have accomplished more in the last 4 days than the entire crew had accomplished in 2 weeks. We have received some 50 car loads of lumber, gypsum board, and coal during the month of December. The warehouse crew initiated a slowup campaign and for several days here we had around 20 freight cars on which we were paying demurrage. This situation came to a head this morning and I believe the unloading of freight will be performed more effectively in the future.

Relations with U. S. Engineers and contractors - Our relations with the U. S. Engineers and contractors has been very strained since the first evacuees arrived in the Center. Because of the shortage of facilities and the inability of the contractors to complete essential facilities as rapidly as they were needed, I have done my utmost to prevent the evacuees from interfering with construction work, and on the whole I feel that cooperation of the evacuees has been extremely good, particularly in view of the fact that contract laborers in here have seemed to take every opportunity to abuse evacuees. The situation came to a climax last Sunday when Mr. H. H. Hobbs, Supervisor for the Area Engineer over the Jerome Project, had a verbal battle with one of the evacuee truck drivers. Mr. Hobbs was set for prosecuting the evacuee on attempted assault. Upon investigation of the matter, however, it did not appear that the evacuee was at fault and I was able to convince Lt. Col. Niemi of this fact. Accordingly, the charges by Mr. Hobbs were dropped. Nevertheless, Mr. Hobbs feels that he has been cruelly set upon and he and the contractors have chips barely hanging on their shoulders. It looks now like the contractors will be in here at least 30 and possibly 60 days more. I shall consider myself extremely lucky if this period passes without serious difficulties arising.

This has been a rather hectic week, but everything is quiet at the moment. I sincerely hope that the Yuletide spirit prevails next week.

Paul A. Taylor
Project Director

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PROJECT Jerome Relocation Center

POPULATION: (evacuee) Last Week 7811 This Week 7815

Account for any major increase or decrease in evacuee population:

LEAVES ISSUED:

1. Short Term Leaves:

Type	Number of Applications	Number Issued	Number Denied
<u>Community Shopping - 5</u>			
<u>To visit relatives - 5</u>	<u>13</u>	<u>8</u>	<u>None</u>
<u>To attend funeral service - 2</u>			
<u>Conference - 1</u>			
2. Group Employment Leaves:		<u>None</u>	<u>None</u>
3. Indefinite Leaves: (a) To Accept Outside Jobs	<u>2</u>	<u>None</u>	<u>None</u>
(b) To Attend College . .	<u>None</u>	<u>None</u>	<u>None</u>
(c) For Other Purposes .	<u>None</u>	<u>None</u>	<u>None</u>

VITAL STATISTICS:

Deaths: Men 0 Women 1 Children Under 18 1 Total 2
Births: Boys 2 Girls 2 Still Births 0 Total 4
Number of marriages at center this week 1

HOSPITAL:

Admissions this week: Men 3 Women 10 Children Under 18 8 Total 21
Communicable Diseases Reported: (number and kind) None

GOVERNMENT: Major Ordinances and Resolutions Adopted by Council.

GOVERNMENT:

At the regular meeting of the Temporary Council on Wednesday, December 23, the Council agreed upon the membership of the Judicial Commission. This commission is composed of ten evacuees, six of whom are non-citizens and four citizens, and two Caucasians. The Caucasians were appointed by me and are Mr. G. F. Castleberry, Chief of Community Activities, and Mr. John L. McCormick, Chief of Employment and Housing. Both are mature men, well liked by the evacuees, and capable of rendering sound decisions. A copy of the amended Rules and Regulations is enclosed for your information.

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PROJECT Jerome Relocation Center

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Account for any major increase or decrease in evacuee population:

LEAVES ISSUED:

1. Short Term Leaves:

Type	Number of Applications	Number Issued	Number Denied
<u>Community Shopping - 5</u>			
<u>To visit relatives - 5</u>	<u>13</u>	<u>8</u>	<u>None</u>
<u>To attend funeral service - 2</u>			
<u>Conference - 1</u>			
2. Group Employment Leaves:		<u>None</u>	<u>None</u>
3. Indefinite Leaves: (a) To Accept Outside Jobs	<u>2</u>	<u>None</u>	<u>None</u>
(b) To Attend College . .	<u>None</u>	<u>None</u>	<u>None</u>
(c) For Other Purposes .	<u>None</u>	<u>None</u>	<u>None</u>

VITAL STATISTICS:

Deaths: Men 0 Women 1 Children Under 18 1 Total 2
 Births: Boys 2 Girls 2 Still Births 0 Total 4
 Number of marriages at center this week 1

HOSPITAL:

Admissions this week: Men 3 Women 10 Children Under 18 8 Total 21
 Communicable Diseases Reported: (number and kind) None

GOVERNMENT: Major Ordinances and Resolutions Adopted by Council.

PUBLIC MEETINGS HELD: (Purpose and Number in Attendance) 22 athletic meetings with 4795 participants and spectators - Social indoor activities (85 meetings) with 650 participants - dancing, 550 - , Issei Program, 400 - Band rehearsals - Xmas Carol Group
 VISITORS TO PROJECT: (Identify) Twelve appearances. J.F. Hunter and Son, Rohwer; B. Stallings, T. D. Douglas; Mrs. Hoffman, Mrs. Dickinson, and a large number of college students and soldiers to visit parents and relatives during Christmas vacations.

FIRES:

<u>Date & Time</u>	<u>Location</u>	<u>Cause</u>	<u>Estimated Damage</u>
<u>None</u>			

ARRESTS:

<u>Types of Offenses</u>	<u>Number</u>	<u>Referred to Judicial Commission (number)</u>	<u>Referred to Outside Officials* (number)</u>	<u>Not Prosecuted</u>
<u>None</u>				

*Indicate state or local officials to whom referred.

Project Staff additions or resignations this week: (positions involved)

Dr. Runo E. Arne, Chief of Community Services

GENERAL COMMENT BY PROJECT DIRECTOR: (Discuss briefly the major problems and developments at the project this week).

A large part of the effort of both administrative employees and evacuees during the past week has been given over to the preparation for and celebration of Christmas. Individuals and organizations all over the country have been very kind in sending presents. The evacuees made up a pot of approximately one thousand dollars and selected five representatives from among their own people as a purchasing committee to supplement presents received by donors. This committee of five persons, accompanied by a Caucasian employee, went to Little Rock on a two day shopping tour. After clearing with the leaders in nearby towns, we made an effort to take Christmas shoppers from the Center into these surrounding towns. The evacuees were requested to organize themselves into groups and authorize one or two persons to shop for the whole group. In this way approximately six hundred evacuees actually went outside the Center for shopping purposes, to supply the needs for the entire Center. All residents of the Center entered into Christmas activities with a great deal of zeal. As a consequence mess-halls and recreation buildings were gaily decorated with artificial flowers and local shrubbery. The effect was really wonderful. A number of programs were held throughout the area Christmas Eve and Christmas day. On the whole I feel that we have had a very successful and happy week. Part of this was due, undoubtedly, to the exceptionally warm weather that we have been having, which reduced fuel requirements somewhat. The wood supply is still critical, however,

GENERAL COMMENT BY PROJECT DIRECTOR: (Cont'd.)

and as soon as it turns cold again people will get panicky. It is absolutely imperative that we obtain priority for the fifteen wood saws that we have been trying to secure for the past two weeks.

Several of the staff members were on leave the latter part of this week. Because the work has been so confining I felt it desirable that as many as could be spared should take off a few days at this time.

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✓ See L. Barrows' memo to D S Meyer, 1/4/43



