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REPORT TO: Project Director, W. Wade Hea
FROM: Director of Education, Arthur L. Harris
For Week Ending October 16, 1943.

After an organization day on Saturday, October 9, the Poston III Secondary School completed its first week of the year in the new adobe plant. A total of ten Saturday sessions will be held by Poston III in order that the number of days of school completed may equal the number for Poston I and Poston II by the last of December.

One staff member was added to Poston I Elementary School during the week, and one was transferred from Poston I Elementary to Poston III Elementary. The transfer of approximately 285 people of school age to Tule Lake relieved some of the large classes in Poston II Schools. However, the appointed personnel staffs for schools are still not fully recruited. We need twelve more elementary teachers and eight more secondary teachers to complete our staffs.

The enrollments in Poston Schools on Friday, October 15, 1943, were as follows:

Poston I Nursery Schools	186	
Kindergarten & Elem.	908	
Secondary	1179	
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		2273
Poston II Nursery Schools	75	
Kindergarten & Elem.	385	
Secondary	481	
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		941
Poston III Nursery Schools	81	
Kindergarten & Elem.	378	
Secondary	538	
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		997
Grand total all schools	4211	

On the basis of one appointed teacher for 40 elementary pupils and one for 35 secondary pupils, our allotted appointed personnel would be 41 elementary teachers and 63 secondary teachers. At present we have 29 elementary teachers and 55 secondary teachers.

Joseph Samler, Supervisor of W.R.A. Vocational Retraining will be in Poston on October 21. Mr. N. E. Viles, Education Adviser for W.R.A., will be in Poston on November 6 to confer on problems of finance, procurement, and building program.

A review of employment records reveals that during the past summer, 311 boys and 157 girls of high school age were employed in various project divisions in the Poston I Community.

Arthur L. Harris
Director of Education

PARKER VALLEY HIGH SCHOOL
Poston 3, Arizona

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MEMORANDUM TO: Dr. A. L. Harris
Director of Education

FROM: Parker Valley High School

DATE: November 18, 1944

School activities this week were influenced by the heavy rain, which fell every day for most of the week. The problem of heating the classrooms had not been properly cared for by Maintenance or the school janitorial staff, and it became necessary for the principal to undertake to have some stoves set in where there were none before, other stoves replaced because they were not working properly, and still other stoves repaired.

Part of this problem involved the carrying of oil from the storage tank at the high school. A start had been made on a truck mounting a 50 gallon drum, which can be wheeled from room to room more easily than could pails or cans of oil. On Thursday, this truck was put into use and proved to be satisfactory. There had been reluctance on the part of the janitors to carry oil in pails because it took so much time and so many miles of walking to keep all the stoves filled.

By Thursday, the problem had been worked out to the point where the carrying of the oil was accomplished by use of the truck. All of the stoves were functioning properly and a reserve supply of two stoves, kept clean and in working order, is now on hand to quickly replace any stoves which do not function so they may then be cleaned and repaired under better circumstances.

There still is no adequate arrangement for lighting stoves early in the mornings. The negotiations are under way to have the night watchman now maintained in the high school by Internal Security perform this task.

The heating arrangements in the Elementary School, block 324, were adequate although some of the stoves, for reasons which nobody seems to understand, do not get very hot.

The student activities were chiefly concerned with making plans. College Bound Club is showing it's first movie Saturday, November 18, the proceeds from which will go toward scholarships. The Senior High School Student Council met to discuss

the problem of attendance regulations, which the faculty is proposing for the better control of attendance.

The council is being asked to discuss this problem in order to obtain the students' support on the new regulations and to lead them to feel that they have a more definite part in the management of school affairs. They also discussed the problem of raising funds to assume the bills for drayage and packing of the piano which has been loaned to Parker Valley High School by Mrs. Lily Ohye. They also discussed the problem of student assemblies and other activities. The Junior High School Student Body Council did not meet, although they planned to meet in the future to discuss these same problems.

A high school faculty meeting was held Wednesday, November 15. The chief point of this discussion concerned the philosophy of report cards and grades. This was related to the problem of rating teachers on civil service rating sheets. No definite conclusions were reached.

In a discussion with Miss Rude, the school health director, it was urged that drinking fountains be established in block 324, and that the health department lend support to a proposed request for their installation. At present, the sources of drinking water for the pupils in the elementary schools are both inadequate and unsanitary. The faucets in the boy's latrines had been removed in the past and repeated requests for their replacement, beginning early in September to my immediate knowledge, have not been fulfilled. This request was repeated in writing Friday, November 17. Even if these are replaced, however, their location and arrangement make them unsatisfactory for the use of small children. Drinking fountains should be provided at various places on the block where a water supply is available, even though they are merely faucets turned up so as to make fountains.

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Principal

PARKER VALLEY HIGH SCHOOL

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REPORT TO: Project Director

FROM: Director of Education

For the Week of December 13-18

The week of December 13-18 inclusive was marked by frequent teacher absence from the Poston Schools due to the influenza epidemic. Pupil absence did not rise in proportion to the teacher absence, probably due to the fact that students remain at home at the beginning of an illness and make a quicker recovery, and teachers tend to stay on the job until they are physically unable to continue.

Budget estimates for the fiscal year 1945 were in the process of formulation throughout the week and will be completed by Tuesday, December 21.

Leave clearance hearings occupied the time and attention of principals and the Director for approximately one day each, during the week.

Several teacher candidates who were contacted through the Civil Service Office in Phoenix, Arizona and several appointments are expected to be consummated before the first of the year. The departure of some of our best evacuee teachers has added to the difficulty of covering secondary school teacher positions with adequately trained teachers. A rather extensive reorganization of some phases of the secondary school program may be necessary at the close of the first semester, due to the teacher situation and to the requirements for accreditation with the State of Arizona. The elementary teacher shortage is still critical and very few prospective candidates have been referred to us by the Civil Service offices.

The assembly hall of Poston I Elementary School was completed during the week and the first all-student dramatic presentation was held on Saturday evening, December 18, before a capacity audience of approximately 700 people.

The plans for war industry training courses were still held in abeyance by the action of the State Supervisor in Phoenix. The order has not been applied to O.S.Y.A. courses and arrangements are proceeding for the inauguration of the O.S.Y.A. program. Considerable equipment for industrial arts and radio repair shop was received and will be made available for use as soon as it is released from the warehouses.

The heating facilities for the schools have been installed with the exception of a few recreation hall classrooms, and all classrooms in Unit I, outside of the new adobe buildings, have had the walls papered and the floors covered with roofing felt. As a result, these rooms are much more comfortable since the heat from the stoves is retained much more effectively. The absence of hoods on the stove pipes has resulted in flooding the oil intake pipes of the stoves with water each time it has rained. The stoves are then out of operation for one or two days until the pipes are disconnected and cleaned. It is hoped that the hoods which are available on the project will be installed in the very near future.

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Weekly Report

REPORT TO: Project Director
FROM: Director of Education

For the Week of December 20 p 25 inclusive

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Monday, December 20, the report was received of the action taken by the Arizona State Committee on High School Accreditation. Attached is a copy of the letter received from Dr. C. K. Garretson, High School Visitor. As a result of this action, it now becomes possible for each school to make application for accreditation standing at the time when it is felt that every effort has been made to meet the state requirements. It is probable that the Poston III Secondary School will be the first school to make application for accreditation. First, because its school plant is most nearly complete; second, the turnover in staff was so great that it was possible to hire a better balanced staff than has been possible in Poston I and Poston II where so many of the secondary school positions are occupied by social studies and English specialists hired last year. Intensive studies will be made of the Poston I and Poston II School situations so that application for accreditation may be made as soon as possible. It may be advisable to postpone the application for Poston I High School until after the completion of the new school plant, since the High School Visitor has already indicated that the facilities provided in the present elementary buildings are quite inadequate for an accredited secondary school program.

In the schools, the first three days of the week were devoted to the theme of Christmas. Room decorations, Christmas parties, and Christmas programs were common in all schools. On Tuesday evening, December 21, the formal dedication program of the Poston I Elementary School plant was held in the new assembly hall. On Wednesday morning, the first assembly in the history of the Poston I Elementary School was held in the assembly hall and a Christmas program was presented. It has been gratifying to note the appreciative reaction of students and parents who have had the opportunity to attend one of the functions in this new hall. The contribution which the structure will make to the morale of the community will be very noticeable.

The report was made to Dr. Viles, WRA Educational Adviser, on the present status of school construction in Poston.

Two afternoons and part of one morning were devoted by the Director to leave clearance hearings during which two new interviewers were initiated into the hearing procedures.

School sessions closed on Wednesday afternoon, December 22. All staff members who remained on the project were busy during Thursday and Friday bringing school records up to date, straightening up rooms after Christmas programs, and working with older student groups on evening social events which were carried on throughout the rest of the week.

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Commission on Secondary Schools

December 15, 1943

Mr. Arthur L. Harris
Director of Education
Colorado River War Relocation Project
Poston, Arizona

Dear Mr. Harris:

When I came out of the meeting of the Committee in Phoenix I looked around the lobby for some of you folks from Poston but apparently you had 'folded your tents and silently stolen away.'

The result of the meeting, however, were that all action on the application for the Poston Schools was postponed until such time as we are notified that one or more of your high schools is ready for inspection. At that time some member of the State Committee will come to Poston and check conditions. As indicated in my letter of the 29th, the items we will be interested in are, somewhat in order of their importance:

1. The preparation of your faculty members for the work to which they are assigned. This will be judged largely on the basis of their official transcripts of college work.
2. The intellectual and moral tone of your student body which I believe was at the time of my visit satisfactory.
3. Your school plant. I commented on this item in my letter of the 29th.
4. The factor of laboratory equipment and instructional supplies. I shall have my secretary include a check list that we will use in determining relative adequacy of laboratory equipment. We, of course, will not follow it slavishly.
5. We will also be interested in the school library and particularly the degree to which it is used both in instruction and as a source for leisure-time reading. Each of the three schools should have as a minimum twelve or fifteen of the more popular current magazines coming regularly to the school library. This list should

Mr. Arthur L. Harris

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September 15, 1943

Japanese Relocation Papers
Benaroff Library

include such publications as : Newsweek, Time, Saturday Evening Post, Colliers, American Boy, American Girl, Boy's Life, Good Housekeeping, Ladies Home Journal, Popular Mechanics, Readers Digest and for those of more mature tastes probably Harpers and Atlantic Monthly.

I wish to assure you that the State Committee is quite in sympathy with the work you are doing and it is our desire to render as much service as we can.

With kindest regards, I am

Sincerely,

/s/ O. K. Garretson
High School Visitor

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Enclosure

Mrs. Brown

REPORT TO: Mr. W. Wade Head, Project Director

FROM: Arthur L. Harris, Superintendent of Schools

Week of December 27 - January 1

During this week only the Poston I and Poston III Schools were in session. Poston II School opened earlier in September, and an extra holiday week was planned for Poston II pupils in order to equalize the number of days of school completed by all schools. Some Poston II teachers were on annual leave, some were assigned to Poston I and Poston III as substitute teachers, and the balance were on duty at Poston II with assigned course of study work.

The close of the calendar year and the transfer of project administration from Indian Service to War Relocation Authority was marked by the loss of only one teacher from the Poston Schools Staff. She was replaced at the close of the week by Mrs. Marie Wallace who was a member of the staff during the year 1942-1943.

We were notified by state authorities that the O.S.Y.A. Program would not be extended to residents of relocation centers in Arizona. The War Industries Training Program had been withdrawn earlier. Attempts are being made by Washington officials to have the actions reversed, but meanwhile we are proceeding with plans for vocational training and apprentice programs within the resources of project personnel, equipment, and materials.

A committee met to plan educational and fund raising activities in connection with the annual nation-wide Infantile Paralysis Campaign from January 15 - 31. Schools will participate with posters, essays, and musical numbers for the community programs opening the campaign in Poston.

A widespread epidemic of colds and influenza resulted in increased pupil and teacher absence during December. Average daily absence of approximately 10 per cent compared favorably with figures in outside communities where the epidemic struck.

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