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## SO WHAT?

This is a day to long remember. This is the day that The Desert Wind was born.

Did we hear someone say, "So what?"

Quick like a flash, we've got the answer.

"So what!" Just this. We live pretty close to each other around here and it's quite a way to town. We'd like to know all about each other, and about what's going on without resorting to gossip and the grapevine.

The Desert Wind hopes to know all, see all and tell all. We want a lot of interesting news items about the activities of staff members and their families. We'll keep everything on a high level, but we want each of you to consider yourself a Walter Winchell for your building or office.

Turn your contributions in to the Project Reports Office in Ad. B.

The Desert Wind will do the rest.

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## DOUGH FOR THINKING

There's real dough in it if you have a good idea in your head on how to improve the work and procedures of the WRA or any other agencies of the Department of the Interior. And don't think we're kiddin! Cash prizes run all the way up to \$1,000 and there are a lot of

them to be scattered round. Also grade promotions are possible. Drop in on George Lafabregue in Personnel and he'll tell you all about the contest, which is set forth in Administrative Notice No. 162.

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## NOW IT'S OFFICIAL

The new Project Director and his family got welcomed to Topaz (officially, that is, because actually they've been among us for quite a spell) at the big staff party in the Ad. Rec. Hall Friday evening, September 15. Lu seemed right pleased, as did Mrs. Hoffman. They're real folks and we're glad they are part of our official family.

Lu made a nice speech about Russell and Wendy Bankson, who have been transferred to Washington, and will be leaving pretty soon. Russ has been reports officer in Topaz since "I remember when."

A lot of people put in a lot of hard work on these staff parties. But they're worth it, for the gobs of fun they give all of us.

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## BACK FROM CONFERENCE

Project Director L. T. Hoffman and Operations Division Chief Roscoe E. Bell have returned from the Project Direc-

tors' conference at Denver where many important subjects dealing with the present and future of WRA were discussed. During their absence Gilbert Niesse wore the crown of the P.D. (with dignity.)

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#### "CON" TAKES OVER

Russ Bankson's successor in the Project Reports Office, E. W. Conrad (just call him "Con") arrived in Topaz just in time to travel with Russ to Denver for a week's conference of reports officers from the centers and field offices, from which they have just returned. "Con's" wife, Enid, and their two children, Fay and Joy accompanied him here.

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#### BE A GOOD NEIGHBOR

Are you driving in to Delta with your private car? Do you have any vacant space in the car? If so, be a good neighbor. List your trip on the schedule sheet at Mail and Files in Ad. A. giving time of departure and time of expected return. Sharing your ride makes things more pleasant for

folks who do not have cars. If you want a ride, watch the schedule sheet.

Walter Honderich, supply officer, is recuperating from a major operation performed in the Delta Hospital the middle of September. His wife, Ella, flew to Chicago this week to attend a conference of Co-op experts.

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#### WHO'S GOT THE KEY?

Keys for the Staff Rec. Hall and the Staff Warehouse may be procured from your building representative on the Staff Housing Committee. Please be sure and return them promptly, so that the other fellow can use them.

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#### THEY LIVE TO SERVE

If you have any constructive complaints affecting members of the staff in relation to our social activities, housing or recreation, bring them up to the Staff Housing Council through your building representative.

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M E E T   T H E   S T A F F !GENERAL PROJECT MANAGEMENT  
Office of the Project Director

Luther T. Hoffman.....Project Director

Reports Division

E. Wafford Conrad.....Reports Officer

Legal Division

Helen Y. Fry.....Secretary

Relocation Division

Leah K. Dickinson.....Relocation Program Officer  
Henry L. Dykes.....Assistant Relocation Program Officer  
Adrian H. Altvater.....Leave Officer  
J. Hugh Turner.....Relocation Adviser  
Leighton A. Dingley.....Assistant Relocation Adviser  
Nellie E. Jenkins.....Assistant Relocation Adviser  
Frances E. McCluskey.....Assistant Relocation Adviser

ADMINISTRATIVE MANAGEMENT DIVISION

Gilbert L. Niesse.....Assistant Project Director  
Lillian B. Christensen.....Secretary

Evacuee Property Section

Gladstone V. Morris.....Evacuee Property Officer

Office Services Section

Eralia V. Gonzales.....Office Manager  
Alice W. B. Marstella.....File Clerk  
Norma H. Skeem.....Supervising Telephone Operator  
William L. Abbott.....Telephone Operator  
Heber G. Bishop.....Telephone Operator  
Mary Stewart.....Telephone Operator

Statistics Section

Grant R. Bowen.....Statistician  
Martha Johnson Chastain.....Gate Clerk  
Helen M. Cox.....Gate Clerk  
May L. Edwards.....Gate Clerk

Personnel Management Section

George H. Lafabregue.....Personnel Officer  
William J. Campbell.....Assistant Personnel Officer  
Ralph E. Howard.....Personnel Technician  
Eudora M. Reed.....Personnel Transactions Officer  
Dorothy B. Pratt.....Personnel Clerk

Supply Section

Walter W. Honderich.....Acting Supply Officer

Property Control & Warehousing Unit

Melvin H. Robins.....Property & Warehousing Officer  
Jerold S. Bennett.....Storekeeper  
Otis L. Kelly.....Assistant Storekeeper  
Samuel L. Knight.....Assistant Storekeeper  
Albert L. Skidmore.....Assistant Storekeeper  
Albert Fields.....Assistant Storekeeper  
Maxyne B. Finlinson.....Property Clerk

Procurement Unit

William W. Hunter.....Procurement Officer  
Marvin P. Bales.....Assistant Procurement Officer

Mess Management Section

Brandon E. Watson.....Steward  
Roy P. Stahl.....Assistant Project Steward  
Laurence R. Jones.....Acting Assistant Steward  
Shelton T. Barlow.....Storekeeper

Finance Section

Doren B. Boyce.....Acting Finance Officer

Budget & Accounts Unit

Vincent R. Gonzales.....Fiscal Accountant  
Roland E. Young.....Auditor  
David E. Davis.....Assistant Auditor  
Mervin A. Bosh.....Junior Fiscal Accountant  
Joseph M. Jones.....Agent Cashier  
Gerard Doezie.....Fiscal Accounting Clerk

Cost Accounting Unit

Edward W. Mathews.....Assistant Cost Accountant  
Emmett E. Herndon.....Cost Accounting Clerk

## OPERATIONS DIVISION

Roscoe E. Bell.....Assistant Project Director

Engineering Section

Henry R. Watson.....Chief Engineer  
Wallace Crane.....Office Engineer  
Bernard M. Stewart (hourly).....Dragline Operator

Irrigation, Drainage & Roads Unit

Carl H. Kinney.....Irrigation, Drainage & Roads Superintendent  
Evan A. Johnson.....Chief Construction Foreman  
John W. Fullmer.....Construction Foreman  
James N. Crane.....Sr. Foreman Mechanic

Construction & Maintenance Unit

J. Frank Hopkins.....Assistant Construction Superintendent  
Fred R. Allen.....Utility Operations Superintendent  
Owen M. Harmon.....Foreman Electrician  
E. Eugene Gardner.....Foreman Maintenance  
Leonard A. Wood.....Carpenter Foreman  
Leon E. Dobson.....Foreman Pump Operator  
Kenneth Mecham.....Foreman Carpenter  
Elwood M. Mortensen.....Foreman Mechanic

Agricultural Section

W. Wendell Palmer.....Chief of Agriculture  
Alden S. Adams.....Farm Superintendent  
Foy L. Enlow.....Assistant Farm Superintendent

Verdon J. Davis.....Foreman Mechanic  
Sherman W. Tolbert.....Foreman (cattle)  
Peter V. Twitchell (hourly).....Irrigation Foreman

#### Motor Transportation & Maintenance Section

Clifford L. Purcell.....Equipment, Maintenance Supervisor  
Robert M. Snyder.....Assistant Equipment, Maintenance Supervisor  
Ivan Sorensen.....Acting Motor Pool Supervisor  
Cova C. Boen.....Foreman Mechanic  
Glen P. Campbell (hourly).....Foreman Mechanic  
Bernard Stewart (hourly).....Foreman Mechanic  
Hyrum B. Mace.....Night Dispatcher

#### Fire Protection

Charles H. Roraback.....Fire Protection Officer

#### COMMUNITY MANAGEMENT DIVISION

Raymond P. Sanford.....Assistant Project Director

#### Education Section

Le Grande Noble.....Superintendent of Education  
Maude H. Boen.....Supervising of Student Teachers

#### Adult Education

##### Training & Retraining

Perry Carmichael.....Vocational Training Supervisor  
Robert D. Harris.....Vocational Teacher  
Andrew P. Anderson.....Head Teacher  
Marguerite W. Hudson.....Head Teacher  
Robert A. Maggiora.....Head Teacher  
Clarence Ostlund.....Head Teacher  
Glenn T. Seal.....Guidance Counselor  
Claude A. Tyrrel.....Head Teacher

#### High School

Laverne C. Bane.....High School Principal  
J. Earl Smith.....Assistant High School Principal  
Cleo D. Bishop.....Secondary School Teacher  
Ellen C. Henderson.....Secondary School Teacher  
Ruth E. C. Roof (temporary).....Secondary School Teacher  
Effie E. Merrill (temporary).....Secondary School Teacher

Naomi R. Anderson.....	Secondary School Teacher
Pauline Austin.....	Secondary School Teacher
Daisy K. Burre.....	Secondary School Teacher
Helen M. C. Dingley.....	Secondary School Teacher
Barbara Loomis.....	Secondary School Teacher
Muriel R. J. Matzkin.....	Secondary School Teacher
Della L. Ostlund.....	Secondary School Teacher
Shervy M. Sharvy.....	Secondary School Teacher
Warren M. Robinson.....	Secondary School Teacher
Ruth W. Robinson.....	Secondary School Teacher
Muriel E. Palecek.....	Secondary School Teacher
Louise M. Watson.....	Secondary School Teacher

### Elementary School

Florence E. Thorp.....	Elementary School Principal
Lora K. Bane.....	Elementary School Teacher
Emily U. Light.....	Elementary School Teacher
Ella C. Black.....	Elementary School Teacher
Sara J. Crosbie.....	Elementary School Teacher
Louisa Finney.....	Elementary School Teacher
Martha L. Knight.....	Elementary School Teacher
Callie A. O. Morley.....	Elementary School Teacher
Hazel B. Noss.....	Elementary School Teacher
Zelma T. Seal.....	Elementary School Teacher
Nellie C. Shaw.....	Elementary School Teacher
Goldie M. Stollar.....	Elementary School Teacher
Josephine L. Wyckoff.....	Elementary School Teacher

### Library

Laura R. Merrill.....	Librarian
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### Health Section

Douglas R. Collier.....	Principal Medical Officer
Richard O. Marstella.....	Hospital Administrator
Mary Lue Cochran.....	Medical Social Worker
Joseph F. Featherstone.....	Sanitarian
Rhetta J. Mitchell.....	Dietician
Augusta N. Kirchner.....	Chief Nurse
Vina M. Stockbrand.....	Assistant Chief Nurse
Leone B. Campbell.....	Supervising Nurse
Elsa S. Hoffman (Part-time).....	Supervising Nurse
Daisy T. Wade.....	Laboratory Technician
Nora H. Weand.....	Supervising Nurse
Emmie W. Perkins.....	Supervising Nurse
Mary K. Smith-Walker.....	Senior Staff Nurse

Welfare Section

Claude H. Pratt.....Counselor  
Margaret L. Mack.....Assistant Counselor  
G. Ralph Earl.....Junior Counselor

Internal Security

Robert W. Roof.....Chief of Internal Security  
Andrew W. Kasius.....Assistant Chief of Internal Security  
John C. Fife.....Internal Security Officer  
Robert W. Faris.....Guard  
Laffayette Theobald.....Guard  
J. Lawrence Bennett.....Guard  
George L. Stewart (WAE).....Principal Guard  
Rosalie M. Hoffman (Temporary).....Clerk Stenographer

Community Activities Section

Eleanor Gerard.....Acting Community Activities Supervisor

Community Analysis Section

Oscar F. Hoffman.....Community Analyst

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~~Fogel~~  
~~Barnhart~~

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Topaz, Utah

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SPLASHES FROM THE LAUNCHING

Ye wind, tho still out of breath from its efforts in behalf of the recent rodeo, nevertheless managed to waft in sufficient news to indicate this new information service for appointed staff personnel can be published bi-monthly.

So look for it on the 2nd and 4th Mondays of each month.

But its value will depend a good deal on the cooperation of every one in sending contributions to the project reports office in Ad. B. Don't forget it's your paper.

The personnel roster carried in the first issue, Oct. 12, apparently filled a need. As a hospital employee wrote, "It is something I've been wishing for ever since I came."

It is hoped The Desert Wind columns will replace some of the mimeographed notices issued for general information. Notices have a way of cluttering up apartments and never being around when you want to refer to them.

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TAKE HEED!

Eralia V. Gonzales, head of office services, reports staff members have mailed personal letters in official government envelopes, thinking it was okay because they used their own postage. A stamp doesn't make it legal, she warns.

SEAL BRINGS IN FIRST DEER

ADAMS LOSES SEAT OF PANTS

Hunters far out-numbered deer over the weekend, reports of first returning nimrods indicated today.

First back to Topaz with the bacon was Glen Seal. He drove in at 9 a.m., Saturday, with a 140-pound, three-point buck bagged near Oak City. It was his first deer hunting venture. His party of 13 got three deer. The other successful hunters were from Delta.

Lawrence Jones barged in this morning with a buck and a doe, taken in mountains southeast of here.

Alden Adams and Claude A. Tyrrel went hunting up Sawmill canyon from Holden with Henry Watson, Bill Hunter and John Hersleff. But they didn't show up at the bottom as dusk fell yesterday. So Watson, Hunter and Hersleff climbed all the way up again looking for them. The weary trio returned to find Adams and Tyrrel had gone down the wrong side of the mountain and hooked a ride into camp. They expressed no sympathy today in reporting that Adams showed up minus the seat of his trousers.

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SPEAKING OF BUCKS!

Cliff Purcell, chairman of the appointed staff recreation committee's sub-committee which

has put a pool table in the rec. hall, needs some more dollars to keep it there and improve its playing surface. So how about shelling out that buck today before you forget it again. Drop it in the mail if you haven't time to look Cliff up.

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#### TWO HALLOWEEN DANCES SCHEDULED

Lt. Edward Gallagher, who threw such a swell dance and buffet supper last Saturday night in the Military barracks dining hall, invites all members of the appointive staff to a pre-Halloween dance Saturday night, Oct. 28, starting at 9 o'clock.

Then, as previously announced, there is the staff Halloween party on Friday night, Oct. 27, in the appointed staff "wreck" hall. Halloween hats will be furnished, as will ghost yarns guaranteed to lift them off your heads. You won't go hungry or thirsty, either.

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#### MOVIE SCHEDULE

##### MILITARY POLICE THEATER

Tues., Oct. 24, 8:30 p.m.---  
Special show. "Battle of China," filmed by army combat photographers. Time: 1 hour.

Wed., Oct. 25, 8:30 p.m.----  
G.I. weekly movie. Sections: Army-navy Screen Magazine No. 35; "Salute to 5th Amphibious Force;" "Russian People" (dealing with guerrilla forces); "Over the Hump" (battle for the Burma Road).

That's all the advance bookings Lt. Edward Gallagher has now--sorry. He has invited all staff members to these free movies. Tops in recent offerings was last Sunday's "Battle of Russia," with its sensational action shots of the historical defenses of Leningrad and Stalingrad.

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#### STORK DEPARTMENT

HARRIS--Rose Marie, 6 lbs., 11 ounces, was delivered to Marie Harris and Robert D. Harris of the adult education staff on Oct. 11. She is No. 2. Robert Dalton Harris, Jr., arrived 17 months ago.

WATSON--Richard Earl, 6 lbs., 6 ounces, on Sept. 10, to Mr. & Mrs. Henry R. Watson. Also No. 2. He was preceded three years ago by Thomas Henry.

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#### FREE REDUCING CLASSES!

"Get that one foot out of the grave," urges G. Ralph Earl. "Come out to the old-time dances in the staff rec. hall. To say we have a good crowd and a good time is to say it with our best Scotch reserve."

The weekly toe-tromping parties were inaugurated last summer and steadily have gained popularity. Twenty persons jigged last week. Phonograph recordings and a piano supply the music.

The hops will be on Thursday nights hereafter instead of Tuesday nights. They will start

early, at 8:30, and wind up at 10:30, so the ladies can still get their beauty sleep. (Earl wants it stated that he did NOT say that. He gallantly declares they don't need any.)

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### WHAT IS IT?

Our special operative has uncovered a mysterious secret organization, "Cardinal Puff," within the Relocation Division.

Only four members have survived the rigorous initiation to date. One is Hyman (Iron Man) Sandow, New York City, North Atlantic area reports officer. Those relocation folks poured it on--they also let him fall into the big pipeline ditch in block 2 one dark night.

But Sandow, upon leaving for home Saturday, insisted that he had really enjoyed his visit. Maybe we should look into this "Cardinal Puff" thing personally.

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### HOW TO GET IT FIXED

Did you stick your foot through a window pane? Are you cussin' that electric gadget again? Is the plumbing haywire?

When these things happen many of the appointed staff members don't know what to do, says Henry R. Watson, chief engineer.

All requests for repairs should be made to the engineering maintenance office in warehouse 103, telephone 26, but electrical repair service can

be obtained through direct contact with Mr. Akiyama in the north end of the administrative warehouse. In case of emergencies after office hours, call Mr. Harmon in dormitory A.

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### NEW STAFF APPOINTMENTS

Robert C. Baumgartner, assistant internal security officer; H.C. Kimball, cost accountant, and Ida L. Wench, supervising nurse, are the latest additions to the appointed staff. The name of Emil Seke-rak, assistant relocation adviser, was omitted from the staff last week through oversight.

Baumgartner; his wife, Ruth; their daughter-in-law, Virginia Blue (whose husband is in a Texas air corps training school) and her two-year-old daughter, Sandra Jean, arrived Saturday afternoon from Monrovia, Calif.

Kimball arrived yesterday from Denver. Mrs. Kimball and their three children will come later.

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### SOMETHING TO BE PROUD OF

Members of the appointed staff have paid in \$759 cash to the United War Fund drive. This is double last year's figure, says Doren B. Boyce, acting finance officer.

And the total will be upped still more when several pledges are redeemed.

Employees living on the project contributed \$704; those outside \$44.

Drive leaders were Mrs. Helen Fry, Mrs. Lillian B. Christensen, David Davis, J. Frank Hopkins, Alden Adams, Perry Carmichael, J. Earl Smith, Josephine Wyckoff, Richard Marstella and G. Ralph Earl.

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HOW WE STAND IN THE PAYROLL  
SAVINGS PLAN

Acting Director Edwin G. Arnold has issued an urgent request to WRA staff members to bring their war bond allotments up to the national goal set for all government employees by the President. This calls for 90 per cent participation with a total deduction of 15 per cent by each employee.

The goal here is 100 per cent participation in 15 per cent deductions from paychecks. Actual standings are 81.8 per cent and 12.2 per cent.

General Project Management leads the field in participation with 100 per cent. The 10 employees average 14.2 per cent of their salaries for bonds.

In the Administrative Management division, 35 out of 41 employees participate in the plan. They subscribe an average of 15.5 of their wages.

Twenty-five of the 30 members of the Operations division save through the plan, with deductions averaging 9.8 per cent.

Of 68 employees in the Community Management division, 54 participate. Deductions average 11 per cent.



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## JUVENILES WARNED

County authorities may be called on for assistance if the breakage of warehouse lights and petty thievery from warehouses continues, Project Director L. T. Hoffman said today.

Destruction or theft of government property is a serious offense, he said, adding that Internal Security officers have been authorized to make investigations which will be the basis for whatever administrative or legal action may be required.

I.S. officers have issued warnings to several children of members of the appointed staff, but are not empowered to arrest them.

The administration asks parents to keep their youngsters from roaming the area late at night. Those who use the Finckley school bus are requested to stop making shortcuts through the dormitories.

## LAUNDRY DRYING ROOM AUTHORIZED

Let it rain! The women at long last are going to get a drying room for their laundry.

No empty building has been available for this purpose. But now the Staff Housing Council has come up with the bright idea of utilizing the Internal Security building at the main gate which will be abandoned

with completion of the new gate house building about Nov. 15.

The administration has given its okay, and the structure will be moved as near the laundry room as possible. They may even be joined to make use of the laundry room heat.

## DON'T FORGET TO VOTE TOMORROW

Division heads are trying to line up private transportation for those who are registered at Abraham. Persons planning to drive to polling booths in towns of this area are urged to post on the Administration A. bulletin board the time and number of passengers they can take.

Two hours leave is authorized for voting at Abraham, Finckley, Delta and other nearby towns; four hours at Fillmore and vicinity, up to one day at Salt Lake City and other distant points.

## M.P. BARBER SHOP

OPENED TO STAFFERS

Lt. Edward Gallagher announced today that military police barber service will be made available to men of the appointive staff several nights a week.

The hours have not been set, but the barber has. He is PFC Frank (Mitch) Mitchell, one of the best barbers in the state. He arrived back on the project Saturday from Fort Douglas.

Sgt. Leonard (Dunk) Dunkinson and Pvt. Claudia Martinez also returned over the weekend. Pvts. Harry Ohler and Vernon Erno left for Fort Douglas today.

#### BANKSONS' NEW HOME IN MARYLAND

The home address of Russ Bankson, former Project Reports Officer, and Wendy is 4917 55th Place, Hyattsville, Maryland.

Lady Luck rode with them on their week-long, rain-slowed trek to the new job in Washington. They had no tire or motor trouble en route but their generator burned out in the dooryard. And they found the house, a new one, the same day they arrived (October 21).

That day, too, they bumped into Ralph Barnhart, former project attorney here, in a Washington restaurant. Barnhart, in the capital since mid-September, hasn't found a home yet.

"I used to sniff at the Alleghenies," Russ wrote, "but never again. They are worse than the Rockies to cross. I went over the Rockies on high, but lots of times I was in low for long distances here, up grades that were some of the worst I ever drove, with the rain pouring in sheets."

#### DESERT WIND SLEUTH FIRED

The Desert Wind's special operative who uncovered the relocation division's Cardinal Puff initiation ceremony has been kicked out of the office and staked on the desert without food or water.

As a result of the article, the editor was forced to undergo the initiation at the recent staff Halloween party. But no one can force him to print the gory details.

That mighty little man, George Lafabreque, stole the show anyway with his black toupee. The hirsute adornment made him Tonaz's beau-ideal, and the ode that preceded the presentation established Dr. Douglas Collier as Tonaz's poet laureate.

Project Director L. T. Hoffman, who suddenly remembered he had an early morning hunting date and left the party early, was ambushed by the relocators a week later and initiated with a few extra relishes.

#### M.P. MOVIES TO START AT 8 P.M.

Military Police theater movie programs will begin at 8 o'clock henceforth instead of 8:30 to permit young people to get home earlier, Lt. Edward Gallagher announced today.

Army films are shown Wednesday and Sunday nights. All appointive personnel and their families are invited. There is no charge.

This Wednesday's show will offer "The Inside Story of an Aircraft Carrier," "Movie Thrills of Long Ago," "Willie the Mouse" and a science short.

The few who braved last night's rain were repaid with a two-hour show headed by "Desert Victory," the North African epic, and including the Guam and Saipan campaigns.

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#### TOPAZ BOY SCOUTS, GIRL RESERVES NEED LEADERS

The Community Activities Section invites appointive staff members who "like kids" to become active leaders in the Topaz Girl Reserves, Girl Scouts, Boy Scouts and Cub Scouts.

Six staffers, five of whom are women, are working actively with these groups now. At least seven women and six men can be used immediately in Scout Work, says Acting Supervisor Eleanor Gerard. The work or "fun," as she calls it, requires an evening, a Saturday afternoon or a school day afternoon, depending on the group.

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#### SURPLUS EQUIPMENT SURVEY SCHEDULED

The administration phase ordered a survey of all project supplies and equipment in an economy move to utilize material on hand, even if substitutes have to be used, rather than to purchase new supplies. The survey will be made under supervision of Walter W. Honderich, acting supply officer.

#### NEW STAFF APPOINTMENTS

Miss Dorothy J. Kiester, new assistant counselor in the welfare section, arrived today from Thomasville, Ga., where she was Red Cross field director in Finney General Hospital. She hails from La Feria, Texas. She attended the University of Texas and did her graduate work in the School of Social Service Administration, University of Chicago.

Ben Baca, assistant fiscal accountant, arrived October 24 from Albuquerque, N.M., where he was with the U.S. Engineers. With him are his wife, Reyna, and son, Fedel, 4.

Miss Bertha M. Caster is the new fifth grade teacher in Mountain View school. She arrived last week. Grand Junction, Colo., is her home. For the past two years she has been in public welfare work in Cortez, Colo.

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#### POLL SCHEDULED ON COMMUNITY THANKSGIVING DINNER

The Staff Housing council will conduct a poll this week on holding a community Thanksgiving dinner in lieu of the regular November staff party, Chairman Leah Dickinson announced at the general staff meeting Saturday.

She also announced that a sale of homemade bread and pastry is planned soon to raise funds for recreational purposes.

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### PASTURING HORSES WITHIN PROJECT BANNED

Pasturing of privately-owned saddle horses on project ground must be discontinued by December 1 because of a feed deficiency and other administrative problems, Project Director L. T. Hoffman said today.

Persons interested in building a corral and shed on privately-owned land north of the Military police area should contact Roscoe E. Bell at once.

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### GET RID OF THOSE KINKS

Eighteen men showed up in the high school gymnasium last Tuesday night for the initial CAS-sponsored conditioning class for those in the 30 and up age group. They took any type of exercise they wished, but most chose to toss baskets. Turnouts are from 7 to 10 each Tuesday night.

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### BOYCE WINS PROMOTION

Doren B. Boyce was promoted to finance officer (CAF-12) on November 1. He had been acting finance officer.

### HUNTING NOTES

Alden Adams has a different version of the Sawmill canyon hunt. He says he didn't get lost at all. He was chasing deer down the other side of the mountain whereas Henry Watson and Bill Hunter sat in the car waiting for a deer to come to the. And as proof he didn't lose the seat of his trousers, he wore the same pair hunting the next weekend and got his buck.

L.T. Hoffman, Lt. Edward Gallagher, Cliff Purcell, and M.P.'s Lawrence Horton, Francis Downs and Vern Erno brought home two deer. Purcell later got a big buck.

R.P. Sanford bagged a buck and a doe on a hunting trip with Claude Pratt, who shot a big buck. Vince Gonzales got a six-pointer at Black's ranch. Robert M. Snyder got two deer near Fillmore.



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# THE DESERT WIND



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## SIXTH WAR LOAN DRIVE OPENS

### 35% OF SEPT. SALARIES SOUGHT

The Sixth War Loan campaign got under way nationally and locally today.

The WRA's goal is \$167,991, which is 35 per cent of the gross payroll for September. This project's quota is \$14,000. All bond purchases bought through the payroll deduction plan or otherwise during November and December will be credited towards the quota.

"One-hundred per cent participation in monthly payroll deductions of 15 per cent of salaries--a long-sought goal--will be stressed in connection with the drive," Project Director L.T. Hoffman said today.

"I trust that staff employees not now participating in the payroll deduction plan will sign up during this drive in order to help the project meet both goals."

Secretary of the Interior Harold L. Ickes and WRA Director Dillon S. Myer have issued statements praising cooperation of employees in past war loan drives and expressing confidence of again going over the top.

Division heads will be responsible for the showings of their divisions in the local drive.

The Personnel Management and Finance Sections have compiled figures showing the sum each employee should invest in

bond purchases above his payroll deduction in order to contribute his 35 per cent. This sum should be paid in cash to the division head, who will turn it in to the Finance section.

Staff members living outside the project are asked to purchase their extra bond here.

Campaign literature already has been distributed to the staff and posters have been placed in all office buildings. Progress of the drive will be shown on a chart posted in Ad. B building.

Evacuee residents have been invited by the administration to join in the Topaz drive.

## COMMUNITY THANKSGIVING DINNER PLANNED

Appointive personnel will work as usual on Thanksgiving day, Thursday, and then gather with their families in the administrative dining hall for a community turkey dinner and entertainment program.

A children's party will be held from 4:30 to 6:30 p.m. in the administrative rec. hall. A treasure hunt is planned for youngsters in the 6 to 8 age group if weather permits.

A simple lunch will be served in the dining hall at noon and the women will get busy immediately thereafter on the Thanksgiving dinner. About 110 persons have signed up for the dinner. They will be assessed on a cost basis. Children under 8 will be charged half price.

Mrs. L.T. Hoffman, Mrs. G. L. Niesse, Mrs. R. E. Bell, Mrs. R.P. Sanford and Miss Leah K. Dickinson make up the general committee in charge. Committee chairman are: Mr. Perry Carmichael, program; Mrs. G. R. Earl, children's party; Mrs. Charles H. Roraback, cooking; Mr. Roraback, room and table arrangements; Mrs. E. V. Gonzales, decorations; Miss Sara Crosbie, table setting and serving; Mrs. W. W. Honderick, place cards.

Staff members who take Thanksgiving off will lose a day's pay unless already on leave status.

A special Thanksgiving church service will be held at 7:30 p.m. in the Protestant church. (See page 4 of Saturday's Topaz Times.)

#### FIRE EXTINGUISHERS INSTALLED ON STAFF HOUSING UNITS

The following notice and warning was issued today by Charles H. Roraback, fire protection officer:

"People living in staff housing will please note that fire extinguishers have been installed on the front of each building. These extinguishers are filled with anti-freeze chemical and children should be warned not to play with them. This chemical would be very irritating to the eyes.

#### OFFICIALS BLAST RUMOR M.P. AREA TO BE CLOSED TO STAFFERS

Project Director L.T. Hoffman and Lt. Edward Gallager declared today that there is nothing to the rumor that the Military Police area will be declared out-of-bounds to appointed personnel and that M.P.'s will be barred from the staff housing area."

They said relations between the two groups are excellent. Mr. Hoffman said the civilians greatly appreciate the canteen service and motion picture entertainment provided by the soldiers.

#### WAR FUND DONATIONS TRIPLE THOSE OF 1943

The Central Utah Project's appointed staff contributed \$786.90 to the recent War Fund Drive, compared to \$224 last year, final figures reveal.

Actual cash received at the project was \$704.40, Finance Officer Doren Boyce reported, while employees contributed \$82.50 to War Fund campaigns in neighboring communities.

"No attempt was made to segregate contributions on the basis of those living on the project with those living off the project," Mr. Boyce said. "The latter contributed their fair share of the amount collected on the project."

#### BAKE SALE BIG SUCCESS

The Staff Housing council's sale of home-made bakery goods and candy last Thursday netted \$41.30 for the recreational fund. All items were sold out within a few minutes.

### CHRISTMAS GIFTS ON SALE AT M.P. CANTEEN

Lt. Edward Gallaher has obtained a variety of Yuletide gifts from the Ft. Douglas post exchange and they can be purchased by appointive personnel as well as M.P.'s at the military canteen.

They include bracelets, imitation pearl necklaces, cosmetic sets, expansion wrist watch bands, identification bracelets in gold or silver, bubble bath salts, Christmas cards, cologne and hard-to-get perfume.

Ladies' rayon hosiery and handkerchiefs are obtainable through special order.

### NIGHT BARBER SERVICE AVAILABLE

Pvt. Frank Mitchell now is doing night barbering for members of the appointed staff on an appointment basis at the M.P. barber shop.

### PVT. CAVILEER RETURNS

Pvt. Horace M. Cavileer has returned to duty here. He fills a vacancy left by Pvt. James C. Vine who left for Ft. Douglas Friday.

### CIGARETTES RATIONED AT M.P. CANTEEN

Cigarette sales at the M.P. canteen are limited to two packages a day per customer under orders from Ft. Douglas, Lt. Gallagher said today. But a fair supply of box candies are available.

### FULL-LENGTH, FEATURE PICTURES SOUGHT FOR M.P. THEATER

Lt. Gallagher is negotiating with two movie companies for full-length feature pictures to augment the present bills. A "kitty" might be set up to help defray the rental costs.

Movie schedule for Wednesday, Nov. 22, 8 p.m.--G.I. Screen Magazine; "Frontiers in Italy"; "Community Sing"; "Information, Please."

### CO-OP MOVIE SCHEDULES TO BE CARRIED IN TIMES

Schedules for showings of the Co-op sponsored feature-length motion pictures in the block 32 theater will be carried in the Topaz Times hereafter.

These movie schedules have been published only in the Co-op News, which is distributed solely to evacuee residents.

### MRS. BAUMGARTNER JOINS STAFF

Mrs. Ruth C. Baumgartner, wife of Robert C. Baumgartner, assistant internal security officer, was appointed secretary to Claude H. Pratt, welfare counselor, Monday. She was secretary of the First Baptist church of Monrovia, Calif., before coming to Topaz.

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### FREE MOVIES IN REC. HALL TONIGHT MARK START OF REGULAR PROGRAMS

A tentative schedule for use of the staff rec. hall has been adopted by the Staff Housing council's recreation committee.

Monday night has been set aside as Special Events night. Motion pictures or slides are planned once a month. Tonight's opening program will feature color motion pictures of the recent Topaz rodeo and other project events taken by Mr. Niesse, and movies by distant lands filmed by Dr. Collier.

Community Sings featuring Christmas carols will be held on the following two Monday nights, Dec. 11 and 18.

Tuesday nights will be reserved for children's games; Thursday nights for old-time dances for adults; Friday nights for children's folk dances under direction of Mrs. Earl. Saturday nights will be left open, as will Wednesday and Sunday nights, which are now filled by army movies at the military police barracks theater.

### CUPID'S STRIKES

Congratulations to Wallace Crane, office engineer, and Pauline Austin, secondary school teacher, who were married in Provo November 24.

### STAFF HOUSING AREA CLEANUP SET FOR SATURDAY

The Staff Housing council today called upon all able-bodied apartment house dwellers to turn out at 4 o'clock Saturday afternoon to clean up the grounds in the interest of safety, sanitation and sightliness.

Broken bottles, nails and cans constitute a danger to children that must be removed.

Adults will report to Frank Hopkins at the tool shed back of apartment 206. Children will be organized into a hauling brigade. Dormitory dwellers will be expected to clean up their own premises.

### SOUP BONES LOSE HAPPY HOME NO BREAKFAST AFTER 8:15 A.M.

Boneless soup and larger hunks of cheese were concessions wrung from ad. dining hall bigwigs last week by crusading diners, one of whom testified he lost three teeth in encounters with soup bones recently.

Two rules were laid down to the dining hall committee. One prohibits the making of complaints direct to the chef; the other provides that doors will be locked at 8:15 a.m.

It is feared that under this latter move certain persons will go without breakfasts and get to work on time.

## BOND DRIVE \$1,000 SHORT OF GOAL

Sixth War Bond drive leaders reported \$1,000 still to go at Saturday's General Staff meeting.

Eighteen persons have not joined in the drive, and only 62 of the 150 members of the staff have pledged the requested 35 per cent of their salaries.

However, several large individual purchases have brought total subscriptions to 89.2 per cent of the \$14,000 quota.

Project Director L.T. Hoffman pointed to a tendency to consider bond purchases as donations instead of investments, and urged all staff members to go all out in putting every possible dollar into War Bonds which our country so vitally needs.

## MEET THE NEW STAFF MEMBERS

Lawrence G. Horton, new Community Activities Supervisor, arrived Sunday with his bride from Washington, D.C., where he was associated with the American Red Cross. He formerly served with the Red Cross in Ireland.

Willis Nowell, new assistant fire protection officer was transferred here from Manzanar Friday. He was accompanied by Mrs. Nowell.

Lowell Bishop, joined the staff Friday as foreman plumber. He expects to move his family here from Delta.

Miss Josephine Denby, who left the project last February, has returned to the hospital staff as supervising nurse.

Mrs. Carola Crane, of Salina, Utah, has joined her husband, James H. Crane, senior foreman mechanic for the irrigation, drainage and roads unit, in 205-C.

## TERMINATIONS

Edward Matthews, assistant cost accountant; May L. Edwards, gate clerk; John C. Fife, internal security officer; Mrs. Hazel Noss, elementary school teacher; Warren Robinson, athletic coach and secondary school teacher, who resigned to take advanced study in welding which he will teach on the project later.

## TWO STAFF PARTIES PLANNED FOR HOLIDAYS

A Christmas party Dec. 24 and a New Year's celebration Dec. 30 are being planned by the Staff Housing council.

Both will be held in the Ad. Rec. Hall. The Yuletide gathering probably will be held the Sunday afternoon before Christmas and will be a quiet affair. The New Year's blow-out will come on the following Saturday night as New Year's eve falls on Sunday. It will take the place of the regular monthly party.

In this connection, the council points out that staff parties are strictly for adults. Parents are asked to leave the youngsters at home.

### M.P. POST THEATER TO OFFER FEATURE-LENGTH MOVIE

A Hollywood-made motion picture will be presented at the Military Police post theater about the middle of the month as an experiment, Lt. Edward Gallagher announced today. He asks suggestions as to the type of picture wanted--musical, comedy, western, etc.

The G.I. movie for this Wednesday night will include reels on combat fighting and wrestling, a Community Sing, and a featurette, "How to Sleep," starring Robert Benchley. Four training films on methods of enemy agents to obtain vital war information will be shown Sunday night.

### Have a Cup of Coffee

The M.P. post exchange will serve fresh coffee hourly henceforth, Lt. Gallagher also announced.

The exchange has a good supply of Christmas gifts on hand. Special orders should be in by Sunday, Dec. 10.

### W. MILLARD TOPS IN WAR FUND DRIVE

West Millard county, which includes Topaz, far outdistanced other counties of the state in the recent United War Fund drive, according to the campaign bulletin issued by state headquarters in Salt Lake City.

West Millard went 233.38 per cent over its quota, compared to 203.62 per cent for its nearest competitor, East Beaver, only other district to exceed 150 per cent of quota.

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### RULING MADE ON FLOOR WAX

Floor wax and furniture polish will be supplied free only to dormitory dwellers, the administration has notified the Staff Housing Council.

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M.P. MOVIES TO START AT 7:30  
CHILDREN MUST HAVE ESCORTS

The starting time for army films at the Military Police post theater will be moved up an hour to 7:30 p.m., beginning Sunday night, Lt. Edward Gallagher announced today.

The earlier starting time will enable children to attend the shows and still get to bed at a reasonable hour. But children under 12 will NOT be admitted unless accompanied by an adult.

The army movies are shown free of charge each Wednesday and Sunday night.

It is planned to augment these short subjects by full-length feature pictures at regular intervals. The first Hollywood production has been tentatively scheduled for Sunday, December 17.

"The Hollywood films will cost from \$12.50 to \$20 per showing," Lt. Gallagher said, "and to help defray this expense a 'kitty' will be set up. Members of the audience can donate any amount they see fit."

The film programs soon will be moved to another building, which will be more convenient and comfortable. Another announcement will be made when the move is made.

## AP'S CAN USE MP'S POOL ROOM

Lt. Gallagher invited members of the WRA appointed staff today to use the two pool tables at the Military Police post. Keys can be obtained at the post exchange office.

CIGARETTE RATION CARDS BEING  
ISSUED BY POST EXCHANGE

The M.P. post exchange started issuing cigarette rationing cards to appointed staff members today.

Each smoker will be limited to two packages a day under orders from the Ninth Service Command, Fort Douglas.

The ration cards can be secured from Lt. Gallagher or post exchange clerks.

## HANDICRAFT SALE SCHEDULED

The Co-op is sponsoring a handicraft fair in Rec. hall No. 10 tomorrow, Sunday and Monday which may be the answer to your Christmas shopping problem. Articles to be sold include flowers made from shells, paper and velvet; flower baskets, polished stones, wooden buttons; paintings, cigarette cases and Christmas cards.

## CHILDREN'S REC. HALL CONSIDERED

The recreation committee has recommended that an unused CCC building be moved from the military police post to the staff housing area for use as a recreation hall for children.

School children will not be given keys to the Staff Rec. hall henceforth unless accompanied by an adult. This action was taken by the Staff Housing council because of damage to the pool table and piano.



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## THE DESERT WINE



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### PROJECT DIRECTOR URGES STAFF TO STAY WITH THE SHIP

Project Director L.T. Hoffman announced the reopening of the West Coast and plans to close the center within 6 to 12 months at a special staff meeting Monday and urged appointed personnel to stay on the job until the WRA's program is completed.

"The ship is far from sinking," he declared. "It has made major progress through rough waters and we should stay with it until it reaches port."

Pointing to the importance of finishing the center program in terms of the welfare of the evacuee residents, he appealed to the staff members' loyalty and said all will be given three months notice before the center is closed.

Mr. Hoffman said that WRA policy is not to jeopardize the future of any employee and added that he does not expect a labor freeze order. He pointed out, however, that those who terminate will need to secure a certificate of availability from WRA.

He indicated that employees whose work programs are curtailed, such as in agriculture, will be shifted to other sections where work will be increased.

### HOFFMANS TO HOLD "OPEN HOUSE"

Mr. and Mrs. L.T. Hoffman wish to extend their Christmas greetings to members of the appointed staff and their wives or husbands, with an Open House tea, Christmas Eve (Sunday) any time between 2 and 5 p.m., at Apartment 204-A.

### STAFF MEMBERS INVITED TO 3 YULETIDE PARTIES

Appointed personnel are invited to two Christmas parties and a New Year's eve celebration.

The first affair on the holiday social calendar is a dance this coming Saturday night, Dec. 23, at the Military Police post. Dancing will start at 9 p.m. in the dining hall. Lt. Edward Gallagher has invited all staff people.

The staff Christmas party will be primarily for children, but all members of the staff are invited. It will be held Sunday, Dec. 24, from 5 to 6 p.m. in the Adm. rec. hall, Santa will be on deck with gifts for the youngsters.

A community-wide New Year's eve dance will be held in the high school auditorium, starting at 9 p.m. A joint committee of evacuees and appointed personnel is working on arrangements.

The staff New Year's party previously announced by the Staff Housing council for Dec. 30 will not be held unless there is a strong demand, Mrs. Chastain, chairman of the recreation committee, said today. The committee feels it would conflict with the Community party in the auditorium, she said.

#### M.P. MOVIE SCHEDULE

Army combat films will be shown as usual this Wednesday night and next Wednesday night at 7:30 p.m., at the Military Police post but the regular Sunday night bills have been cancelled because they would fall on Christmas and New Year's eves.

The next Sunday booking, on Jan. 7, will feature "Borrowed Hero," starring Alan Baxter and Florence Rice. "Criminal Investigator," with Robert Lowery and Edith Fellows," will be shown Jan. 21.

#### MANY ENTERTAINMENT EVENTS SET FOR AUDITORIUM

The Community Activities Section invites members of the appointed staff and their families to attend the following events in the high school auditorium:

Dec. 22 and 23, Y.B.A. basketball tournament, 6-11 pm; Dec. 24, Christmas Eve program, starting 7 pm; Dec. 26, "Over 25" club, 7-10 pm; Dec. 27, Buddhist Entertainment, 6-11:30 pm; Dec. 28, Girls sports night, 7-9 pm; Dec. 29, High Senior Movie, 6-11:30 pm; Dec. 31, New Year's Eve Community dance, 9 pm to 2 am; Jan. 2 and 3, Issei Variety show, 7-11:30 pm; Jan. 4, Basketball game, 7 pm; Jan.

5 and 6, C.A.S. movie, 7 pm.

#### NEXT PAYCHECKS SUBJECT TO NEW INCOME TAX WITHHOLDING RATES

The revised rates for withholding income tax from wages, provided by the Individual Income Tax Act of 1944, apply to all wages paid by an employer to his employees on and after January 1, 1945, regardless of when the wages were earned, according to Joseph D. Nunan, Jr., Commissioner of Internal Revenue.

For example, any wages earned in December, but not paid to the employee until January 1 or later, are subject to the new withholding rates.

On the average, about the same amount of tax will be withheld under the new rates as was withheld under the old rates. However, since the rates were revised to adjust each employee's withholding more closely to his annual income tax, in individual cases the withholding may be either more or less than before.

The withholding receipt for 1944 to be given by employers to all employees by January 31, 1945, must show all wages actually paid during 1944, together with the amount of income tax withheld during the calendar year.

If any wages earned in December are not paid to the employee until January 1 or later, such wages must not be included on the 1944 Withholding Receipt, he said. Inasmuch as these receipts will be used as their 1944 income tax returns by most employees, inclusion in the receipt of any wages not actually paid in 1944 would result in an incorrect return.

### BOND DRIVE OVER TOP

Appointed staff members have gone approximately \$1,000 over their \$14,000 quota in the sixth war loan drive, Finance Officer Doren Boyce said today.

Participation in the payroll deduction plan increased considerably. Final figures have not been compiled.

### NEW STAFF APPOINTMENTS

Ethel R. Kinney, gate clerk, Dec. 7; Karl Murry, Sr. Foreman Mechanic, Dec. 8; Clara M. Stewart, elementary school teacher, Dec. 11; Darrell White, Foreman Mechanic, Dec. 13; and Adeline G. Hunter, secretary (Com. Mgmt. Div.), Dec. 18.

### RESIGNATIONS

Hazel Noss, elementary school teacher, Dec. 5; George L. Stewart, guard W.A.E., Dec. 11; Ralph E. Howard, Personnel Technician, Eudora M. Reed, personnel transactions officer, and Henry R. Watson, Chief Engineer all Dec. 15.

### EMPLOYEE'S SON SEEKS WINGS

Aviation Cadet John G. Balloli, son of Mrs. Ruth Baumgartner, has begun an 18-week training period at Childress army air field, Childress, Tex., to earn his wings as a bombardier-navigator. Upon graduation as a dual-rated second lieutenant or flight officer, he will be ready to join a crack crew of a B-29 Superfortress.

### KEEP HOUSING AREA CLEAN

Apartment residents are by Roscoe E. Bell, assistant project director in charge of operations, to cooperate in keeping grounds clean.

Pointing out that the staff housing area, made spick and span in the recent cleanup drive, is becoming littered with debris again, he asks residents not to over-fill garbage cans, to replace lids and to train dogs not to tip over the cans.

### MRS. CHRISTENSEN JOINS HUSBAND

Lillian Christensen, secretary to Assistant Project Director G. L. Niesse, left by plane Dec. 7 to join her husband, A. Bernon Christensen, who will complete his officer's training at Ft. Benning, Ga., Jan. 9. She is on indefinite leave.

Mrs. Christensen was the first woman to be employed by this project. She joined the staff in the summer of 1942 when offices were opened in Delta, her home town. She resigned soon afterwards but returned last August.

### MRS. HORTON BREAKS ANKLE

Mrs. Lawrence G. F. Horton, wife of our new Community Activities Supervisor, is getting acquainted with Topaz on crutches. She stepped into a ditch and broke an ankle her first week here.

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### DELTA OFFICIALS WILL COME HERE TO HELP MOTORISTS OBTAIN NEW LICENSE PLATES

Assistant Project Director Roscoe E. Bell is arranging to bring the Delta marshall and deputy county assessor to the project within the next two weeks to assist motorists obtain 1945 license plates.

Those wishing to obtain their license plates now should contact the marshall through the Service drugstore at Delta. He will inspect your automobile, supply you with the necessary forms to fill out and inform you how to locate the deputy county assessor. Upon payment of your personal property tax on your car to the assessor, he will give you a tax receipt to send in with the completed forms and your license fee to the State Department of Motor Vehicles in Salt Lake City. The department then will mail the new license plates to you.

### NIESSE AND BOYCE GOING TO DENVER CONFERENCE SATURDAY

Gilbert L. Niesse, assistant project director in charge of administrative management, and Finance Officer Doren Boyce will leave Saturday for Denver to attend a week-long conference of WRA administrative management heads on finance, supply, property control and warehousing procedures.

### PROJECT DIRECTOR TO ATTEND WEST COAST MEETINGS NEXT WEEK

Project Director L.T. Hoffman is planning to fly to San Francisco Sunday to attend informal conferences with WRA Director Dillon S. Myer and Assistant Director Robert B. Cozens in connection with the reopening of the West Coast to evacuees.

Wednesday through Friday he will attend meetings called by the Pacific Coast Committee on American Principles and Fair Play. He will go to Los Angeles Saturday to talk with officials of the WRA office there, and will be back at his desk here Tuesday.

### MORE THAN \$16,000 PLEDGED IN SIXTH WAR LOAN DRIVE

Appointed personnel subscribed a total of \$16,135.22 in the Sixth War Loan drive for 123 per cent of their quota, a final tabulation showed today.

Campaign Chairman George Lafabregue said payroll allotments for November and December were \$9,981.98, and cash sales \$6,153.25.

The resident staff contributed an additional \$675 for war bonds.

Staff Housing council will elect officers tomorrow night.

## YULETIDE REFLECTIONS

Santa, a huge fellow closely resembling Assistant Director Roscoe Bell, pranced into Topaz with bells on just in time to distribute gifts at the children's Christmas party. He went over big with one loud exception. He thrust his whiskers too near a blonde of 22 months and she yowled for 10 minutes.

The New Year's Eve party and dance goes down in the record as Topaz's most successful community-wide social event. Approximately 650 attended, including many of the appointed staff. As Project Director L.T. Hoffman pointed out at the "mike", the evacuees present really had something to celebrate in the restoration of their civil rights. Their gaiety was in striking contrast to former public affairs. Chief credit for the success goes to dynamic George Lafabregue, who drove his committees ragged and kept his neighbors up all night making paper hats.

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ARRANGEMENTS MADE TO REFINISH  
STAFF HOUSING FURNITURE

The Personnel office has made arrangements with the Engineer office for the refinishing of furniture which has become badly scarred.

Residents can have this work done by notifying Personnel Officer George Lafabregue, who will arrange for transporting furniture to the paint shop and the return of the furniture to the apartments.

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## VISITORS

Ralph C. Barnhart, former project attorney now in the WRA Solicitor's office, Washington, D.C., arrived Dec. 30 on special detail for Director Dillon S. Myer. An old-time arrowhead hunter, he found several nice specimens Sunday on a desert trek with Mr. and Mrs. George Lafabregue.

Charles S. Mace, Denver, chief WRA photographer, dropped in Sunday afternoon en route to California. He took some shots of the Community-wide New Year's Eve party and spent Monday photographing the first families packing to return to the West Coast.

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## TWO JOIN STAFF

Mrs. Donna E. Whiteley of Delta was appointed secondary school teacher on Dec. 20. She has been doing secretarial work at Clearfield. She plans to move to 209-B with her son soon.

Emmer Largent, also of Delta, was appointed Principal Guard on Dec. 19.

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## TWO TERMINATES

J. Earl Smith, assistant high school principal, will leave Friday for his home at Murray. He will become a vocational instructor at the nearby Clearfield Naval Supply depot.

Peter V. Twitchell, foreman (irrigation), resigned Dec. 31.

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G. Horton, CAS supervisor, passed his pre-induction physical in Salt Lake City yesterday.

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### CANCELLING OF FOOD STAMPS EXPLAINED BY OPA HEAD

"People who had old unspent food stamps simply didn't need the food at the time the stamps were intended for use," OPA Administrator Chester Bowles points out in a news release.

"Enough stamps will be made good in 1945 to assure each consumer his fair share of the 1945 supply. It would have been unfair to let some people spend stamps unneeded in 1944 for food available in 1945. Stamps issued for the December and January ration periods provide for current needs.

"Supplies are just not large enough to permit spending of both 1945 ration stamps and all of those carried over from 1944. A rush to spend old stamps would have reduced store stocks to a point where many people needing foods right away would have been unable to spend their current stamps."

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### M.P. MOVIE THEATER SCHEDULE

"Borrowed Hero", full-length feature picture starring Alan Baxter as a gang-busting district attorney, will be shown at the Military Police theater Sunday, starting at 7:30 p.m. Florence Rice and Constance Worth have main supporting roles.

Army combat films will be offered on the following Wednesday night.

### MORE USE OF V-MAIL URGED

The Armed Forces are stepping up their campaign to get people to use V-Mail in writing to servicemen. Failure to use V-Mail congests military postal facilities and delays delivery of regular and airmail letters, the OWI points out.

Servicemen have informed the OWI that short, frequent letters such as afforded by V-Mail stationery are better builders of morale than longer infrequent letters.

V-Mail always goes by air. On planes bound for war fronts cargo space is claimed first by V-Mail plus the necessary article of war, while regular airmail may be forwarded by ship or held for a considerable time. V-Mail is confidential and requires only a three-cent stamp.

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### DON'T FORGET TO SHAVE SATURDAY

The Project Reports officer, would-be photographer, will "shoot" appointed personnel at Saturday's general staff meeting.

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### LOST OR STRAYED

A pair of bifocal eye-glasses with flesh colored plastic rims. Believed lost in vicinity of garage. Finder please return to Mr. Sanford, Adm. Bldg. B.



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## PRESIDENT'S BIRTHDAY BALLS SLATED FOR TOPAZ AND DELTA

Staff members are urged to attend the President's Birthday Ball Tues., Jan. 30, in the high school auditorium.

An admission price of \$1.00 was set at a meeting of committee heads Monday. Negotiations are under way to secure the Fort Douglas dance band.

Mrs. Clark Bliss of Delta, chairman of the West Millard County committee, reported at the meeting that many persons from Delta, Fillmore, Deseret, Hinckley, Sutherland and Holden probably will attend. She invited Topazans to attend the President's Birthday Ball at Van's Hall in Delta, Sat., Jan. 27.

Proceeds will go into the national fund for treatment of infantile paralysis victims.

## PROJECT DIRECTOR BACK FROM COAST TRIP

Project Director L.T. Hoffman returned from the West Coast yesterday afternoon after a week of important conferences with WRA Director Dillon S. Myer, Assistant Director Robert B. Cozzens and other officials in San Francisco and Los Angeles.

He flew to San Francisco in an army plane which picked him up at the Delta airport along with army men who had been conducting evacuee interviews here

and at Heart Mountain and Granada.

Mr. Hoffman's report on the West Coast situation will be found in today's issue of the Topaz Times.

## NEW STAFF HOUSING COUNCIL OFFICERS ELECTED

Newly-elected officers of the Staff Housing council are: E. Wafford Conrad, chairman; Miss Frances McCluskey, vice-chairman; Mrs. William Hunter, secretary.

New council representatives are:

Dorm. A - (open)  
" B - Otis Kelly  
" C - Sara Crosbie  
" D - D. Kiester  
Block 208 - Mrs. Hugh Turner  
" 204 - Mrs. L.T. Hoffman  
" 212 - Dr. Bane  
" 203 - Miss McCluskey  
" 202 - Mr. Nowell  
" 210 - Miss Gerard  
" 207 - Mrs. Anderson  
(also Mrs. Jones)  
" 205 - Mrs. Conrad  
" 209 - Mr. Baca  
" 216 - Mrs. Jenkins  
Block 2 - Mrs. Henderson

A special meeting of the Staff Housing council will be held Friday evening at 8 O'clock in Mr. Niesse's office.



### HOLLYWOOD FILM BOOKED FOR M.P. THEATER

"Criminal Investigator," a feature-length melodrama built around a newspaper reporter's exciting experiences with the New York City underground, will be shown at the Military Police post theater Sunday night starting at 7:30. Robert Lowery and Edith Fellows are co-starred. A comedy will round out the bill. Admission is free but donations will be accepted to help defray the rental cost.

Army combat films and other short subjects are presented free each Wednesday evening at 7:30. Appointed personnel and their families are invited.

### CANTEEN HOURS LISTED

Lt. Emanuel Jaffe, new commander at the Topaz Military Police post, calls attention to the hours which appointed personnel may make purchases at the post canteen.

The PX is open Monday through Friday from 12:45 to 2:30 p.m., 5:30 to 10:30 p.m.; on Saturdays between 12:45 and 5 p.m. and between 5:45 and 10:30 p.m.; on Sundays from 1 to 5 p.m. and 5:45 to 11 p.m.

### BARNHART RETURNS TO CAPITOL

Ralph C. Barnhart, former project attorney who has been here on special detail for WRA Director Dillon S. Myer, left this parting message upon leaving for Washington, D. C. today:

"It is important that the staff adjust their thinking

to the fact that the Center will close within the year. Neither by words nor attitude should they give the evacuee residents any hope that the Center will remain open longer."

### MEET THE NEW STAFF MEMBERS

Miss Marjorie B. Taylor of Abraham was appointed clerk-stenographer in the Project Reports division January 9. She recently received an honorable discharge from the Waves. She was stationed at Washington, D. C. and worked in the Naval Communications department in which she held a yeomen rating.

Virgil H. Coombs started work Jan. 11 as assistant cost accountant. Coombs who recently received an honorable discharge from the army is a University of Utah graduate and formerly was employed by the Todd Ship Building Corp., San Diego, California.

Raymond M. Almquist formerly with the U. S. Veterans Administration, Cheyenne, Wyo., was appointed personnel transaction officer Monday.

Mrs. Dorothy B. Earl and Mrs. Frieda B. Stahl have been appointed gate clerks, and Mrs. Geraldine L. Nowell telephone operator.

### HERE - KITTY, KITTY!

A black cat and a yellow cat, both with white fur under their chins, are sought by Mrs. Martha Chastain, 2-11-D, and Mrs. Carl Kinney, 2-11-C, respectively. The black cat was wearing a tan collar with a bell on it when last seen.



## PAPER DRIVE BEGINS

Staff housing residents are urged to save their old newspapers and magazines so that they may be salvaged for the war effort.

The papers should be tied in bundles and taken to the staff warehouse where they will be collected at intervals by Melvin Robins, property and Warehouse officer.

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MRS. RORABACK RESUMES LAUNDRY SCHEDULING

Mr. and Mrs. C. H. Roraback returned from a month's vacation in Los Angeles and Long Beach, and Mrs. Roraback has again assumed the responsibility for assigning laundry room hours. Mrs. Earl has been handling this work in her absence.

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REWARD OFFERED

Joseph M. Jones, Finance Division, offers a \$5.00 reward for the return of a chain holding keys and a pocket knife which were lost Monday in the vicinity of the post office, administration building or gatehouse.

## MRS. POLLITT ACTING ATTORNEY

Mrs. Mima R. Pollitt, a member of the WRA legal staff in Washington, D. C. arrived here last Friday to carry on the work of the project attorney's office until the position of project attorney is filled.

A former resident of Spokane, Wash., she is enthusiastic over the snow-clad mountain peaks which encircle Topaz.

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CHRISTENSENS VISIT FRIENDS

Lillian Christensen, former secretary to Assistant Project Director Gilbert L. Niesse and her husband, 2nd. Lt. A. Bernon Christensen, visited the project Monday.

They are en route to camp Roberts, California, where Lt. Christensen was assigned following his graduation from Officer's Training school at Ft. Benning, Ga., last month. Mrs. Christensen, whose home is in Delta, left here December 7 on indefinite leave to join her husband in Georgia. They plan to leave for California next Monday.



Division of War Relocation Authority  
San Francisco, California  
January 23, 1945  
Mr. J. Edgar Hoover  
Washington, D. C.

Dear Mr. Hoover:  
I am writing to you in regard to the  
information which you have received  
regarding the activities of the  
Japanese American Citizens League  
in the Los Angeles area.

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community and who are interested  
in the welfare of the Japanese  
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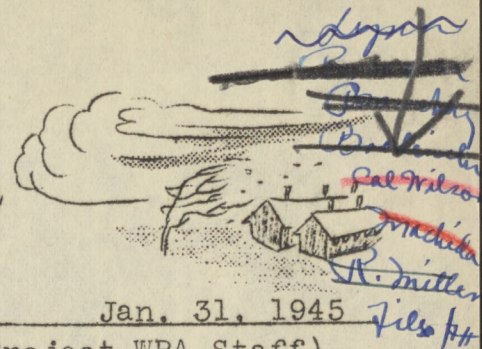
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## NEXT STAFF PARTY SET FOR SATURDAY, FEB. 17

The February staff party will be held Sat., Feb. 17, as a St. Valentine affair.

This decision was made by the Staff Housing council at a special meeting last week at which it was voted to pass up the January party and support the Hospital-sponsored President's Birthday Ball, which drew approximately 700 persons to the Civic Auditorium last night.

The Saturday night date for the staff party is an innovation. Previous parties have been held on Friday nights to keep Saturday nights free for persons who wish to go to Delta. A majority of the committee felt that many people go to Delta on Saturday nights because no entertainment is available here.

E.W. Conrad, new council chairman, has appointed Leighton A. Dingley, chairman of the Recreation committee; Mrs. Nellie E. Jenkins, chairman of the Playground committee, and Herman Kimball, chairman of the Finance committee. Dingley has named Miss Eleanor Gerard to his committee. Mrs. Jenkins' committee includes Roscoe E. Bell.

Otis Kelly and Kimball were appointed as a committee of two to investigate the possibilities of setting up a snack bar in the Adm. Rec. hall.

Kimball also is the new council representative from Block 209. Mrs. Laura Merrill represents Dorm. E.

## DON'T WORRY ABOUT A JOB

The WRA Locator, staff paper in San Francisco, quotes Director Dillon S. Myer as telling a general staff meeting in the Bay City recently that there is no need to worry about jobs.

He said the WRA, which got off to a not-so-good start, is now looked up to as being in the category of an agency that is doing a splendid job, thanks to the fine personnel that constitutes the WRA staff all over the country.

"When our job is done," said the Director, "there will be many government bodies looking for the type of personnel we have in WRA."

## "MARCH OF DIMES" MOVIE TONIGHT

Don't forget the "March of Dimes" benefit show in the Civic Auditorium tonight, starting at 7:30. The Topaz Hospital is sponsoring the motion picture, "Hail the Conquering Hero", hilarious comedy starring Eddie Bracken.

## ARROWHEAD DISPLAY

More than 700 arrowheads, constituting the largest collection in the Center, are on display in the Adm. dining hall and will remain there through tomorrow. They were found in this area by Shig Akagi, commissary employee, who is relocating.

## SEVEN OKLAHOMANS JOIN STAFF

Ten persons have been added to the appointed staff during the past 10 days and seven of them are from Oklahoma.

Mrs. Grace J. Thornton, Ardmore, Okla., appointed secondary school teacher Jan. 23, has been teaching mathematics and science at Fox, Okla. She obtained her AB degree at the University of Tulsa and MS and MA at the University of Oklahoma.

Mrs. Elizabeth W. Daggon came here Jan. 18 as a secondary school teacher from Porum, Okla., where she taught English. She has a BS degree from George Peabody college, Nashville, Tenn.

Miss Jessie M. Long arrived here yesterday from Norman, Okla., where she had been employed as switchboard operator at the University of Oklahoma. She has a secondary school teacher appointment and holds a BS degree from the University.

Miss Geneva Traylor, elementary school teacher, arrived here yesterday from Ada, Okla., where she taught in the Byne Public school. A University of Oklahoma graduate, her home is in Norman, Okla. Ishmael Loooper, vocational teacher, is from Oklahoma City.

Miss Julia I. Knight was appointed an elementary school teacher Jan. 27 shortly after obtaining her BS degree from Central State college, Edmond, Okla. Mrs. Betty H. Matthews, secondary school teacher, obtained her AB degree this month from the same school.

Miss Pauline A. Koziol, Chicago, Ill., was appointed Jr. Counselor in the Welfare section Jan. 18. She formerly was a social worker at the Polish Refugee Colony in Mexico.

Miss Anna M. Atkinson, Haverford, Pa., arrived here yesterday to take over a Counseling Aide position. She formerly was a field supervisor for Henry St. Settlement, New York. Miss Jean A. Wehmeyer, new elementary school teacher, also arrived here yesterday from Haverford, Pa., where she just obtained her MA degree.

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ACCUMULATED LEAVE NOW  
PAYABLE IN LUMP SUM

Public law 525, just passed by congress, provides that Federal Agencies must pay accumulated leave in one lump sum at the time an employee terminates.

Previously, payments for accumulated leaves were made each month. If the employee joins another Federal Agency, he will have to return the sum.

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MESSAGE FROM HAROLD L. ICKES

Interior Secretary Ickes in a congratulatory memorandum to Interior department personnel announces that Interior employees oversubscribed their Sixth War Bond drive quota by \$657,856.38. Subscriptions totaled \$3,052,526.38 or 127.5 per cent of quota.

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MP POST TO GET TRAVELING SHOW

Lt. Emanuel Jaffe has booked a USO show for May 10, and is negotiating for an army Mobile Movie unit to present weekly programs at the MP post here.

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Mrs. R. P. Sanford will give a cookie to the person who returns her cookie pan, missing since the recent "bake sale."

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### DIRECTOR MYER WILL SPEND TWO DAYS HERE NEXT WEEK

Dillon S. Myer, WRA director, will confer with appointed personnel and evacuees here Thursday and Friday of next week after speaking at the Salt Lake City conference of evacuee leaders representing the various relocation centers.

Project Director L.T. Hoffman will bring Mr. Myer here next Wednesday evening by automobile from the state capitol. His Topaz itinerary:

Thursday--9 a.m., meeting with the staff relocation committee; 3:30 p.m., meeting with the entire appointed staff; 8 p.m., informal reception with division heads in the project director's home.

Friday--morning, 9 a.m.--high school assembly; group meetings with the relocation, welfare and evacuee property staffs; afternoon, meeting with Topaz Community Council and other evacuee leaders; evening, 7:30, mass meeting in auditorium.

### STAFF PARTY SATURDAY NIGHT

Don't forget the February staff party Saturday night in the Adm. Rec. Hall. Newcomers especially are urged to attend and get acquainted. A special invitation has been extended to members of the Military Police post. Lt. Jaffe will sing. Ice cream, cookies will be served.

### HOFFMAN TO SHOW COLOR SLIDES IN REC. HALL TONIGHT

Project Director L.T. Hoffman will show natural color slides of pictures of life on the Navajo Indian reservation in the Adm. rec. hall tonight, starting at 7:30.

He took the photographs when he was acting superintendent of the reservation. The slides will be shown primarily for members of the educational section but all members of the appointed staff and their families are invited.

### LAFABREGUE WILL LEAVE FOR NEW POSITION IN SEATTLE NEXT WEEK

George Lafabregue, Personnel officer and Topaz pioneer, has received a transfer to Seattle as Relocation Adjustment Supervisor and will leave next Wednesday.

George and his wife, Sig, are one of the Project's most popular couples. They came here Sept. 15, 1942, when the Center was opened, from Sacramento where George was with the USO.

A graduate of University of California, he came here as Welfare Counselor. He was appointed Personnel Officer in December, 1943. He served as coordinating officer for the segregation program and has been active in Boy Scout work.

Good Luck, George and Sig.

### SANFORD USES WIFE AS GUINEA PIG FOR SCIENTIFIC EXPERIMENT-- MOVES INTO DOG HOUSE

R.P. Sanford, mighty hunter, long has contended that venison loses its wild taste after the first 1,000 steaks. Last weekend he set out to prove it.

Mrs. Sanford, who has been serving venison three times daily at the family table since the hunting season last fall, had issued an ultimatum that the Assistant Project Director provide a beefsteak or get a new cook. She just couldn't eat another bite of venison.

Mr. Sanford took her to a Delta restaurant where she ordered a juicy beefsteak. But he previously had supplied the chef with a venison steak from his Delta locker and ordered him to camouflage it with bread crumbs and serve it to Mrs. Sanford. All witnesses agree that she ate it with relish and remarked how delicious it tasted after so many venison steaks.

But Mr. Sanford made the error of revealing the success of his experiment. He tried to make amends with a huge box of Valentine candy but at last report was still sharing his dog's kennel.

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### COUNCIL MEMBERS TO GREET NEWCOMERS

Staff Housing Council representatives henceforth will act as official greeters for new appointed personnel in their respective dormitories or barracks, the Council voted at its February meeting Friday night. The representatives will acquaint the newcomers with the functions of the Council and keep them informed regarding its activities.

### BUCHANAN TAKES OVER AS PROJECT ATTORNEY

Lloyd Buchanan, new Project Attorney, arrived in Topaz only last Friday but already he has adopted the Japanese custom of removing his shoes upon entering his home.

He says he has found this necessary because of Topaz "conditions." Anyway, it's a lot easier than trying to remove Topaz gumbo from shoes.

Buchanan, who with his wife, Marguerite, has moved into 207-B, practiced law in New York City for 15 years, joined the department of labor last August and transferred to WRA last month. He was in the Solicitor's office in Washington, D.C., until coming here.

Mrs. Mima Pollitt, member of the Solicitor's staff who has been handling the project attorney's office for the last month, left this morning.

### Other Appointments

Fred R. Clayton, Delta, has been appointed assistant storekeeper, and Mrs. Carola C. Crane, 205-C, telephone operator.

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### LAUNDRY DRYING ROOM APPROVED

Washington approval has been received for moving an unused CCC building from the Military Police post to the staff housing area for use as a laundry drying room and recreation hall for children.

Volunteers are needed to assist the engineering section move the building and make necessary alterations. Staff members willing to help out are asked to notify Mr. Conrad, Staff Housing Council chairman.

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SIXTY-ONE INTERIOR DEPT.  
EMPLOYEES KILLED IN WAR

Inside Interior, Department of the Interior staff publication, reports that 61 of the 6,678 Interior employees who have gone into the armed services have been killed, 11 are missing in action and eight are prisoners of war. One of the men killed, Robert Farmer, formerly worked for the War Relocation Authority.

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DINING HALL FOOD OKAY

Questionnaires circulated by the Staff Housing Council's Dining Hall committee recently revealed that "everyone is pretty well satisfied with the food now being served in the Administrative Staff dining hall," Chairman Otis Kelly reports.

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WRA MAKES RECORD IN  
6TH WAR LOAN DRIVE

Central Utah Relocation Center ranked 10th among WRA field agencies in the Sixth War Loan drive with 123 per cent of its quota, according to a final report from Director Dillon S. Myer. WRA's bond purchases total \$306,955.24.

"WRA exceeded all previous achievement by going over the top for a new record of 182.8 per cent of its goal, the report said. "This is a record of which each one of us can be proud and I am confident that we all will continue to bear it out by subscribing as much of our salaries as possible to bond deductions and by buying bonds whenever possible between as well as during drives."

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## IT'S DILLON S. MYER, "GREAT WHITE FATHER," NOW

Dillon S. Myer has a new title--"Great White Father."

The WRA Director, who spent two-and-a-half days here last week, was amused to see the appellation after his name on a welcome sign in huge letters on the Design Unit building. He made a point of going in and thanking the employees.

"The Great White Father" never lost his cheerful demeanor despite his grueling schedule. Thursday he spent in conferences with staff members and Friday with evacuee groups. He toured the project Saturday morning, then entrained for Los Angeles.

Mr. Myer commended appointed personnel for their accomplishments and declared that WRA has the best staff in government. He told them they would be transferred to other project jobs when their own work programs end. He said he is proud of the fact that other government agencies are inquiring as to when WRA personnel will be available for transfers.

"If you do your job here well and complete it," he said, we will do everything in the world to see that you get another job."

The Director told high school students he is "tremendously pleased" with their progress and declared it is vitally important that they resume life in normal communities as soon as possible.

His eloquent address at Friday night's mass meeting of evacuees was enthusiastically received. It obviously crystallized thinking in terms of relocation and unquestionably will hasten the outward movement of the residents. Many evacuee eyes were moist as he reviewed the critical years, thanked the residents for their cooperation, credited the war records of their sons as being chiefly responsible for bringing about the "best public acceptance of persons of Japanese ancestry in history," and pointed out why closing the center is in their best interests.

Project Director L.T. Hoffman and Mrs. Hoffman entertained Mr. Myer Thursday night with an informal reception attended by division heads and their wives.

## DO YOU HAVE AN INCOME TAX HEADACHE?

Lloyd Buchanan, Project Attorney, will discuss federal and state income tax returns and problems at a meeting to be held in the Adm. Rec. hall at 7:30 Thursday evening (March 1). All staff members are invited to attend.

## DOLL EXHIBIT SATURDAY

A Hina-Matsuri Doll Exhibit will be held in the Block 3 recreation hall from 10 a.m. to 10 p.m. Saturday.

### RESERVATIONS REQUIRED FOR EVENING MEALS IN MESS HALL

Gilbert L. Niesse, assistant project director in charge of administrative management, announced today that "because of rationing requirements and the method by which supplies are ordered it is necessary that appointed personnel, other than those who regularly eat in the Administrative dining hall, make reservations for evening meals as follows:

"Monday through Fridays: Reservation to be made before noon of the preceding day.

"Sundays: Reservation to be made before noon on Friday.

"This will enable us to compute the number of people eating and to order the necessary amount of food. If this requirement is not complied with and an abnormal number of people continue to eat at the mess hall on Sundays, and week days, it may become necessary to refuse admittance to those individuals who do not have reservations.

### STAFF HOUSING COUNCIL WILL MEET FRIDAY NIGHT

The regular monthly meeting of the Staff Housing Council will be held at 8 o'clock Friday night in Adm. A building.

A decision will be reached on whether a need still exists for a laundry drying room and a recreation hall for children.

### WEDDING BELLS:

Mary K. Smith-Walker, Senior Staff nurse, and Pfc. John E. Dawson, of the M.P. post, were married at Los Vegas, Feb. 14.

### FEB. STAFF PARTY SUCCESS-- MARCH PARTY SET FOR 27TH

Orchids to General Chairman Roscoe Bell, Master of Ceremonies Douglas Collier, Recreation Committee Chairman Leighton Dingley and all committees which had a hand in the February staff party.

If you didn't go you missed a lot of fun. Ask those who went and plan now to attend the March party, Saturday, the 24th.

The Valentine motif was attractively carried out even to the refreshments. Dr. Collier was full of ideas for laugh-provoking skits. Some of the participants, including Project Director and Mrs. Hoffman, were "drafted" by Cupid George Lafabregue who "shot" them with arrows. Bell, in behalf of the staff, wished George luck in his new WRA job in Seattle. Lt. Emanuel Jaffe of the M.P. post proved a master of monologue.

Dingley's committee of Mrs. G.L. Niesse, Mrs. Effie Merrill, Sarah Crosbie and Emily Light will meet tonight at his home to name sub-committees to carry out a projected weekly program of rec. hall events.

### COLOR SLIDES OF CENTER LIFE SET FOR REC. HALL MON. NIGHT

The Rev. Carl S. Nugent of Delta will present a 45-minute program of color slides of Topaz in the Adm. Rec. hall Monday night, starting at 8.

The pictures show many interesting aspects of evacuee life. The presentation is sponsored by the Staff Housing Council's Recreation committee as a "Special Events" night feature. Admission is free.



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## WRA WILL HELP EMPLOYEES GET OTHER GOVERNMENT JOBS

Questionnaires will be supplied all appointed personnel soon for use by the WRA Personnel office in attempting to place them with other federal agencies upon completion of their work with WRA. Employees will be asked to list their preferences as to agencies and type of positions desired.

"The central office of the Civil Service commission and other agencies have already approached us about when persons on our staff will be available for transfers," Earl D. Brooks, Personnel officer, has advised Project Director L. T. Hoffman. "We feel confident that staff members can be placed in other agencies as their work in WRA is terminated."

Copies of a memorandum from Director Dillon S. Myer to all WRA employees will be distributed with the questionnaires. In this memorandum Mr. Myer states that the WRA will work closely with the Department of Interior, Civil Service commission and other agencies to obtain the transfer of employees to other government positions, and that wherever possible arrangements for transfers will be made well in advance so the employees can finish their WRA work in the secure knowledge that a new federal assignment is awaiting them.

Mr. Myer urges employees who receive offers for other positions to discuss them with the Project Director as WRA is relying upon its old employees to complete the program. He adds that he is confident he can count on these old employees in the future as he has in the past.

## WORK STARTS ON CHILDREN'S REC. HALL AS KIDS ORGANIZE

Moving of an unused CCC building from the M. P. post to the staff housing area for use as a children's rec. hall was started today by the engineer's section.

This was held up until the young people had formed an organization to take responsibility for maintenance of their building and supervision of activities in it.

The young people were organized last Saturday at a meeting called by Andrew W. Kasius. Sandy Sanford and Alberta Johnson were elected co-chairmen of the "over 12" group; Bobby McConnell chairman of the "under 12" group. Jerry Tyrrel was named chairman of a building and equipment maintenance committee. Other committees will be named soon.

Some of the young people helped saw the CCC building into three sections. They will be called upon to help assemble the building and renovate it.

## DIRECTOR MYER REPORTS ON VISIT TO CENTERS

WRA Director Dillon S. Myer, back in Washington following his swing around the Relocation centers, wrote Project Director L. T. Hoffman last week:

"I was impressed with the sincerity of effort and honesty of purpose with which the staff and the evacuees are facing the difficult problems of the next few months. I returned convinced that our basic policies are sound. There are, however, some procedures that may need to be adjusted from time to time if we are to get the job done, and just as rapidly as modifications are proven to be essential and can be prepared they will be put into effect.

"Our big job is one that can't be achieved through procedures or regulations. It has to come through the untiring efforts of all of us to strengthen the confidence of the evacuees in themselves to meet the world. The one impression which struck me time and again was the almost pathological fear of personal insecurity which is held by so many evacuees. I think we can all understand why. Our problem is not to accuse or deride, but to set about the tasks of rebuilding the self-confidence which will permit the evacuees to plan their future. Our success will depend in large measure upon our ability to bring the evacuees singly, and as groups into an advising and consulting relation with us. We must always remember that as individuals and as an organization our responsibility is to help other people solve their problems.

"I should like to comment on the excellent spirit which I found in the relations between

the evacuees and the appointed staff at all centers. This is evidence of an understanding of each other's problems which is most commendable. The continued mutual good faith and willingness to cooperate with each other is going to be of basic importance in the achievement of our goals.

"I have on my desk a communication from the delegates who attended the all-center conference in Salt Lake City. The significant portion of this document is a list of 21 recommendations. I am impressed, as I was when I met with the delegates at Salt Lake, with the constructive and cooperative approach of these leaders. This meeting and its results, represent to me a sincere effort to work with us in solving their problems. I informed the delegates at their meeting that I would give every consideration to their recommendations. An answer is now in process of preparation. It is my hope that throughout the remaining history of WRA we will continue to encourage the evacuees through their organizations to bring to our attention problems which they believe need understanding or attention."

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## TIME SHEETS STILL DUE ON 1ST AND 16TH

Time sheets for appointed personnel should be submitted promptly on the 1st and 16th of each month as in the past even though checks are now distributed on the 12th and 27th of each month, Assistant Project Director G. L. Niesse said today.

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### SEVENTH WAR LOAN DRIVE KICKOFF SET FOR APRIL 6

The Seventh War Loan drive for appointed personnel will be launched at a general staff meeting next Friday, April 6, at 4:30 p.m., in the Adm. Rec. hall. Memorandums describing the Interior department's part in the national drive will be distributed at the meeting.

The national drive to raise 14 billions of dollars will run in the department April 1 to June 30. The local staff will be asked to sign up during the week of April 9 for increased payroll deductions to equal 18% of their gross salary for the three months period.

The national quota for individuals has been set at seven billions as compared with five billions during the Sixth War Loan drive. Major emphasis will be on payroll savings.

The local committee consists of R. P. Sanford, chairman, Doren Boyce and E. W. Conrad.

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### THEATER PARTY SUCCESS

Sixty-four Topazans attended Saturday's theater party in Delta which replaced the regular monthly staff party. They found "The Suspect" (Charles Laughton) gripping drama and "She Gets Her Man" (Joan Davis) hilarious comedy. Many gathered in Delta cafes for refreshments after the show.

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### ALMQUIST & CO. MOVES

The Personnel Transactions unit, headed by R. M. Almquist, has moved from the Personnel building to the north side of Adm. bldg. A.

### RED CROSS DRIVE OVER TOP

The Red Cross Drive among appointed personnel ended last week with total contributions of \$652---\$37 more than the quota--reached only after a canvass of staff members.

Mrs. N. E. Jenkins was campaign chairman. Her workers were Mrs. Oscar Hoffman, Martha Chastain, Eleanor Gerard, A. M. Atkinson, Cliff Purcell, J. F. Hopkins, A. Kichner, and H. C. Kimball.

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### RADDATZ JOINS STAFF

Henry E. Raddatz took over a position as secondary school teacher today. His wife, Ida; son, John, 5, and daughter, Mary Lois, 3, are with him in apartment 201-C. He came here from Provo where his experience included five years teaching industrial arts and two years on the adult educational program of the Central Utah Vocational school.

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### ALTVATER, KIESTER TERMINATING

Miss Adrian Altvater, Leave officer, and Miss Dorothy Kiester, Assistant Welfare counselor, will leave WRA Saturday. They will seek new work in New York City following a fishing vacation in Colorado.

Miss Altvater is one of the last remaining members of the appointed staff who were here when the Center opened in September, 1942. She headed Office Services and then was transferred to the Welfare section where she was in charge of clothing and housing for a year before being made Leave officer. Miss Kiester came here last November.

## BIOGRAPHICAL SKETCH

(Editor's note: So that you will know your fellow workers better, the Desert Wind will publish a biographical sketch in each issue hereafter. We start with Project Director L. T. Hoffman)

Luther Theodore Hoffman was born on July 23, 1898, in Dansville, Mich. He attended Association college, Chicago; Albion college, Albion, Mich.; University of California at Los Angeles and graduated from the University of Arizona. His first job was City Clerk and Acting Deputy City Treasurer, Jackson, Mich. Served in the army from Sept., 1918, to Dec., 1918. Was physical director of the I.M.C.A. in Jackson; then city recreational director. Was director of young people's activities, Presbyterian church, Pasadena, Calif.; assistant superintendent and principal of Tucson, Ariz., Indian Training school; assistant probation officer, County of Los Angeles. From June, 1934, to March, 1935, was engaged in psychological counseling and adult educational work in Dr. Paul Popenoe's Institute of Family Relations, Los Angeles. Then was employed by Office of Indian Affairs at Kayenta, Ariz., as head community worker. From Nov., 1935, to May, 1938, was employed by Soil Conservation Service at Window Rock, Ariz., as administrative assistant. For next two years was district supervisor of land management district, Indian Service, Tuba City, Ariz. Returned to Window Rock as administrative assistant, Navajo Indian reservation, and was promoted to assistant superintendent in 1942. Joined WRA same year as chief, community services, Gila River project, Arizona; was promoted to deputy project director following year. Served

in Washington, D.C., as assistant chief of Relocation division, from Feb., 1944 until coming to Topaz last June. Wife and son, David, 8, here; Ted, 16, attending Wasatch academy, Mt. Pleasant.

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## SEC. ICKES WOULD MAKE JOBS BY DEVELOPING NATURAL RESOURCES

Interior Secretary Harold L. Ickes' annual report to President Roosevelt recommends vast post-war development of water power and other natural resources to avoid unemployment of the manpower, facilities and capital this country has mobilized for war.

"Inside Interior," official publication of the Interior department, quotes Ickes as recommending greater development of hydroelectric power, mining and recreational areas; increased flood and soil erosion controls; irrigation and barge transportation along upper reaches of river, and prevention of stream pollution.

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## DINNER HOUR MOVED UP 15 MINUTES

The Administration dining hall will open at 5:45 p. m. on week days instead of 6 p.m., G. L. Niesse, Assistant Project Director in charge of Administrative Management, said today.

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## LOST COLUMN

James N. Crane, 205-C, offers a reward for a large Yale key which he lost recently.

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Charles J. Benner, U. S. Civil Service representative on retirements, is scheduled to visit here April 3 and 4.

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## PITTS URGES ALL PERSONNEL TO GET RELOCATION-MINDED

The following important message on relocation has been received from Malcolm E. Pitts, Assistant Director in charge of Administrative Management.

"Everyone in WRA is working for the same object--relocation. Our job has been broadened in its concept and a part of the job each individual has to do is to actively promote relocation. Every evacuee in the center who is eligible to go, must be aided in solving his or her problem. We are no longer limited by the language of the job description, but have a greater obligation--to help in every way possible to get the big job done satisfactorily. It is a part of your war service--a part of the work you are doing in aid of the war effort--to get every eligible evacuee resettled in the normal life of America. To do this right every WRA employee must devote time and energy to aiding relocation; must help the evacuees make their readjustments to normal living.

"You folks who do not work in the Relocation Division may want to know what you can do. That is simple. Your regular job may be accounting, or teaching, or keeping store. It doesn't matter what--that is really only a part of the service you must render. Here is the way you can give that service. Everyone of you staff members have made

friends among the evacuees. Certain of them have learned to trust you, and to have confidence in you, whether you realize this or not. Apply your own thinking to relocation; talk relocation as a part of your war job; put your shoulder to the wheel and push. That's the way in which the job can and will be done

## TECHNICOLOR MOVIE TONIGHT

You don't have to go to Delta to see a good motion picture program tonight. The Bing Crosby-Dorothy Lamour starrer, "Dixie," and "Southern Sunrise", a short-subject filmed in the Deep South, will be presented in the high school auditorium, starting at 7 o'clock. Both are color pictures and admission is only 25 cents for adults and 15 cents for children.

A free program in connection with the Relocation division's "New Orleans Week" will be held in the auditorium tomorrow night. Motion picture shorts on the South will be screened; photographs of relocatees exhibited and relocation opportunities explained.

## HOFFMAN GOING TO WASHINGTON

Project Director L. T. Hoffman is planning a trip to Washington, D. C., leaving April 18 and returning May 5 or 6.

## STAFF ADDITIONS

Since the last issue, three appointments have been made to the staff.

Reed Cannon, assistant auditor, came here from the Utah Army Service Forces depot in Ogden, where he was administrative assistant to the Chemical Supply officer. His wife and 19 year-old daughter are living in Ogden.

Virgil K. Williams, assistant relocation advisor, is from Rockwell City, Iowa, where he was a Methodist minister for 10 years. He said he joined WRA because of his interest in minority problems. He resides at 201-D with his wife, Kathleen, and sons, Bruce, 4 and Ralph, 1.

Austin A. Hartman came to the Internal Security section from the Clearfield, Utah, navy supply depot.

## STAFF PARTY SET FOR 28TH

The April staff party will be held Saturday, April 28, in the Adm. Rec. hall. Committees will be appointed soon.

## OLD-FASHIONED DANCE REVIVED

Old-fashioned dances will be resumed in the Adm. Rec. hall April 19, probably on a twice-a-month basis. All persons interested are urged to come to this organizational dance.

## BALL FIELDS UNDER CONSTRUCTION

The engineer's section is leveling the field south of the staff housing area for two baseball diamonds--one for adults the other for children. F.L. Enlow is organizing the adult team.

## DIRECTOR MYER COMPLIMENTS STAFF

"I am tremendously pleased with the progress that has been made in Topaz," WRA Director Dillon S. Myer states in a letter to Project Director L. T. Hoffman. "There has been great improvement in the morale of the staff and in the relationship between the staff and residents of the Center. I have no question but what Topaz will get the job that is laid out done when I consider the attitude that exists there."

## LOCK THAT REC. HALL DOOR!

Persons using the administrative recreation hall are responsible for locking the doors and windows and turning off lights upon leaving. Twice in the past week Internal Security guards on the "graveyard" shift have found the front door unlocked and lights on.

## SHARE THE SWINGS

Parents are requested by the Staff Housing Council to instruct their children to take turns using swings. It's a case of survival of the fittest now.

## BANKSON COMING ON VISIT

Russell Bankson, former Project Reports Officer who now is with the liaison section, Reports division, Washington, D.C. is scheduled to arrive here May 11 on a swing around Centers.

## EVACUEE PROPERTY TRANSFERRED

The Evacuee Property section has been transferred from the Administrative Management division to the Relocation division.

## BIOGRAPHICAL SKETCH

Roscoe E. Bell, assistant project director in charge of operations, is a native Pacific Northwesterner and a Topaz pioneer. He also is one of our landmarks, being 6 feet 3 and weighing 220 pounds.

Born in Payette, Idaho, March 11, 1905, he attended elementary school there and high school in Raymond and Pasco, Wash. He obtained B.S. and M.S. degrees in agriculture at Washington State College, Pullman, Wash. He was appointed a teaching fellow as a senior in college, and during the following four years was Instructor in Soils, teaching courses in soil physics, soil chemistry, soil microbiology, climatology, plant nutrition. He also operated the Weather observatory.

In 1931 he became assistant professor of agronomy and Soil Technologist of the experiment station at the University of Idaho. In 1934 he served as Extension Specialist in soils for the state of Idaho. During the next three years he was a Land Classification Specialist for the Farm Security administration in Portland, Ore. He went to Berkeley, Calif., in 1938, and as a land economist for the Bureau of Agricultural Economics traveled throughout the nine western states directing research work in land economics. From March, 1941, to Sept., 1942, when he came to Topaz, he was state representative of the Bureau of Agricultural Economics for California. He came here as chief of agriculture and was promoted to his present position July 1, 1943.

He met his wife, Gladys, in college and they were married before he completed his studies. They have four children: Paul,

17, a senior in Topaz school; Earnest, 14, a sophomore; Winifred, 12, and Gordon, 9. Mr. Bell's chief hobby is camping trips with his family.

## JAPANESE LANGUAGE LESSONS

Issei, Nisei and Sansei mean first, second and third generation Japanese, respectively.

Sei means generation; Ichi first. Hence Japanese born in Japan who immigrated to this country are called Issei (the derivative).

Ni means second. Hence Japanese born in America--American citizens, are Nisei.

San means third or three. Thus children of Nisei parents are Sansei.

Americans of Japanese ancestry who were born here but educated in Japan are called Kibei--derived from bei (for American) and ki (returned).

## KID'S REC. HALL FOR ALL AGES

The children's rec. hall now being assembled will be available for youngsters of all ages, the Staff Housing Council pointed out at its last meeting following complaints that some of the older children have told younger ones they can not use it.

## FACTS ON MEAT RATIONING

The Topaz Ration Panel has been informed by the War Foods administration that this country's current meat supply, compared with the five-year average is: Beef, 94 per cent; pork, 53 percent; all other meats and meat products, 73 per cent; lard, 27 per cent.

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### RUMORS WILL BE THEME OF STAFF PARTY SATURDAY NIGHT

There'll be a hot time in the Adm. Rec. hall Saturday night when rumors are aired at the April staff party.

It's rumored that refreshments will be T-bone steaks cooked in butter, pineapple juice and bananas.

The party will start at 9 o'clock with an International Fellowship stunt which is guaranteed to provide you with a partner--maybe two.

The entertainment program, starting at 9:30, will be: Accordion solo, Miss Jessie Earl; introduction of new staff members; vocal solo, Mrs. Dorothy Pratt; reading, Mrs. W. W. Hunter; musical parody on rumors, Lloyd Buchanan; piano selection, Mrs. Wallace Crane; rumor skit.

Refreshments will be served from 10:30 to 11:00. Dancing to music of the Topaz orchestra will follow until midnight.

Miss Leah Dickinson is general chairman; Ray Sanford, master of ceremonies. Committees are: Program--Claude Pratt, chairman, Mrs. Looper, Mrs. Palmer, Mrs. Maas, Mr. Niesse, Mr. Williams; decorations--Mrs. Garrison; chairman, Miss Knight, Mr. Kelly, Mr. Barlow, Mrs. Bosh, Mrs. Enlow; refreshments--Mrs. Niesse, chairman, Mrs. Hoffman, Mrs. Roraback, Mrs. Jones, Mr. McConnell, Dr. Bane, Mr. Kasius; housekeeping--Mr. Davis, chairman, Mr. Ostland, Mr. Fields,

Miss Cross, Miss Mack; finance--Mr. Gonzales; publicity--Mr. Conrad.

### LT. GALLAGHER BACK--ANNOUNCES NEW HOURS FOR M.P. CANTEEN

Lt. Edward Gallagher resumed command of the local Security Command today as Lt. Emanuel Jaffe left for Ft. Douglas. Lt. Jaffe said his request for foreign duty has been granted.

Lt. Jaffe has been in command of the post here since Lt. Gallagher left four months ago to direct military police on trains traveling through Utah, Idaho, Nevada and Montana.

"I'm glad to be back and will welcome my old friends and new faces back to the canteen and the post movie theater," Lt. Gallagher said.

He announced that the canteen henceforth will be operated on the old schedule--from 5:30 to 10 p. m. on week days, 1 to 4:30 and 5:30 to 9 p. m. on Saturdays, and 1 to 10 p. m. on Sundays--and that he will try to get G. I. movies back on a regular Sunday night schedule.

### P.D. LEAVES FOR WASHINGTON SAT.

Project Director L. T. Hoffman plans to start on his postponed trip to Washington, D.C. Saturday. He will be gone about two weeks.

### PAPER DRIVE SUCCESS: TIN CANS TO BE COLLECTED NEXT

A total of 19,200 lbs. of scrap paper were collected last week by Topaz Boy Scouts, of which 7800 lbs. were contributed by the WRA warehouse and 750 lbs. by appointed personnel living in the staff housing area, Chairman Doren Boyce reported today.

Assistant Project Director R. E. Bell urges staff members to save paper regularly. Old newspapers, magazines and flattened cardboard boxes should be tied into bundles of not more than 25 lbs. and placed on garbage racks where they will be moved to warehouse #121 and stored until sufficient quantity is accumulated to justify shipment.

He also urges staff members to wash tin cans, remove labels, flatten them and place them in boxes to be picked up by the salvage crew.

### CHILDREN NET \$35 IN BAKE SALE

Children of appointed personnel raised \$35 in the bake sale which they held last Saturday to raise funds for furnishings and play equipment for their new rec. hall.

Mr. A. W. Kasius, organizer of the children recreation group, will return to his home in Washington, D. C. April 1.

### HUNTER LEAVES ON SPECIAL DUTY

Wm. W. Hunter, Procurement Officer, left last Thursday for 60-days of special detail with the Washington Staff. He will spend some time at Poston before going to Washington. David E. Davis will be Acting Procurement officer.

### TWELVE DEPARTMENTS OVER TOP IN SEVENTH WAR LOAN DRIVE

A total of \$2381 in cash has been subscribed by appointed personnel in the Seventh War Loan drive, Chairman Raymond P. Sanford reported today.

First departments to reach their quotas are Agricultural, Community Analyst, Community Management office, Fire Protection, Health section, Internal Security, Leave office, Library, Project Attorney, Project Director, Project Reports and Relocation.

### CAP CLASS DRAWS STAFF MEMBERS

L. T. Hoffman, G. L. Niesse, R.E. Bell, Dr. Douglas Collier, Perry Carmichael, Cliff Purcell, R.O. Marstella and Mr. and Mrs. Warren Robinson are attending a Civil Air Patrol class each Tuesday night in Delta high school.

Instruction is given in meteorology, navigation, airplane identification, ground instruction, airplane servicing, military discipline and training, first aid, mechanics and defense measures. Certain army ratings will be given on the basis of hours of training. CAP uniforms will be furnished after 10 hours of training.

Several memberships are available in the Delta Flying club which provides instruction at reduced rates.

### DANCE TOMORROW NIGHT

Don't forget that old time dancing will be resumed tomorrow night (Thursday) at 8:30 in the Staff Rec. hall under sponsorship of your recreation committee.

## BIOGRAPHICAL SKETCH

Gilbert Louis Niosse, the man who has all the WRA manuals stored in his head, beat the evacuees to Topaz. He came here in August, 1942, as chief of the administrative division, and was made assistant project director in charge of administrative management in April, 1944.

Born in Madison, Ind., on the banks of the Ohio in 1901, Gil started his business career as a timekeeper for the Pennsylvania railroad in Indianapolis. He was head timekeeper and accounting clerk when he left the Pennsylvania line in 1924 to do Interstate Commerce commission accounting work for the Nickel Plate Road.

In 1928 he accepted the position of assistant secretary-treasurer of the Montauk Beach Development corporation, Montauk, Long Island, N. Y. which developed the eastern tip of Long Island and built the town of Montauk. There he was associated with Carl G. Fisher, builder of the city of Miami Beach, Fla., and the Indianapolis speedway.

He entered government service in 1935 as assistant to the business manager of the Soil Conservation Service, Washington, D.C. He helped prepare the agency's first budget and in establishing its procedures governing fiscal, procurement, property and personnel matters. From 1936 to '39 he worked in the Gila district of the S.C.S., which covered Arizona and New Mexico, with headquarters in Safford, Ariz. For the next three years he was assistant chief of the procurement division in the Albuquerque, N. M., regional office.

Transferring to WRA in April, 1942, he spent a month in the San Francisco office assisting in preliminary fiscal, procurement and personnel work, and then went to the Tule Lake Center as Chief of Administrative Division. He returned to San Francisco office in August, 1942, and assisted in preliminary arrangements for opening and staffing this project.

He married Margaret Frazier of Kansas City, Mo., in April, 1939. They have two daughters--Ann, 3½, and Maurine, who was born in Delta December 26, 1943. Gil's hobbies are photography and target pistol shooting. He has 2,000 feet of color motion pictures, mostly filmed in the West. He also has taken color movies of Center life.

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MORE SWINGS GOING UP

Two additional swings for older children will be installed in the staff housing area as soon as iron rings for the ropes are made, Nellie Jenkins, chairman of the Staff Housing Council's Playground committee, said today.

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HE GOT THE GAS

The Gooding County, Idaho, Board received the following answer to a request for a mileage rationing record: "Dear Madam: We have our 'A' book but there was absolutely nothing that came with it. I wanted the gas to take my wife to the doctor. If you don't sent it soon, you can send down the undertaker."

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A gold chain necklace was found near the Finance office Monday by Sandy Sanford, 202-A.

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#### GENERAL PROJECT MANAGEMENT

##### Office of the Project Director

Luther T. Hoffman.....Project Director

##### Reports Division

E. Wafford Conrad.....Reports Officer

Marjorie B. Taylor.....Secretary

##### Legal Division

Lloyd Buchanan.....Project Attorney

Helen Y. Fry.....Secretary

##### Relocation Division

Leah K. Dickinson.....Relocation Program Officer

Paul S. McConnell.....Leave Officer

Emil Sekerak.....Acting Relocation Advisor

Leighton A. Dingley.....Assistant Relocation Advisor

Virgil Williams.....Assistant Relocation Advisor

Foy Enlow.....Assistant Relocation Advisor

Elizabeth Garrison.....Assistant Relocation Advisor

Nellie E. Jenkins.....Assistant Relocation Advisor

Frances E. McCluskey.....Assistant Relocation Advisor

Norma H. Skeem.....Secretary

#### ADMINISTRATIVE MANAGEMENT DIVISION

Gilbert L. Niesse.....Assistant Project Director

##### Evacuee Property Section

Joseph Eyring.....Acting Evacuee Property Officer

##### Office Services

Eralia V. Gonzales.....Office Manager

Ruth Baumgartner.....File Clerk

Geraldine L. Nowell.....Supervising Telephone Operator

Heber G. Bishop.....Telephone Operator

Venice C. Knight.....Telephone Operator

Arvella Holman.....Telephone Operator

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### Statistics Section

Grant R. Bowen.....Statistician  
Virgil H. Coombs.....Assistant Statistician  
Alice W. Marstella.....Statistics Clerk  
Dorothy Earle.....Gate Clerk  
Ethel R. Kinney.....Gate Clerk  
Frieda E. Stahl.....Gate Clerk  
Clarice Maas.....Gate Clerk

### Personnel Management Section

William J. Campbell.....Assistant Personnel Officer  
Dorothy B. Pratt.....Personnel Clerk

### Property Control & Warehousing Unit

Melvin H. Robins.....Property & Warehousing Officer  
Jerold S. Bennett.....Storekeeper  
Albert L. Skidmore.....Shipping and Receiving Supervisor  
Otis L. Kelly.....Assistant Storekeeper  
Samuel L. Knight.....Assistant Storekeeper  
Albert Fields.....Assistant Storekeeper  
Edward L. Abbott.....Assistant Storekeeper  
Fred R. Clayton.....Assistant Storekeeper  
Martha Johnson Chastain.....Property Clerk  
Maxyne B. Finlinson.....Property Clerk

### Procurement Unit

William W. Hunter.....Procurement Officer  
David E. Davis.....Assistant Procurement Officer

### Mess Management Section

Roy P. Stahl.....Acting Chief Project Steward  
Lawrence R. Jones.....Project Steward  
Shelton T. Barlow.....Storekeeper

### Finance Section

Doren B. Boyce.....Finance Officer

### Budget & Accounts Unit

Vincent R. Gonzales.....Assistant Finance Officer  
Ben C. Baca.....Fiscal Accountant  
Mervin A. Bosh.....Acting Auditor

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Joseph M. Jones.....Agent Cashier  
Read Cannon.....Assistant Auditor  
Helen Cox.....Fiscal Accounting Clerk  
Eugene W. Kauffman.....Junior Fiscal Accountant

### Cost Accounting Unit

Herman C. Kimball.....Cost Accountant  
Emmett E. Herndon.....Assistant Cost Accountant  
Marie C. McConnell.....Cost Accounting Clerk

### OPERATIONS DIVISION

Roscoe E. Bell.....Assistant Project Director

### Engineering Section

Wallace Crane.....Chief Engineer  
Carl H. Kinney.....Construction & Maintenance Superintendent  
J. Frank Hopkins.....Assistant Construction Superintendent  
James N. Crane.....Chief Construction Foreman  
John W. Fullmer.....Sr. Construction Foreman  
Owen M. Harmon.....Foreman Electrician  
E. Eugene Gardner.....Foreman Maintenance  
Leonard A. Wood.....Foreman Carpenter  
Kenneth Meecham.....Utility Operation Superintendent  
Leon E. Dobson.....Foreman Pump Operator  
Elwood M. Mortensen.....Sr. Foreman Mechanic  
L. G. Bishop.....Foreman Plumber  
Warren G. Robinson.....Welder

### Agricultural Section

W. Wendell Palmer.....Chief of Agriculture  
Evan A. Johnson.....Assistant Farm Superintendent  
Verdon J. Davis.....Foreman Mechanic

### Motor Transportation and Maintenance Section

Clifford L. Purcell.....Equipment, Maintenance Supervisor  
Ivan Sorenson.....Acting Motor Pool Supervisor  
Sherman W. Tolbert.....Foreman Mechanic  
Hyrum B. Mace.....Jr. Mechanic  
R. M. Snyder (hourly).....Foreman Mechanic  
Glen P. Campbell (hourly).....Foreman Mechanic  
Bernard Stewart (hourly).....Foreman Mechanic  
Otto Linarez (hourly).....Foreman Mechanic

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### Fire Protection

Charles H. Roraback.....Fire Protection Officer  
W. L. Nowell.....Assistant Fire Protection Officer

### COMMUNITY MANAGEMENT DIVISION

Raymond P. Sanford.....Assistant Project Director  
Adeline G. Hunter.....Secretary

### Education Section

Le Grande Noble.....Superintendent of Education

### Adult Education Training and Retaining

Perry Carmichael.....Vocational Training Supervisor  
Ishmael C. Looper.....Vocational Teacher  
Andrew P. Anderson.....Head Teacher  
Marguerite Hudson.....Head Teacher  
Robert A. Maggiora.....Head Teacher  
Ellen C. Henderson.....Head Teacher  
Claude A. Tyrrel.....Head Teacher  
Clarence Ostlund.....Head Teacher

### High School

Laverne C. Bane.....High School Principal  
Cleo D. Bishop.....Secondary School Teacher  
Pauline A. Crane.....Secondary School Teacher  
Naomi R. Anderson.....Secondary School Teacher  
Patricia R. Bond.....Secondary School Teacher  
Helen M. Dingley.....Secondary School Teacher  
Jessie M. Long.....Secondary School Teacher  
Edna B. Looper.....Secondary School Teacher  
Betty H. Matthews.....Secondary School Teacher  
Muriel Matzkin.....Secondary School Teacher  
Effie E. Merrill.....Secondary School Teacher  
Della L. Ostlund.....Secondary School Teacher  
Henry E. Raddatz.....Secondary School Teacher  
Ruth E. Roof.....Secondary School Teacher  
Ruth W. Robinson.....Secondary School Teacher  
Grace J. Thornton.....Secondary School Teacher  
Muriel Palecek.....Secondary School Teacher  
Eleanor Gerard.....Guidance Counselor

### Elementary School

Lora K. Bane.....Elementary School Teacher  
Nellie Shaw.....Elementary School Teacher

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Josephine L. Wyckoff.....	Elementary School Teacher
Emily U. Light.....	Elementary School Teacher
Ella C. Black.....	Elementary School Teacher
Bertha M. Caster.....	Elementary School Teacher
Sara J. Crosbie.....	Elementary School Teacher
Julia L. Knight.....	Elementary School Teacher
Martha Knight.....	Elementary School Teacher
Callia A. Morley.....	Elementary School Teacher
Geneva Traylor.....	Elementary School Teacher
Jean A. Wehmyer.....	Elementary School Teacher

### Library

Laura R. Merril.....	Librarian
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### Health Section

Douglas Collier.....	Principal Medical Officer
Adrain J. Dehaan.....	Senior Medical Officer
Richard O. Marstella.....	Hospital Administrator
Mary Lue Cochran.....	Medical Social Worker
Joseph M. Featherstone.....	Sanitarian
Rhetta J. Mitchell.....	Dietician
Augusta N. Kirchner.....	Chief Nurse
Daisy T. Wade.....	Laboratory Technician
Nora H. Weand.....	Supervising Nurse
Ida L. Wenck.....	Supervising Nurse
Emmie W. Perkins.....	Supervising Nurse
Mary K. W. Dawson.....	Supervising Nurse
Leona Campbell (part time).....	Supervising Nurse
Josephine Denby (part time).....	Supervising Nurse

### Welfare Section

Claude H. Pratt.....	Counselor
Margaret L. Mack.....	Assistant Counselor
Ralph G. Earl.....	Assistant Counselor
Pauline A. Koziol.....	Junior Counselor
Anna M. Atkinson.....	Counselor Aid

### Internal Security

Robert W. Roof.....	Chief of Internal Security
Andrew W. Kasius.....	Assistant Chief of Internal Security
Rosalie M. Hoffman.....	Secretary
Robert C. Baumgartner.....	Internal Security Officer
Austin A. Hartman.....	Internal Security Officer

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Robert W. Farris.....	Guard
Laffayette Theobald.....	Guard
Lawrence J. Bennett.....	Guard
Elmer Largent.....	Guard

Community Analyst Section

Oscar F. Hoffman.....	Community Analyst
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## CLEAN-UP DAY AND OLD CLOTHES DRIVE SET FOR SATURDAY

Residents of the staff housing area will be expected to participate in the Center-wide clean-up Saturday.

The staff housing area will be cleaned up Saturday afternoon. Rakes and shovels will be supplied workers. All papers, broken bottles and other rubbish should be raked up and placed in garbage cans.

Old clothes should be taken to the Adm. Rec. hall where they will be collected and shipped to the United Nations Clothing committee in New York City for distribution to the war devastated countries of Europe and Asia. The garments should be clean and wearable although piece goods also are acceptable. Baby clothes, bedding, shoes, caps and boys' and mens' clothing are most urgently needed.

## USO SHOW TOMORROW NIGHT

Lt. Edward Gallagher invites appointed personnel and their families to attend a USO stage show in the high school auditorium tomorrow night, starting at 7:30.

The show was transferred from the MP theater to the auditorium so that evacuee families of servicemen could attend also. Performers will include Carl Lewis, comedian and magician who was featured at the New

York World Fair; Margie Taylor, comedian and songstress who has appeared on Loews and RKO vaudeville circuits and in motion pictures with Clark Gable and other stars; Hal Sidare, acrobatic dancer of night club fame; Lois Powell, Hollywood night club toe dancer, and Ruth Sweet, accordionist who has played for television broadcasts.

## OLD-TIME DANCE FRIDAY NIGHT

Come out and trip the light fantastic the old-fashioned way in the Adm. Rec. hall Friday night at 8:30. Miss Sara Crossbie will call the dances.

Eight couples turned out for the last old-fashioned dance two weeks ago and had a great time learning the peek-a-boo, Virginia reel, etc. under the leadership of Leighton Dingley. At that time it was voted to hold dances every other Thursday, but this Thursday night's dance has been postponed until Friday night so as not to conflict with the USO show.

## MP MOVIE SCHEDULE

Tonight, 7:30--two reels, a GI movie and a combat film.

Sunday, 7:30--three reels of war incentive films, including "Road to Berlin" and "War Department Report on German Morale."

## DAILY SOFTBALL PRACTICE BEGINS

Softball manager Foy Enlow asks all ball players to turn out for practice every night from 7 o'clock until dark, starting tonight.

When a team is organized a schedule of games with block teams will be lined up.

## GOT YOUR DRIVER'S LICENSE?

Cliff Purcell reports that State Highway commission representatives will give tests for drivers licenses on the first Monday and Tuesday of each month. Their headquarters will be in the Delta drug store and their hours will be 3 to 5 p.m. on Mondays and 9 to 11 a.m. on Tuesdays.

## RESIGNATIONS

Carl H. Kinney, construction and maintenance superintendent; W. L. Nowell, assistant fire protection officer and Mrs. Nowell, telephone operator; Virgil Coombs, assistant statistician; Fred Allen, utility operations superintendent, and Ida L. Wenck, supervising nurse.

Mr. and Mrs. Nowell who came here December 1 from Manzanar, will leave Friday. They will return to their home in Los Angeles to take care of business matters and then will go to Mexia, Texas, where Mr. Nowell will go into business with his father, a candy manufacturer for fifty years. "I regret leaving our friends here and wish them every success," Mr. Nowell said today.

Mr. and Mrs. Kinney are now in Tonapah, Nev., where Mr. Kinney is superintendent of construction for the army air forces.

## WELCOME TO THE STAFF

Mrs. Elaine Hardy of Hinckley who started work yesterday in the Statistics section as a gate clerk; Mrs. Arvella Holman, Delta, and Mrs. Etta Hale Tullis, Delta, telephone operators; Mrs. Rae R. Peterson, Abraham, Mrs. Carol A. Warnick, Desert, and Mrs. Mary Ann Taylor, Abraham, new clerk-typists in Finance.

## VISITORS

From the Washington office: Miss Elizabeth Nicholson, Personnel Classification officer; E. H. Runcorn, Business Enterprises advisor; Fred B. Wutschel, Heavy Equipment supervisor; Frank Harding, Mess Operations chief.

Mrs. Eleanor Zimmerman, Reports officer for the North Central area with headquarters in Chicago, will leave tomorrow after working with the Relocation division for two weeks.

## SELECT YOUR VACATION DATES NOW

The Personnel office asks staff members to submit their requests for summer vacations as soon as possible.

WRA policy is to grant vacations for a long enough period to provide employees a real rest, but vacations ordinarily should not exceed 12 continuous leave days.

## Mrs. Fry First To Vacation

Mrs. Helen Y. Fry, secretary to the project attorney, will leave Friday on a two weeks vacation to visit her 13-year-old daughter and mother in Los Angeles.

## PETERSON NEW CAS SUPERINTENDENT

Parloll Peterson, physical education director at the Lincoln high school, American Fork, Utah, has been appointed CAS supervisor and is scheduled to report here May 17.

It is expected that he will take over the supervision of the young people's rec. hall in addition to his duties in the Center. Meanwhile the young people's rec. hall activities are being directed by a Staff Housing Council Committee of Mrs. Earl and Mr. Conrad.

## NOTICE TO PARENTS

Acting Project Director R.E. Bell has asked parents to instruct their children not to play in the school bus or tamper with its machinery. He points out that the bus has been tampered with frequently with the result that it is not always possible to get the children to school on time.

## DO YOU NEED CANNING SUGAR?

Application forms for home canning sugar allowances may be obtained at the mail desk and mailed direct to the Delta Ration board. OPA has just announced a reduction in the amount of sugar allowed for home canning purposes to five pounds per person and not over 120 lbs. for a family.

## PX FEATURES

We hope no one gets killed in the rush but Lt. Gallagher announces that one brand new Schick razor is for sale at the post exchange. He also reports

that orders will be taken for men's summer khaki clothes.

## BIOGRAPHICAL SKETCH

Raymond Prior Sanford, Assistant Project Director in charge of Community Management, was born July 24, 1891, in Vineland, N. J. Earned money for college by catching and selling suckers and frog legs, mowing lawns, sawing wood and running milk route. Graduated from Cornell university with B. S. degree; also studied at Colgate-Rochester Divinity school, Union Theological Seminary, N.Y., Columbia University, and Army Chaplains' Training School, Louisville, Ky. At Cornell, roomed with a Chinese student from Canton and made the friendship of Dr. Hu Shih, recent ambassador to U. S. Made every major public speaking and debate stage at Cornell and won 86th Memorial speaking contest. Was with army's 2nd division in World War I - senior chaplain at Port of Le Havre, France; chaplain, 5th machine gun battalion, and wears gold watch fob given him by boys of 5th. For Chicago Congregational Union, organized and directed famous "Common Ground," a community project which used vacant lots, ward properties, basements, etc., to carry on variety of social, recreational and educational programs. Held various pastorates in the East, including Brick Presbyterian church Rochester, N.Y., 10th largest Presbyterian church in U. S. Appointed to present position, Nov. 5, 1943. Wife, Marion; children, Jean, 17, Sandy, 14, David, 10. Hobbies - hunting and fishing. Family history shows 47 Sanfords fought in Revolutionary war.



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## COOPERATION OF HOUSEHOLDERS ASKED IN SEPARATING GARBAGE

Residents of the staff housing area will have to cooperate if the Staff Housing Council's request for placing garbage cans on the racks under screens is to be met.

Experience last year showed that there is not room on the racks to take care of all mixed refuse, says E. E. Gardner, maintenance foreman, but cans will be put under the screens to hold fly breeding wet garbage if staff personnel will:

1. Flatten cardboard boxes and tie them and papers in small bundles before placing on the platform.

2. Wash all tin cans, remove labels, flatten cans and place in containers provided for that purpose.

3. Put bottles and glass in an extra can which will be placed near the rack.

4. Empty the wet garbage themselves instead of sending children who can not remove the rack covers and will therefore probably empty the garbage into the can and bottle containers on the outside.

Mr. Gardner reports that so far there has been no response to the request that paper and boxes be tied in bundles and placed on the garbage racks. The wet garbage cans will be moved under the screens as soon as the separation of garbage gets under way.

## APPOINTED PERSONNEL INVITED TO M.P. DANCE SATURDAY NIGHT

Lt. Edward Gallagher invites all appointed personnel to attend a Company dance and "Going-Away" party in the M. P. post dining hall Saturday night, at 9 o'clock.

Five members of the post will be returning to overseas duty within the next two weeks. They are Corporal Theodore Hjort and PFC's John Dawson, Austin Duffy, Eldon (Red) Levy, and Daniel Reynolds. Refreshments will be served.

## M. P. MOVIE SCHEDULE

Tonight (Wednesday)--7:30-8:30, Army Air Force Report.

Sunday -- 7:30-9:00, Repeat showing of "Fighting Lady," saga of an aircraft carrier's Pacific battles, for those who did not get to see this thrilling picture last Sunday night.

## GENERAL STAFF MEETING FRIDAY

A general staff meeting will be held Friday, starting at 4 p.m., in the Adm. Rec. hall.

Program highlights will be a report by Project Director L.T. Hoffman on his Washington-New York trip, and a newcomer's first impressions of Topaz by Project Attorney Lloyd Buchanan.

## WELCOME TO THE STAFF

Miss Margaret McNees of Media, Penn., was appointed junior counselor in the Relo-Welfare office May 16. She recently worked for the American Red Cross chapter in Media as a case worker.

Leonard J. Bowers of Arsnal, Utah, started work May 12 as a property clerk in the supply section.

Donald Moody, foreman carpenter; LeRoy Webb, foreman mechanic; and Thomas Theobald, night dispatcher, all of Hinckley, started work here May 14.

Merodean Peterson, and Dolma Jean Webb, Clerk-typists; and Donna Rae Judd, telephone operator, all of Hinckley; Lou Etta Sampson and Dorothy Henderson, clerk-stenographers, both of Delta started work here Monday. They are all former high school graduates.

#### ELLA HONDERICH'S ART ON DISPLAY AT HIGH SCHOOL LIBRARY

Sketches of Topaz life by Ella Honderich, several of which were published by the Salt Lake Tribune recently, are featured in the high school library's final exhibit of works of Topaz artists this week. The library will be open Sunday afternoon until 4 p.m.

#### STAFF PARTY SET FOR JUNE 2

The monthly staff party planned for this Saturday night has been postponed one week to June 2 so as not to conflict with the M. P. dance.

Theme of the staff party will be "Topaz Graduates." Dr. Noble is being paged as emcee.

## CALLING BOBBY!

Who is Bobby? He or she will find a photograph of Tommy Dorsey and a 10 cent piece awaiting at the Project Reports office in Adm. Bldg. B. The envelope came addressed only to Bobby, Topaz, Utah.

## BIOGRAPHICAL SKETCH

Leah K. Dickinson, Relocation Program Officer, was born in the wilds of Potter county, Penn., "too many years ago." Her home is still there, but she is never there. "I can't stay put!" says Leah. She graduated from Dickinson college (correct) with an A. B. in Economics and Social Sciences. Her first job was ass't. secretary of the Philadelphia Social Service Exchange. After two years became director of Pittsburgh Social Service Exchange. Six years later did two years of graduate work in social studies at New York School of Social Work. Handled community organization at Kingsley House settlement, Pittsburg, for 2 years. Was field representative for Pennsylvania Emergency Relief board 4 years. Was organizer for Amalgamated Clothing Workers 1 year; Ass't. Director of Hull House, Chicago, nation's largest settlement house founded by Jane Addams, for 3 years; field service worker with Cleveland regional office of National Youth administration, and year on Washington, D. C., NYA staff. Took over present position in Feb., 1944. Hobby--baseball poker.

## RESIGNATIONS

Dorothy Pratt, personnel clerk; Otis Kelly, assistant storekeeper; Geneva Traylor, elementary school teacher; Claude A. Tyrell, head teacher.



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## M. P. SPENDS HONEYMOON IN FILLMORE COUNTY JAIL

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Jerked from the side of his bride at the church by the ruthless arms of the law, PFC. Eldon "Red" Levy was jailed in Fillmore Saturday on a charge of leaving the Topaz military post without a pass.

With his pretty bride, Colleen Petty of Delta, washing the dirty bars with her tears, PFC. Levy paced up and down in his cell like a caged lion, vowing vengeance upon Lt. Gallagher.

At the end of an hour and a half, Fillmore authorities, fearing that he would tear the ir jail apart, released him into the smiling custody of Lt. Gallagher and Cliff Purcell.

The newly-weds were returned to the post where, instead of being placed in solitary confinement, they were given a chicken dinner and a wedding gift by members of the post.

## SWING YOUR PARTNERS TONIGHT

Folk and square dancing will be held in the Adm. Rec. hall tonight starting at 8:30

Emil Sekerak, dancing master, reports that his gypsy fiddlers will be unable to perform and that Jean Wehmyer, graduate of the Curtis Music Conservatory in Philadelphia, will be at the piano-forte.

## SUPREME COURT TAKE NOTICE!

In connection with the new in-service training course for incoming clerk-typists and stenographers, Project Attorney Lloyd Buchanan has ruled that if any letter goes out with a gravy stain on it a ration stamp must be attached.

## STAFF PARTY POSTPONED AGAIN

Leighton Dingley, chairman of the Staff Housing Council's recreation committee, announced today that the staff party scheduled for this Saturday night has been postponed another week.

## CHILDREN'S REC. HALL FURNISHED

Chairs, Benches, tables, a davenport and floor lamp are being moved into the children's rec. hall, and Parlell Peterson, new CAS supervisor, is working out a summer activity program. Its success will depend in large measure upon the cooperation of parents, who will be asked to attend a meeting soon.

SUNDAY M.P. MOVIE PROGRAM--7:30 p. m., Walt Disney's "South of the Border," "The Memphis Belle," "All-American." (Starting next week, Sunday movies will be discontinued until new films are available, and Wednesday bills will start at 8 instead of 7:30.

## SEVENTH WAR LOAN DRIVE DRAGS

The appointed staff will fall short of its Seventh War Loan drive goal by about \$2200 if additional cash purchases and payroll deductions and pledges are not forthcoming immediately, Chairman Raymond Sanford said today.

With the end of the campaign only a little more than three weeks away, cash purchases to date, both on and off the project, total \$4,418, and payroll deductions \$10,466. Our quota, based upon 18 per cent of the estimated gross payroll for the three months period ending June 30, is \$21,688.

Only 80 per cent of the staff members are participating in the payroll deduction plan, according to Miss Betty Nicholson of the personnel office.

## JOB VACANCIES TO BE POSTED

The Administration has adopted a new procedure posting job openings on the bulletin board in the Administration building A. The notices will be sent to all division, section and unit heads. The first notice issued this week calls attention to the position of Office Manager, Office Services section, CAF-5. Storekeeper, Mess Operations section, CAF-7.

## BANKSON PROMOTED IN WASHINGTON

Russell A. Bankson, former Project Reports Officer, was named head of the Publications section in the Washington Reports office on June 1. He went to the Field Coordination section last October as Information Specialist.

MODEST BUCHANAN BLUSHINGLY  
SUBMITS BRIEF AUTOBIOGRAPHY

Lloyd Buchanan, Project Attorney, in response to a request from the Desert Wind, submitted the following biographical sketch:

"While I confess that I have no personal recollection of the important event, I know that I was born. Counting the rings under my eyes I find that this must have occurred in 1492. I am a direct descendant of Leif Erickson, whose real name was Leif Erickson Buchanan. (He changed his name to avoid the sheriff, or the Norwegian equivalent.) I come of a long line of forefathers, which makes me a blue blood; this is most evident when I am put on ice.

"I must not omit to mention that I was six years old at birth, and was called a child prodigy. (Neighbors called me other things.) I spent twelve years at Oxford, eight at Heidelberg, three at the Sorbonne, seven at Harvard, and twenty in Jail (pronounced "Yale"). The hams at Bologna were delicious, while at Heidelberg I remember nothing after the beer. At Jail I studied engineering, reducing complicated structures to basic and fine particles. It is to be observed that I have not given any details of my stay at the Sorbonne; as my childhood governess, Mme. Maye Weste, used to say, certain subjects are for dictaphone only, i. e., not to be discussed in public. Suffice it to say that I did learn things in France. (Let the Dutch keep their storks!)

"In the course of my studies and travels throughout the world, I became a linguist. I can say a few things in about thir-

ty-seven languages, and I am now learning to speak English.

"I played a scintillating (not to mention stellar) role in athletics as an undergraduate. But my career came to an abrupt and untimely end when I tore a ligament in a very strenuous game of chess. (I can't help but indulge in occasional reminiscences ere I retire once more to my crocheting. Ah, me!)

"Because of my Indian ancestry, I lived on a reservation (some called it reformatory) for twenty-seven years. It was there that I first met Luther T. Hoffman. I didn't call him Project Director at the time, nor did he call me Project Attorney. Some of the things he called me were--but why should I tell.

"I well recall bouncing little Roscoe Bell on my knee. He certainly was a bouncing baby! The little shaver (he was only two at the time--height 5 feet ten inches) insisted on using my electric razor. One day, drawing myself up to full height and standing on a chair, I looked him in the eye and started to assert myself. But he threatened to call Paul and Earnest (they were about his age at the time), and I desisted with dispatch and alacrity. These fellows, Dispatch and Alacrity are old friends of mine; but that's another story.

"I met Gil Niesse while working on the railroad. He was fireman on a locomotive, and when they ran out of coal he used to burn all sorts of manuals and handbooks. (They weren't the only things that were burnt up.)

"Ray Sanford and I plowed the fertile fields of Yucatan side by side. Few would believe me (nobody does anyway) were I

to recall the sentimental memories of days now long gone by. Little did I dream that Topaz would bring us together once more, cultivating side by side its lush and bountiful acres.

"Fate and a hair-raising adventure were involved in my first meeting with Dr. Collier. There underneath the ancient pagodas of Siam (it was in King Praghadjipok's private subway) the good doctor was hunting nurses aides when he spied me and lifted his submachine gun to shoot. I quickly cried out to warn him that I was not a nurses aide, but I'll admit it took a great deal of convincing. How times have changed! Today the doctor has all sorts of assistance, while all I can do is open my mouth and say "Ah!"

"More recently I studied voice at Warm Springs under Prof. H.O.T. Showere. My musical talents are truly unlimited, and I am now writing a dirge which is dedicated to Hero Heeto.

"My innate sense of modesty, already displayed in these few introductory notes, prevents me from revealing further details of my remarkable and truly incredible (some people just won't believe me) experiences. Further details are available in the Alcatraz Yearbook, 1944.

"P. S. I was waiting for a street car one day when a girl saw me, thought I was lost, and took me in. She is my wife now. Was she taken in!"

(Editor's Note: Despite the limited time available, we have verified, by reference to his Form 57 and certain confidential information in the National Archives, and can report as absolutely true every item noted in Mr. Buchanan's checkered career.)

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## LETTER FROM DIRECTOR MYER

"Despite all the emphasis that has been placed by this office on the closing of centers by January 2, 1946, I am still receiving reports which indicate that some of our project personnel remain skeptical. Some staff members apparently are not only dubious in their own minds of our ability to complete the relocation job on schedule, but many of them are openly expressing their doubts in the presence of evacuee residents.

"If these reports are true, I am deeply disappointed. Personnel who engage in this kind of activity are not only disloyal to the program of which they should be an integral part, but are doing a serious disservice to the residents by building up expectations which cannot and will not be realized. The status of our operating funds and our relocation plans is such that there is no feasible alternative to closing the eight relocation centers on schedule even if we felt postponement would be desirable--which we do not."

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OLD CLOTHES DRIVE NETS  $\frac{1}{2}$  TON

Approximately 1,000 pounds of clothing were collected by Topaz Boy Scouts in the old clothes drive for war relief in which appointed personnel participated recently. As the shipment has not yet gone out, additional contributions still can be taken to warehouse #115.

## STAFF CHANGES

Mrs. Laura Schutte of Washington, D.C. is scheduled to arrive within the next day or two to replace Miss Betty Nicholson of the Washington personnel office as acting Personnel Transactions officer here. Mrs. Schutte, comes from the Federal Works Agency.

Harold Maas, auto mechanics instructor of the State Vocational program, has been appointed assistant maintenance supervisor.

Recent additions to the staff include Beryl Summers of Baltimore, supervising nurse; James Williams, Salt Lake City, internal security officer, Elma Terry, Delta, clerk-stenographer; Margie Jensen, Deseret, clerk-stenographer; Dorothy Seymore, relocation division counseling aide who has been doing post graduate work in welfare at the University of Utah.

Resignations during the past two weeks: Pauline Koziol, junior counselor; Mariel Palecek, secondary school teacher; Naomi Anderson, secondary school teacher; Eralia Gonzales, office services manager; Sheldon Barlow, storekeeper

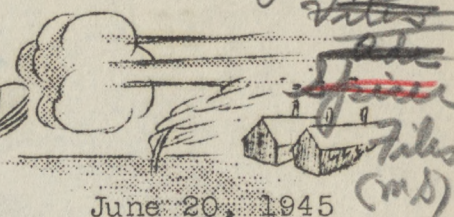
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RADDATZ LEAVES FOR INDUCTION

Henry E. Raddatz, secondary school teacher, will be inducted at Ft. Douglas Monday after being rejected previously for duty with the Seabees. He has passed the navy radar examination. He took his wife and two children to his home in Provo today.



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## LOCAL FLYING CLUB ORGANIZED FOR TOPAZ APPOINTIVE STAFF

The Topaz Flying club was organized recently at a meeting attended by L.T. Hoffman and his son, Ted; R.E. Bell, G.L. Niesse, C. Purcell, L. Buchanan, D. Marstella, I. Looper, and Mr. and Mrs. Bob Robinson. This is the group which has been attending Civil Air Patrol classes in Delta each Tuesday night.

A flying strip on the Salt flats one-half mile north of the Project boundry has been okayed by Lt. Col. Joe Bergman, State Aeronautics Director and head of the Utah Wing, Civil Air Patrol. Ed Coleman of Delta will give flying lessons in a two passenger Taylorcraft training plane Monday and Thursday evenings.

The group members also will meet each Wednesday at 7:30 p. m. in the Adm. Rec. hall for a "ground flying" class. Anyone interested in flying is invited to contact one of the members.

## BOND DRIVE NEAR GOAL: QUEEN NEAR HOLLYWOOD

With \$1,000 left to raise to meet the appointed staff quota in the Seventh War Loan drive, Chairman R. P. Sanford rallied his minute-men last week and indications today were that the goal would be met by the June 30 deadline.

Minute-men were Doren Boyce, Roscoe Bell, Lloyd Buchanan, Claude Pratt, LaVerne Bane, Paul McConnell, Cliff Purcell, Mrs. Grace Thornton and Mrs. Laura Merrill.

Four candidates in the Utah Bond Queen contest are seeking Topaz votes. They are: Betty Grace Barney of Sutherland, formerly employed here; Lou Etta Sampson, Delta, employed here now; Myrna Turner and Ber Dean Dalley both of Delta. Voting slips may be obtained from Mrs. McConnell in the Personnel office. This is the last day votes may be cast.

## THERE'S STILL A WAR ON

E. E. Gardner, head of maintenance and operations section, reports very little response to salvaging paper regularly. Only about six bundles, weighing 100 pounds, have been picked up from the garbage racks. A fair amount of cans have been mashed and placed in the barrels provided for them.

## MYER GETS SECOND ASSISTANT

WRA Director Dillon S. Myer has announced the appointment of a second Assistant Director to assist him during the liquidation period of the agency.

The new Assistant Director is Philip M. Glick, former WRA Solicitor, who has returned from military furlough after serving with the United States navy.

## DID YOU SEE THE JUNE ISSUE OF THE INFORMATION DIGEST?

If you didn't ask your section head why not. Copies were sent to all division and section heads to read and pass on.

The WRA Information Digest, published by the Washington Reports office, carries news of importance to all WRA employees. We wish to call attention to two articles in the June issue. Director Dillon S. Myer's "The Sign of Prejudice," and Tule Lake Director Ray R. Best's "Revocation Changed the Picture." You will also find two interesting columns, one on trends and the other about personalities in WRA.

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## THIS MIGHT BE TRIED

The younger children of appointed staff members at the Tule Lake Center are going to bed early in order to be up and at it in the morning among the fascinating things their new nursery school provides, the Tule Lake Roundup reports.

Parents have cooperated almost 100 per cent in establishing and maintaining the nursery school. The fathers have built and repaired equipment for the use of the youngsters, and the mothers have decorated the school room being used.

Twenty children are enrolled for the half-day sessions. A Caucasian supervisor and two evacuee teachers give their time to the children in the forenoon, teaching them how to play with paints, clay, jigsaw puzzles and etc.

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## MOVIE SCHEDULE

The regular Wednesday night movie will be shown at the M.P. Post starting at 8:00

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## BIOGRAPHICAL SKETCH

Dr. Oscal F. Hoffman, Community Analyst, was born on a farm near Abilene, Kansas, Ike Eisenhower's town and the northern terminus of the Texas cattle drive from 1864-68. His grandfather was one of the first settlers in that part of Kansas going there from Switzerland in 1856. His chief boyhood sport was riding ponies.

He got his AB degree from Mission House College, Plymouth, Wisc., the cheese center of the world. He did graduate work at Northwestern University, won his M. A. at the University of North Carolina. His Ph. D. was in sociology with a minor in American history.

During his student days he spent one summer working in the Kansas harvest fields, two in a Cincinnati lumber mill and one working for the Yellowstone Park Camps Co. His extra-curricular activities were singing in the college glee club and ornithology field trips. He taught sociology and history for several years at Mission House College, did public opinion analysis for the Bureau of Agricultural Economics, Washington, D.C., interviewing farmers across the nation. Came here September 10, 1943, with his wife, the former Roaslie M. Miles of St. Joseph, Mo., and his eight-year-old son, Rodney. His hobbies are studying national and international affairs, listening to phonograph recordings of folk songs, classical and the not-so-classical music, and hunting arrowheads.

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## FOLK DANCING TOMORROW NIGHT

Mr. Earl and committee are planning an unusual Folk dance program Thursday night starting at 8:30.

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## ATTENTION SOFTBALL PLAYERS

Several staff members have indicated their interest in organizing an administrative staff softball team. All men interested in playing softball are invited to meet at block 15, Friday, June 22 at 7 p. m.

The "old men's" resident softball team has challenged the administrative staff team to a softball game to be played next Wednesday, June 27.

Via the grapevine it has been rumored that the administrative staff is reluctant to display their athletic prowess against the "old men" of Topaz. This rumor has disturbed this column to no end. We fail to appreciate such belittlings and feel that they are not justified.

All those who have been bitten by the softball bug should resent this implication to the last strike out.

Everyone desiring to play softball be sure to put in an appearance at diamond 15, Friday at 7. If you need encouragement bring along the missus or your best backer-upper.

## SUMMER ACTIVITY PROGRAM

Just as soon as the survey is finished which is being conducted by housing recreation committee plans will immediately go forward for the formulating of some definite activities for administrative staff children.

RED CROSS MOVIES TO BE  
SHOWN JUNE 22-23

One-hundred and fifty appointed personnel have requested tickets to the Red Cross movies.

Films expected: OWI "Action at Angua," "Report from Russia," and possibly one on Japan. Also Chaplin and Laurel and Hardy films.

CLASS PROPHECY REVEALS STARTLING  
FUTURE FOR APPOINTED STAFFERS

Miss Betty Matthews gazed into her crystal ball and made some amazing predictions at Saturday night's staff party. We are printing them here for the benefit of those who did not attend. But first, a word about the party itself.

The smallest committee on record did a swell job. Everyone had lots of fun. The committee, headed by Leighton Dingley, included Dr. LaVerne Bane, Betty Matthews, Eleanor Gerard, Sara Crosbie, Foy Enlow and Emil Sekerak.

Bob Robinson won the hilarious paper plate discus toss by a narrow margin over Project Director L.T. Hoffman, runner-up. Petite Mrs. Maas won the paper bag shot put. The less said about the mental tests the better.

The class valedictorian was revealed as Roscoe Bell, who left Monday with his family for their home in Berkeley (616 Colusa ave.). Mr. Bell is coming back for a time after a two-weeks vacation, but not the rest of the family. Their oldest son, Paul, is enrolling in an army training advanced training course at Oregon State college. Mrs. Bell, Earnest and Winifred will visit relatives in Washington. Mr. Hoffman paid the Bells the tribute of having put the most into Topaz and recommended a special award of merit to them for the outstanding contribution they as a family had made to the community of Topaz during their period of useful service here.

The class prophecy:

Mr. Casey Jones, Topaz '45, is now President of the Girls' school, Rose of the Dale. The Bells are now working on a dam (damn) project, Mr. Bell is conserving the dirt. Nora Weand is

in Alaska and is very happy to be having better night duties (6 mos.). Emil Sekerak is training Great Danes. (He trains them to go to the back door of restaurants and beg for their own food.) Eleanor Gerard is looking up scholarships for such highly trained Great Danes. Marguerite Hudson is managing a turkey ranch for a friend. She explains that the friend spends too much time at "Aqua Caliente" --dealing cards. Miss Jessie Long is now messenger girl for Western Union. Mrs. Helen Fry has gone into business for herself, she is drawing up wills at Sing Sing. Mrs. Anderson is now in charge of Property Control.

Dr. Collier was forced to resign his post as Sr. instructor at Randolph Field, he spent too much time teaching the future pilots take-offs and landings. Mr. Niesse is now managing an apartment house in Washington, D.C. He is having much difficulty getting people to move in. Mrs. Betty Matthews is in Washington editing the Topaz Education section report that was due on July 1, 1945. Mrs. Leighton Dingley now owns a major part of the stock of Sears and Roebuck. It seems Mr. Dingley tried to order another jacket. Mr. Robins is still working off the property signed for by Dr. Bane; he's trying very hard to keep him from Sing Sing so that Dr. Bane may continue with his essential job as food taster at the Waldorf-Astoria. Mr. Hoffman, Project Director, is now breaking in a new man to take over his duties. Miss Bertha Castor has a high position in the Empire States building--she's elevator girl. Miss Dickinson is now a detective in a 5 and 10¢ store. Al Fields and Margaret McNeese are peddling nylons door to door.

Miss Mary Lue Cochran analyzed 10 million guinea pig and is now writing a learned treatise on their love life. Mr. Buchanan has abandoned his law practice to take over the management of his 'boys' baseball team--lets see, they must be a about six now. Miss Betty Nicholson is still the only woman conductor on the Union Pacific, you know she likes to travel so well. Mr. Roof is still in Topaz awaiting the return of Mrs. Roof from the vacation she began in June '45. Claude Tyrell recently held a hog calling contest at his hog ranch in Pasadena. Mrs. Thornton now writes a syndicated column on "advise to the Love Lorn." Miss Sara Crosbie is now in charge of the Dubarry Salon in New York; she goes under the name of Sara Cros'bei! (boy). Mr. Robert Maggiora is still at the sanatorium at Provo; he continues to mutter--"mosquitoes, mosquitoes, mosquitoes--" Mr. Stahl is working with Dr. DeHaan at the John Hopkins laboratories on "New Uses of Soap in the Human Diet!"

Please address any news of former Topazans to the editor of this column. We are particularly anxious to hear news of Mr. Perry Carmichael who has not been heard of since he left for Denver on June 15, 1945.

#### NEW STAFF MEMBERS

Miss Grace Hepworth of Hinkley was appointed secretary in the Office Services section. She was formerly a high school teacher at Grantsville, Utah.

Mr. James G. Williams started work here as Internal Security officer. He was recently employed as city marshall in Salt Lake City.

Violato Maxfield of Deseret, was appointed telephone operator.

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## FEDERAL EMPLOYEES GET PAY RAISES; SHORTER WEEK

The Administration today awaited official announcement from Washington regarding the pay adjustment and overtime bill for Federal employees signed by President Truman.

According to newspaper reports, Civil Service personnel will receive pay increases of 20% for the first \$1200, 10% for the next \$3400 and 5% thereafter. Overtime pay, however, will be reduced under the President's order cutting the work week of most government agencies to 44 hours.

## BOND QUOTA TOPPED

The appointed staff has gone \$571 over its quota for the Seventh War Loan drive, Finance officer Doren Boyce reported today.

Payroll deductions were \$15,615 and cash purchases \$6,644 for total subscriptions of \$22,259.

Raymond P. Sanford, general chairman of the local drive, announced that bond purchases made tomorrow and Saturday will count in the campaign and that this may put us further over the top.

## IMPORTANT MEETING OF PARENTS CALLED FOR TONIGHT ON QUESTION OF SUMMER PLAY PROGRAM FOR CHILDREN

All parents who want a supervised summer recreation program in the staff housing area for their youngsters are urged to attend a meeting in the Adm. Rec. hall at 8 tonight (Thursday). E. W. Conrad, chairman of the Staff Housing Council,

## STAFF COUNCIL ELECTION TOMORROW NIGHT

New officers of the Staff Housing Council and barracks representatives will be elected tomorrow night (Friday) in Adm. B. building at 7:30.

## LT. HILL NEW COMMANDER OF MILITARY POLICE POST

Second Lieut. Jerome C. Hill Monday succeeded Lt. Edward Gallagher as commander of the local Security Command.

Lt. Hill came here from Ogden where he was Provost Marshal. A native of West Lafayette, Indiana, he was commissioned in the Army Field Artillery upon graduation from Purdue University in 1943. He said he will continue the present operation schedule at the post exchange and invites appointed staff members to attend G. I. movies each Wednesday night at 8.

Lt. Gallagher went to Fort Douglas for reclassification.

will explain a program which can be carried out in the children's recreation hall providing a sufficient number of parents and youngsters are interested. Otherwise, the rec. hall probably will be locked up as unsupervised play poses too many problems.

He also will introduce Mr. and Mrs. James G. Williams who have agreed to help supervise the young people. Williams, a new member of the Internal Security staff, formerly served as chief of police and probation officer at South Salt Lake. Mrs. Williams is willing to supervise a recreation program from 9 to 11 Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday mornings of each week. This program will be formulated by Parlell Peterson, CAS supervisor.

On the other two mornings, Peterson proposes to provide a handicraft program conducted by either Miss Ellie Emlen or Miss Catherine Lymons volunteer Y.W.C.A. work-  
(see page 2, col.1)



## NO TOBACCO RATION CARDS FOR APPOINTED PERSONNEL

Lt. Edward Gallagher's request for permission to sell tobacco and cigarettes to members of the appointed staff on a ration card basis has been turned down by the Commanding General of the Ninth Service Command.

Under existing regulations, sales of tobacco at military posts are prohibited to persons not employed by the War department or living on military property, Lt. Gallagher notified Project Director L. T. Hoffman.

## PLAY PROGRAM FOR CHILDREN (Continued from page 1)

ers from California and Illinois, who are assisting in the CAS summer program for residents.

### CAS Programs Listed

Peterson points out that children of appointed personnel are invited to take part in the CAS programs held in the Center for evacuees. Although some of these are carried out in blocks some distance from the staff housing area, a new program will get under way Monday in the civic auditorium which would provide something for children of appointed staff members to do in the afternoons. It will be conducted by Miss Emlen and Miss Lymons. The schedule:

Auditorium Play Period  
Mondays and Thursdays,  
2 to 4 p.m., boys 9 to 12

years of age, organized games.

Tuesday and Fridays, 2 to 4 p.m., girls 9 to 12, organized games, songs and folk dancing.

Wednesday and Saturday, 2 to 4 p.m., boys and girls 6 to 9 years old, all types of games.

### Elementary Programs

A morning play program for children of elementary school age, consisting of arts and crafts, story telling, nature study and hikes, already is under way in the Center. Boys and girls from 9 to 12 years of age meet on Mondays and Thursdays in the Block 3 recreation hall from 8:30 to 10:30 a.m. Boys and girls from 6 to 9 years old meet Tuesdays and Fridays in Block 32, apartment 1-c, from 10:15 to 11:45 a.m.

### Older Girls' Program

A number of older girls from the staff housing area are attending classes for girls 13 and over. Mrs. Ostlund conducts archery classes on the grounds west of the auditorium from 8:30 to 9:30 each morning, Monday through Thursday. She supervises softball on the block 25 playgrounds from 9:30 to 10:30, and volleyball in the auditorium from 10:30 to 11:30 on the same mornings. On Monday, Wednesday and Friday evenings from 7 to 10 she supervises badminton, shuffleboard and other games in the auditorium

## DRIVING CARS UP TO DOORS VIOLATION OF TRAFFIC RULES

Internal Security officers have been asked to stop a growing practice of apartment dwellers to drive private cars and government vehicles between barracks.

This not only endangers children but violates traffic regulations which provide that vehicles can be driven up to apartments only to load or unload when moving into or out of the project.

## RELOCATION CHIEF HERE

H. Rex Lee, chief of WRA's relocation division, arrived here direct from Washington Wednesday on an official visit. He will leave late tomorrow for San Francisco.

He was accompanied here from Salt Lake City by Ray B. Haight, relocation supervisor for the Intermountain Area.

## BUCHANAN BECOMES PAPA

A 6 lb. 1 oz. girl was born to Mrs. Lloyd Buchanan, wife of the project attorney, at 1 o'clock this morning in the Topaz hospital. Lloyd said the girl, named Barbara, has black hair, blue eyes and never shuts up.

Ralph Barnhart, former project attorney who is now on the Washington staff, also became a father recently.

### PAT BOND AND BOB MAGGIORI ANNOUNCE ENGAGEMENT

The engagement of Patricia Bond to Robert Maggiori was announced on June 26 by Margaret Mcnees at a gathering at the home of Emily Light.

Miss Bond, who has been a teacher at this center until the closing of school, is now with the Relocation division. She is a graduate of Earlham college, and her home is in Wabash, Indiana.

Mr. Maggiori, of Niles, California, received his degree from San Jose Teacher's college and has been a member of the Topaz high school staff for the past three years. He is attending the summer session of the University of California to work toward his master's degree.

### INTRODUCING NEW EMPLOYEES

Ten persons have joined the appointed staff during the last two weeks.

Miss Beatrice Leventhal and Sidney M. Roseman, new assistant relocation supervisors on detail from the New York office arrived here June 26. They were married enroute. Mr. Roseman uses a Seeing Eye dog in his work.

Llonas Allred, Delta, and Margie Jensen, Deseret, clerk - stenographers in the Education section. Beth Moody, Deseret, clerk-stenographer; Melba Western, Deseret, gate clerk; Bonnie Black, Delta, telephone operator; Edward

D. Hayes, Salt Lake City, storekeeper, mess operations; Charlie Rapp, Ogden, fire Protection officer and J. Gray Atkinson, evacuee property officer.

### MRS. HOFFMAN IN HOSPITAL

Mrs. L. T. Hoffman, wife of our Project Director, is recuperating in the Topaz hospital from an emergency appendectomy performed last Sunday as she was preparing to leave for Riverside, California.

### BILL HUNTER IN, OUT AGAIN

William W. Hunter, procurement officer, returned last week from the Poston Center where he spent 60-days helping prepare property for liquidation, but will leave tomorrow for Minidoka on a similar mission which will take at least three weeks.

### STAFF CHILDREN WILL GO TO SCHOOL IN HINCKLEY

The Millard County School board has assured Project Director L. T. Hoffman that a school bus will be provided again next fall to transport appointed staff children to Hinckley school.

WRA Director Dillon S. Myer had informed him that it will not be possible for the WRA to provide school facilities for children of appointed personnel since appropriation authorizations do not include such services.

### A.P.'S BUMPED IN BALL GAME

The Topaz Old - Timers defeated the Appointed Personnel 8 to 1 in a 4th of July softball game.

Project Director L. T. Hoffman, who shared pitching duties with Emil Sekerak, hit a line drive through second to score Enlow with our only run.

Pratt was behind the plate; Peterson at first; Boyce at second; Buchanan, short; Enlow, third; Conrad, deep short; McConnell, left field; Looper, center field; Dingley and Bell, right field.

### BIOGRAPHICAL SKETCH

(This column's coverage of division heads is completed with a sketch of E. W. Conrad; Reports officer, who edits this sheet.)

The stork dropped him off at Spokane, Wash., Sept. 26, 1910. He spent his youth sitting in trees reading, which he blames for his B.A. degree in English - Journalism from Washington State college. His first assignment as a cub reporter for the Spokane Press was to sit for an hour on the curb at the city's busiest intersection and write a yarn about it. Was a reporter and editor for Spokane Daily Chronicle six years. Joined the Portland bureau of the Associated Press in 1942; resigned as night editor to take present position last Sept. 30. Lives at 205-D with better half, Enid; Tay, 8; Joy, 2, and dog Obadiah.

A circular blue ink stamp is located in the bottom right corner of the document. The outer ring of the stamp contains numbers 1 through 12, with an arrow pointing to the number 12. The text inside the stamp reads "RECEIVED" in large, bold, capital letters. Below this, the date "JUL 9 1942" is stamped. At the bottom of the stamp, the words "War Relocation Authority" are written in a smaller font.

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# THE DESERT WIND



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## CHILDREN'S MEETING CALLED FOR FRIDAY

Alberta Johnson, president of the young people's organization, has called a meeting for 3:30 Friday afternoon in the children's recreation hall.

The young people will consider whether they wish to have the present rec. hall play program continued, and if so whether to continue to finance it on a dues paying basis or with funds from their treasury, which total approximately \$40. They also will decide on dates for parties.

The play program proved popular its first week, attracting 23 youngsters. But this week attendance dropped more than 50 per cent. Mr. Peterson, CAS supervisor, has furnished considerable play material, including games, handicraft supplies and a soccer ball. Mrs. James Williams has proven highly capable in the difficult task of supervising the youngsters.

## HOFFMANS GO TO CALIFORNIA

Project Director L. T. Hoffman left for San Francisco Tuesday, and Mrs. Hoffman and their youngest

## INTERIOR DEPARTMENT PLACEMENT BUREAU MAY FIND NEW JOBS FOR WRA PERSONNEL

(Reprinted from Inside Interior, Interior Department publication.)

New evidence indicates that the existence of the departmental placement service still is unknown to many employees, but this unit doubtless is destined for greater prominence for its functions directly concern all personnel and particularly those whose jobs will change with the end of the war.

son, David, will leave Friday for a month's vacation in Riverside, California.

Mr. Hoffman expects to spend the remainder of this month on the West Coast working on housing and other relocation problems of Topazans. He took seven evacuees with him, including six leaders of the Buddhist church. The party traveled in two pickup trucks being transferred to the San Francisco WRA office.

## NEW PROJECT STEWARD IS VETERAN OF EUROPEAN WAR

Leo Massey, new project steward, received an honorable discharge from the army under the point system at Ft. Douglas on June 26 after six years service.

He spent 23 months in the European War theater, landed on bloody Omaha beach in France and went

Among these are persons serving in strictly war activities which may be liquidated. Every effort will be made to place them in other positions. Of course, returning veterans will come first, and there are nearly 7,000 in the armed forces having reemployment rights. There are also approximately 2,000 former employees serving in other government agencies during the war who have retransfer eligibility. The importance of the placement service to all of these persons is obvious, but it also serves others.

When a committee of employees, unfamiliar with the placement unit, called on Director of Personnel Mrs. J. Atwood Maulding recently to suggest just such a service, they were told that one of its

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# ALL STAFF CHILDREN TO ATTEND HINCKLEY SCHOOLS

Appointed staff children of both grade school and high school ages will attend Hinckley schools this fall, Acting Project Director R. E. Bell said today.

Mr. Bell said he was assured by Joseph Mercer, vice-chairman of the Mil-lard county school board, that Topaz children of p-pointed personnel will be accomodated in the same manner as during the past school year, even to the bus schedule.

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principal functions is to carry out the Department's promotion-from-within policy by checking its roster of present employees before looking elsewhere. By the same procedure, the unit endeavors to take care of misplaced or displaced employees. Over the years, the Department has been notably successful in looking after its own before bringing in outsiders, and every request for eligibles received from the bureaus is reviewed with this object in mind.

## NEW STAFF MEMBERS

Helen Fullmer and Gloria Warnick, clerk-typists, personnel section; Iola Hepworth, clerk - typist, hospital; Mavis Dewsnap, clerk-typist, office services; Delores Robles, senior staff nurse; John E. Bennett, night dispatcher.

## MORE ON MASSEY

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all the way to Leipzig, Czechoslovakia. He was mess sergeant with Co. H, 38 Infantry, Second Division of the U. S. first army.

He is a native of Dallas, Texas, who resides at 208-B with his wife, Ruth, and daughters Marian, 4 and Ruth Eileen, 2.

## STAFF HOUSING COUNCIL

### FAILS TO ELECT OFFICERS

An insufficient number of new barracks representatives were present at this month's Staff Housing Council meeting to elect new officers.

Residents of barracks which have not yet held elections should do so before the August 3 meeting so that new officers can be elected at that time.

## DUNN JOINS M. P. POST

Cpl. William E. Dunn has replaced PFC. Frank Mitchell at the Topaz Military police post. Dunn was transferred here from Salt Lake City where he was on train guard duty. Mitchell was granted a medical discharge.

PFC. John Dawson has gone to Salt Lake City where he expects to secure an honorable discharge on the basis of age.

## FOUND

A new white Fuller brush. See Mrs. Massey.

## BIOGRAPHICAL SKETCH

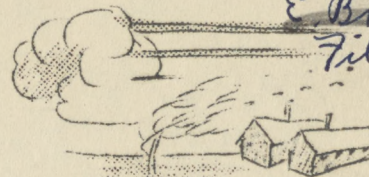
Dr. Douglas R. Collier, Chief Medical Officer, was born in Denver in 1897. Upon graduation from the University of Colorado Medical school in 1923, he served his internship in Puerto Rico and in 1924 was sent to Siam by the Presbyterian Board of Foreign Missions. He spent 13 years in Siam, serving in the Presbyterian hospital in Chiang Mai, the country's second largest city, doing research on leprosy and hunting tigers. He was decorated by the Chao Luang of Chiang Mai (highest government official in North Siam) for his medical work. He returned home on furlough in 1941 and obtained his doctor of science degree from Beloit college, Wis., the following year. Joined WRA in May, 1943. Spent short periods at the Tule Lake, Gila River and Jerome relocation centers before coming here in June of last year. A member of the American College of Surgeons and holder of the University of Colorado's Norlin medal for leprosy research, Dr. Collier is married and has two sons. Mrs. Collier, also a University of Colorado Medical school graduate, is in active practice in Denver. Both of their sons were born in Siam. Douglas Jr. is an aviation cadet at Mariana field, Arizona; Robert, a high school student in Denver. Dr. Collier's hobbies are photography and flying. He expects to return to Siam after the war.

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### CEILING ON RUNS PLAGUES BALL CLUB

Who put that eight-run ceiling on the administration softball team? The Washington office naturally is under suspicion.

The club has scored eight runs in each of its six league games. Eight tallies are good enough to win most softball tilts. The adm. boys kicked away the four games they lost through errors. Scores were: 8-2, 8-10, 8-10, 8-11, 8-14, 8-6.

Our team still has a chance as the second round of the Old Timers' league schedule is in a four-way tie, each team having won one and lost one. The club will complete its second round with games tomorrow (Friday) and Monday nights. Games are played on the diamond just west of the auditorium, starting at 7 o'clock. Herman Kimball is new team manager and Parlell Peterson captain.

### ELECTION TOMORROW

This is to remind barracks and dormitory Staff Housing Council representatives to meet at 7 o'clock tomorrow (Friday) evening in Adm. B building (Mr. Niesse's office) and elect new officers.

### DAVID HOFFMAN RECOVERS

David Hoffman, young son of Project Director and Mrs. L. T. Hoffman, has recovered from a serious illness brought on by heat prostration. The attack occurred just as he was preparing to leave with his mother for a California vacation July 20. They are planning to take the trip next week.

### GIVE 'EM A HAND

The Desert Wind salutes for their community spirit Roscoe E. Bell, Bob Robinson, Leonard Wood and Robert Snyder. The first named trio are responsible for the new swings in the staff housing area. Snyder fashioned the fancy leather tips and metal ferrules on the pool room cues.

### NEW EMPLOYEES

Helen Beach of Delta, telephone operator; Harriet Hauman, Delta, and Ben Woodburn, St. Paul, Minn., statistics section; Augustus Reeves, Salt Lake City, finance section.

Lt. Hill has changed the time of the Wednesday night M.P. movies to 8:30.

### PROJECT DIRECTOR HAD WILD RIDE TO CALIFORNIA

Project Director L. T. Hoffman learned how to rough it and take it on the Navajo reservation in Arizona. He had plenty of the same on his recent Buddhist caravan trek to San Francisco.

Arriving home late yesterday, he disclosed that his party drove straight through to Sacramento after the July 17 take-off was delayed until late in the day by mechanical trouble. The two pick-up trucks carrying Buddhist church leaders, one of which Mr. Hoffman drove, battled darkness and wash-outs on the dangerous and little-used mountain road running west from Delta. There was more car trouble between Carson City and Lake Tahoe, and then they found their gasoline coupons were invalid. But old friends at the Indian Service agency at Carson City came to the rescue and the party reached Sacramento 24 hours after leaving here.

In San Francisco Mr. Hoffman helped make arrangements to move evacuees property out of the Buddhist church and convert it into a hostel. He had dinner with the Turners and other former Topazans. (See tomorrow's Times)

## WATCH FOR NEW WRA DIGEST

When the midsummer issue of the WRA Information Digest comes to your desk don't just glance at it—read it carefully, then pass it on.

Twice as large as usual (24 pages), this issue contains information of interest to all WRA employees. Some of the outstanding articles are:

"What the Federal Pay Raise Means to You," by Earl D. Brooks, Washington head of Personnel Management section; "San Francisco," "World Front, Home Front," by R. B. Cozzens, Assistant Director; "Philadelphia Story", by H. L. Yager, Senior Relocation Officer, Philadelphia; "Tell It to the 4th Marines," by Frank C. Cross, former head of the Reports division's publications section.

## WRA'S NEW YORK OFFICE OKAY

WRA offices in New York City's Empire State building were undamaged and no employees were injured in last Saturday's spectacular plane crash into the 78th floor, Robert Dolins, relocation supervisor, reports. WRA offices are on the 55th floor.

## TERMINATIONS

Dr. and Mrs. LaVerne C. Bane are enroute to Muskogee, Okla., where he will be principal of the high school and junior college there.

Foy Enlow will leave tomorrow (Friday) for Dallas, Texas, to become Relocation Officer for the WRA's district office.

Miss Bertha Castor of the Relocation division plans to leave Saturday for a visit to her hometown of Cheyenne, Wyo., before going to Price, Utah, to accept a teaching position in the public elementary school.

Miss Frances McCluskey left last week for Tule Lake where she will continue her relocation work.

## MRS. O. F. HOFFMAN LEAVES

Mrs. Oscar F. Hoffman, wife of our Community Analyst, left last week for St. Joseph, Mo., to be with her mother who suffered a stroke.

## NEW M. P. ARRIVES

Pvt. Michael McQuade is the big, husky newcomer at the local Military Police post.

## BIOGRAPHICAL SKETCH

Doren B. Boyce, Finance Officer, is a born government man—he starts each fiscal year out right with a birthday, having made his earthly debut on July 1, 1914. Born and raised in Salt Lake City, he studied accounting and business training at Henger's Business college there. First job was secretary to the manager of Z.C.M.I.'s transportation department. After 12 months became assistant manager, a position he held for four years. He spent the next quartet of years with the Soil Conservation Service in Salt Lake City. He came here on August 20, 1942, when Topaz still was under construction, as assistant fiscal accountant. Was promoted to auditor, fiscal accountant and then to his present position in April of last year. Lives at 213-C with wife Mildred and Jacqueline, 4. Is president of the Topaz branch of the L. D. S. church and Topaz Boy Scout commissioner. Member of Administrative softball team. His chief hobby is sailboating, learned as a Sea Scout in Salt Lake City.



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## BELL JOINS BONNEVILLE POWER ADMINISTRATION

Roscoe E. Bell, Assistant and Director in charge of Operations, and Mrs. Bell will leave Sunday for Portland, Ore., where Mr. Bell will become assistant and director of the Bonneville Power Administration's Market Development section.

The Bells, who have been here since the project started, will go first to Newport, Wash., where their three youngest children have been visiting relatives. Their oldest son, Paul, is an ASTP student at Oregon State college and has passed requirements for training at the Army's Japanese Language school at the University of Minnesota.

### Other Terminations

Dr. O. F. Hoffman, Community Analyst, plans to leave next week for Elmhurst, Ill., where he has accepted a position in the Department of Sociology at Elmhurst college. He will pick up Mrs. Hoffman and their son at Colorado Springs where they are visiting relatives.

W. W. Hunter, property and supply officer, was transferred to the Salt Lake City office Aug. 12 as Field Examiner.

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## FAREWELL TEA

A farewell "come and go" tea in honor of Mr. and Mrs. Roscoe E. Bell and Dr. and Mrs. O. F. Hoffman will be held from 7 to 9 tomorrow (Saturday) evening at the apartment of Director L.T. Hoffman. All staff members invited.

## GLICK AND SPICER TO TALK AT MEETING TOMORROW

Assistant Director Philip M. Glick, former WRA solicitor, and Dr. Edward Spicer, chief of the Community Analysis section in Washington, will be principal speakers at a general staff meeting tomorrow (Saturday) in the Adm. Rec. hall starting at 11 a. m. Project Director L. T. Hoffman will make a statement regarding the 44-hour work week.

## FINAL STAFF PARTY SET FOR NEXT SATURDAY

The Staff Housing Council appears to have died a natural death. Two elections have been called to elect new officers but only four new barracks representatives turned out in response to the first call and only two to the second, making it impossible to hold an election.

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## WRA PERSONNEL OFFICER OPTIMISTIC OVER TRANSFERS

Earl D. Brooks, WRA Personnel officer in Washington, D. C., said here Tuesday that he is very optimistic about being able to transfer to other government agencies WRA employees who remain on their jobs until the end.

Officials and Personnel officers of other government agencies have shown considerable interest in WRA employees because of the good job this agency has done, Brooks said. What effect the end of the war will have on government employment is unknown, but some new government agencies probably will be created.

Brooks said that his office will start submitting 57's of WRA personnel to other federal agencies about September 1. The Interior department will be given first choice except where employees have expressed definite preferences in other departments.

This is the third time Brooks has been responsible for transferring employees from liquidated areas. He transferred 83 per cent of employees of HOLC and the Office of Facts and Figures to other government agencies.

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## ROGERS IN ENGLAND

PFC. Carl Rogers, former assistant project steward, is with the Army Quartermasters division in the British Isles inspecting root vegetables being shipped to Europe.

In a letter to Assistant Project Director G.L. Niesse, Rogers reported that he saw Charles Ernst, former Project Director, on a London street, July 20. Ernst who is with UNRRA, said that he expected to be home within 30 days. They talked about the "old Topaz gang" and then Ernst started in on arrowheads.

## MORE ON TERMINATIONS

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Mr. and Mrs. Paul McConnell left Wednesday for Los Angeles where Mr. McConnell will become a field relocation officer. Mr. McConnell has been with the Relocation office and Mrs. McConnell with the Personnel section. Paul McConnell, Jr., will continue his work here in the Property Control section.

Mr. and Mrs. Ishmael Looper left for Oklahoma Sunday. Mr. Looper taught vocational training mechanics here and Mrs. Looper American cookery.

Mrs. Nellie C. Shaw, senior elementary school teacher, left August 4. She will teach school in Cedar City.

Mrs. Mary Dawson, supervising nurse, left last week to take a nursing position at the Tooele Ordnance depot.

## NOTICE

"Because of the start of school I cannot continue milk deliveries. Anyone interested in taking over the milk route after September 1 please contact me at once." Alberta Johnson, 211-D.

## STAFF PARTY

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As the old officers still seem to be in the saddle, they have decided to use up remaining treasury funds for a final staff party next Saturday night, August 25, in the Administrative Rec. hall. All members of the appointed staff and their families with exception of young children are urged to come out and have a last fling.

## BANKSON'S SON HONORED

Lt. Col. Rodger R. Bankson, son of former Project Reports Officer Russell A. Bankson who is now head of the publications section in the Washington Reports office, has been awarded the Silver Star for bravery in the Phillipines.

## PAINT AVAILABLE

Washington has banned further painting of staff apartments by the operations div., but Ass't Project Director Bell says some opened paint is available to do it yourself.

Free - Topaz-grown Swiss chard. See Lloyd Buchanan.

## MAGGIORA-BOND WED

Seventy - five persons attended the wedding of Robert Maggiora and Pat Bond in the Topaz Protestant church last night and the reception which followed in the science building.

Rev. Virgil Williams performed the ceremony. Albert Fields was best man; Miss Margaret McNeas, maid of honor; Mrs. Roscoe E. Bell, matron of honor. Mr. Bell gave the bride away. Ted Hoffman and Paul McConnell, Jr., ushers, Mrs. Claude Pratt sang.

The bride and groom are honeymooning in Salt Lake City.

## MORE ON BROOKS

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Brooks came here Saturday from Minidoka with Boyd N. Larsen, assistant finance and supply officer; Miss Helen F. Collins, records officer, and Mrs. Hazel A. Black of the Washington records office.

Mrs. Black will remain several weeks to give assistance on records problems. Other members of the party left Tuesday night for the Rowher Relocation Center.

## NEW EMPLOYEES

Eleanor Hunting, Los Angeles, junior relocation counselor; Deola Christensen, Delta, clerk-stenographer, administrative management division.

FOR SALE--Atlas jars 40¢ a dozen. See Mrs. Virgil K. Williams.



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## STAFF PARTY FRI. NIGHT M.P. DANCE SAT. NIGHT

The staff party postponed from last Saturday will be held tomorrow night (Friday) so as not to conflict with an M. P. dance in the post dining hall Saturday night to which appointed personnel are invited.

The staff party, to which the army post men are in turn invited, will be held in the Adm. Rec. hall from 9 to 12. Modern and old-fashioned dancing, with plenty of refreshments, will be featured. The party is being put on free of charge by the Staff Housing council to liquidate its treasury before more of the old-timers "relocate".

The general committee in charge consists of E.W. Conrad, Herman Kimball and Leighton Dingley. The all-important food committee is made up of Mrs. Stahl, chairman, Mrs. Massey, Mrs. Bosh, Mrs. W. Crane, Mrs. Roof, Miss McNees and Al Fields.

## MRS. CRANE TRANSFERRED

Mrs. Wallace Crane has been transferred from Education section to Office Services as acting Manager.

## 40-HOUR WORK WEEK WILL BECOME EFFECTIVE HERE SEPT. 9 EXCEPT IN A FEW ESSENTIAL POSITIONS

A 40-hour work week will be put into effect here Sept. 9 for all WRA employees except a few performing essential services, Project Director L. T. Hoffman announced today. The work week will be eight hours daily, Monday through Friday.

### MONDAY A HOLIDAY

Labor Day, Monday, Sept. 3, has been declared a legal holiday and no leave will be charged for absences on that day, Project Director L. T. Hoffman announced today.

## FOUR PASS PILOT TESTS; TOPAZ AIRSTRIIP APPROVED

Project Director L. T. Hoffman, Mr. and Mrs. Bob Robinson and Ted Hayes of the Topaz Flying club passed written examinations for private pilot licenses yesterday and will be qualified to take cross-country flights after a dual check flight. Flyers who do not pass these tests are confined to a 25-mile radius from the airport.

Robinson also took the practical flight test and qualified as a licensed private pilot, which permits him to carry passengers.

The tests were given at the Delta Airport by H.C. Harris, senior aero-  
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Hoffman was notified by teletype yesterday that the Department of Interior has established the 40-hour week in line with a request from President Truman to federal agencies. Requests for additional regular scheduled work days must be approved by WRA Director Dillon S. Myer, and division and section heads are asked to make recommendations for submitting to Washington by Sept. 1.

## P. D. TO TAKE SHORT LEAVE

Project Director L. T. Hoffman will take his family to Salt Lake City tomorrow for the week-end, returning via Mt. Pleasant where his oldest son, Ted, will enroll in Wasatch academy Monday for his senior year.

## RAPP RETURNS

Charles Rapp, assistant Fire Protection Officer, has returned to duty.

## CO-OP DISCONTINUES DOMESTIC SERVICE

The Consumers Cooperative Enterprises, Inc., will discontinue furnishing domestics to occupants of staff apartments as of September 1. Thereafter individuals must make their own arrangements for domestic service. Wages should be at the established rate.

## TERMINATIONS

Dr. Legrande Noble, superintendent of Education, resigned Monday to report in Logan on Sept. 1 to take charge of correspondence studies in the Utah State Agricultural college's extension division.

Parlell Peterson, CAS supervisor, will leave this weekend for Orem, Utah, to resume his duties as head of Physical Education at Lincoln high school.

Mr. and Mrs. Robert Maggiora plan to leave next week for Westwood, Calif., where Mr. Maggiora has accepted a teaching position in the Westwood high school.

Grace Hopworth, Mails and Files, left last Saturday to teach at John.

Miss Dorothy Seymour of the Relocation division is leaving Saturday for Pasadena to visit her folks before going to New Orleans where she will study for her masters degree in Sociology at Tulane university.

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nautical inspector from Salt Lake City.

The Topaz airstrip has been designated by the Civil Aeronautics administration and will appear on new airstrip maps.

## NEW APPOINTMENTS

Geo. L. Beckstead of Salt Lake City joined the appointed staff as a fire fighter last week and is residing at 210-A with his wife and daughter.

Mrs. Evelyn S. Reed, Salt Lake City, has joined the Finance section as Fiscal accounting clerk. Mrs. Ava Bennett, Deseret, has been appointed to Office Services section. New clerk typists in the clerical pool are Marylyn Jones, Flora May, Mrs. Marylyn Church, Maryetta Gardner all of Delta. Mrs. Beulah Rowley, Deseret, has joined the Relocation division as a clerk-stenographer.

## REEVES GEM COLLECTOR

Augustus Reeves, who joined the Finance section, has a collection of more than 250 varieties of minerals and semi-precious stones. He brought with him from his Salt Lake City home a sample case containing 200 beautifully polished stones. He is a charter member of the Utah Mineralogical society.

## BIOGRAPHICAL SKETCH

Wallace Crane, newly appointed acting chief of the Operations division, comes by his pioneering with WRA naturally - he was born in Boone county, Missouri. He worked on his father's farm; attended the University of Missouri; worked for the city of Columbia, Mo., a year as inspector on construction and office work; helped locate a railroad between St. Louis and Kansas City, Mo.; worked for a private engineer on location of lots and streets in Columbia; was employed by the Missouri state highway department for three years as inspector of materials and construction work, and in 1927 was transferred to the Kansas City division office as draftsman and designer. He joined WRA in 1942, going to the Jerome relocation center as associate engineer and later being promoted to hydraulic engineer. He transferred to Topaz July 1, 1944, as office engineer and was made senior engineer last March. Hobbies - golf and stamp collecting.

## KIDS HAVE MELON PARTY

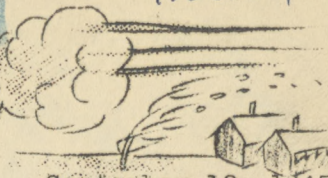
Seven big watermelons were devoured by youngsters who went on a desert hike sponsored yesterday by the young people's organization. Mrs. Chastain got the melons in Delta and Mrs. Conrad accompanied the children.



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## THE DESERT WIND



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### DR. PROVINSE HERE ON DETAIL FROM WASHINGTON

Dr. John H. Provinse, chief of the Community Management division in Washington, arrived Sunday to spend a month as acting Assistant Project Director in charge of Community Management.

Russell Derrickson, field representative for the Washington Relocation division, is visiting too.

William Hunter, former Procurement Officer, arrived Monday with three other members of a WRA field examination unit on property which will spend the next month or six weeks inventoring warehouses and cataloguing property for surplus disposition. M.A. Byrd, former Minidoka Finance Officer, heads the unit. C.P. Dottery, formerly of Granada, and O.L. Prather, formerly of Gila River, are other members.

### A. P. CHILDREN PARTY

Twenty-three staff children attended a theater party in Delta Saturday organized by Mrs. Conrad and financed from proceeds of the "bake" sale they sponsored some months ago. Mrs. Hoffman, Mrs. Kinball, Mr. Marsella and Mrs. Conrad furnished automobile transportation.

### NEW EMPLOYEES

Operations division--Thyge Gronning, Roy Lossee, Melvin Terry, DeVer Wilkins, Millie L. Jones, Heber Wilkins, Archie Maxfield, Jay Terry, Lucian Black, Frank Black, Delta; Ralph Conk, Deseret.

Relocation division--Cora Simons, NeRee Erickson, Isabelle Bohn, Delta; Tenna Jensen, Barbara Conk, Deseret.

Property Control--Peter Twitchell, Peggy Rae Black, Ursal K. Barkdall, Delta.

Mess Operations--John Shanley, Virginia; Nina Shirley, Hinckley; Norma Riding, Delta; Hugh Rowley, Deseret.

Finance--Lucille Turner, Sutherland; Carol Dillenback, Hinckley.

Evacuee Property--Shirley Bunker, Delta.

Statistics -- Shirley Jackson, Sutherland; Vanda Mondy, Deseret.

Relocation division--Miss Yoshiye Ogata, WRA office in Cleveland and Mrs. Tomi K. Masunaga, WRA office in Washington, D. C.

### NIESSES VISIT PARKS

Assistant Project Director Gilbert Niesse left Tuesday for a short vacation with his family in Bryce, Grand Canyon and Zion National parks.

### STAFF MEMBERS INVITED TO SHOWER THURS. NIGHT

Appointed personnel and their families are invited to attend a shower for Sgt. and Mrs. Theodore A. Hjort in the Adm. Rec. hall tomorrow night (Thursday), starting at 8:30.

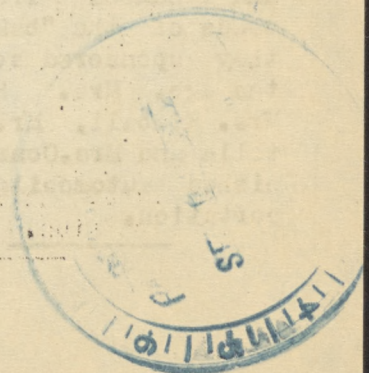
Mrs. Hjort is the former Helen Fry, secretary to the Project Attorney. She and Sgt. Hjort, a member of the Topaz military police post, were married Saturday in Ely, Nevada. Sgt. Hjort will be transferred to Fort Douglas Friday with the abandonment of the local post.

The committee in charge of arrangements: Mrs. Buchanan, Mrs. Roraback, Mrs. Stahl, Miss Matzkin, Mrs. Conrad, Mrs. Pratt, Mrs. Hoffman, Mrs. Boyce, Miss McNeese, Miss Taylor, Mrs. Jenkins and Mr. Fields.

### TERMINATIONS

Miss Laura Merrill, librarian, left last week to accept a teaching position in Logan; Paul McConnell, property control, for Los Angeles to attend school; Delma Webb, finance section, to attend college at Cedar City; Otto Linnarz, motor maintenance, to return to Salt Lake City.

Mrs. Ruth Baumgartner resigned from Office Services due to ill health.

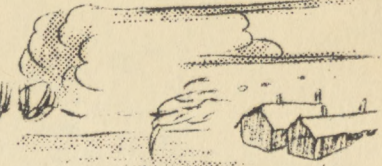


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### STAFF PERSONNEL NOW AT RECORD 195 FIGURE

A record 195 persons now are on the appointed staff. In addition, five personnel are on detail here from other WRA offices.

The new first cook in the administration dining hall kitchen is Mrs. Ezetta Johnson of Huntington, Utah. Betty Joe Lee and Leona Paulsen, Millard county, are the new kitchen workers.

New assistant relocation advisers are Mrs. Gennette Nygard and Mrs. Ina R. Abernathy, both of Chicago, and Miss Kimiko Mukaye from the Chicago WRA office.

Betty Terry, Seattle, is the new clerk in Statistics. Connell Root, New York, is the new Internal Security officer. New guards are Vernon Parry, George Stewart, George Hardy and Fay Greener, Hinckley, and Lucius Rowe, Payson.

Other new staff members from Millard county are: Mrs. Cora Jensen, Leave office clerk; Mrs. Roberta Theobald, Property Control; Grace Theobald, Mess Operations; Shirley Theobald and Bonnie Maxfield, Finance; Mr. and Mrs. George Church, Hugh Rowley and Ralph Curtis, administration area janitors; George Sampson, box and crate maker; Orlando

Hepworth, Harry Crane and Frank Crane, hospital boiler firemen.

### TERMINATIONS

Wendell Palmer, chief of Agriculture, left today with his family for Malad, Idaho, where he will resume operation of his cattle and sheep ranch.

Grant R. Bowen, Statistician, resigned Sept. 15 to return to his Salt Lake City home. Clarence Ostlund, Acting Statistician, plans to leave this Saturday with his family for Price, Utah, where he and Mrs. Ostlund have accepted teaching positions in Price high school. Miss Evelyn Rose of the Washington office is expected to arrive Sunday to head the Statistics section.

Other recent terminations: Mrs. Adeline Hunter, Leave Officer; Wometta and Nada Roper, Mess Operations; Bernard Stewart, foreman mechanic; Archie Maxfield and Heber Wilkins, truck drivers; Ursal and DeLynn Barkdull, Devere Wilkins, laborers.

George P. Young of the Washington Relocation division, who has been on detail here since August 8, will leave Sunday for Denver from where he expects to be detailed to another center.

### COMMITTEE WORKING ON SNACK-BAR FOR REC. HALL

Recognizing the need of an administrative canteen and snack-bar in the recreation hall now that the military post exchange has closed, Project Director L. T. Hoffman has asked Lawrence Horton to head a committee on arrangements.

Horton, former CAS supervisor who returned last week after his release from the army and is now Acting Leave Officer, named Mrs. Horton, Mrs. Dingley, Miss Mack, Mrs. Hjort, Mr. Davis and Dr. Provinse on his committee.

The canteen would be open evenings.

### FIRE DRILL TOMORROW

Project Director L. T. Hoffman has requested every able-bodied man to attend a fire drill tomorrow (Thursday) at 3:30 at the fire station. A volunteer squad will be given further training so that it will be able to aid the undermanned fire department in an emergency.

### FATHER McCLARY COMING

Father McClary of Bureka, Utah, will conduct 11:30 mass in the Topaz Catholic church Sunday.

## BIOGRAPHICAL SKETCH

"The wild men of Borneo are much less wild than some people in Chicago," says Dr. John H. Provinse, who is here on detail from Washington as Acting Assistant Project Director in charge of Community Management. And he ought to know--he was there!

But to start at the beginning, Dr. Provinse was born on a cattle ranch near Red Lodge, Mont., and worked for the Forest service after graduating from high school until World War I when he joined the navy. After four years in the Philippines, he obtained a law degree at the University of Chicago. Finding that he didn't like law practice, he returned to the Chicago school and obtained a Ph. D. degree in anthropology. He taught anthropology at the University of Arizona from 1932 to 1936. One of his students was L. T. Hoffman, our project director. Then he joined the soil conservation service on the Navajo Indian reservation. There he was in charge of the agency's social economic survey and worked with Hoffman, who was in charge of re-

lief and outside employment and who later became assistant superintendent of the reservation.

Dr. Provinse's Borneo interlude was in 1929-30. He went there with an expedition which sought to communicate with Admiral Byrd at the South Pole by radio from the equator. He found that the "wild men" lived largely on cultivated rice and jungle fruits--not human flesh and are similar to many of our American Indians. He left on a Japanese boat and stopped in Japan about three weeks.

In 1940 Dr. Provinse went to Washington as head of the Community Organization and Adjustment section in the Bureau of Agricultural Economics. He joined WRA as chief of the Community Management division in April 27, 1942, and worked in the original WRA office in San Francisco. He has a wife and 14-year-old daughter in Washington.

## WANT TO CASH A CHECK?

Checks may be cashed in Block 12, barracks 6, from 9 to 11:30 a. m. on Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays until October 5.

## MAIL ROOM OPEN SATURDAYS

The mail room in Administration building A now is open all day Saturdays. Incoming morning mail will be sorted and ready for callers about 10:30 a. m.; afternoon mail about 4 p. m. Outgoing mail will be taken to the postoffice at 11 a. m. and 3:55 p. m.

## TURNER HURT BY HORSE

Miss Lucille Turner of Sutherland, a new member of the finance section, was injured in a riding accident Sunday and taken to the Delta hospital.

## VA&amp;ATOIN T?IME

(Reprinted from "Inside Interior")

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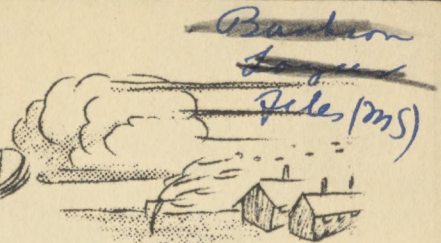
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## TED HJORT SERIOUSLY INJURED IN CAR CRASH

Ted Hjort, former member of the Topaz military police post, was injured seriously in an automobile accident last Tuesday while en route to Salt Lake City in a WRA car driven by Miss Evelyn Rose of the Washington office who escaped with bruises.

Hjort had been visiting his bride of three weeks, the former Helen Fry, secretary to the Project Attorney. Mrs. Hjort, who immediately went to Salt Lake City, reported that he suffered a fractured left leg, a shattered right knee cap, fractured left arm and face cuts. He is in the Veterans' hospital.

## HOFFMAN APPOINTS 16 EMERGENCY FIREFIGHTERS

Project Director L. T. Hoffman has appointed 16 men to an emergency fire squad which would aid the fire department in event of a serious fire. Members, who report to Fire Chief Roraback each Thursday at 3:30 p. m. for training, are: Snyder, Maas, Massey, Hays, Gonzales, Bosh, Hartman, Rowe, Earl, Dingley, Bishop, W. Crane, Fields, Cannon, Buchanan and Kimball.

## DR. PROVINSE LEAVING

Dr. John H. Provinse, Chief of WRA's Community Management division, will leave for Washington tomorrow following a month's detail here. He acted as escort on last Thursday's special train carrying evacuees back to San Francisco.

## PROVO FIRM AGREES TO HANDLE STAFF LAUNDRY

The Troy laundry, Provo, Utah, has agreed to provide weekly service to staff members. Price lists are being posted in the administration dining hall and in dormitories. Individuals should send laundry to the Provo firm by parcel post, charges prepaid, as return C.O.D. would add to the cost.

## NEW EMPLOYEES

Mrs. Arlene Bennett, Deseret, Hospital; Homer Jensen and Alvin Western, Deseret, and Audie Gabbard, Provo, truck drivers; Harvey Sunstrum and Calvin Black, Deseret, LeRoy Boren, Theo Adams, Arch Beck and Jack Howe, Provo, Property Control.

Here on detail from Washington are: Kiyoko Hayashi and Margaret Kuhn, Relocation office, Lawrence Oschinsky, Evacuee Property; James Takeshita, Project Reports.

## ADMINISTRATIVE CANTEEN MAY OPEN THIS WEEKEND

The administrative canteen and snack bar in the recreation hall may be opened this weekend.

Supplies have been ordered with the \$275 raised by subscriptions from staff members, and an ice box is being installed.

Mrs. George L. Beckstead agreed to manage the canteen and Project Director L. T. Hoffman appointed Mr. Buchanan, Dr. Provinse and Mr. Horton to draw up an agreement with her today. Under present plans the canteen will be open evenings.

## Free Movie

As a feature of the opening, a free movie program will be presented at 8 o'clock Tuesday night. Assistant Project Director Niesse will show a historical motion picture of Topaz which he filmed in natural color, and Mr. Hoffman will show color slides of center activity. The program will last only about 40 minutes so come out and bring the kiddies.

## DAVIS HEADS STATISTICS

David E. Davis, Procurement Officer, has been designated acting head of the Statistics section. He will continue to supervise procurement work.





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ASS'T. WRA DIRECTOR  
HEADS WASH. VISITORS

Malcolm E. Pitts, assistant director of the WRA, arrived here Monday night to lend a hand in center closure. He revealed the WRA will notify the surplus property board that it can take over here approximately Feb. 1, and that payrolls will be handled by the Washington office starting Jan. 1.

Other members of the Washington staff here on detail are Glen Rumley, chief of fire protection; Charlotte Dixon, assistant personnel officer; Betty Nicholson, classification officer; Mary Smithburg, placement officer; Helen Collins, head of the records management section; Sunny Katz and Susie Hirooka of the records section.

## Working on Transfers

Dixon, Nicholson and Smithburg are here from the WRA personnel office in Washington helping employees who desire to continue in government service.

These persons are being interviewed and the information obtained is being forwarded to four representatives of the Civil Service commission on loan to the WRA to locate job opportunities for WRA personnel. Abstracts

## CENTER CLOSING CEREMONY AT GATEHOUSE WEDNESDAY

There'll be a hot (at least noisy) time in the old town Wednesday (Oct. 31) just after the last handful of evacuee residents leave on the 1 p.m. bus, signifying the successful effort of the administration to close the center on schedule.

of the "57's" submitted by WRA personnel last spring have been furnished the Civil Service representatives.

"WRA employees have a better chance than those of other war agencies to obtain transfers because WRA is doing more than other agencies to place its employees," Miss Nicholson told a meeting of appointed personnel last week.

## ADM. CANTEEN WILL HAVE "COKE" SOON

George Beckstead, who orders supplies for the new adm. canteen, says he has been promised 60 cases of coca cola this weekend. Come early and avoid the rush.

Despite the previous lack of this beverage, patronage of the canteen has been good. The demand for candy and gum is greater than the available supply.

## Ping Pong Tourney

The canteen now is open every night from 7 to 10. Ping pong is very popular. (See page 2, col.2)

Staff members are invited to attend a center closing ceremony at the main gate--and bring pots, pans, sticks and what have you to form a "kitchen" band.

Locking of the gate will be symbolized by Project Director L. T. Hoffman. He will wield a huge gold key, a souvenir of the 1939 World Fair in San Francisco, where many of the center residents have relocated. But he has not quite decided whether it will be a gate locking or unlocking ceremony.

## FEW LUCKY HUNTERS

Staff nimrods who were out last weekend reported hunters far outnumbered deer. A party of L. T. Hoffman, his son Ted, Cliff Purcell, Mr. and Mrs. Bob Robinson and Ted Hayes brought back two deer after scouring half the state. Isabell Bohn shot her first buck. S. Tolbert also got his deer.

### STAFF URGED TO SUPPORT UNITED VICTORY CAMPAIGN

Herman C. Kimball, chairman of the Topaz United War Fund Victory campaign committee, urges appointed personnel to contribute to the drive by making checks payable to the National War Fund, Inc., and turning them in to the Personnel office by Nov. 3.

"Although the lack of time will not permit the conducting of this campaign on an individual solicitation basis, it is felt that you are aware of the purpose for which the National War Fund was created and that you will lend the current campaign your generous support as you have in the past", Kimball said.

Your gift will help the USO bring a laugh and a lift to our fighting men in occupation zones, in hospitals and camps at home. It also will help provide emergency clothing relief, artificial limbs, medical and surgical supplies, etc. for war victims of many lands.

### NIESSE TO VACATION

Gilbert L. Niesse, assistant project director in charge of administrative management, plans to leave for Indianapolis Nov. 4 with his four-year-old daughter, Ann, on a "delayed" vacation to visit his parents. He expects to be back at his desk Nov. 16.

### TERMINATIONS

Perry Carmichael left Wednesday for his Norman, Okla., home (732 Asp St), and on November 19 will report at Wingate, New Mexico, to take a position as Boys' advisor on the Navajo Indian Reservation.

Albert Fields is leaving tomorrow for a vacation in Hollywood before returning to government service in Washington, D.C.

Joséphine Wycoff will leave Saturday morning for a visit to her home in North Dakota before going to Tuba, Ariz., where she will work for the Indian Service.

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ular and another table is being sought. An "A" league tournament was held last night and the winner, according to Emil Sekerak, official scorer, was Miss Nobu Setaguchi, who is on detail here from the Washington office. Leo Massey was runner-up. Lou "Paderewski" Hoffman furnished piano accompaniment.

Hoffman recently named two committees to work with Mr. and Mrs. Beckstead in the operation of the canteen. Committee in charge of activity programs and supervision of the recreation hall--D.E. Davis, chairman, E.W. Conrad, secretary, Leighton Dingley, J. G. Atkinson, Isabell Bohm; finance committee--Mrs. L. Horton, chairman, Lloyd Buchanan, Doren Boyce.

### HOLIDAY OBSERVANCE CHANGED BY PRESIDENT

Under an executive order issued recently by President Truman, federal employees will get Monday off when the following holidays fall on Sunday--Christmas, New Year's, Washington's birthday, Memorial day, Fourth of July and Armistice day.

There are two exceptions to the rule, however. They are:

1. In the case of employees whose regularly scheduled basic work week includes both the Sunday and the Monday referred to above, either day, as determined by the department head, but not both days, shall be treated as a holiday.

2. In the case of employees whose regularly scheduled basic work week includes the Sunday but not the Monday referred to above, only the Sunday shall be treated as a holiday.

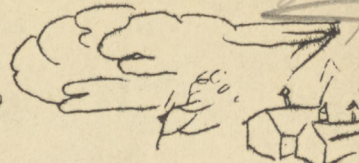
### MRS. RORABACK FETED

Mrs. Charles Roraback's community service received recognition last Friday when she was honored at a surprise party sponsored by Mrs. L. T. Hoffman and Mrs. G. L. Niesse. All women in the staff housing area who use the laundry room which Mrs. Roraback supervises were invited to attend and bring a gift. Fifty attended the affair held in Mrs. Hoffman's residence.

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## STAFF "RELOCATION" PICKS UP MOMENTUM

Now you see them, now you don't!

That's the way it goes as appointed personnel, their work done, follow former evacuee residents in making tracks out of Topaz.

More than a score have gone with the wind since the last evacuee left Nov. 1. The list of departees, as furnished by Mrs. Laura Schutte of the personnel office:

Eleanor Gerard was transferred to the Washington office where she will be in charge of educational records from the centers. Emil Sekeras was detailed to the Portland office.

Rhett Mitchell, hospital dietician, has gone to Los Angeles. Emmie Perkins, Nora Weand, Beryle Summers, and Dolores Robles, nurses, are vacationing in Washington, D. C., Pennsylvania, Baltimore and Puerto Rico, respectively, pending transfers.

Effie Merrill has returned to her home in Logan. Leonard Wood of maintenance resigned to enter private business. Barbara Conk of the leave office and Bonnie Black, telephone operator, also resigned.

Margaret Mack and Emily Light are on leave in California. Mr. and

## COMMUNITY THANKSGIVING DINNER TO BE HELD HERE

All staff members and their families are invited to a community Thanksgiving dinner in the administration dining hall Nov. 22 at 3 p.m., Project Steward Leo Massey announced today.

There will be no advance in prices (50¢ for adults and 25¢ for children) despite the fact Tom Turkey will be the piece de resistance.

Copies of the menu, which will make your mouth water, will be mailed to personnel.

So the cooks will know how much food to prepare, Massey asks that reservations be made by filling out the following box and forwarding it to him.

I will attend the  
staff Thanksgiving  
dinner with \_\_\_\_\_ mem-  
bers of my family.

\_\_\_\_\_  
Name

Mrs. Sidney M. Roseman, who were detailed here from the New York office, stopped off yesterday en route home following a vacation in California.

Joseph M. Jones, assistant fiscal accountant, is being transferred to Tule Lake. He will leave Nov. 18 after 29 months (See page 2, Column 1)

## DR. COLLIER WILL INOCULATE CHILDREN

Dr. Douglas Collier is a medical Santa Claus.

The Chief Medical Officer has set up a first-aid station in his apartment (204-D) and says he will be glad to immunize appointed personnel children against smallpox, whooping cough, diphtheria and typhoid fever free of charge.

Mothers wishing this service should bring their children to his apartment at 2 p.m. on Tuesdays or Thursdays. Persons wishing professional consultation should call there at this same hour any day or make an appointment for some other time.

## HUNTERS BAG BIG BUCK

Vince Gonzales says there's no place like Whiskey canyon. He bagged a 205 - pound, five-pointer there.

Jim Crane got a buck about the same size near his Salina home. His party of four took out four.

#### WAR FUND CAMPAIGN GETS LITTLE SUPPORT

Herman C. Kimball, chairman of the Topaz War Fund committee, has extended the deadline for contributions to this Friday evening because of poor response from the staff.

Only 12 persons have contributed, but their subscriptions total \$100. Some staff members may have contributed to campaigns in neighboring communities.

Subscriptions totaling \$786.90 were solicited last year. No individual solicitation was made this year.

Checks should be made payable to the National War Fund, Inc.

#### MORE ON TERMINATIONS (Continued from page 1)

of service here.

Gennette Nygard, who was detailed to relocation from Chicago, left for San Francisco to meet her husband upon his return from overseas. Ina Abernathy, Margaret Kuhns, Lawrence Oschinsky, Kimiko Mukaye, Nobu Setoguchi and Sada Izumi have returned to their posts in the East from where they were detailed here. Yos-

hiye Ogata has been transferred to the Washington office. Kay Nakagiri left for Madison, Wis., to reenter the University of Wisconsin school of engineering.

#### ELEVEN MEN HIRED

Property control, fire protection and engineering have added 11 men recently.

They are Alton Massey, war veteran and brother of Leo Massey, project steward; Walter Walker, navy serviceman; Calvin Bartholomew, Donald Tullis, F.E. Winfield, Byron Carter, Kenneth Damron, Loren Talbot, Eugene Bishop, Paul E. Bell, Reed and Lyle Stewart. All are from this vicinity except Massey, a Texan.

Bill Hunter and O. L. Prather are back checking Topaz property again after a detail at the Granada center. The Hunters now are living in Delta.

#### VICTORY LOAN DRIVE NOW UNDER WAY IN WRA

The WRA's goal in the current Victory Loan drive is 30 percent of the gross payroll allocable to September.

All pay roll deductions for the five pay periods, Oct. 21 to Dec. 29, regardless of when checks are received, and all cash purchases made during this period, will be credited toward this goal.

A special \$200 bond in memory of President Roosevelt and bearing his likeness will be sold during this campaign.

WRA Director Dillon S. Myer points out that the Authority has purchased bonds far in excess of assigned quotas for previous drives and that "it is counting on the same response to the Victory Loan drive, even though the end of the war and the loss of overtime pay may make this more difficult."

#### STAFF WILL GET COPIES OF "TREK AS SOUVENIRS OF TOPAZ

Half of 350 surplus copies of the June, 1943, issue of "Trek," a special publication of the Project Reports division which received national distribution, will be distributed to staff members with copies of this "Desert Wind." The art editor of "Trek," Mine Okubo, is achieving national recognition for her work.



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## DICKINSON RELOCATES HERSELF; OTHERS LEAVE

Miss Leah Dickinson, jovial Relocation Program Officer, wasted no time in relocating herself after seeing the last of her evacuee charges off. She left Saturday by auto for Washington, D. C., headquarters of the WRA where she will serve as public welfare consultant.

Mr. and Mrs. Leighton Dingley, members of her staff, left Saturday for the Tule Lake center where Mr. Dingley will continue his work as an assistant relocation advisor.

Another relocation division worker, Ralph Earle, Saturday headed for Salem, Oregon, where he has accepted position with a cooperative organization. Mrs. Earle has been employed in Statistics.

Mrs. Nellie Jenkins, also of the relocation division, left the project Saturday. So did Mrs. Mary Lou Cochran, medical social worker, and Mrs. Theodore Hjort (the former Helen Fry), secretary to the project attorney. Helen went to Salt Lake City where her husband is recuperating from injuries received in an automobile crash Oct. 2. (See page 2, col. 3)

## FEB. 9 SET TENTATIVELY AS FINAL CLOSING DATE

L. T. Hoffman, project director, announced today that WRA officials in Washington have tentatively selected Feb. 9 as the date for turning this center over to a government disposal agency.

### THANKSGIVING, 1945 AT TOPAZ

"Sure, I think we have much to be thankful for and no need to play Pollyanna either. In addition to the many reasons we can think of and will be reminded of many times such as the war being over, etc., let us remind ourselves here at Topaz in the closing days of a war relocation center of what this was all about. How come? What of it? Why be thankful?

"The first Thanksgiving was celebrated 322 years ago to celebrate the survival of a small minority group of people who came here to live and worship in accordance with their firm convictions and beliefs. Since then our country has grown great and powerful by protecting the rights of minorities and fighting for these same principles when in danger. Tolerance may be the foundation of a democracy but it is seldom achieved without a (See page 2, col. 2)

This means that all remaining personnel will probably be terminated by that date. The Personnel and Finance sections will close Jan. 1 when records will be sent to WRA headquarters in Washington. The garage and administration mess also will be closed about a month before the final closing date.

Certain administrative, property and maintenance personnel will be needed until the end, Hoffman said, and there is a possibility the disposal agency may wish to employ some of them after Feb. 9. The disposal agency has not yet been designated.

Twenty-nine termination notices were effective Nov. 17. Eight more will become effective Dec. 15. The largest number are due for Jan. 1.

Present personnel have three main jobs, Hoffman said:

1. Completion of final reports and disposition of records.

(See page 2, col. 2)

## TOO BAD, BUT WRA CAN'T SELL YOU THAT ICE BOX

Don't count on buying the refrigerator or electric stove you are using after WRA goes out of business.

There is no way staff members can purchase any WRA property direct from the government, Project Director L. T. Hoffman pointed out today.

Regulations provide that WRA property must be declared surplus to a government disposal agency which will dispose of it to federal and state agencies or to authorized dealers. Even if a dealer is able to purchase the items you want, you won't be around to dicker with him because it probably will be next spring.

The only thing staff members can buy on the project now is kindling scrap. Some salvage and scrap material was sold to employees during the past 10 days on the same basis as to outsiders but this has been stopped because the individual sales were costing too much in time. When the center cleanup is completed all salvage material will be sold on a bid basis, preferably in large lots, Hoffman said.

## WASHINGTON CALLS HOFFMAN

Project Director L. T. Hoffman plans to leave Sunday for Washington, D.C., to attend a conference of project directors on final closing operations. He expects to be gone about two weeks.

## THANKSGIVING MESSAGE

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struggle and never maintained without continuous effort, as we should so well know.

"Our particular cause for Thanksgiving then is to have had a share and an important part in the successful and greatly worthwhile effort to uphold and maintain those same essential principles which were the occasion for the first Thanksgiving in 1623.

"May we keep the beacon light of intelligent and constructive freedom and tolerance burning ever brighter by our individual and collective efforts in continuing to measure up to the test of a true democracy. To fight for our rights? Yes, but for the rights of the minorities even more.

"Yours for a happy and well earned Thanksgiving."

L. T. Hoffman

## MORE ON CENTER CLOSING

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2. Cleaning up the center through removal of government property to warehouses, discarding of waste materials and boarding up buildings so they can be turned over to the proper disposal agency.

3. Listing of all WRA property for surplus declaration.

DON'T FORGET THE BIG  
COMMUNITY THANKSGIVING  
DINNER TOMORROW AT 3  
P. M. IN THE STAFF DIN-  
ING HALL. ALL INVITED.

## VICTORY LOAN DRIVE

STAFF QUOTA \$16,641

Our quota in the current Victory Loan drive is \$16,641, Doren Boyce, campaign chairman, said today.

He pointed out that remaining staff members will have to subscribe heavily to reach this quota as it is based on 30 per cent of the September pay roll. Cash purchases and pay roll deductions for the five pay periods between Oct. 21 and Dec. 29 will count.

Section heads will solicit members of their staffs. They will be supplied with lists of the amounts individuals should subscribe.

## MORE ABOUT STAFF

(Cont. from page 1)

Miss Augusta N. Kirchner, chief nurse, left last week for Washington state and duty with the Indian service. Gerald Cooper, firefighter, and Harold Anderton, cook, resigned.

Laura R. Merrill, former librarian, now is house mother at Sigma Chi fraternity, Utah State Agricultural college, Logan. She also is teaching the Old Testament five hours daily to high school students. Her sister, Effie, is leaving Logan soon to spend the winter in Rexburg, Idaho.

Three residents of the Delta area were hired Monday: William Higgins, firefighter, and Howard Church and Murlin Anderson, laborers.

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### Statistics Section

Grant R. Bowen.....Statistician  
Virgil H. Coombs.....Assistant Statistician  
Alice W. Marstella.....Statistics Clerk  
Dorothy Earle.....Gate Clerk  
Ethel R. Kinney.....Gate Clerk  
Frieda E. Stahl.....Gate Clerk  
Clarice Maas.....Gate Clerk

### Personnel Management Section

William J. Campbell.....Assistant Personnel Officer  
Dorothy B. Pratt.....Personnel Clerk

### Property Control & Warehousing Unit

Melvin H. Robins.....Property & Warehousing Officer  
Jerold S. Bennett.....Storekeeper  
Albert L. Skidmore.....Shipping and Receiving Supervisor  
Otis L. Kelly.....Assistant Storekeeper  
Samuel L. Knight.....Assistant Storekeeper  
Albert Fields.....Assistant Storekeeper  
Edward L. Abbott.....Assistant Storekeeper  
Fred R. Clayton.....Assistant Storekeeper  
Martha Johnson Chastain.....Property Clerk  
Maxyne B. Finlinson.....Property Clerk

### Procurement Unit

William W. Hunter.....Procurement Officer  
David E. Davis.....Assistant Procurement Officer

### Mess Management Section

Roy P. Stahl.....Acting Chief Project Steward  
Lawrence R. Jones.....Project Steward  
Shelton T. Barlow.....Storekeeper

### Finance Section

Doren B. Boyce.....Finance Officer

### Budget & Accounts Unit

Vincent R. Gonzales.....Assistant Finance Officer  
Ben C. Baca.....Fiscal Accountant  
Mervin A. Bosh.....Acting Auditor

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Robert W. Farris.....Guard  
Laffayette Theobald.....Guard  
Lawrence J. Bennett.....Guard  
Elmer Largent.....Guard

Community Analyst Section

Oscar F. Hoffman.....Community Analyst

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### M E E T   T H E   S T A F F !

#### GENERAL PROJECT MANAGEMENT

##### Office of the Project Director

Luther T. Hoffman.....Project Director

##### Reports Division

E. Wafford Conrad.....Reports Officer  
Marjorie B. Taylor.....Secretary

##### Legal Division

Lloyd Buchanan.....Project Attorney  
Helen Y. Fry.....Secretary

##### Relocation Division

Leah K. Dickinson.....Relocation Program Officer  
Paul S. McConnell.....Leave Officer  
Emil Sekerak.....Acting Relocation Advisor  
Leighton A. Dingley.....Assistant Relocation Advisor  
Virgil Williams.....Assistant Relocation Advisor  
Foy Enlow.....Assistant Relocation Advisor  
Elizabeth Garrison.....Assistant Relocation Advisor  
Nellie E. Jenkins.....Assistant Relocation Advisor  
Frances E. McCluskey.....Assistant Relocation Advisor  
Norma H. Skeem.....Secretary

#### ADMINISTRATIVE MANAGEMENT DIVISION

Gilbert L. Niesse.....Assistant Project Director

##### Evacuee Property Section

Joseph Eyring.....Acting Evacuee Property Officer

##### Office Services

Eralia V. Gonzales.....Office Manager  
Ruth Baumgartner.....File Clerk  
Geraldine L. Nowell.....Supervising Telephone Operator  
Heber G. Bishop.....Telephone Operator  
Venice C. Knight.....Telephone Operator  
Arvella Holman.....Telephone Operator

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### Fire Protection

Charles H. Roraback.....Fire Protection Officer  
W. L. Nowell.....Assistant Fire Protection Officer

### COMMUNITY MANAGEMENT DIVISION

Raymond P. Sanford.....Assistant Project Director  
Adeline G. Hunter.....Secretary

### Education Section

Le Grande Noble.....Superintendent of Education

### Adult Education Training and Retaining

Perry Carmichael.....Vocational Training Supervisor  
Ishmael C. Looper.....Vocational Teacher  
Andrew P. Anderson.....Head Teacher  
Marguerite Hudson.....Head Teacher  
Robert A. Maggiora.....Head Teacher  
Ellen C. Henderson.....Head Teacher  
Claude A. Tyrrel.....Head Teacher  
Clarence Ostlund.....Head Teacher

### High School

Laverne C. Bane.....High School Principal  
Cleo D. Bishop.....Secondary School Teacher  
Pauline A. Crane.....Secondary School Teacher  
Naomi R. Anderson.....Secondary School Teacher  
Patricia R. Bond.....Secondary School Teacher  
Helen M. Dingley.....Secondary School Teacher  
Jessie M. Long.....Secondary School Teacher  
Edna B. Looper.....Secondary School Teacher  
Betty H. Matthews.....Secondary School Teacher  
Muriel Matzkin.....Secondary School Teacher  
Effie E. Merrill.....Secondary School Teacher  
Della L. Ostlund.....Secondary School Teacher  
Henry E. Raddatz.....Secondary School Teacher  
Ruth E. Roof.....Secondary School Teacher  
Ruth W. Robinson.....Secondary School Teacher  
Graco J. Thornton.....Secondary School Teacher  
Muriel Palecek.....Secondary School Teacher  
Eleanor Gerard.....Guidance Counselor

### Elementary School

Lora K. Bane.....Elementary School Teacher  
Nellie Shaw.....Elementary School Teacher

## THE DESERT WIND

Joseph M. Jones.....Agent Cashier  
Read Cannon.....Assistant Auditor  
Helen Cox.....Fiscal Accounting Clerk  
Eugene W. Kauffman.....Junior Fiscal Accountant

### Cost Accounting Unit

Herman C. Kimball.....Cost Accountant  
Emmett E. Herndon.....Assistant Cost Accountant  
Marie C. McConnell.....Cost Accounting Clerk

### OPERATIONS DIVISION

Roscoe E. Bell.....Assistant Project Director

### Engineering Section

Wallace Crane.....Chief Engineer  
Carl H. Kinney.....Construction & Maintenance Superintendent  
J. Frank Hopkins.....Assistant Construction Superintendent  
James N. Crane.....Chief Construction Foreman  
John W. Fullmer.....Sr. Construction Foreman  
Owen M. Harmon.....Foreman Electrician  
E. Eugene Gardner.....Foreman Maintenance  
Leonard A. Wood.....Foreman Carpenter  
Kenneth Meecham.....Utility Operation Superintendent  
Leon E. Dobson.....Foreman Pump Operator  
Elwood M. Mortensen.....Sr. Foreman Mechanic  
L. G. Bishop.....Foreman Plumber  
Warren G. Robinson.....Welder

### Agricultural Section

W. Wendell Palmer.....Chief of Agriculture  
Evan A. Johnson.....Assistant Farm Superintendent  
Verdon J. Davis.....Foreman Mechanic

### Motor Transportation and Maintenance Section

Clifford L. Purcell.....Equipment, Maintenance Supervisor  
Ivan Sorenson.....Acting Motor Pool Supervisor  
Sherman W. Tolbert.....Foreman Mechanic  
Hyrum B. Mace.....Jr. Mechanic  
R. M. Snyder (hourly).....Foreman Mechanic  
Glen P. Campbell (hourly).....Foreman Mechanic  
Bernard Stewart (hourly).....Foreman Mechanic  
Otto Linarez (hourly).....Foreman Mechanic

## THE DESERT WIND

Josephine L. Wyckoff.....	Elementary School Teacher
Emily U. Light.....	Elementary School Teacher
Ella C. Black.....	Elementary School Teacher
Bertha M. Caster.....	Elementary School Teacher
Sara J. Crosbie.....	Elementary School Teacher
Julia L. Knight.....	Elementary School Teacher
Martha Knight.....	Elementary School Teacher
Callia A. Morley.....	Elementary School Teacher
Geneva Traylor.....	Elementary School Teacher
Jean A. Wehmyer.....	Elementary School Teacher

### Library

Laura R. Merrill.....	Librarian
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### Health Section

Douglas Collier.....	Principal Medical Officer
Adrain J. Dehaan.....	Senior Medical Officer
Richard O. Marstella.....	Hospital Administrator
Mary Lue Cochran.....	Medical Social Worker
Joseph M. Featherstone.....	Sanitarian
Rhett J. Mitchell.....	Dietician
Augusta N. Kirchner.....	Chief Nurse
Daisy T. Wade.....	Laboratory Technician
Nora H. Weand.....	Supervising Nurse
Ida L. Wenck.....	Supervising Nurse
Emmie W. Perkins.....	Supervising Nurse
Mary K. W. Dawson.....	Supervising Nurse
Leona Campbell (part time).....	Supervising Nurse
Josephine Denby (part time).....	Supervising Nurse

### Welfare Section

Claude H. Pratt.....	Counselor
Margaret L. Mack.....	Assistant Counselor
Ralph G. Earl.....	Assistant Counselor
Pauline A. Koziol.....	Junior Counselor
Anna M. Atkinson.....	Counselor Aid

### Internal Security

Robert W. Roof.....	Chief of Internal Security
Andrew W. Kasius.....	Assistant Chief of Internal Security
Rosalie M. Hoffman.....	Secretary
Robert C. Baumgartner.....	Internal Security Officer
Austin A. Hartman.....	Internal Security Officer