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Block Diary

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- July 24, 1943 The block was given a party in honor of the graduates when the lights went out because the transformer got too hot.
- July 26, 1943 It was block 27's turn to volunteer for the school construction. The lights went out again.
- July 27, 1943 The lights went out again. Regular day.
- July 28, 1943 The lights went out again. Regular day.
- July 29, 1943 The lights went out again. Regular day.
- July 30, 1943 The Fujin Kai had a party in our mess hall. There were three representatives from each club. The block boys shaved some ice for them. The girls had a practice dance in the laundry room. The lights went out.
- July 31, 1943 The block girls belonging to the "Co-eds" were all excited about the dance which they were to sponsor that night. The block manager made an announcement that all electrical equipment must be turned in by noon and if they wanted to check any thing out, they had to check it out and return it immediately after its use. If no one or one person does not abide by this rule, he will return all electrical equipment and won't have a thing to do if the transformer blows out. Many of the block people attended the dance.
- August 1, 1943 People were saying it is getting cool and such.
- August 2, 1943 Nothing special happened.
- August 3, 1943 Nothing special happened.
- August 4, 1943 Again the people were saying the weather was a little cooler than usual.
- August 5, 1943 A girl celebrated her birthday in the block. Private affair.
- August 6, 1943 Nothing special happened.
- August 7, 1943 Same old thing.
- August 8, 1943 The block gave a farewell party to the block manager who is leaving on seasonal.
- August 9, 1943 A member of our block left. A block meeting was held for election of a new block manager.
- August 16, 1943 The second case of appendicitis. The two girls who were planning to leave were unable to because of this accident.
- August 17, 1943 Four block members left.
- August 18, 1943 The weather is getting cooler and we are getting more fruit.
- August 19, 1943 Some of the fellows who went out on seasonal dropped the block a line.
- August 20, 1943 A few girls slept overnight in a vacated home.
- August 15, 1943 A farewell party was given in honor of the Utsuki and Miyaya sisters.
- August 21, 1943 Lots of people were waiting for the mail.

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- August 22, 1943 Today was the first time we had buns in a long time. Lots of people complimented the kitchen crew for the delicious buns.
- August 23, 1943 The block manager announced to have all electrical appliances handed in by noon. We had apple turnovers. They were very good.
- August 24, 1943 The people were talking about the talent show. There was a block meeting to discuss about the election of a new block manager and other block problems.
- August 25, 1943 Lots of the block people were disappointed in the talent show. Many thought that it was all in English and others thought that they were suppose to be good talents. There was hardly any mail and many people were discouraged. There was complaint on the food. All starches.
- August 26, 1943 A regular day.
- August 27, 1943 There was a rumor that school starts two weeks later than the usual time because the school was not quite finished.
- August 28, 1943 Most everyone went to the swimfest and thought it was a great success. Lots of people enjoyed it very much.
- August 29, 1943 The mail came in the afternoon. It usually comes in the morning.
- August 30, 1943 Remarks were made "it's getting cook, isn't it?" and very similar to those.
- August 31, 1943 Just another day.
- September 1, 1943 Just another day.
- September 2, 1943 Just another day.
- September 3, 1943 Just another day.
- September 5, 1943 The Senien Kai cleaned both the men and women latrines. A boy was hurt at the swimming pool.
- September 6, 1943 Today is Labor day. The food was awful. Rice and pickled radishes. We had a block meeting.
- September 7, 1943 The fellows in the block started to play football. We've been having fruit often. A visitor was in our block. Visiting her mother. She is from California.
- September 4, 1943 A boy was hurt in the swimming pool. He stepped on a glass.
- September 7, 1943 A boy was hurt in the swimming pool. He stepped on a glass.
- September 8, 1943. A boy (2) left from our block for Chicago. A boy fell off the life guard house and was slightly hurt.
- September 9, 1943 Another boy left. He is bound for seasonal work in Utah, then he is going to transfer his leave. Leuit. House spoke at our kitchen. She spoke to the issei women. It didn't look interesting.
- September 10, 1943 There was talk about the WAGs. Wanting to join but too young. We had a chocolate cake tonight for a meal. Wasn't too good.

Mess Hall

Block 27 kitchen has workers working in the kitchen. Some work half day and others all day.

The kitchen has two groups. These groups work every other day. So you see the workers have one free day. As for the assistant cooks and dieticians they are divided into groups too. The waiters and waitresses, 6 in all, work every day. Each having a day off once a week.

The method they say they used to go by before was one group would work from early morn til early noon, 1:00, when the next crew took over. The kitchen helpers wasted a lot of time this way so they are now using there new method which is going over very nicely.

The cooks seldom cook any pastries. If they do, they are either cookies or pie. The cooks aren't too good at making them, but the pastry is pastry so everyone eats without complaining about the hard crust or "soggy" filling.

The lunch hours are: breakfast 7:00 a.m. to 8:00 a.m., lunch is from 12:15 to 1:15 and dinner is 6:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m. Some days they start closing about 7:30 in the morning and for any meal they close when they feel like it. They do not stay by their schedule they put up.

Complaints are put in to the kitchen mainly about the washing. The dishes are sometimes found with finger marks and the silver ware is rusted or have dirt in them and are not very clean.

The dietician cooks foods for pregnant mothers and those under 4 years old. The food received sometimes smell spoiled and looks old. At times, it is the same food as that which is served to everyone.

They do not have 3:00 o'clock snacks. They used to give it to all school children while school was going on. After the the vacation started, the kitchen stopped giving it.

The dishes are stacked in front of the kitchen counter which is facing the west. These dishes are covered with a cloth so the dust will not get on them.

The kitchen could be kept much more cleaner than what it is, but with so many things the cook tries to do, cleaning seems impossible.

Group I

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Cliques

Cliques, starting from the youngest of children to the adults are a common sight in the block, altho' they seem more prevalent in the ages between 14-25. The chart below includes all of the definite cliques starting from children to adults classed in group I, II, III, children, young people, and older folks respectively.

Group I Children				
Cliques	Name	Age	School	Religion
A	Nagahiro, Rose	5	Beginning	Buddhist
A	Nagahiro, Hediko	2	too young	"
	Nagahiro, Judy	3	too young	"
B	Okamoto, Joanne	2	too young	Christian
	Inokuchi, Tomu	3		Buddhist
	Inokuchi, Haruko	2	too young	"
	Sadamoto, Kenju	1 1/2	too young	"
C	So, David	7		Christian
	Kadoweki, Akira	7		"
	Doi, Mike (Michell)	6		Buddhist
D	Morimoto, Daniel	13	6th grade	Christian
	Amano, Masashi	13		"
	Saruwateri, Ray	12		"
	Murakami, Kuboto (Akira)			"
	Murakami, Teruji	14		"
	Kadoweki, Johnny	13		"
	Itano, Masashi	11		"
E	Nakano, Iris			Buddhist
	Ito, Masako		6th grade	Buddhist

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Clique	Name	Cliques		Religion
		Age	School	
E	Fujimoto, Bessie			Buddhist
	Fujimoto, Pearl			"
	Suzawa, Ichiko	11	6th grade	"
	Meri, Nancy	12	6th grade	"
	So, Grace	11	6th grade	Christian
F	Itano, Kinuye	13	8th grade	Christian
	Doi, Rose			Buddhist
	Yamamoto, May	12	6th grade	Christian
	Oya, Ayako			Christian
G	Amano, Tedashi	4	too young	Christian
	Ogata, Jack		" "	Buddhist
	Morita, Moto	3	" "	"
M	Morita, Robert	7		"
H	Ogata, Betty	6		"
	Ogata, Mitsuko			"
	Nomura, Shifley	6		Christian
	Morioka, Agnes	6		"
	Morioka, Irene	3		"
	So, Marion	8		"

Clique A

These 3 sisters are a group, perhaps not because they want to be, but because no other mother will allow their children's association with them. Their up-bringing is a social disgrace both in their manners and in their personal appearance. They seem to enjoy being together though, amusing themselves in various forms and occasionally joining in on other children's games uninvited and unwelcome but entirely obvious of the matter.

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Clique B

These children are just at the toddling stage but they already group together because they all live in adjoining barracks. Their time is spent in the sand piles in front of Hoanne's house, or Kanji or Tads house. The rest of their time is spent with the family and just being mischievous.

Clique C

Because two of the group David and Akira are related and the same age, they play around together most of the time. They are all quite young so they don't do much in the way of activities, except to putter round and go swimming. Mike Doi doesn't swim but just goes to watch. They are not yet at the stage where they go to weekly shows, but sometimes they go with their parents. Mike mixes in readily with older boys in Clique D. David is seen playing with the bachelors quite often. Akira mingles with his older brother's crowd, Clique D. These youngsters are sometimes referred to as the "Mole" gang.

Clique D

This group is the real "NMole" gang, although that term is used to represent any young lad that can climb up the ramada or crawl under a barrack after balls. This group is the most active of all young boys in the block. They go swimming twice a day, they go to the river at least once a week for fishing, they have a baseball team, they play badminton in the evenings once in a while and they play games. After it gets dark, they play hide-and-seek. During the day, they sometimes play tag in the laundry, then either swings out or jumps off when it comes by. They proceed to climb in and out of the windows and run up

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and down, inside and out. If one were trying to wash, it would be a complicated affair, with all the bustle and hickling going on. They play this game while waiting for the supper bell to ring. Some of the boys are making model airplanes, but they don't go as far as to put motors in them. Much of their time during the day is spent in the blk. mgr's office since Tommy Seruwerari of clique G group II is ass't mgr. now. He is almost a part of this group, but he is much older.

Several from the group participated in the Fourth of July swim rally and won some prizes. They go in swimming during the evenings, they usually play tag with Hiro or Grankie Mori of Clique E group II. These two people are from that clique join in their fun quite often.

Every Sunday morning, most of the group attends the Christian Church in blk 5. They also go in a group to the shows every Monday evening. There rarely is spare moments in their lives because if they aren't in some definite activity, they are under the ramade talking.

Clique E

These girls were formerly known as the "Molettes," but now they are just a group of girls. They spend their mornings helping their mother, and their afternoons just puttering, reading, embroidering quirographed shirts. They are all collecting movie stars' pictures, and they sit at the shows together. About once or twice a week, they spend their afternoon in swimming. They have gone to the River three times, at the most. Instead, they had picnics and swims in the canal near blk. 26, but they stopped going there since the #21 pool is closer to home.

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In the evenings, they sit in a group on the lawn in front of the Mori's or Miyawaki apt. to romp or play cards. They used to have a basketball team during that season, and play volleyball every evening, but they don't touch badminton often, partly because they are scared away by the older people -- they want to play every evening, claiming they have no other time.

Since school is out, not of them attend summer school during the day. Last year, they attended the daily vacation Bible School.

Clique F

These are the girls that were left out from the new Jr. Girls' club in the block. Since there aren't many of them, they don't try to make up games to play, but just enjoy each others companionship - May Yamamoto and Ayako Oya broke away from this group through some misunderstanding but they were brought back by a recent surprise birthday party given her by all of the group, Grace Morimoto and Nobuyo Mayaya, Kinuye Itano and Rosie Doi. The last two mentioned go to the shows and swimming together. Rosie is usually at Kinuye's home or walking about with her. They are all Christians except Rosie, who is a Buddhist, but May and Kinuye go to church together. Kinuye used to sleep at May's house every Thurs. and Fri. nites, but since their misunderstanding, she stopped going.

Clique G

All of the young children (boys) group together in this clique with the exception of Bettly Ogata who divides her time between this group and a group of girls her age. This group all live within the same barrack, so I don't know what they do. They

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and clique B are the only group that use the toys made by the toy department.

Clique H

All of the young girls group together in this clique. Some of them attend summer school now, but most of them went to nursery school during the year. The group gathers at Shirley Nomura's apt. to play house, dollies, or store, but these diversions are always interrupted by arguments. They have small tiffs often. Marian doesn't play with them all of the time but plays with older girls and Irene is still too young to stay away from home that often, so Shirley and Agnes play together most of the time. Sunday, Shirley and Agnes go to blk. 5 church.

Sometimes, the group plays jacks in the laundry --with rucks if they can't find jacks. They play in the sand making miniature homes and gardens. Most of their time is spent in talking and giggling.

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Clique	Name	Age	School	Religion
A	Mori, Ruby	14	Freshman	Buddhist
	Yoshida, Amy	15	Freshman	Buddhist
	Kadowaki, Frenides	15	Freshman	Christian
B	Morimoto, Grace	15	Sophomore	Christian
	* Morimoto Bessie	17	Senior	Christian
	Kitacke, Martha	17	senior	Christian
	Miyay, Nobuyo	17 1/2	Senior	Christian
	Doi, Mary	16	Junior	Buddhist
	Suzawa, Mary	15	Sophomore	Buddhist
C	* Nomura, Shumro	18	Junior	Christian
	Miyawski, Johnny	15	Sophomore	Christian
	Yoshida, Yasuo	16	Junior	Christian
D	Itan, Terry	21	out	Christian
	Mori, Mary	22	out	Christian
	Fujii, Fumi ('28)	24	out	Christian
	Yoshida, Massharu	17	Junior	buddhist
E	Okumura, Chiyo	19	out	Christian
	Okumura, Hooch	29	out	Christian
	Mori, Hiro	23	out	Christian
	Fujimoto, Ralph	19	out	Christian
Itano, Teddy		18	Junior	Christian
	Suzawa, Kaziko	18	out	Buddhist
F	Nakano, George	14	8th	Buddhist
	Nakajima, Fuyo	15	Sophomore	Christian
	Doi, Frank	14	9th grade	Buddhist
	Itano, Hiroshi	15	Sophomore	Christian

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F	Paruwatari, Thomas	19	Senior	Christian
	Yoshida, Tommy	14	Freshman	Christian
G	Utsuki, Tomatsu	20	out	Christian
	Utsuki, Ezumi	23	out	Christian
	Matoba, Johnny	18	Senior	Christian
H	Yamamoto, George	17	Senior	Christian
	Negahiro, Yoshio	18	Senior	Christian
I	Utsuki, Midori	21	out	Christian
	Utsuki, Fumi	25	out	Christian
	Sawada, Noriko	21	out	Christian
	Yoshida, Setsu	22	out	Buddhist
	Miyaya, Kay	22	out	Christian
	*Miyaya, Marion	23	Christian	out
	Yoshida, Gertrude (?)	24	out	Christian
J	Inai, Tomio	18	out	Christian
	Asanuma, Jimmy	18	out	Buddhist
	Nomura, Johnny	16	out	Christian
	Warasabe, Henry (?)	26	out	Buddhist
	Uyeno, Kuwai	23	out	Buddhist

Clique A

Since these 3 girls are the only girls of that age and class they stick together pretty much of the time although they have misunderstandings every once in a while. I think, if there were more girls of this age, that these girls would not stay together. Their clique was formed about the beginning of the school year. They associate with younger girls in the block (they are advisors of the n

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advisors of the new group of Molette girls) they go to shows together only one goes to Sundry School (Christian) and they join in on games on sports together. Ruby Mori, who has an older sister, Mary, and older brothers, is more mature, takes showers and washes clothes with Mary, and goes to the River with Mary and her gang. Amy Yoshida sticks with her family and relatives, plays with her young nephew most of the time outside of the clique.

Clique B

This clique groups most all of the high school girls together and one girl who is out. There are barriers in friendships among some of these girls, but no outward actions are made so they stay together. Two of the girls Mary Doi and Mary Suazawa, are on the quiet side, don't mingle with the rest as much. They are included in this group because they go to the shows regularly with this group and when socials come up, they go but don't always stick with the group. Lessie Morimoto has relocated, but she was growing chummy with Martha Itaka, Marion Yoshida and Nobuyo Miyay. Grace Morimoto's interests she recently diverted to different blocks. She and Martha can't seem to get along so she doesn't care to go to shows or church if Martha goes but she usually ends up going unless she finds someone else to go with. Since Martha and I are of the same grade in school we have several school activities in common. Every Wednesday we go to a club meeting together, we go to the same socials and visit each other at our respective apartments. Martha joined this clique in April because we both were going to the same places.

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She use to mingle with a clique of 22 and 28 girls. Marion and I are ver y close. Perhaps we came together because we are both rather quiet, yet we cut up together and in the same way. Both of our mothers are ill, her mother is an invalid and since I know how it feels. I appreciate her more. We go to school and we walk together in the morning, "artha and us two come home at noon- if I go to work on time, we go together. I pick up Marion and we go home together, church together, shows together, keep each other company when we wash our clothes or hair, and converse together in the block whenever Marion has any free time.

Clique C

These 3 boys are as if they weren't a part of the block because they are a part of the "Lobos" #22. They eat in the messhall, but the rest of the day they are in #22. They go to the same social, go to the shows together, go swimming together, to the River with the #22 bunch. Another boy usually comes when these 3 attend blk. socials. They don't participate in blk. committees, etc. which include all boys of their age. They seem to mingle more and more with the blk. nowadays, partly because some of the most popular "Lobos" resettled." During the basketball season, the "Lobos" were the rivals of #27. During this period they were never associated with #27. Frankie Mori of #27 (hot tempered) especially hated them. These boys aren't hated -- just not that of as #27.

Clique D

These 3 girls just recently got together (last of April or 1st of May. and now they can't be separated, Fumi Fujii is of

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#28 but she and the other two take showers together in #27 every nite, meet every evening, go places together, socials, shows, River. Teruko Itano and Fumie work together. Mary knew Fumie from before. One of the reasons for their getting together is because there is no one else to pal around with in the block anymore all of their chums have relocated. Mary and Terry used to be quite sociable block members, but now they are always out of sight.

Clique E

This group is not exactly a clique but it more or less composes the #27 members who stay in the block most of the time and are sociable. This group is made up mostly of boys who have no special interests on outside of the block activities. They go to the shows together every Monday without fail. They sit in a large group with clique B usually joining them (because they bring food to munch). They either sit around in the block and talk or else play with what ever activity that is of interest in the block at that time. At the moment, they pitch horse shoes because they received a set just recently. The interest will soon drop. Last summer, everyone was playing cards then it was badminton, volleyball and basketball.

When socials are held, the members of this group usually plan and prepare for it, as well as attending them. Boys of this clique compose most of the fellows at the party. There are few youngsters and young married men that attend these parties outside of this group.

Through the efforts of this group, the block now has some

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several block gardens. Ralph Fujimoto, ass't. blk. mgr., was one of those pushing this idea. Mr. Frank Kadowaki drew the plans for the garden and all of the constructing has been under his and Ralph Fujimoto's planning. Most of the work was done during free time -- that is, on Saturday afternoons and on Sunday mornings. Several rock gathering trips have been taken, sometimes with the whole group, sometimes during Ralph's and Mr. Kadowaki's spare moments on week days or weekends. Since Ralph worked in the blk. managers office, there always were a few fellows sitting around and so they were recruited for the trips. Many of the boys donated the fishes for the ponds. These were the fish fresh from the Colorado River. The young "Moles" helped out a great deal in this manner.

Such materials as cement, pipes, plants and shrubbery probably were obtained through the Dept. Maintenance and the Ag. Dept. Work was started on this project in February and was completed in May, but neither the plants nor the trees have grown to make it appear like a finished garden.

Helpers in the building of the garden were the bachelors and the "Moles." Once during the construction, an argument arose as to the size and location of the pool. I remember that afternoon when Mr. Sadamoto and Mr. Joe Nakai were having an argument about the location. After a long exercise of the vocal cords, the matter was settled with not too great a barrier between the two. Sometime later, another argument arose because the bachelors in their share of the work began to slack. Work was stopped on the pond for quite a while until their vacation

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was ended.

A "27" Green Hornet basketball team was entered into the B league during the basketball season with most of the players coming from this group. They took care of the court, put up lights, watered the ground often, etc. The "Moles" often watered the grounds for them. These people take care of getting block recreational activities such as basketball, volleyball, badminton equipment, of the blk. for the older people, croquet for the children and now horseshoes for boys.

Clique F

These girls are all in their early twenties who don't go to dances but who are sociable in another way, that is they hold private parties of their own but they seldom attend block parties or any other block activities. These girls sometimes help make cookies for block parties but they never attend unless they are requested to serve. They are the major part of the Elitians, so they hold private ~~xxx~~ parties for their members and for themselves, they took a trip to the River and they all attend Shorthand classes. If they go to the movies, they go in a group more or less. Two of the girls, Midori Utsuki and Marina Miyaya are chums so they stick together quite often. The rest are of that group but it isn't noticeable that much. A surprise birthday party was held for Midori Utsuki at the Miyaya's apartment. All of these girls plus a few outsiders were the only participants. Noriko Sawada, formerly a worker of the Recreation Dept., took charge of the games which she usually does at all blk. parties and helped with the refreshment

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Margie Nishiyama of #21 also helped in the program. As Marion and Midori went to Shorthand that evening, these two girls came to fix everything up, then Midori was lead right in. Each person bought her a small gift running about 15¢ -- some were useful and others were silly.

Another time, the group held an informal card party at the Miyaya apartment. Things are usually held there because there is plenty of room and no one to intrude. There they gathered to have fun and have light refreshments which were made at the spur of the moment as each person ate.

On Wednesday, June 20, 1943, a surprise farewell party was held at Noriko Sawada's home in honor of Marion Miyaya, who is relocating. Nikki and Midori were in charge of everything. The food was obtained mainly from the kitchen and people contributed whatever they had on hand. No games were prepared but one was played, chosen by Nikki. It was a great mistake to play this game, a game in which "it" is to guess what the noun the group is thinking of is. The 1st "it" was Nikki herself and the group devilish instincts began to crawl out for we used "Nikki" as the noun. The object is to ask 3 questions "1. How 2. when 3. where do you like it?" then the people called upon is to answer as she sees fit. The answers were most cruel and confusing, so she gave up and we had to tell her. I don't know whether or not she was exactly hurt.

One member of this group contributes to the block more than the others. Fumie Utsuki is a talented violinist, so she plays

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at the block parties. A also likes to play badminton and sometimes joins in when she has free time.

Clique G

This group is composed of young boys just entering hi school or who are entered. They are not firil concious yet, so they stay in the block under the ramada enjoug friendly get together. If they wren't sitting under the ramada, they are in the blok managers office (since Thomas Saruwatari is ass't blk. mgr.) or they either swim in the #21 pool or at the River on weeknds. They go to the show together every Monday. A while back, one of them was ill on Monday so the rest all went with him again on Tuesday. They go to blk. parties together and sit together. Two of the boys, Sophmores, were planning to attend a Sophomore dance, but neither would go without the other since it would have been their first date. Unfortunately, or otherwise, there was a blk. farewell party the same night. These boys are very cooperative when it comes to blk. activities. They helped considerably in the constructing of the ponds and they helped gather bushes for the ramada, and they played on the "27" basketball team. Several of them, Christian, go to church on Sunday evenings at Blk. 5. These boys, plus a few older boys were eager to learn to dance, especially "Yoyo" and "Horsie" who wanted to attend the sophomore dance. Their enthusiasm led into several laundry dance practices, since there is no other available space. Girls from clique B are the only eligible girls, so the dance practices are very small-- only 4 girls to 10 boys. They are very informal; everyone "cuts up" if he feels in the mood to.

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Clique H

These three boys are apart from the block in all of their activities, partly because the Utsuki brothers are going "steady" which leaves Johnny Matoba either with the "27" gang or with outsiders. When the 3 are together, they are very rowdy, (in a nice way) but their rowdy moods are limited to Sundays, since there is no free time available on other days. The 3 are the remainder of a larger group of 5 boys who have relocated some time ago. The larger group was definitely a clique because their pleasures were confined within although they were well-liked in the blk. They seldom mingled with the block people. They used to attend the Christian church together (when they went) and went to shows together, but their other activities were not known. I do know tho' that a great part of their time was spent on delivery trucks exercising their lungs, and the rest of their time was spent in the canteen eating and cutting up.

The group as it is now is very vague. Tommy and Johnny are together when they both have free time, with Pappy joining them in his spare moments. Johnny (if he goes) to church with boys in other nearby blocks, and Tommy and Pappy take their respectable girls. Ditto shows.

Just last Sunday, Tommy and Johnny were playing with the little boys, chasing after them and scaring them. They claimed they were the bullies of "27". All of their horse play is all in fun and really not "bad," altho' they are "rowdy."

Clique I

These two boys are so entirely apart from the block they

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are just not considered members of the block. They are two young boys near 18 that give the impression of having grown up on the wrong side of the tracks. The two have been together ever since their arrival in Poston, are members of a gang of "yogores" who are forever running wild. They are together all during the day except for mealtime and all hours in the night. These boys consist of 15-19 year olds, most of whom are still attending school.

Yosh Nagahiro and George Yamamoto take no part whatsoever in the block. They are neither invited to block socials or activities, nor do they offer to help the block in any way. They attend outside parties, go to the show and to church just to look over the female crowd. In other words, all of their time is spent in "wolfing."

Clique J

These boys are all the more or less backward or shy boys who have no special interests, who never participate in block events. They are all quiet, kibeish and always left out. They aren't invited to social events but they usually attend block parties. Two of them are regular attendants of evening classes in shorthand in block 26. Their main diversion is badminton, but they usually sit either on Kuwai Uyenos step or on Tomio Inai's step where they spend the evening in quiet conversation. Thursday and Friday evenings are spent at the library either reading or sitting out on the lawn. Shows are a regular feature.

Johnny Nomura

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Johnny Nomura, the youngest in the group used to mingle all of the time with clique G, group I (young boys) until his recent operation, which consisted in the removal of a large muscle on his shoulder. Because he is backward thru mental deficiency, he was always teased when he first came. This has had a definite effect on him until his operation, he used to play with the younger boys 13-14 years of age, go in swimming with the young crowd and he seemed to have enjoyed himself although he was the butt of all ducklings. After his operation he seemed to have retired in his shell much more and now has chosen as his companions, a much quieter older group of boys.

<u>Clique</u>	<u>Name</u>	<u>Age</u>	<u>Religion</u>
A	Mr. & Mrs. Okamoto		Christian
	Mr. & Mrs. Amano		Christian
	MM. & Mrs. Yoshida		Buddhist
	Mr. & Mrs. Sadamoto		"
	MM. & Mrs. Inokuchô		"
	Mr. & Mrs. Sawada		Buddhist & Christian
	Mr. & Mrs. Takahashi		"
	Mrs. Utsuki		"
B	Mrs. Miyawaki		"
	Mrs. Morioka		"
	Mrs. Morita		"
	Mrs. Doi		"
	Mrs. Suzawa		"
	Mrs. Fujimoto		"
	Mrs. So		Christian

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Adults

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Blique	Name	Age	Religion
B	Mr.s Dorothy Morio ka		Christian
C	Mrs. Kitaoka		Christian
	Mrs. Morimoto		Christien
	Mrs. Itano		Christian
	Mrs. Nomura		Christian
D	Bachelors		
	Mr. Nomura		Christien
	Mr. Doi		Christien
	Mr. Sawada		Buddhist
	Messers. Suzawa		Buddhist
	Messers. Yoshida		Buddhist
	Mr. So		Christian
E	Mr. & Mrs. Sruwatari		Christain
	Mr. & Mrs. Kadowaki		Christain
F	Mrs. Mayemura		Buddhist
	Haruko Mayemura		Buddhist
	Mrs. Nekashima		Buddhist
	Shigemi Nekashima		Buddhist

Clique A

This group consists of all of the people in barracks 2 and 3. Most of them are isseis, but one couple is nesei and several speak English fluently. The men that don't work and the women gather in the shade at barracks 4 to chat ~~xxx~~ all day. Their conversation covers light topics that concerns their everyday problems. The young children are a delight for them to watch all day. In the afternoon they usually take a nap or wait for the mail to come. The women have all taken up knitting or crocheting, but the interest has died down considerably.

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since winter. (Probably it's too hot to knit). The women also attend flower-making classes regularly.

Early evenings are spent out doors in quiet conversation and watching the babies. Some of the men putter in their gardens. Several of the group are regular attendants of shibais, shows and any other public event there is. Mr. & Mrs. Okamoto attend Christian church on Sunday evenings if other young couples go, too, Mr. & Mrs. Amano accompanies them sometimes. Mrs. Utsuki goes to Buddhist church regularly on Sundays while the rest go whenever they have free time. They seem to be content with their daily life, just living each day as it comes.

Clique B

This group takes care of 11 older isseis (2 niseis) that live near each other. Every evening they congregate on the Miyawaki step where they chat until dark. They don't group together much during the day but just in the evenings. Most of them go to Buddhist church together on Sundays.

Clique C

All of these women were good friends for years, having attended the same Christian church and attended religious meeting together regularly. Now they are barrack neighbors and they all work in the same messhall as helper. Every Wednesday evening these women and their husbands gather at the Morimoto apartment and have a religious meeting, Rev. Koboto being their preacher. Also, every one that isn't working in the kitchen Sunday mornings goes to church together.

These women pass their days together -- that is, special meetings

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or activities usually mean that they will go in a group. For instance, they always go to shibais together, they visited the Bazaar together and they go on picnics to the park together.

Several months ago, 3 out of the 4 decided to beautify themselves by getting a permanent. The whole block noticed their new hair-do.

Oftentimes in the evening they sit together along a barrack just talking, knitting or sewing together. Their days are spent pretty much.

When English classes for isseis were given, the group decided to enter. They seemed to have learned the alphabet and to write simple sentences, to themselves because their housework keeps them busy and of course they all have their family. If they happen to be washing the same day, they carry on conversations while they wash. Altho' at times there is friction among some of the members they hide their feelings and stick together at all times.

Clique D

All of the bachelors and the married members that can get away sit out by the bachelor's quarters every evening talking until after dark. The group begins to congregate before supper and swells until evening where they just sit, smoke their pipes, and talk if they feel in the mood. Some of them go in for the Japanese game, shohi (shogi) and they sit by the hours playing it.

During the day, all those men not working go over to sit on the

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bachelors' seps to talk, or play shogi. That game was quite popular with the younger men (married or likewise who are wise) for they used to sit on the Nakai steps to play every evening.

Clique E

These two issei couples are barrack neighbors. They each occupy Apt. A. so they commute back and forth every day. During evenings they sit together out on a step and talk. Every night Mrs. S. & Mrs. K. take showers together. They too, work in the kitchen so they have another thing in common. Mr. S., Mr. K & Mr. Sugawa Sr. are always playing pranks on each other so if they were in their second childhood. The reason for this group's clicking together is because the men have fun to gether and the women do, too.

Clique F

These two families are both very quiet, have only a small number of friends and they are apartment neighbors. They seldom step out of the house; only when it is necessary. The two women spend the day together or along and they are the only people that they talk to. The two girls are very quiet, seldom speaking to anyone unless spoken to, so they talk to each other, but quietly. The entire group goes to the shows together (when they all go) with two other people. The 4 go to shibais whenever they have them. These two activities are the only activities they attend because they seldom go to public bazaars, or the liek. Most of the time they are along, or in the background.

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Special events

There has not been many special events within the block besides block and private parties. Weddings have taken place but they were private.

Private parties are usually very quiet and no one knows about them except those who are concerned. If the party is just a select group all of the planning is done by the individuals sponsoring the affair. If it concerns a number of block members, committees are chosen to carry out plans. The person who thinks (thought) of the idea usually heads the planning, unless they feel they are incapable of taking care of the work, then he suggests it to some one else in the block. Those beginning from 22 years of age to married nisei take over the planning. Younger people are the ones who generally suggest having the party.

Wedding anniversaries come under private parties. A 13th wedding anniversary was celebrated by the majority of the older younger people, which was a real success. It was a surprise party for the couple, Mr. & Mrs. So. It was held in the Blue Room (it was held during the period that the Blue Room was entirely empty).

Arrangements were made by the couple's relatives, Mr. & Mrs. Okamoto, and those in close contact with them like the assistant block manager, Ralph Fujimoto (Mr. So is block manager) and his active friend, Hiro Mori. Most of the food was obtained from the Just the older people were invited. This was one of the best part-kitchen. (A huge cake was baked by the cooking school). Games and entertainemnt were under the direction of Miss^N Moriko Sawada. A mock wedding was the chief entertainment of the evening.

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one of the best parties held in the block because there was talk of it long afterwards, and Mr. A. A. who was the "prescher" is still called "Reverend" and "Deacon."

Another wedding anniversary for Joe and Daisy Nakai was held in the kitchen which was open to a smaller group. All of the guests were invited to attend, and Mr. & Mrs. Nakai were host and hostess. Games, entertainment were the features of the evening. All of the planning was taken care of by the couple. The next day, a piece of their anniversary cake was served to every one at the mess hall.

Several small parties are held within the family or among close friends that no one else hears about, unless it is passed on unconsciously in a conversation. The Mori family have had a few private parties, the "Welcome home" of their son, birthday party and a send off party. Percy & Yori Morioka's celebrated a birthday privately and the Elitian clique has private parties quite often. A few of the younger girls had a surprise birthday party for a fellow girl friend.

Block and public parties are planned by various committees who take care of the arrangements, then announce the party to the entire block. Of course in certain circles, the news spreads quickly.

One large party was held in the Blue Room, Barr. 13, just before it was partitioned into apartments. First it was decided that the party be a farewell for the Blue Room but instead, the theme was the "Box-1undh Social" for money-raising purposes. Hiro Mori was one of those who suggested having a party and Ralph

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Ralph Fujimoto, then assistant block manager, was general chairman of the planning committees. He asked a group of young people to meet in the mess hall after supper to formulate the plans for the Box Luch Social. A few of the people talked together and decided on that as a theme, so that was brought up at the meeting of all of these people, and it was found to be satisfactory. Committees were appointed such as entertainment, refreshment, and decoration committees. These committees met together to begin the planning.

Part of the food was made in the kitchen; the rest of it was bought at the canteen. Decorations were borrowed from the recreation Department and games were found thru the aid of the recreational department. This party was hailed as a real success and quite a bit of money was earned. The block people were talking about it continuously for a week after that because some funny things happened at the party. This party was successful because it was carefully planned.

A general block party for isseis, young people and children alike was given at Christmas, but it turned out to be more of a program than a party. Emcee was Joe Nakai because he had to speak in both Japanese and English. The entertainment catered mostly to the isseis and children so the young people didn't care for it. They had to do all of the background work and nothing was planned for them. The children liked it because they got presents.

From Christmas time until spring no more parties were held until recently because of complaints in the block. Now there is

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a party once every month so long as it ends at or near 11:0'clock, and the isseis and children are always invited for good measure to keep away all complaints.

Ralph Fujimoto used to take care of all of the planning and was ably assisted by Hiro Mori, until his departure. Now Hiro takes care of all of the planning, and Thomas Saruwatari, new assistant block manager, tries to help as much as possible. Mr. Ed. Okamoto also helps a great deal in the planning. Emcee at the parties have been what the public calls failures because this block has so few participants. Every party is divided into 3 parts: the issei entertainment, refreshments, and dancing.

The parties have to be over by 11:00 because of complaints, and they don't start until 8:30 or 9:00 PM. so there isn't much time. Entertainment lasts about an hour, refreshments take half an hour, then any time left will be taken for dancing, which is about an hour, or sometimes less. These parties are attended by only a small group of young people ** mostly high school students, because the older people don't seem to go in for parties much. There is only a small number of young people in the block so people from other blocks, especially girls, since there are only 7 or 8 at the most in the block, are asked to come to liven up the group.

The parties are either sponsored by the boys' Club (Shenen Kai) of the block or the block itself. These parties thus far have been held for some reason or such; such as a farewell for the block members or as the last one, honoring the graduates of the block. They try (usually try) planning on a party in the near future, then if anything comes up that could have some

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connection with a party, they put the two together and really start planning. "Ately, the parties were quite poor, so the last one was planned on a larger basis, but it turned out perhaps worse than the usual ones, because many outside girls were invited and the outside boys didn't come in even though they were just outside of the door.

Weddings on the whole have been private. Only the immediate family and relatives have participated thus far in the weddings, and the rest of the block only observed from the sidelines.

After the private wedding of one couple, the wedding cake was brought into the mess hall and each each was served a piece of the cake.

The other wedding was more or less an outside of the block wedding because they both moved into this block but the groom was living here a short while before the wedding.

Two funerals have taken place that concerned the same family, and another, concerning a different family.

The first death was that of a child. Arrangements were made in a nearby recreation hall to have a Buddhist funeral, and "ostuya," or pre-funeral mass. Since this death occurred so short a time after evacuation, many people didn't know or get acquainted with them yet, so just the issei and friends and relatives of the family^y attended the service.

The next was a drowning of a young man at the Colorado River. It was so tragic the entire block knew about it immediately. This funeral was held in the "Blue Room" (barr. 13) which was empty. Quite a number of people attended this funeral who were

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from the block. Every family was represented by at least one member. The barrack was completely filled with people.

Just recently, the kin of the first family passed away. Obituary was announced in the Poston Chronicle stating the funeral was to be held in recreation hall 13, the new Buddhist church, and the pre-funeral mass at the same place. Although hardly anyone actually knew the deceased, most of the isseis of the block especially the women, attended the service. The funeral was held the next day.

The 7th anniversary of the passing of a beloved son was observed recently by a block family and close friends. They all gathered in the home of the family and a Christian service was held.

J Just before New Years, the block received its portion of the "mochie" rice, and a day was spent in pounding it. The block borrowed block 22's "mochie" basin for the pounding, and any young or able-bodied man spent one morning and part of the afternoon helping in the pounding of the rice. Since most of the boys have jobs, a lot of the eligible males were too busy to help, and so some older men and issei helped as much as they could. During the moon period, the boys came to help. A group of people, mostly youngsters came to watch the process and to get in on the fun.

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Interview with Mr. Joe Nakai
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the morale of the block meetings just after evacuation was pretty low, so there was not the full cooperation then that prevails today. The first block manager was Mr. Edward Okamoto, who took charge of all block meetings, which were held in the kitchen after supper whenever there was any business. There were not regular monthly meetings.

These meetings were mostly attended by the issei male-- not a representative from each family, but one or more from each barrack. There were just a few women who attended these meetings. Now, there are more and more young people attending these meetings, partly because Mr. Nakai, the councilman requests them to come. Before, the whole meeting was conducted in Japanese, but now since there are more young people, the issues are first explained in Japanese, then in English. I would say approximately one-fourth of the members attending these meetings are now young people.

I don't know whether or not the young people had much of a voice in the meetings before, but now the young people contribute their share. It is usually Yoshio Mori or Yoshike Yoshida who speak up in behalf of the young people. Often the meetings start to lag because some sort of motion must be made to take a vote. The young people sometimes make the motion.

The meetings are so arranged that any business requiring the young people's opinion is brought up first--if the meeting is long-- and as soon as the business is finished, they leave if there are many announcements yet to be made to the isseis.

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The issei have only the Japanese government to fall back on in case of any mishap. The nisei, born and raised in America, knows no other government than that practice in this country, so that situation makes quite a gap between the two. At first, the nisei wanted to cooperate with the W.R.A. officials regardless of the good or bad of the policy to the evacuee, to show that they would like to cooperate. The issei did not think that way, and some issues came up around that.

The block gardens brought up a few controversies. The young people wanted to beautify the block. With the aid of the issei, the work was begun, under the direction of Mr. Adowaki (who helped plan the garden next to the administration buildings), but the isseis felt that the gardens were too large. An argument arose because no agreement could be made as to the size of the garden, but everything was settled and everyone joined in to do his share. Ralph Fujimoto, Assistant Block Manager, had a great deal to do with the success of the gardens. It seems that Hiro Mori and Teddy Itano had a great deal to do with it too. According to Ralph Fujimoto, after the work was begun, the issei stopped doing their share so work was slackened. This garden began to formulate sometime in January, 1943 (?) and was added in the last of May, 1943. (?)

The block cooperates very well with the community. They usually pitch in to do the work without too much fussing or complaining. The interest may not be high but things are accomplished.

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Block Manger Staff

This block has had trouble along the line of getting a block manager everytime we were in need of one.

The first block manager was Mr. Eddie Okamoto. He is formerly from Orange County, Anaheim, presently residing in 2A. He was doing a very nice job, having block meetings regularly to keep up the block spirit, talked over block problems such as the kitchen crew, gardners, janitors and etc. Also taking complaints from some residents,

About Fevruary, mabe earlier, he transgerred by taking up a job as a painter. Why he did this was because he was tired of taking complaints and it just got him him dow. Not only was that the reason but he had an offer as a painter and liking that better took it up.

A week passed without a blovk manager. Just the assistant, Mr. Percy Morioka, and the secretary, Miss Terry Itano, in the office. Meetings were held after meetings, many names were suggested, but everyone knowing how tough it is, objected. The heavy complaints were too much. Not only that, but the jobs they had, they preferred to keep.

Finally a nenei man, Mr. So, took the position until just recently when he went out on seasonal leave to Colorado. While he was here, he was bery helpful and considerate to all block members. Students asked questions of doubt and he gladly answered them in an undertending way. He likes to talk about colleges and schooling other than high school Also, about relocation which he hopes to do soon.

Again, the problem of finding a block manager came and for

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the same reason, heavy complaints, suggested persons refused.

One person hardly anyone thought of but thought "even tho' he is quiet he could hold the position" as he came in. His step-father didn't approve of it but finally gave in, realizing how poorly organized the block is. Kawai Osora (Mr.) is, at present, the block manager. Assisting him is Thomas Saruwataro. Before the block manager came in, the assistant block manager took care of all matters concerning the block. He, the assistant, being so popular among the young fellows, ages ranking from 7-18, always had them in his office. In fact he doesn't have them come in but they invite themselves in whether it is all right or not. One reason why the 7 year old fellows come in is because they have ice water at the counter and everyone is welcome to it.

Things they do while in the office are: play games such as checkers, monopoly and then talk and make a lot of noise.

When the small youngsters try to get water, they spill half of it on the floor because it is too high for them.

The office arrangement is a counter in the center of the room, facing east. On the left of the room there is a gate which is the entrance to the other side of the counter where the staff is. On the gate is the sign "keep out" no one pays attention to it. Now that the block manager has come in, there is more quietness in the office. It is kept much cleaner and people are not running all around the office as before.

In front of the counter are some boxes made of wood. 14 little mail boxes. One for each barrack. When the mail comes, it comes in the mornings now days, everyone is around the boxes and

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the assistant block manager or who ever it is who is distributing the mail.

* The assistant manager Sizuo Morioka, known by the name of Percy was by Eddie's side while working. He is formerly of Los Angeles

The secretary, Teruko Itano, Terry, had been the secretary for quite some time. She changed jobs in March. She is now helping the sewing department. Taking her place was Bessie Morimoto.

She was a part-time worker. She worked half day and went to school half day. Block manager or no block manager, she was the secretary until two months ago, June, when she relocated to Detroit Michigan attending Wayne University. Funio Fujimoto, tookd off from where Shizue stop. He worked til June too. He and Bessie the Secretary left on the same date only he was Chicago bound. Thomas Saruwetari took Fmio's place and not finding a secretary, he is also acting as a secretary.

So, to sum it up, bok 27 has had ^{three} ~~two~~ block managers, assistat block managers and 2 secretaries.

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August 27, 1943

Seinen Kai

Sometime in May, a group of boys formed a block club with the help of Reverend Mitani and Mr. Kadowaki.

Rev. Mitani is from Block 6 and is interested in organizing clubs. Mr. Kadowaki is a block member.

This is another Seinen-kai group. There are quite a few others in this camp.

Before the club was organized, some of the leading men (fellows with initiative) Rev. Mitani and Mr. Kadowaki drew up the constitution. After the constitution was finished the club started. The first meeting Rev. Mitani was chairman and told them (club) about the constitution and the purposes of the club. Also of their aim and how they could accomplish something worthwhile. After he was thru speaking, they had election of the four offices; president, vice president, secretary and treasurer. Mostly all the older fellows were nominated. A few young fellows were suggested but not having experience or much initiative, refused to be elected. Lots of noise was made at this meeting but they were very cooperative in their order. Elected for offices were: president, Mr. Eddie Kamoto, a 29 year old man with a 2 year old child. (daughter) Eddie is formerly from Anaheim which is a little town in Orange County; there he was quite active in various activities, ball games and clubs. He was something like a clerk before coming here on May 15, 1942. At present, he is working as a painter in our community.

Vice president was Mr. Isumi Utsuki. He is 23 years old formerly of Venice. He has attended a few colleges and is a husky built athlete. Since coming into Poston he has had numbers of jobs. Water truck driver, reefer, and he used to use some of his time

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in the Post Office.

Secretary was Percy Morioka aging 22. He was married while here in camp to a girl from Heart Mountain Relocation Center. Percy is on the quiet side when he is among casual friends. When he is with his intimate friends, he is quite loud. The jobs he had had are: secretary of the block, ware-house, dispatchers, and is now working as a .

Treasurer is the last office. Hiro Mori, age 22, was elected. He was formerly from Garden Grove, classified in the Westminster district. He was helping his folks with their farm. Here he is working with the maintenance crew.

After the election the constitution was read and explained. There was no installation for the officers. Mr. Dadowski was recommended as the advisor and became so.

The age limit for this club is from 15 on up to those who are interested.

The dues are 5 cents a month.

They meet every other week. Twice a month.

Their membership is about 40 boys, with 25-30 who are regular members. These fellows are all cooperative and are in fairly good order with no cliques to be found.

On June 25, the fellows paid 25 cents for their initiation fee. With this money they had a combined party, farewell and initiation.

These boys have not started on a project but have some very good plans. They had once invited the fire chief of Poston I to speak to them on fire. This is where they got their plans which is to make ladders to help in case of fire, improve the block

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buildings from fire prevention. Other than this aim, are two others. Social and education committees were chosen and each one has a charman.

Last month some time another election was held/

Those elected were president, Kazuhiko Suzawa, age 18, on the quiet side and very cooperative, also broadminded.

Vice president was Frank Mori, at the age of 22, working with the Pultry Department. On the slim side and at times hot tempered. (Not as much as he used to be though)

Secretary was Jummy Assnums, a fellow living in bachelor quarters. He is something like a kibe; 23 years old. He is at present working in the small canteen and was quite smart in the evening shorthand class for beginners.

The treasurer is the assistant block manager. He is formerly from Irvine, Orange County. He is also of the quiet side, Thomas Seruweteri.

The constitution for this club is enclosed.

CONSTITUTION

Article I. Purpose

We, the members of block 27 believe that through co-operation and sacrifice, we may attain security, welfare and harmonious relationship among the residents; and further more endeavor to find ways and means by which improve and enrich our lives by gaining an adequate knowledge of the living world today: Hereby do establish this Constitution:

Article II. Name

The name of this organization shall be called "Seinen-kai" (Young Men's Association).

Article III. Membership

Section 1. Any male residents of block 27, who is above 15 years old shall be eligible for membership.

Section 2. Anyone who wished to join this organization shall pay 25¢ as the initiation fee; and thereafter pay monthly dues of five cents.

Section 3. Anyone who fails to attend its regular meetings without a due excuse shall be assessed of five cents for each of his absence from such meetings. The Cabinet officers shall have the final word on the judgment of legitimacy of each excuse.

Article IV. Officers

- Section 1. Officers of this organization shall be President, vice-president, Secretary and Treasurer.
- Section 2. The term of office for each officers shall be three months.
- Section 3. The officers shall be elected by vote of majority of the membership.
- Section 4. The duty of the President shall be to preside each regular meeting and represent the organization to the Community; the duty of the Vice-president shall be to take over the duty of the President in his absence; the duty of the Secretary shall be to keep record of each meeting; and the duty of the Treasurer shall be to collect and keep records of all fees, dues and penalty fees.

Article V. Activities

- Section 1. In order to realize the purpose of this organization, the following committees shall be formed; Educational committee, Social committee and Community Welfare Committee.
- Section 2. The chairman of these various committees shall be appointed by the President, and the term of the office shall be the same as the officers. The members of various Committee, shall be chosen by each chairman.

Section 3. Members who are asked by any chairman to join his Committee shall be expected to comply with his request unless the said person has already volunteered to serve in a certain Committee.

Section 4. Each chairman formulates programs and submit them for the approval of the officers.

Article VI. Quoram

Majority members of the organization shall form the quoram.

Article VII. Amendment

Amendment to this shall be voted by two-third majority of the entire membership.

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BLOCK STUDY
Women's Clubs

The Fujin-Kai consists of older women who have Japanese mannerisms. Most of the women are issei but there are a few who are nisei and who are young but who have been brought up in the Japanese custom. -- kibeis-ish. For example, the youngest (?) member is a young mother of 20 or 21 years who is very kibeish in mannerisms but is a citizen. She speaks broken English but speaks Japanese most of the time. Another middle-aged Japanese mother (woman) speaks good English and is liked by all of the young people, but she attends the Fujin-kai. Another middle-aged woman speaks English and just a little Japanese -- she feels a little out of place with the woman -- but she goes. (I think) She attends Japanese school to learn more so she can speak with her friends.

This is the only block women's club that meets regularly with a real purpose behind them. They are advised by Mrs. Saruwatari, a former school teacher who was interned. She is often chosen for leadership because she has had experience along that line thru her teaching.

The Mollettes
(6-8th grades)

This club included all the younger girls in that age bracket except two girls, one who stays by herself all the time, (she is thought to be at a mental disadvantage) and the other is a bit older (or at least acts older) than the rest and associates with two sisters from another block all of the time. The quad had a club for these younger girls called the Junior Mademoiselles, but it turned out to be a failure, and the group disbanded.

About March, 1943, the young girls from block 27 decided to

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have a club, and the leader of the young girls expressed this desire to have two high school friends of here, one a sophomore, one a senior, who were willing. Therefore, the following Saturday noon period was spent at the older advisor's apartment electing officers and discussing future plans for the club.

Thereafter, irregular meetings were held every Saturday noon that was unoccupied, because the advisors, yet in high school, had some sort of meeting or business to attend to. Probably, the irregular meetings helped toward the lack of interest.

There are several factors toward the breaking down of the club. It did not have a stable purpose to keep it going, so the meetings grew dull from lack of activity. Girls of this age are the most popular in block activities. The first group of officers consisted of the most popular girl for president, second most popular girl for vice president and so forth down the line. At that time the least popular girls were completely left out and one of them seemed to sulk to herself while the rest of the club was thoroughly disgusted with her uncooperative attitude. As the latter meetings began to drag more and more, there were more sulkers and grumblers who came to the meetings but who did not cooperate by making suggestions when things began to slump. It seemed that each meeting grew more worse than the last, until a break occurred.

At last (that) unified meeting, everything was on a downward slump from the beginning. The members were thoroughly aroused when the first leader, the most popular and cooperative girl, made a suggestion upon recommendation of the advisors that each member pay a penny everytime she talks out of turn. That was immediately

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opposed by the grumblers, arguing that they did not have any money, and that their parents were not that rich. With that conclusion, the meeting was adjourned.

Immediately after the meeting, all of the grumblers got together and decided to resign from the club, and to have a club of their own under the leadership of 2 freshman girls. This included all of the girls except 4: the president, the former most popular girl, her loyal friend who reacts in the same way, and the most shy left out girl in the club. These two clubs were not on speaking terms for a week and on the following Saturday noon, the respective clubs met at their meeting places out of doors, opposite each other by barracks. The 6 including the advisors, tried to make a go out of it, but the president joined the newly formed club and so only 3 were left. They have given up trying to have meetings now. The 2 groups have been separated ever since both sides playing together in their groups and occasionally speaking to the other, but the old friendship ties seem never to come together again every since this break.

The main activities undertaken by the Moletters were:

1. any kind of needle craft the individual cared to take up
2. a Molette party with the Moles, young boys of the same age,
3. a trip to the River with 1 mole as volunteer guide and a basketball team.

The newly formed club called the _____ has taken up group singing, embroidering autographed shirts, 1 trip to the River and group swimming parties in the canal.

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MEMBERS left out

A molettes former

B new group

<u>Name</u>	<u>Age</u>	<u>Rel.</u>	<u>Group</u>	<u>Activities</u>
Itano, Knuye	13	C	A	-Used to be a prominent member, but now plays only with her busom chums and a much younger girl. Has a tendency to be a leader.
Yamamoto, May	11	C	A	-Used to be another active member, second to Kinuye, Pals around with Kinuye and and a younger girl.
Oya, Ayako		C	A	-Quiet, shy; not much activity.
Fujimoto, Bessie	12	B	B	-Used to be a good friend of Kinuye's but broke and plays among here group all the time.
Fujimoto, Pearl	13	B	B	-Used to be a close friend of Kinuye's but broke up and plays among her group only.
Mori, Nancy	12	B	B	Lukewarm member of the Olettes; now is active member of the new club, enjoys it very much.
So, Grace	12	C	B	-Not very active member of Molettes, seems to get along now in the new club.
Suzawa, Ixhiko	11	B	B	-Has a tendency of mediocre attention at the meetings. Seems to get along O.K.
Nakano, Iris	11	B	B	-Last Molette president. Deserted them to join the other club. Seems to get along.
Ito, Masako	11	B	B	-Mediocre member, no activities, Late of the A group although she is a B member.

Co-eds

The Co-eds are a group of quad B girls. It is a quad B club for high school girls, but only a few of the more active girls attended. It began last summer under the guidance of the Recreation Department with several members, but now it is down to a near monopoly of block 27 girls.

Perhaps most of the officers came from 27 and both of the

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advisors came from 27 so the high school girls of this block have a more active interest in the club than the rest of the girls in the quad. As soon as school began the activities of the club dropped but probably will pick up afterschool is finished when there will be more available time. One of the advisors left for resettlement so the girls of "27" without consulting the other girls, used most of the treasury to buy a farewell present for her. In return, she sent the club a box of candy, which resulted in a meeting after 5 months of inactivity. Thru fault of publication, most of the girls didn't come to the meeting with a large majority of 27 girls.

New officers were elected, I coming from 27 as two did before. It is hoped that interest will pick up as soon as school is out because it was at a low low during the school term.

Activities undertaken by the Co-eds were : the Coeds' Hop, a pre-school dance, the selling of popsicles and ice cream at the Poston Community Fair, participation in a girls club field day and a volleyball team. Meetings usually take up business matters only.

Members

<u>Name</u>	<u>Age</u>	<u>Religion</u>	<u>Activities</u>
Kitaoka, Martha	17	C	Past president, active.
Grace Morimoto	16	C	Past ath. Mgr., active.
Yoshida, Marion	19	C	member, medium, activity enthusiastic interests
Doi, Mary	16	B	Member mediocre
Suzawa <i>Mary</i>	15	B	Member mediocre
Miyaya, Nobuyo	17	B	Present president, active mediocre

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Elitians

The Elitians are ~~another~~ quod club, but 27 has the majority turn-out. This organization includes girls and married women out of high school that speak English. On the whole, they seem to be quite active — more active than the other clubs ~~are~~ with 27 people taking the upper hand through various offices, and the advisor of the entire group is Miss Fumi Utsuki of block 27, who is just the same age as the rest of the members. There are 13 (?) regular members and 6 (?) members who are welcome but who never attend from this block. There are 8 married women with one having a child.

The club has had ~~as~~ some of its activities, tea parties, a hike to the River, etc.

Members

<u>Name</u>	<u>Age</u>	<u>Religion</u>	<u>Status</u>	<u>Activity</u>
Utsuki, Fumi	25	Christian	single	Advisor
Amano, Beth	30+	"	married 3 children	member-medium
Itano, Teruko	21	"	single	member - not much
Miyaya, Kay	22	"	"	Pres. Officer - not much
Miyaya, Marion	23	"	"	member - medium
Mori, Mary	22	"	"	member - not much
Nakai, Daisy	20	"	married	member - medium
Okamoto, Masako	25	"	married 1 child	member - medium
Okumura, Chiyo	19 or 20	"	married	member - medium
Sakamoto, May	26	"	married	Pres. officer member - medium

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Sawada, Noriko	21	Christian	single	Pres. officer
Utsuki, Midori	21	"	"	great member, quite
Yoshida, Setsu	23?	Buddhist	"	member - quite
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Fuji, Rose	—	Christian	married	
Kakita, Helen	—	Buddhist	married	
Mayemura, Haruko	19	Buddhist	single	
Morioka, Yori	23	Christian	married	
Nakashima, Shigemi	26	Christian	single	
Yoshida, Gertrude	25	Christian	single	

The names listed below are the ones who were invited but who are not members and who did not go. The last two mentioned have went to visit a few times.

Community Dance

The Quad B girls of Unit I sponsored their second and last community dance which was quite successful.

The Co-eds, as they are called were running here and there borrowing decorations from some clubs and economizing in every way possible. They certainly did a grand job. Not only for decorations but each Co-ed was to bring a date so the girls were looking high and low.

In messhall 21, where the dance was held, the ceiling had very light colors. It was covered with blue and white decoration. (Every other one) Streamers were stretched from each corner of the messhall to the middle. They had 3 portholes on each side of the room (north and south). These portholes were made by the club girls out of cardboard and blue crepe paper in background. A few views that individuals could see were a beer bottle (Acme) floating in the water and a bird flying, another an island with a swaying palm tree, a boat sailing over the rippling waves with a moon as its guide and a few more, all pertaining to the theme "Co-eds Sails." In the middle of the mess were very simple sailboats hanging about 7 inches lower with a white string. All the members had their names on each sail. The boat was painted blue and looked very nice.

A suggestion was made to have an anchor design in the middle of the floor but both corn meal and soap were unavailable so we had the plain linoleum floor to dance on.

The tickets were on sail for 25-cents. They were made by the community enterprise. The club girls sold 100 tickets and the enterprise made 50 extra.

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The Co-eds made the program cards which were made of little sailor cap patterns. Six program dances were reserved.

The dance was opened at 9:00 P.M. and all the people started coming in, the P.A. (Public Address) fellows were playing popular music selections.

The Co-eds all wore little home made sailor caps. The dancing started about 10 :00 P.M. Most all the Co-eds started the first dance so the wouples wouldn't be so slow in getting on the floor. From then on, most all the dances started out with a bang! except for one which was a fast number. Only 3 people were on the floor. One couple dropped off before the number was finished, leaving only two at the end of the dance. A minor member of the Co-eds announced that the preceding dance was a jitterbug contest. The chaperone (2 young couples from the quad B) were judges. These 2 couples were both dancing very nicely. One couple was dancing in the center where the lighting was strong and another was at the end where the lighting was pretty dim. The couple which was in the center won the contest which was 2 packages of life savers.

We did not have any entertainment because we started so late and the closing time was creeping up.

As for refreshments, punch, 2 diggerent kinds of cookies and a small cup of jello was served. During this period a beautiful record was played, "The Blue Danube." Many of the Co-eds were helping with the refrehments which they served. The reason they served it was because it wouldn't cause so much confusion and crowding, secondly, there were too many stags next to the counter.

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Approximately 50 in all. Some stags were kibeis and very rude. They came mainly to eat and try ruining the dance, by tearing the decorations. I did notice a few kibeis and a nesei tearing the decorations in the north east corner where all the stags were and if they wanted attention or what I do not know. On other fellow get funny and unlatched the south side entrance to let about 10 more stags in. They were very troublesome.

When the dance announced the next to the last dance, many of the people left. Although a lot of people did leave, there was quite a crowd remaining for the last dance. They stags all left too.

The last dance ended and people were very gentlemen like in making their exit.

At last, time came for the Co-eds to clean up. The mess halls are all so big that the dates of the Co-eds also helped. After tugging with the mop and wishing with the broom, tired and all in we seatedd ourselves and ate the remainder of the food. Jello and cookies. The punch was so good that there wasn't any left.

Lites off! It was 12:30, the kitchen clean and every Body full of eats. Especially the Co-eds and their dates.

The following day all the decorations were taken down and returned.

The amount put out for refreshments was \$14.00 and we made \$15 or \$17 clear profit.

Favorable remarks were heard during the week and so all the Co-eds were

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the Co-eds were felling fine. To think that their second and last public dance was a real success.

With the profit they had a blow-out because of the matter of segregation and some many of the girls relocating. The blow-out was held on Saturday, August 14. All the girls dressed in slacks had lots of fun rubbing their noses on the floor, running backwards, making funny faces and etc. This was the the first and last party that the Co-eds had by themselves. Half the amount was spent on prizes such as towels, kerchiefs, pencils, tablets, and cosmetics. So the end finally came to the Co-eds, a pioneer club of this camp and quad.

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Poston Slang

1. Hey Hess'- Hey guy
2. You (just) know it - You're right, yes
3. Slop suey- Chop suey
4. Lamb -Chicken
5. K. D. -Introduction, Knock ?Down
6. P.H.D.-Petticoat Hanging D own
7. K.A. -Apple polishing, Kiss Ap ple, Kunitani's Angel
8. T.P.,-suction Apple polishing, Teachers Pet; pull
9. Yogore-One who is wether phusically or mentally dirty
10. Can, tin can,Canteen
11. Camouflage girls- Girls wearing much make-up
12. Pachuco - as in the Times April 20, 1943
13. Pachuco - a fellow who is slow on things, somethimes when silly
14. Pachuca - same definition as above only for a girl
15. Pachooka haircut - Long, slick hairdo for boys
16. Pachooka pants - Full trousers that are pleated, then cuffed at the bottom, they also have a long crotch
17. Ankle chokers - Trousers that are tighten at the ankles than the Pachooka pants
18. Big Egypt, Ksibo - Men's latrine
19. Ben & J o, Telephone (booth) lat Women's latrine
20. Butches - Jap. (used on the outside)
21. Gonta - Nickname igiven to a girl
22. Moles - Little boys of block #27
23. Mole-ettes - Little girls of block #27
24. Beavers, Fishers, Jr. Falcons H ioko - Nickname for little bboys
25. Hi buchi, Mugg - Greeting for a boy
26. Hey youngy - Teen agers' name (block 5 or 6)
27. Moonstuck - Nickmane of block #21
28. No lie - You don't say, that's right.
29. Don't know what the score is - Don 't know what it is all about
30. Ad - Administration
31. I,II,III - Postons I, II, III; Unit I' II' III
32. Hakujin set - Caucasians of block #34
33. Co -op - Consumers Co-operation
34. Pig-latin - Language in which the 1st letter of the word is put on the end and "ay" added.
35. "G"-latin - Lanuge in which the letter "g" is put in after every vowel, or after the 1st letter in a one-vowel word. Ex:Whatare yo u're Wha-gat
eOgar y-gou d-go-i-g ug?
36. Say now - Colloquial expression used meaning, look out, such as: "Say now, don't do that."
37. Rugged, man - Some one with a lot of power.
38. 'widdling thumbs - Petticoat fralls showing.Poston yet? Feb.11
(Came from former schools, not too common)
39. Latrine - Mr. Jones (go visit Mr. Jones)
40. April, 1943 - ,ear girls saying "you know it Hess " a hot nowa days
41. April 1943 - ,ome girls called "rugged" most often used on
basketball court. Roughi girls called that, or
whole team.

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One glance at block 27 will show that it is minus a lot of greenery and accessories on the barracks. A great deal of the space is left bare for activities, such as basketball and ball or volleyball and badminton, a ramada is north of the men's latrine, and just west of the women's latrine lies the block ponds. (pond), which also extends northwest of the block manager's office. Block gardens are found between barracks 1 and 2, 3 and 4, and part of 5 and 6, 9 and 10, 10 and 11, and 11 and 12 and 13 and 14; they are found within the block near barracks 2, 4, 5, and 11. Personal ponds are found within the barracks of the recreation hall and 1, 2 and 3, 4, 6 and 7, 8 to 9 and 13. Vines grow in front of a few apartments, and boardwalks run by 1/2 of barrack 6, and all of barrack 8 only. Lawn is found between barracks 4 and 5 in front of 4, between 6 and 7 half of 8 and 9, in front of 10 and just beginning to grow north of the laundry and on the miniature hills next the the block ponds.

Recreational facilities include: a basketball court between 7 and 8 equipped with night lights. A volleyball court next to the ramada and in front of barrack 9 and 10, which was also used for a badminton court until it was moved onto the basketball court, a croquet set for the younger children, which is usually kept in 9D, a sumo ring with nightlights, and a horse shoe pitching outfit, set up on the volleyball court. Games and toys for the youngsters which are found in the block manager's include toys made by the toy department

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and those donated from local families. Most all of the toys are now in critical order. (jig-saw puzzles, backgamon, and cardgames, checkers, and etc.).

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One of the disadvantages in the block is the recreational room. All available space is now occupied, so the people cannot get together in large groups for recreation. Until recently, barrack 13 was unoccupied, so it was nicknamed "The Blueroom" (It still has the sign in front) and the entire barrack was entirely empty until the weight-lifting set was installed. When it was empty, parties used to be held there, and every Sunday afternoon, the young people held impromptu dance get togethers where everyone and anyone sauntered in. Many beginners learn at these practices. After that, the weight lifting department moved in, and a "sumo" sign was put on the other side, but no "sumo" practices were held. Every day and especially in the evenings, boys from all over the camp came into weight lift. On week-ends, the groups was the largest. After that, the other end was more or less curtained off and a table was set in. The older men, and the bachelors spent their time playing cards and "go" until the barrack was partitioned into "Honeymoon Cottages" for newlyweds.

After that space was taken, no spare room was left in the block. The Young People spent most of their time under the ramada or just sitting on someone's steps. No impromptu dances could be held. A long period of time elapsed before dances were held in the laundry in the evenings--for the young boys who wanted to learn. Since then, nothing special has started except for horse shoe pitching, and indoor. Most of the boys go swimming in the evenings, or just sit until dark.

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Council member for block 27 has been Mr. Joe Nakai all along. Mr. Nakai has been a favorable councilman (although he is a kibe) because he can speak both languages and thus get the support from both sides, whereas a nisei unable to speak to the issei would certainly get no cooperation from them. He is quite broadminded and willing to discuss matters thoroughly so there will be a mutual agreement.

Before July, 1942, the administration asked to have councilmen from each block to represent the evacuees. In order to select candidates for this position, a block council was formed, composed of one representative from each barrack and two from the bachelors' quarters, which meant there was a total of fourteen on the block council. These council members were selected through the vine method--that is, no formal meeting was held among each barrack, but each talked over the possibilities of the most capable member of that barrack among themselves, and a mutual agreement was arrived at. The block council members are: Mr. Morita (barr. #1), Mr. Edward Okamoto (barr. #2), Mr. Takahashi (barr. #3), Mr. Yamamoto (barr. #4), Mr. Kadowaki (barr. #5), Mr. Nakai (barr. #6), Mr. Morimoto (barr. #7), Mr. So (barr. #8), Mr. Ralph Fujimoto (barr. #9), Mr. Morioka (barr. #10), Mr. Suzawa (barr. #11), Mr. Uyeno (barr. #12), Mr. Henry Sakamoto and another, (barr. #14).

These men gathered together in the messhall for a meeting with Mr. Okamoto, the block manager at that time, as chairmen, to select five candidates for the position of councilman for

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the position of councilman for the block. These candidates chosen were: Miss Fumi Utsuki, Mr. Henry Sakamoto, Mr. Chikara Ito, Mr. Joe Nakai and Mr. Yoshiki Yoshida (who resigned). At lunch time, these five candidates, through Mr. Okamoto's announcement at the messhall, made short campaign talks or acceptance speeches. Miss Utsuki spoke in Japanese--very graciously, Mr. Ito, in English, Mr. Nakai, in Japanese, Mr. Sakamoto, in Japanese, and Mr. Yoshida, a resignation speech in English, his reason being that he feels he is incapable of handling such a position. The block members, after listening to each short talk, applauded for each one, then a vote was taken later.

The election was held, and Mr. Nakai came out winner. These first council members were sworn in on July 4, 1942, at the firemen's field.

When the disturbance occurred in November, the entire council met at Ward 7, in the hospital, to discuss the situation and try to carry out the evacuee people's wish, which was to have the immediate release of the accused. This was taken to Mr. Evens, Acting Project Director, but he would not sign to such an agreement, so the council decided that the only thing it could do in such a situation was resign, which they did. That evening, a mass meeting was held at messhall 28 to discuss the situation, and an emergency committee, since there was no body to represent the evacuees, was chosen to take the problems to the administration. A nisei and issei re

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representative from the block were chosen by a hasty block meeting called by Mr. So, block manager, to represent the block at the meeting. They were Mr. Nakai and Mr. Kadowski. After a week debating on the whole situation, the matter was cleared up.

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Since the councilmen must be a nisei, the isseis were entirely left out of the political field of the community, and so they made quite a fuss about their being unable to participate.

In order to alleviate such a problem, an issei advisory board was decided upon by the councilmen, and an issei representative, through the same methods as the nisei representative, was voted upon, the victor being Mr. Kadowaki. He speaks both languages very well, and has the full support of all.

After these two elections, a vote of confidence in the councilmen through signatures was taken to show block support in them. These sheets were usually signed by the majority of the block members.

Several different councils were formed, dropped, or resigned, but each time, the councilman has been Mr. Nakai without fail.

Because the council was a political body, an administrative body was needed for a balance in power, and so an Executive Board, a Labor Relations Board, and a Public Relations Board was established for the good of the community. Mr. Nakai was chosen for the Labor Relations Board. At first, these two different bodies did not get along well through jealousy, uncooperation, and misunderstanding, since there was a change in council members at that time. Because of that difficulty, each body would not cooperate with the other and everything was run on a poor basis. Finally, the Executive Board had to resign because of unfavorable conditions. At this point, the council decided that it cannot function properly without an Executive Board, so a recommendation was made to Mr. Head

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that another one (a good one--some were not so good in the past) be formed. The council appointed the chairmen for the Executive Board and Labor Relations Board, who in turn appointed certain reliable members for the boards as members. Mr. Nakai was chosen on the Labor Relations Board. The Public Relations Board was there on name only because that position could not be filled by capable, willing evacuees.

When the camouflage factory went up, a shortage of man - power was felt. The council decided that a Man- Power Commission ought to be formed to solve the whole problem. After great difficulty, such a board was produced, and six people from the administration (Caucasians), and six from the various evacuee boards were appointed, Mr. Nakai being one of two from Labor Relations Board.

After the peace-match between the council and the Executive Board, all of the problems have been working out much more smoothly. Such an agreement began sometime in January, 1943. With these two bodies, the evacuees have now taken the upper hand and really feel they have self-government, with the administration on the side-lines for technical advice only.

August 25, 1943

Talent Show

In the month of June many signs were posted concerning a talent show. This talent show was advertised as the biggest and best.

Many people knew the performers and some would dream about them while others thought of something else. A few, I heard say, "they're pretty good," and others "aw, I guess fair."

The time came. August 24 and a great crowd was there (sitting on their chairs they brought or standing) witnessing the "best talent" show ever performed.

George Childs, from Camp 1, introduced the Emcee for the night, who was a fellow from Camp 2. He was rather on the slim side not too tall and very conceited or "Nerve Braking." Things he did were; initiate a lady taking a bath, he really went to the extremes (some girls were saying "that ain't the way we do it.") and fellows yelled out "how do you know?" This Emcee was terrible! He told many "dirty" jokes which he and some people in the audience thought were very funny. Many of the people heard every word, especially the younger group. At this show the Emcee gave youngsters lots of ideas and made some curious with his vulgar jokes. Many older people did not care for his part mainly because he took half of the show time, gave encore to those with little applause and his jokes. They were really awful. Most all of them had something to do with women.

With so many people relocating, good talents were hard to find. A few were really good. One, was a boy from camp 2

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who played a clarinet in swing. It sounded so good he gave the audience another number. Secondly, another vocalist. She was from either camp 2 or 3, who was really a good singer. Even though she did sing in Japanese, she had 2 encore plus her first number so that's doing good. Her voice was very soft and lost of control.

Most all the entertainment was in Japanese, which brought quite a bit of disappointment to the niseis. Many had in mind that everything was going to be in English.

A few isseis were quite disappointed with some of the Japanese talents and started going home. One crowd of 5 left and was saying "it doesn't compare with real Japanese stuff."

The show started around 9:30, it was scheduled for 9:00p.m.

towards the end of the program both isseis and niseis left, tired of listening to the jokes and the talents not satisfactory to them.

The show had come to its close around 11:00 p.m., with many disappointments.

September 6, 1943

Family Members

I have made two charts for this subject. One for the members who are in the family and another for the members who are here in this camp.

I can't say too much about the families, but hope that the information given is satisfactory.

Mr. & Mrs. Matoba, residing in barrack 1 apartment 1, was living in Corona Del Mar, when Mr. Matoba was taken to an internment camp. He was released on parol on April 6, 1943. In this family, the children are all quite old so they do not have any trouble, if so, not much.

In barrack 1B live the Morites. Mr. Morite is taking a little rest right now because of a sunstroke. He is always smiling and a very happy man. He has two sons, one on the handsome side, the other on the cute side. Tomo, the 3 year old cute one is called "Bakujin" meaning American. This is because he has brown hair and very light complexion. Tomo, like all youngsters, got around quite a bit and was put to bed with measles. I think the brother also got it. After measles, Tomo picked up scarlet fever and was sent to the hospital. Since then he has had no sickness. He and his brother could've had chicken pox because immediately after we arrived in Poston, chicken pox was spreading. Mr. Morite is mainly interested in fishing. Mrs. Morite has needlework as her interest.

In barrack 1C live the Ogatas. This family has 3 young children the oldest being 8. These children aren't taken care of as well and sometimes all are really found dirty, but that's natural for "squirts." Mrs. Ogata is a twin sister to Mrs. Morite. Mrs. Miyasaki is the mother of the twins living with Mrs. Ogata's family. Mrs. Ogata has her interest in the same things as her sister. Mr. Ogata likes to sing and go fishing.

Mr. and Mrs. Okamoto are always very happy and have one cute little daughter, who is 2 years old. They have a nice home and are always cracking jokes, - all kinds -.

Mr. & Mrs. Amano are a nice quiet family. The littlest one, Tadashi, makes the most noise. As for the other two fellows, they take after their mother. The oldest one works at the truck dispatchers place so does not mingle with the fellows of the block. The father, when he's around with Mr. Okamoto, acts like him and also tells jokes. Not only that, they are always laughing at something. I can not see what Mr. Amano's interest is other than talking. Mrs. Amano knits and the Mr. ? Mr. Amano is an issei and Mrs. a nisei. Mr. speaks just like a nisei and speaks Japanese when he has too. Mrs. speaks English most all the time.

The Yoshida family occupy apartment 2C. This family is more Japanese minded than American. Their ways of living are more wicen although they do eat with chop sticks. These people

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have started packing for their trip to Tule Lake, California. One of the boys have the attitude toward this war as: "Those who win this war will win and everyone will have to start from zero so will start there." The younger one wanting to go where they go signed "no no." The girl being in the same position, but too young for the question.

The Sadamotos are also very Japanese like, but are trying to pull their selves away from it; Mrs. Sadamoto tries to speak English. I don't know about Mr. Sadamoto. The latest rumor I've picked up in the block is that Mr. & Mrs. Sadamoto changed their answers when they had their hearings. They have a son, looks very much like a typical Japanese baby. Many of the block people admire him.

In apartment 3A live the Utsuki family. This family is the only family in this whole block that get along so well with each other. I have also heard many of the block members say that. Mrs. Utsuki has aged quite a bit but doesn't act nor look very much to her age. Everyone likes her and gives her much respect. So that's one happy family.

Mrs. Kawshara moved into our block on July 27, 1943. She was formerly living in Blok. 59, the Valley district. The reason why she moved to our block was because she being the president of the Unit I "Fujin Kai," Women's Club, could contact her friends and various clubs more easily. The block residents, especially the younger group 8-18 or maybe 20, don't care for her because she is always bowing, giving thanks for the food, or excuse me or hello. Always bowing and using the Japanese custom. About a month after she was here some one stole her glasses. She was taking a shower when it disappeared and who did it, and why was never known and if so will never be known publicly.

Mr. & Mrs. Sawada are quite old. Mr. Sawada is the oldest man in our block. Their daughter is working as a secretary and she likes to crack lots of unfunny jokes and always likes us to laugh at them. Many of the block people do not care for her.

In 3D reside the Inokuchi family. They are also going to Tule Lake. Their children play with the Okenoto and Sadamoto children. These children are well disciplined.

Mr. & Mrs. Nagahiro of 4A&B have a very large family of 10, the oldest one 18, the youngest 4 1/2 months. It seems to me that the mother does not care much about caring for her children. They are always in dirty clothes and always have a dirty body. The 15 year old girl, seems as if she doesn't care much for the families tidiness. She is very neat and is always with two girls from Blk. 22. The younger girls look like they can really be pretty but with no one to look after them in proper ways, they are not on the clean side.

Another large family is the Yamamoto. They have the last two rooms of that apartment 4C&D. When they first came, there

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were 8 in the family. There are 10 in the family. One is married and the other is in the army. At present there are 5 members occupying the 2 rooms. This family is a very nice one. The girls are quite cultured. Both of them have been to college. The smaller one is right behind her sisters. As for the boys, I can't say much. The oldest one, who was here was very quiet. The 18 year old boy was very noisy and mean. That was when he was with his crowd. Other times, he is very nice. The two smaller boys are growing up to be good boys. May, the girl left, corrects them when in the wrong. The mother always likes to talk to herself but the family is very nice.

Mr. Kadowaki is a brother to Mrs. Okamoto. Immediately after we had our typhoid shots, the youngest boy, by coincidence started to limp. The mother was blaming the liquid in giving the shot was the cause. Well, I'm sure she is wrong. It was hereditary because about 4 months ago, her legs fothered her so much that she was put in the hospital. She has a very unusual walk and her boy has a limp. Hardly any of the young married couples care for her. Mr. & Mrs. Kadowaki are both issei. Mr. Kadowaki has had most of his education here and Mrs. is Japanese in various ways. When with her sisters-in-law, who are nesei, she tries to talk English and have her fun, but they don't care for her very much.

The Oya family living in 5B are not so sociable as some of the other families of this block. The mother is very careless about the clothing and health of her children. One boy has Tuberculosis and another is mentally off. This girl is slightly off and is disliked by most everyone. She likes to stare and will stare and stare at you. She very seldom talks, except when she is among her neighboring friends.

In barrack 5C reside the Murakami family. The Murakami family are a quiet family. They all go to church and seem to get along. They have no father. The Murakami's are first cousins to the Oya family.

Mr. and Mrs. Saruwatari reside in 6A. Mr. Saruwatari is the chef in the 27 kitchen. He was interned in North Dakota and released on parole in July. Mrs. Saruwatari was interned in Texas and returned in November, 1942. Their daughter Mrs. Nakei lives in 27 13 F.

The Itano occupy apartments 6B and C. Mr. Itano is a very quiet man. Mrs. Itano is quite sociable. The littlest boy in the family is disliked by a few of the block boys because he is very weak and begins to cry over anything that hurts him.

In barrack 6D resides Iitsookas. They are the only ones left in their family. Their son is in Ohio working. The youngest daughter is in Ohio attending school. The oldest daughter was married in October. She is now in Minnesota with her husband who is studying language at Camp Savage.

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Barrack 7 Apartment A is empty.

In barrack 7B two of their children have relocated. One has gone to Detroit and the other has joined the armed forces. The family didn't get along too well until after the two left. Mr. Morimoto has a loud voice and it sounds like his daughter has taken after him. Mrs. Morimoto is on the quiet side and is quite socialable.

Mr. & Mrs. Nomura reside in 7C. Mr. Nomura was something like a servant before evacuation and now works in the block kitchen as a dish washer. He does most of the mending, patching and things that are usually done by the women. Mrs. Nomura also does that but she stays in the kitchen working all day so has little time to do that except on her days off. The two oldest boys relocated to Denver, Colorado and are working in a hotel. Both of them are planning to go to school. The boy left here is slightly off. He attended school back in California and did the first part of this year but after being teased for his queer actions he was hurt and quit. The daughter is a very smart girl for a regular 6 year old. Maybe she will follow the pathes of her brother and get some sort sort of scholarship.

In 7B live the Insis. This is another very quiet family. The mother has passes away so many years ago and there is 4 in the family. One in the service and the others here. The one girl works in the Personnel kitchen and so is seldom seen in this block.

The Mori family occupy apartments A and C. In this apartment A, live the boys and a few of the girls. The rest of the family sleeps in the main room C. There is one girl who is very sloopy about her dress and is treated very roughly by her sisters and brothers. One son, oldest, has been in the service for quite some time. At present is a sergeant at Camp Shelby, Mississippi.

In 8B live the Fukumoto family, which consists of three. Mrs. Fukumoto was a Mori before her marriage. Her daughter was the first to be born in this block.

Mr. Mori, living in 8C was interned at the interment center in New Mexico. He was released on parol in July, 1942.

Barrack 8D. Mr. & Mrs. So are one of the 5 families in Poston Units I, II, and III who has the shortest and the most unusual name. Mrs. So is a sister to Masako Okamoto and Mr. Kadowski. he is very nice and considerate. Very different from Mr.s Okamoto. Mr. So and a few more of the blk members are on seasonal. He was saying before he left that he wanted to move the family out if he could.

Barrack 9A. In this apartment reside a young couple. Mr. & Mrs.s Morioka. Mr. Morioka's mother aging 60, lives with them.

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The new Mrs. Morioka came here from Heart Mountain in January. The old Mrs. Morioka was living in 10A with her daughter-in-law until her son got married, then she went with them.

In 9B, there are only three people. Mrs. Nakashima, a daughter and a son. She has another daughter who is in California. This daughter is married to an American who is now serving in the navy. She comes to see her mother often.

Barrack 10D. The Miyawaki folks are pretty old. All of their children (3 who are married) have relocated except for one boy 16 years old; he is not working so it looks like no clothing allowance for them. This fellow mingles with the Valley boys. He stays in the block and associates with them more now that most of his friends are out.

Mr. & Mrs. Doi live in 11A. Their youngest child, 2 years old, is admired by quite a bit of the older folks. This family is on the quiet side.

11B. This is the home of Mr. & Mrs. Yoshida. The fellow was from 10B.

11C. Mr. & Mrs. Suzawa are on the quiet side and so the children are too. The lady has her interest in sewing.

11D. Mr. & Mrs. Suzawa are the parents of the Mr. Suzawa living in 11C. They have a 23 year old boy who associates with outsiders. By that, fellows from other blocks.

10A. Mrs Morioka is living with her two children. Her husband was taken to the hospital sometime in January. I have heard that he has something very much like Vellery Fever.

10 B & C. The Yoshida family is a large family of ten. The mother is an invalid so one of the daughters is always with her. In April, one of the Yoshida girls married a young bachelor. She had some bashkunin. At present, she lives in 12C. Last month, another Yoshida got married, this time a boy. The friend, girl, was from Block 6. The Yoshida family is some relative to the Moriokes. With this Yoshida family lives Mr. Yoshida's brother and niece. The two brothers were interned at the internment camp in N. Dakota and were released on parol in August, 1942.

Mrs. Ishizaki lives in 12A. She was a Japanese language teacher, helping her husband and now that he is interned, she is privately teaching it by herself. She is planning to go where her husband is held. He is not sociable with the block.

Barrack 12B Mr. & Mrs. Ito are just as social as any other block member. Mrs. Ito is privately teaching the Japanese language. Mr. Ito is a cook in the block kitchen. There is an American teacher who comes to see them often. He has all her love for the Japanese and especially has for this family. The youngest girl is mentioned in this woman's will, granting her a great portion of her land.

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12C. Mr. & Mrs. Sakamoto were married this year. Mrs. Sakamoto is the daughter of Mr. & Mrs. Yoshida living in 10C.

12 D. Here live Mr. Uyeno and his adopted son. He walks around quite a bit. Very nice and on the plump side. He likes to donate when we have a party or something along that line. His wife is in the hospital with some illness similar to that of Valley Fever. Their son is the block manager and goes by his first name, Kawai Osora.

13 A & B The Nakano family takes two rooms. The whole family except for one young fellow, acts superior to the block. The older girl brags about their riches, and close contacts with their Caucasian friends and etc. She is not cared for by any special person in this block. They use the Japanese customs and are very Japanese. Their girl speaks the Japanese language fluently. Their daughter was the first one in the block to pass away, July.

13C Mr. & Mrs. Kakita moved into our block after their marriage sometime in February. Mr. Kakita is formerly from Block 35 and Mrs. from Block 6.

13D Mr. and Mrs. Fujii moved into our block about April. They are on the quiet side, Mr. Fujii being a Kebei.

13E In this apartment live a couple, of men. Mr. Yamasaki and Mr. Okahashi. There was no room in the bachelor quarters so in they moved. I don't see much of them so don't say much.

13F. Mr. & Mrs. Nakai live in this apartment. Mrs. Nakai is the daughter of Mr. & Mrs. Saruwetari of 6A. Mr. Nakai is a Kebei.

14. All I know about this barrack is, bachelors live there. Some are nice and sociable and others are pretty grouchy about things.

So this is the finish. Six people got married while living in this block. One baby born and it looks like 3 more are on their way.

When the block opened, the population was about 250, now it is approximately 200. Just think 50 people have moved out and a few have come in. What a change.

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Former Locality

You can see by the chart which families come from what counties.

This is stated more specifically.

Barrack 1A	Corona Del Mar	Barrack 8A	Westminister
B	Oceanside	B	Westminister
C	Westminister	C	Westminister
D	Block Office	D	Santa Ana
Barrack 2A	Anaheim	Barrack 9A	Los Angeles
B	Los Angeles	B	Buena Park
C	Garden Grove	C	Buena Park
D	Garden Grove	D	Buena Park
Barrack 3A	Venice	Barrack 10A	Los Angeles
B	Transferred from #59	B	Irvine
C	Garden Grove	C	Irvine
D	Fallbrook	D	Garden Grove
Barrack 4A	Vista	Barrack 11A	Vista Bakersfield
B	Vista	B	Got married here Irvine
C	Vista	C	Vista
D	Vista	D	Vista
Barrack 5A	Santa Ana	Barrack 12A	Oceanside
B	Selma Beach	B	Encinitas La Habra
C	Encinitas	C	Got married here Irvine
D	Oceanside	D	Oceanside
Barrack 6A	Santa Ana (Irvine)	Barrack 13A	Oceanside
B	La Habra	B	Oceanside Bakersfield
C	La Habra	C	Got married here L.A.
D	Brea	D	Got married here
Barrack 7A	Empty	E	Oceanside
B	Buena Park	F	Santa Ana (Irvine)
C	Buena Park	Barrack 14A	Santa Ana, Westminister
D	La Habra	B	Stanton, Oceanside
		B	Stanton, Anaheim
			Santa Ana
		C	Leguna Beach, La Habra
		D	Stanton, Garden Grove

We only have one vacated room 7A. it was vacated on August 17th, and is used for a private study room. Sometimes the younger girls get together and talk over lots of happenings, then go to sleep in the house.

September 2, 1943

Relocation

In this camp, many people have and are resettling themselves in the eastern and middle west states.

This block has a population of approximately 250 and now it is a little less than 200.

Barrack 1A Two the the Matoba boys went out on seasonal. The first time the oldest one went. (October 1943) He came back in December and on January 1943, the two fellows, next to the youngest, went out. They were on a seasonal leave and now they are on indefinite leaves in Denver.

Barrack 1B Mr. & Mrs. Ogata wanted to go to Denver where Mr. Ogata's brother is, but he thought they could stay here for a while more.

Barrack 2A The Okamoto's were planning to leave for Phoenix where Mr. Okamoto's brother is. His brother was evacuated here from Phoenix, then a law was passed saying that Phoenix is a free zone, so Mr. Okamoto's brother returned home. After a month or more, the Okamotos were going to go out when rumors started sweeping through camp that you must have your picture in the papers three times and have some letters written by Caucasian friends in Phoenix. Going through that would be too much trouble so they gave up hopes of relocating.

Barrack 2C This family, Yoshida, is leaving for Tule Lake in the near future. The folks are very Japanese. The boys are not very much like that except in eating. (Manners) The younger boy learned how to dance and likes a lot of the American entertainment. The girl wanted to learn but the mother would not permit it. She didn't want the boy to learn but he wanted to so badly that he did. The fellows both signed "no no" and the girl is too young to sign. One of the fellows went up and said put my answer the same as my folks so it did. He did not give them a chance to explain what he will have to face. I don't think he thought it over thoroughly. A boy of 17 should know a little more. I at least think so.

Barrack 3A The Utsuki's are all planning to leave. Two of the girls, Fumi and Midori were going to leave on the 17th of August but on the 13th, one had an operation and so was not able to go. They will be here until the latter part of this month. The fellows are planning to go to Texas as farmers. The mother will probably go with them.

Barrack 3C Mr. Sawada was out on a temporary leave. He is the oldest man in our block, 71 years old. On his temporary leave he was in Colorado, looking for a good piece of land to farm on.

Barrack D The Inokuchi family lives here and they are segregants bound for Tule Lake in the very near future. The woman doesn't sound like she wants to go very badly but if

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her husband goes, she'll go. I was talking to her and she said, "Weell, I don't especially care because after the war everyone is going to start all over again."

Barrack 4 This barrack is occupied by two families
Barrack 4A & B The oldest Nagahiro boy wanted to go out on seasonal leave but was not allowed to go.

Barrack 4 C & D Many of the Yamamoto children have left. One is in the army and has been before evacuation. The oldest boy and the third from the oldest went out on seasonal leave in August. They went out picking peaches. One of the girls left on April 27, 1943 to Chicago as a secretary of the Indian Reservation office. From conversations I have slightly picked up it sounds like the men living in this barrack want to go out on seasonal too. They were formerly farming in Vista.

Barrack 5C Two young girls went to leave in this apartment but they are quite young and their mother wants them to stay in camp a little longer.

Barrack 6 Thomas Saruwatari, 6A was out on seasonal. He worked in Nebraska from September 25 to November 29 1942.

Barrack 6B The girl, 21, wanted to leave but her folks want the boy to go first so she is still here. The boy, 18 years old, is planning to leave for a job similar to the N.Y.A (National Youth Association) He is a senior this year.

Barrack 6D All the children in this apartment have relocated. The boy 25 volunteered for service was deferred because of weakness. This fellow went to the Cleveland Hostile. The girl, 22, was married last October and was living in Block 15. She left with her husband to Minnesota where he is studying the Japanese language at Camo Savage. The youngest one 17, left for her brother's place in Cleveland. There she is going to attend school. The folks, every once in a while talk about going out but have not made any definite move toward it.

Barrack 7A Every one in this family has relocated themselves in various states. The oldest boy has been in the army for some time. He is receiving his ranks pretty fast. On September 30 two more boys left on seasonal to Colorado and transferred their leave to indefinite. On July 5th, the oldest girl left for Detroit Michigan as a secretary. The next month, on August 17, the last two girls left. One, the youngest 17, went to Detroit as a school girl and the other sister, 22, went to her sisters place. The one working as a secretary. He went along because the two girls had the whole household to take care of. The mother was ill and sent to a hospital in California.

Barrack 7B The boy 21, volunteered for the army and was in service June 25. He is in Camp Shelby, Mississippi. The girl, 17,

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went to a home in Detroit as a school girl. The folks want to leave but don't know definitely. They want a poultry farm to work on. The girl 16, wants to go out to school but looks like she'll stay here for a year.

Barrack 7C The two oldest boys 18, and 21 are in Denver. The older one went on harvest work on October 5 and changed his leave to indefinite. He was planning to go to the University there but is working right now at a hotel as bell boy. The younger one left July 6, 1943. He went to his brothers place and works with him.

Barrack 7D There is one boy in the army. He was very long. The girl in this family wanted to go out on temporary or maybe seasonal when the time came but no soap.

Barrack 8A There is one boy, Hiro 22, who went out on seasonal with Mr. So, 8D. Another fellow has left on an indefinite leave for Cleveland. There is also a fellow in the army.

Barrack 8D Mr. So went out on seasonal to Colorado, sometime in August. He wants to have his family relocate after he finds a good settling place.

Barrack 9A Mr. Morioka left for seasonal to Nebraska in September and returned in December. Now that he married, he and his wife plan to go out soon.

Barrack 9B In this family, half of them are out. One girl, married to an American is in California. The two oldest boys left for seasonal to Colorado. They left on September 30 and after the seasonal transferred their leave to indefinite.

Barrack 10D Three of the children are married in this family and live in different blocks except for one. One lived in Block 21, and the other in Camp 111. The married one living in this camp left for Denver in December. The youngest girl 19, left in March for the same place. Then the couple in Blk 21 left. Where they went I do'tt know. The girls who were in Denver came back to see their mother. They came on the 10th and the youngest one left on the 17th of August. On the 24th, the married girl and the one in camp 111 left for Denver. While the girls were here, they tried to get their little brother out who is 16. He wants to get out and thinks that he will be out soon. The folks also want to go out.

Barrack 11B Mr. ^{Yoshida} ~~Seramoto~~, has been out on a seasonal leave. He left for Nebraska some time in September and returned in October.

Barrack 10B Mitsuo Yoshida 21, left on indefinite. He left on May 20, 1943. One girl, who is secretary of the education department wants to leave but her mother an invalid leaves her with a slim chance. He may have her brother call her out after he relocates.

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Barrack 12C Mr. Sakamoto has been out on seasonal. He left September and returned on November 29, 1942.

Barrack 12B Two boys have relocated. One is working the same place as a Miyaya 7A, as a clerk. Chikara Ito, the oldest left for Salt Lake City, Utah on March 3, 1943. Takemistu left on July 24, 1943.

Barrack 13A The oldest boy went for outside employment in May. Ben came back in July and is planning to leave again. The whole family wants to relocate but with some of their attitudes I don't know how glad some people will be to have them.

13F Mr. & Mrs. Nakai want to go out; Mr. Nakai says he will go first, find a place and then call his wife.

14 D. Lloyd Mori volunteered for the army but he was not accepted. He has left for Idaho, where he is working on a farm.

14A Takeshita left for seasonal on September 26, 1942. He returned in November.

14F There has been quite a number of people relocating and many who are planning too. Yoshioka left for seasonal on September 26 and returned on November 28.

that covers the subject of relocation. There are many who want to go but who are held back by their parents. This business of relocation has made some of these issues start to think a little more.

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Occupation
Prior To Evacuation

Looking at the chart, there were many farmers. Some had truck farms, poultry farms, and others worked on farms.

The way I hear some people talk, most all of the farmers lost a lot of money, because they were raising it just as evscustion came.

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Occupation
Here

Most everyone in each barrack is working.

Barrack 1A

The woman is working as a waitress in our kitchen. The boy is working as a truck driver for the subsistence department. The mother boy is working as a

Barrack 1B The folks both work in the kitchen (27) The lady as a kitchen helper and the man as the cooks assistant.

Barrack 1C The folks both work in the kitchen (27) The lady washes the dish towels and the man is the waiter.

Barrack 1D Block office.

Barrack 2A

In this family, the man is employed as a painter.

Barrack 2B The folks and one boy work in this family. The lady is the assistant dietician of the block kitchen and the man is the supervisor of the dispatchers lot. The boys is a truck driver.

Barrack 2C Everyone but one is working in this family.

The woman dries the dishes, the man is a janitor of the block and one of the boys is a truck driver and another is working for the maintenance crew.

Barrack 2D The man of the family is working at the Unit 1 nursery

Barrack 3A

All but the mother was working. The girls were secretaries and the fellows reefers and water truck drivers. They quit because they were going to relocate soon.

Barrack 3B I don't know if this lady is working or not, but I know she is the president or advisor of all the Women's Clubs of Poston 1.

Barrack 3D The father works at the dispatchers lot as a truck driver.

Barrack 3C The one girl works as a secretary

Barrack 4A

One boy works as a street cleaner.

Barrack 4B The father works as an Adobe worker

Barrack 4C The father works as an Adobe worker

Barrack 4D This family is supported by 4C

Barrack 5A

I don't know what this man works as. I know that he is helping to build the Japanese garden next to the Administration building.

Barrack 5B The parents are both working. The mother works in Blk. 12 kitchen as a kitchen helper and the man is a kitchen helper in the Blk (27) kitchen.

Barrack 5C The mother is working in the kitchen (27) as a dish dryer.

Barrack 5D Mr. or Mrs. Makino do not work. There are bachelors who live with this family. I think two of the bachelors are working.

Occupation
Here

Barrack 6A

In this family everyone but the young boy is working. The father as the chef cook of Blk. 27 the mother the dietician of the block kitchen and the boy as an assistant block manager.

Barrack 6B & C the mother is working as a kitchen helper and the older girl is working as a seamstress. There is a boy who works with the repair crew.

Barrack 6D Both the man and woman work here. The man is the block carpenter and the woman a kitchen helper of blk 27.

Barrack 7A

Empty

Barrack 7B the father is working as a Poultry farmer. The mother is a kitchen helper (27) and the girl a researcher for the Sociological Department.

Barrack 7C the woman works as a kitchen helper in block 27 kitchen and the man is a dish washer. The boy cleans the kitchen and is classed under "janitor."

Barrack 7D In this family the boy and girl are employed in the kitchen. the boy works in the block kitchen as an assistant cook and the girl works in the Personnel Kitchen as a waitress. The father works as a block gardner.

Barrack 8A

The boy works with the Unit I Poultry crew, the girl works in the canteen as a sales clerk and the others stick aroundhome and do nothing.

Barrack 8B The man is working as a kitchen helper in block 37 kitchen.

Barrack D the woman was a janitor until just recently. She quit. Her husband was the block manager but is out on a seasonal.

Barrack 9A I

In this apartment lives a couple and the fellow's mother. The couple work, the girl as a secretary at the employment office and the fellow as a . the mother takes life easy.

Barrack 9B the girl works as a waitress in the block kitchen and the fellow an Adobe worker.

Barrack 9C the man works as a cook in block 37 kitchen and the girl works as a librarian in the public library.

Barrack 9D the woman works as a kitchen helper in the blk .kitchen.

Barrack 10A

No one in this family works

Barrack 10 B & C This family has 2 apartments. The man's brother and niece live with this family. The father is a dish washer, his brother an Adobe worker. Two of the girls work as secretaries and one boy as a messenger boy for the employment office.

Barrack 10D No one is working and has not been working since June. Looks like no clothing allowance for them.

Barrack 11A

Occupation
Here

Barrack 11A

The father works as a cook of Blk 11 or 12 kitchen.
The oldest daughter 17, works at the sewing school like a sempstress.

Barrack 11B The man is working as a and the girl as a
receptionist at the Dental Clinic.

Barrack 11C In the family of Suzawa, the mother is the only one
working. she is working as a waitress in the blk. kitchen.

Barrack 11D The man works as a cook in kitchen #27.

Barrack 12A

This lady is teaching the Japanese language .

Barrack 12B This man is another, who works in the blk (27)
kitchen as a cook.

Barrack 12C The woman works as a waitress in the blk (28)
kitchen and the man works in the block 12 kitchen.

Barrack 12D The boy (man) is the block manager.

Barrack 13 A & B The mother is working as a waitress in the blk
kitchen.

Barrack 13C The lady works as a secretary in the morgue, the man
is always running around. I think he is some kind of a council
man.

Barrack 13D The lady works as a secretary and the fellow works as
a ---

Barrack 13E The two bachelors, I never see.

Barrack 13F The lady works as a beautician at Blk 12 beauty shop.
The man is a council man.

As for the bachelors, they work as adobe workers, kitchen,
janitors for the hospital and etc. Most every one from at least
one family is working.

September 3, 1943

Religion

The religion in our block is quite even. Be that I mean that there are about the same number of Christians as there are Buddhist.

On this chart, I have marked those who go to Christian church off and on, Christians. There are a few of these and whenever they go to church, it's to the Christian so I have classified them as Christians.

Some of the people did not go to any church til they came out here but I can not say who.

I have noticed that some of the Buddhist do not go to church every Sunday. Maybe that's because while they were back home, they went only when there was special events going on. Their meeting place in recreation hall 13.

The Christians attend every Sunday.

Some times the younger people stay home or go some where else, other than church.

Long ago, some of the fellows would go to church by their lonesome selves or in a small group and then walk a girl or a group of them home. The fellows are now acquainted with camp and the people so this is not done any more.

I don't ever see the bachelors going to church and I can not state which religion they belong to. Most likely Buddhist.

The subject of religion is not talked about very much. It is just when the Y B A (Young Buddhist Association) is having a party or special speaker or when the Christians have something special too.

Last Easter, approximately 7 people of the block were baptized, both isseis and neseis.

Going to church has interested a great number and the religion seems to be growing here in camp.

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Block 27 Party

On July 17th, Block 27 gave the block graduates of '48 a graduation party.

The party was scheduled for 8:00 PM and like most all Boston events began a half hour later at 8:30 PM.

The first part of the program was arranged for the isseis. I not being interested in their program, did not attend. But I heard a little of the program and was very much like the following: The party of the Blk. was started and opened by a young nesei (married) man acting as MC. (Master of Cerimonies) Following a few words from the M.C. a speech was made in Japanese for the isseis then a speech for the nesais. The speakers were two different men. After the speeches, one which was quite long, a few vocal numbers were rendered. One was, an issei and another was a nesei, they both sang Japanese songs. The songs were sung and a member of the Womens Club presented gifts to all the graduates. I'm quite sure the gifts were from the Blk. Women's Club. By that I mean members of the Women's Club in our Blk. A graduate spoke in behalf of all the graduates thanking the Blk. for the party and the Women's Club for the gift. (The gift was a bottle of shampoo and hair oil.).

Then time for umm umm so graduates and all enjoyed the refreshments which consisted of ice cream, cookies, and an orange. Second helpings were served.

The party was more or less sponsored by the Sheinen Kai of this block and the part yw was paid for by the Blk. fund. There using the Blk fund was because there isn't enough money to give to each person and if there was there was so little and it couldn't

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amount to much.

With all in their every day clothes, about in all, boys and girls, and isseis if they cared to danced to, the melencholy music. (They all walked out, I guess they had their fun).

After dancing for about 3/4 of an hour, the party time was up, 11:00 PM., so "bye" were the last words heard.

A few girls as well as boys were from the following blks. 22, 28, 21, 35, 50, 43 and of course 27.

I didn't care too much for the party because there were too many girls. About three to one.

The girls of Blk. 27 thinking that there were so many boys to so little girls thought they'd invite some outsiders. The boys thought maybe they'd need boys so they did the same, but what happened? No boys. Those who were there were young Blk. fellows who had just learned to dance. Were they going to ask? They sure didn't look like it, scared too, and to see a bunch of girls sitting in their corner. I being one of them. We were all waiting and none other than the council man started asking girls. After a few minutes this person would go ask a boy and that was the way the dancing started.

I, not being satisfied with the dancing prodeduse wlked walked home. I suppose the girls were all picked up by the council man but I didn't care.

As for some of the other members of the Blk. they were sarisfie d with the party. One said "As long as its a Blk. party I have my fun."

I'm glad she does and I'm sorry I don't.

Their feelings, I would not know but one thing I know one

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person wasn't satisfied with some Blk. fellows and outsiders that came in to eat all the food an then walk out ot go and eat some where else or go to another dance. There was another dance and I think these fellows all wat there. Some girls were quite disapointed, thinking they might get to dance with that certain guy but I guess they got fooled tthat time.

G.M.