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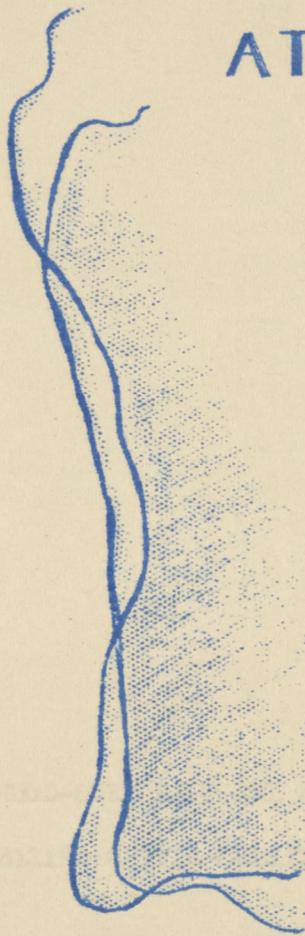
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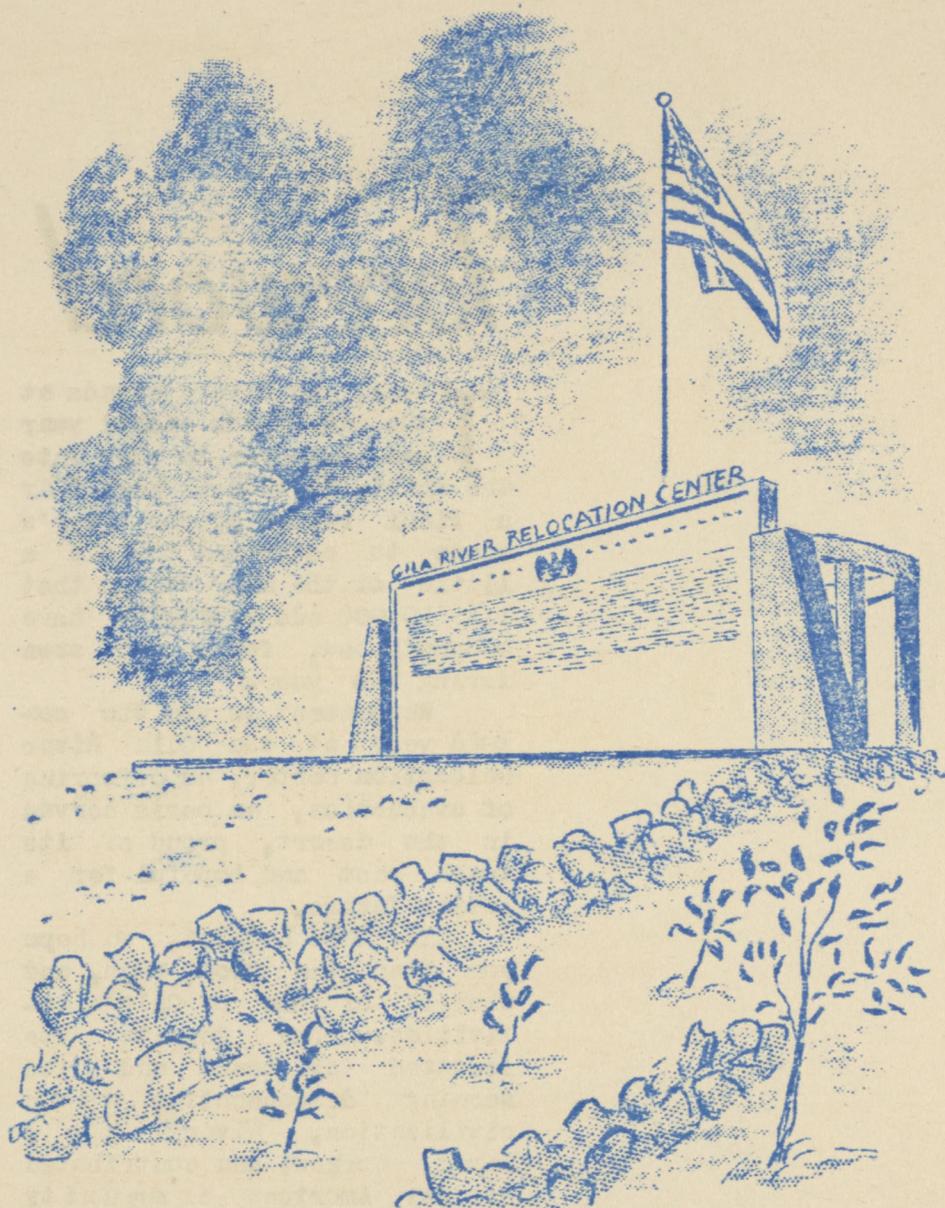


Foreword

Today, as Rivers stands at the end of its second year and prepares to step into the third, it glances back for a final review of the year's scene to catch and to hold a little of the many things that its 10,000 odd residents have accomplished, felt, and seen during the year.

We present to you the second year at the Gila River Relocation Center, an offspring of evacuation, an oasis carved in the desert, proud of its tough past and hopeful for a better future.

In this booklet, we hope you find the "how, when, and where," of some of Gila's activities. For despite its isolated existence and its seeming disconnection with civilization, Rivers has lived, worked, and contributed as any American community should.



RIVERS HONOR ROLL MONUMENT

"...that men might be free again."

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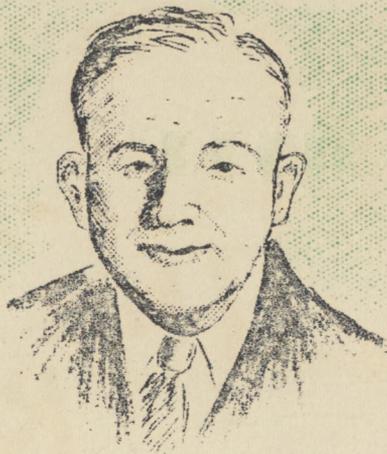
DEDICATION

To nisei soldiers of America, who are keeping faith with democracy at its moment of crisis so that it may perpetuate its ideals and keep faith with us, we dedicate this booklet.

The few may continue to whisper and fabricate and accuse us of disloyalty and treachery. Against those insinuations we have but one defense--a record of compliance with military exclusion and of having sent more than 600 Gilians off to the wars and one already to his battlefield grave.

To our nisei soldiers we owe much of our clear record and as clear a conscience.

The
Project Director
Speaks:



I have just looked over my message to you written in 1943 when you and Gila were just emerging from bewilderment and mental depression. I feel most fortunate that the physical and mental improvement now justifies the writing of a very different message.

Today for most of you the feeling of depression is past. Gila has truly progressed. The landscape, buildings, and every material thing express optimism, cooperation, and the return to normal pleasant living. The success of those who have relocated has proven your courage and willingness to forget the past and to embark toward a new and bright future. The willingness of your sons and daughters to join the armed forces at great sacrifice to you has proven your devotion and theirs to this country of future and prosperity for all of us.

Let us all continue to look forward to an early ending of war and a rapid readjustment to a much better way of living. But while you remain here, make Gila an even better and more comfortable home.

Due to your attitude and effort, no apology for Gila or its residents has ever been necessary to our director nor to anyone outside. For that record I sincerely thank and congratulate you.

J. H. Bennett

Project Director

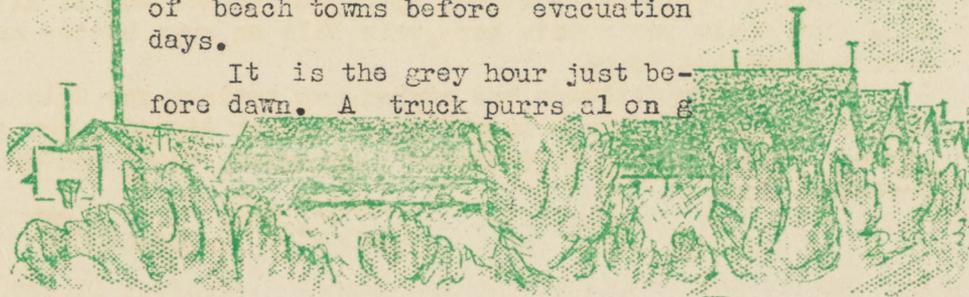
THE DAWN BREAKS;
RIVERS EMERGES
FROM THE SHADOWS

This Is Rivers

It is still dark. Moonlight and starlight cast weird shadows over the Arizona desertlands. Low dark clouds stretch across the eastern horizon. Red and white beacon lights wink at each other in the mountains.

Tucked away in the Casa Grande Valley, the streetlights of Butte spell out a giant "U". Four miles off in the distance, the Canal lights twinkle merrily in four straight rows, reminiscent of beach towns before evacuation days.

It is the grey hour just before dawn. A truck purrs along



the streets. The barking of a lonely dog can be heard intermittently. The eastern skies slowly turn from black to grey, the grey spreading outward as the minutes tick away. A dirty orange colors the northeastern rim of the skies.

The only signs of activity come from the mess halls where busy crews are preparing breakfast for Rivers. The truck continues to grind its way around the streets.

A dash of color creeps over the greyish white horizon. The eastern skies are getting lighter. The moonlight has lost most of its brilliance. The still unseen sun penetrates the semi-gloom. The dark mass sprawling at the foot of a series of buttes turns into neat rows of barracks. The butte topped by a water tower juts impressively from the center bend of the "U."

The street lights silently go out.

The dawn has broken. It is daylight.

TAKES ON INDIVIDUALITY

Today, a "war-born city" has been transformed into a community of homes for 10,000 residents. It is not all that they would wish for, but under the circumstances, veritable miracles have been wrought out of the desert.

The first year in Rivers, evacuees found that Arizona was hot. Hot and dusty. Their home was a neatly blocked out row of red roofed, white walled barracks. Their first task was to make it livable; comforts could come later.

The barracks are still red topped and white walled. But each has taken on an individuality that breaks the monotony of sameness. Many are surrounded by lawns, of all sizes and shapes. Some have added porches, others ponds. Hardly any two coolers that hang from the walls are alike. Each has been fashioned by different hands and shows it.

The drab desert is no more. It has blossomed into a colorful garden spot. It has taken on the aspects of a snug suburb, comfortably home-like. A home, yes, but one they know they will leave behind for homes in normal American communities. The whole tone of the camp has changed. No longer do they look backward to the "good ole days." The future stretches ahead of them. They know that their lives belong to the future and not to the dead past.



ADMINISTRATION

SIX DIVISIONS CARRY WORK OF THE CENTER

For two years now Rivers has ticked off its 731 days with relative smoothness. Behind its smooth running organization is an administrative set-up headed by Project Director Leroy H. Bennett and backed by six divisions which in turn are subdivided into sections and units.

Short reports from division heads cannot do justice to the steady day to day effort required to meet and solve the center's problems. But within the limitations of this booklet are presented synopses of the past year's accomplishments in administration, community management, legal matters, public relations, relocation, and operations.

ADMINISTRATIVE MANAGEMENT DIVISION

The Administrative Management Division performs the house-keeping or service functions necessary on the project. Sections in this division are personnel management, supply,

statistics, office service, evacuee property, and finance.

Personnel management is responsible for job analysis, placement, appointing, and all labor relations involved in staffing both appointed and evacuee positions. Appointed personnel numbered 196 on July 1, and evacuee employment early in July, 1944, numbered 3,900. Relocation and selective service have taken many competent evacuee employees. To meet this problem a trainee program was instituted late in 1943. About 200 workers have transferred from this program to regular employment.

Supply has three functions: Mess management, procurement, and postal service. Mess operation is responsible for feeding all evacuees and a portion of the appointed staff. At present there are 57 mess halls in operation, serving approximately 11,000 persons or 33,000 meals per day. These include two administrative mess halls, two special diet kitchens, baby formulas, and 53 evacuee mess halls. Mess operation is working with a minimum staff of about 1,400 evacuees and four administrative staff members. Procurement is responsible for center purchasing of material, equipment, and services (other than personal) needed to carry out approved plans. The postal unit receives and distributes incoming U.S. mail and collects outgoing mail.

Statistics maintains records of all evacuees who have ever lived in the center, collects and analyzes current operating statistics, including vital statistics. It took a census as of March 31 and prepared a roster of the 9,280 residents in a 417 page book. One hundred copies of this book were made. Filing and tabulation of data on the Jerome people and a camp census as of June 30, 1944, are in process.

Office service maintains mail, messenger, telephone, and teletype services and keeps a central file.

Evacuee property serves evacuees in the management, disposition, and transportation of their personal property from private storage to government warehouse to project and to relocation. Its transactions mount to thousands of dollars.

Under the finance section, the budget and accounts, cost account, and the property control and warehousing units are

reported operating smoothly and up to date. At the start of the year this section too was inadequately and incompetently staffed but additions have remedied that.

The section has effected a more efficient operation through periodic examinations by the finance officer, has conducted periodic audits of store record cards, leave records, postage stamp records, and other required audits.

COMMUNITY MANAGEMENT DIVISION

Since July 20, 1943, the Community Management Division has been expanding its services to the community. Its activities are still in line with the old name of this division, Community Service Division. Among these services are health, education, welfare, internal security, community enterprises, community activities, community government, and recently added Block Managers. It is the purpose of this division to assist the community in establishing a healthful and wholesome community which would help people to prepare themselves for the future.

HEALTH SERVICE

The past year has seen many difficulties arise and surmounted. There have been continual changes in chief medical officers. Gila has had Dr. Jack Sleath, Dr. Douglas Collier, Dr. Joseph McSparren, and now Dr. Reece Podicord; but looking back over the year, there has been continual progress. There are sufficient nurses aides. There are more doctors than are left in communities of the same size in the outside world. Some of the health problems have been solved and residents now are less inclined to demand services which they might give themselves.

INTERNAL SECURITY

Crimes in the community have been exceedingly low. There have been one or two assault cases and destruction of property on the part of some of the youngsters, including, of course, a few gambling cases and violations of project regulations. The community as a whole is more interested in prevention than in punishment. The problems of the children have not been answered, and we continually have had

waves of disturbances and destruction on the part of some of the younger people, but this is more a reaction to the times than a reaction of any particular group.

CO-OP

Today after two years, the Gila River Co-op is a large organization of almost 8,000 members doing an annual business of more than \$900,000, and with a total asset of more than \$195,000.

During the year which has gone by, it has accumulated more than \$100,000 patronage savings, paid off its debt of more than \$26,000 to the WRA, and by the end of July all patronage refunds for the last fiscal year, totaling more than \$83,000, will be paid back to the patrons, plus interest.

To its many stores and shops, it has added a dry cleaning agency, tailor service, a dress making department, telegraph service, fish markets, domestic and laundry services, and Co-op Store No. 4 for the purchase of rationed goods for the appointed staff members.

In spite of ups and downs, the Co-op has been able to march forward and win battles to serve its patrons. It is the only organization owned, operated, and supervised by evacuees. Through the cooperation of its members, patrons, employees, and the management, the Co-op marches on.

WELFARE

It would seem inevitable that the work of the welfare section should increase as the life of this center continues. Financial resources are depleted and the wage earner has left the project; families need more help. The welfare section has taken on additional responsibilities, caring for the new counseling program.

The counseling program was suggested by the Washington staff for the purpose of assisting people in planning for the future. A closer examination shows that there are many problems which could easily be solved and many which the staff could not. The counseling program is a bridge

between what the people are planning and what the WRA can do to assist them.

COMMUNITY ACTIVITIES

Community activities has suffered a teeter - totter existence, going up and down with the leadership. The Recreation Association has been established in both camps for the purpose of regulating revenue producing activities. With the continuing relocation of leadership, it has been necessary to develop continuous training courses. These were promoted by participation--"Fun-By-Doing." This has been, in reality, an in-service course and is continuing.

National organizations have teetered back and forth according to the leadership provided. Continuity of program and the continuity of leadership go hand in hand. This has not been done. The difficulties of organizing boards and supervisory groups have been great and are becoming greater because people interested in these organizations have relocated.

COMMUNITY GOVERNMENT

On July 20, 1943, there was only a temporary council in both camps. In October the community adopted the constitution and elected its officers for a permanent council. It was nip and tuck as to whether there was any value in



community government. Through many difficulties and differences of opinion of politics, community government has finally emerged to be a very strong body, which has willingly taken upon itself many of the internal problems of the community and has not hesitated to recommend to the administration, workable solutions to problems. Community government has assisted in employment problems, has handled legislative matters, has

sucessfully carried out the will of the people in the general pattern of American life.

BLOCK MANAGERS

The Block Managers are likewise now serving under the Community Management Division and are appointed upon recommendation of the Block Council and the Community Management Division. A spirit of cooperation exists in the blocks between the councilmen and block managers and together they have assisted each other in meeting new and difficult situations.

LEGAL DIVISION

The Legal Division, always small, has further diminished in size during the past year. The division's insurance counselor, three attorneys, the notary public, and a number of secretaries have all been taken by relocation, and many by the Army. In spite of the lack of experienced personnel, the division has continued its legal services to the residents, the established institutions of the center, and the administration.

Numerous wills have been prepared during the year, particularly for men entering military service. Advice has been given to center residents in connection with the recently initiated moves on the part of the State of California to seize property under the escheat provisions of the Alien Land Laws, and the usual wide variety of legal problems have been dealt with. Such problems include tax and insurance matters, estates, general and special license questions, social security claims, immigration matters, domestic relations, contracts, sales, and various other personal and property problems. The Legal Division has also rendered service to the Judicial Commissions and the Community Councils. It has advised the Cooperative Corporation on tax matters and, representing the Government in a proceeding by the Arizona Corporation Commission, it succeeded in reinstating the corporation's Arizona license in full force and effect after the Corporation Commission had attempted to withdraw the license. The division has also

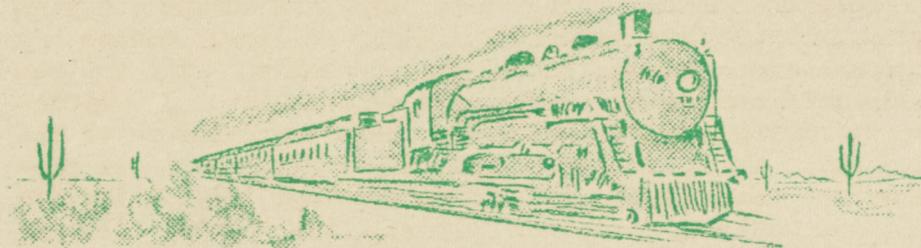
furnished legal services and advice to the various other divisions of the administration on matters relating to Government contracts and procedures and administrative instructions. The division cooperates with the evacuee property office in legal phases of the property matter.

During the year, the project attorney has attended legal and administrative conferences and consultations at Denver, Los Angeles, Washington, and San Francisco and has visited the relocation offices at Chicago, New York, and Boston.

RELOCATION DIVISION

The resettlement program has been broadened in scope since the early days when there was a feeling among many that only the young, single, and unattached persons were able to relocate. As time went on it became clear that opportunities were abundant, housing was obtainable, and the reception in nearly all cases was favorable.

As a result families began thinking about their future as concretely as the single persons had. Family heads



went out to see for themselves, and in almost all cases found that the opportunities were of a nature to make it possible for the entire family to follow.

Where sentiment has been of a questionable nature, it has been traced to a lack of knowledge as to the purposes of the program. In some instances, for example the Great Meadows debacle, there were local conditions which accentuated the inadvisability of establishing relocation in that area.

Evacuees have shown a profound interest in resettle -

ment by organizing a planning commission in April, 1943, to study their own problems and make recommendations for the improvement of the program. The members have studied the problems conscientiously and offered concrete suggestions of a practical nature to assist all those who are contemplating going out.

When a conference at Chicago was planned for evacuee leaders to discuss methods for improvement, the Gila commission drew up one of the most practical agendas.



MANY QUESTIONS SETTLED

The majority of the 2,500 who left on in definite leaves during the year have found new homes principally in Illinois, Ohio, Minnesota, Michigan, Iowa, and Missouri. The trend toward the eastern seaboard is growing. Resettlement in the Rocky Mountain region has largely been exhausted and departures to that area occur now when there is work of a seasonal nature.

There are hundreds of places where Gilans have resettled. The question of sentiment has diminished in importance. The majority of letters attest to the fact that reception is the least to be worried about. The fine performance of the relocators have convinced employers and neighbors that Japanese and Japanese Americans are a deserving race.

REPORTS OFFICE

Routine duties of the Reports office throughout the year have been the publication of the camp newspaper, the Gila NEWS-COURIER, three times each week, preparation of weekly and monthly reports for the Washington office, iden-

tification photography, and documentations.

Other and less routine duties or accomplishments have included:

Publication of a yearbook to summarize the community's significant events and progress, publication of a Gila NEWS-COURIER supplement on the anniversary of its first issue with a calendar resumé of the year's happenings, cooperation with newspaper and magazine writers who visited the project or wrote for information in order that they might present factual stories to the public, arranging for the radio broadcasts of wounded veterans from the South Pacific and Italian battlefronts, and writing the history of the Navy ship model factory which built hundreds of model ships to scale for the Navy's use in training its men to identify enemy and allied ships.

FIVE IN, TWO MORE TO GO

The Reports office made sure that through radio, speeches, press services, and newspapers the public became acquainted with the project. Released were facts such as:

Rivers was the first town in Arizona to oversubscribe its Red Cross quota.

The Nakada family has five sons in the armed service and two who have successfully passed their pre-induction physicals.

Gila farmers sent tons of watermelons to soldiers at nearby Army bases.

Rivers was hostess to the State Girls' League convention and the State Dietitians Association.

Gila girls are becoming Red Cross nurses.

Rivers produces more than three-fourths of the food that it consumes.

Almost all the former residents who now live in the Middle West or East are doing nicely and are glad they relocated.

Several hundred Gilans have gone out on seasonal leave to aid in harvesting crops.

Parents and Relatives Association has built and dedicated a monument to honor its 600 sons and three daughters

who, mostly as volunteers, are serving in the armed forces.

Rivers has identified itself as an American community which in spite of handicaps is sacrificing for and contributing to the war effort just like any other American town.

OPERATIONS DIVISION

The Division of Operations is composed of engineering and construction, agriculture, industry, transportation, and fire protection.

Functions of the engineering section, with its subdivisions of construction and maintenance, grounds maintenance, and sanitations, include the following: Building construction and maintenance, highways and bridges, irrigation and drainage, janitorial services, grounds maintenance, maintenance of utilities and sanitations.

Its accomplishments during the year include oil surfacing of a road as an outlet to Highway 87 and of the main thoroughfare in camp, construction of school buildings, and completion of a cold storage warehouse. Other responsibilities include janitorial service, trash disposal, irrigation of both camp sites, sewage disposal, general sanitation, maintenance of the water system and pumps, pipe lines, and electrical refrigeration and plumbing service.



The extent of the engineering section's responsibilities may be measured by the fact that the two camps consumed 675,000,000 gallons of water (an average of 205 gallons per person per day), and in the winter they used approximately 1,250,000 gallons of stove oil.

TRANSPORTATION

Every activity of the center is directly dependent on the transportation system.

At present a complete reorganization is in progress, designed to give better and more economical service. The fact that most of the equipment was four years old when received has caused many problems.

On the project are 220 vehicles of all types, and the number of employees in the transportation section is 180.

During the year the transportation section hauled a total of 90,000 tons of freight, in addition to giving the necessary transportation service for relocators and evacuee and appointed staff residents.

FIRE PROTECTION

The two fire departments of Butte and Canal camps have performed well in fire prevention and protection. Gila has had no major fire within the residential barracks, and whenever a wind blows across the center, the people feel relieved to know that the fire department staff and the red fire engine are on a 24-hour watch, ready to answer any emergency calls.

An Improvement On Sir Walter

CHIVALRY, LONG associated with shining armor, fiery dragons, and long-haired damsels in distress, has not passed away with the deflowering of knighthood, as many a romantic lass would have you believe. Here is a story of a twentieth century Sir Walter Raleigh.

Friday, September 24, 1943, during a lull in the three-day rainstorm that deluged Rivers, a young girl hesitated in the road as she eyed the stretch of the flooded path before her. Suddenly out of nowhere, a boy with a sparkling smile stood beside her, and calmly started taking off his shoes and socks. Waving aside the girl's shy protests, the boy carried her across the swirling waters with all the elegance that Raleigh might have shown.



WAR DEPARTMENT
OPENS SELECTIVE
SERVICE TO NISEI

RIVERS GOES TO WAR

An inkling of what the near future had in store for the nisei fell on August 2, 1943. Fifteen Gilans received recall orders from the Army that had discharged them after Pearl Harbor.

Many were convinced that this was the forerunner of something much bigger. They waited for it to come. Nor were they disappointed.

On January 20 of this year, the Army reinstated selective service procedures for the nisei which to date has inducted 165 Gilans and called 117 to active duty. Rivers holds a unique position among the relocation centers: the only relocation center that has not had a draft holdout thus far.

The first War Department announcement was terse and meager in details. It only stated that plans for the reinstatement of selective



service for the nisei had been completed; that nisei considered acceptable for military service will be reclassified by their selective service boards on the same basis as other citizens, and called for induction if physically qualified and not deferred.

'THE BEST LAID PLANS OF ...'

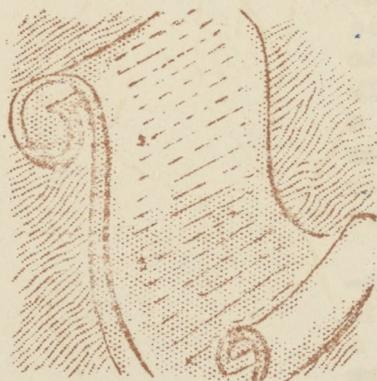
Following on the heels of the announcement came the report that men in Rivers would receive their calls for induction from the Phoenix Selective Service Board and not from any local board in California.

Although Rivers tried to take the draft in her stride, she stumbled, though imperceptibly. With the draft now a reality instead of only a prospect, the picture for many Gilans changed. Relocation and other plans for the coming spring were scrapped, new ones made, only to be scrapped again and revised. For a period Rivers did not know which way to turn.

By the time the first preliminary pre-induction physical examinations were held at the project hospital on the 22nd of February, Rivers had regained her composure. But her interest in the draft had not diminished. The drafting of her sons into the US Army has been, and still is, front page news to Rivers.

AN ATTITUDE AND A PETITION

Editorialized the March 9 NEWS-COURIER:



"A feeling, definite and palpable, had been growing among the draft-age nisei in the center. It was obvious that this feeling would find expression sooner or later. This week it found itself. This week an articulate group rose spontaneously among the young draft-age nisei men and put the feeling into words. They drew up a petition which was both a declaration of faith in America and

a reminder that faith cannot long sustain itself where there is no growth. It is a petition which the group will take to the nisei, from whom it received its inspiration, for approval and signature and finally will submit it to the Community Councils for forwarding to appropriate authorities, which include the people of the United States.

"Its outlook shows tolerant understanding of the fables of mankind. It shows realization that wrongs cannot be righted overnight. But at the same time, there is a belief here that wrongs can be set right in time and that when injustices exist they must be called to the attention of the public.

"Here is an attitude plus a petition expressing that attitude. Both represent the best traditions of this country."

The petition in question requested equal privileges and opportunities for nisei in any branch of the Army and Navy. It was signed by draft-age men of both camps and duly sent on April 22 to the President of the United States.

EVENTS MOVE SWIFTLY

Under the supervision of Army doctors, 144 Gilans took their final pre-induction examinations at the project hospital on March 5. One hundred and two Gilans, the second and last group to be examined on the project took their physical examinations on April 2. Thereafter all examinations were scheduled to be held in Phoenix.

On April 17, 21 men, the first of Rivers' men to be inducted into the Army under the reinstated selective

GOLD STAR SON

Masashi Araki was not one to sit back and watch or wait. He believed in doing his share and more.

So when Uncle Sam called for volunteers for the newly organized nisei combat team in the early part of '43, Masashi was among the first to leave Rivers.

Somewhere in Italy on the second of June, 1944, Masashi was killed while in action against the Germans, the first son Rivers gave for the cause of her country.

service laws went to Phoenix to be sworn in. Upon induction, they were placed on the reserve list, subject to call into active duty at any time.

All that went on before seemed so much child's play when the yellow telegrams telling Gilans that "Active duty orders effective 17 May 1944 being mailed direct to you" started coming in on May 10.

Events moved swiftly. In no time at all May 18 came, and 33 men left Rivers for Fort Douglas in Utah for assignment, and from there to Florida's Camp Blanding and basic training in the US Army.

In quick succession 31 Gilans, then 34, left for active duty on June 7 and 20. Both groups went to Camp Shelby, Mississippi, for their basic training.

Before World War II draws to an end, the Honor Roll Monument overlooking Rivers will receive more names than it can hold.

★ WAR MEMORIAL ★

ARMISTICE AND the Fourth of July of the past year will be remembered here as more than just two holidays. One marks the beginning of the Rivers Honor Roll Monument, and the other the announcement of the death in action of the first Gilan.

On November 11, 1943, the cornerstone was laid on the Honor Roll Monument, conceived and built by the residents to honor Rivers' sons and daughters in the United States armed services. On July 4, 1944, came the War Department announcement that Masashi Araki had been killed in action on June 2.

Before the next Armistice rolls around again, there will be more who will have given their lives so that the others may live, who will have lost their freedom so that the rest may be free. The Honor Roll Monument, on the hill next to the Butte water tank, will become a War Memorial for Gila's sacrifices.

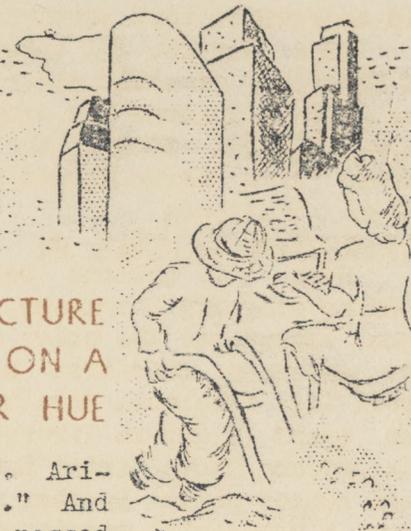
Outlook

Gilans used to be a pushed around bunch. Every way they turned they seemed to get their noses shoved in and their pants booted. Arizona said, "No Japanese wanted." And to put teeth into that policy it passed the anti-Japanese law which practically prohibited all trade with Japanese or Japanese Americans.

There was a time too, when nisei soldiers could not visit parents or friends in the center. Some clamored for equal rights. But those were the days when a nisei couldn't even volunteer for the Army, let alone demand rights and even hope to get them. Add to that the persistent "exposés on Japanese sabotage" by Coast race baiters. It wasn't exactly a satisfying picture during the first year at Gila.

But time once again has proved to

THE PICTURE TAKES ON A ROSIER HUE



be a great healer, and the second year saw a trend of public acceptance that soothed and encouraged.

1944 saw the WRA transferred intact to the Department of Interior directly under Secretary Harold Ickes. It saw the anti - Japanese law dumped off the books by the Arizona Supreme Court. It saw the draft reopen to nisei, and war heroes like Kazuo Komoto and Motoo Shimazu broadcast over Phoenix stations.

ARIZONA LOOKS IN

More of Arizona became aware that here was a camp holding minority Americans, no different from other Americans except for the color of skin. Thirty-five members of the American Dietetics Association visited in March. On April 13, educators from the University of Arizona in Tucson spent a day in Rivers, and two days later schools of the Arizona State Girls' League Federation met on the Butte High School campus in what was termed by the Arizona Republic, a "good-will mission." In May Gila went out to Phoenix with a hobby exhibit at the invitation of the Rotary Club and received press commendation for an outstanding display.

The American Legion made at least three appearances at the center, once to speak at the dedication of the Honor Roll Monument, again to present citizenship awards to outstanding high school students, and the third time to speak at the Fourth of July ceremonies.

AMERICA SPEAKS

The year was not entirely without unwarranted incident. In April, Mayor LaGuardia stated that his state does not want any more Japanese American resettlers. Gov. John W. Bricker of Ohio declared that each community should decide for itself, what people should be allowed to re-



side in that community. Gov. Walter E. Edge of New Jersey declared he "does not blame" the people of Warren County for ousting loyal evacuee laborers from a farm in Great Meadows.

At once across the nation ran voices of protest from individuals, newspapers, church groups, and other organizations. Above them all rang a voice from Harold Ickes, a three-pronged verbal lashing that was stinging in tone as it was emphatic in its stand for justice. Other committees, church groups, and fair play groups have gone to bat for tolerance.

Those were the voices that kept assuring evacuees that there is still something in America that belongs to a democracy.

Quite a change in a year, from disillusioned, shovelled down Gileans to self-respecting, rather confident people, many already relocated and carrying on successfully. The outlook ahead is definitely better.

CHURCHES SERVE

Accomplishments of the churches cannot be measured by the membership or the attendance, since members are constantly relocating or joining the Army. However, a drop in membership has not been accompanied by a similar drop in the interest on services rendered. For churches are contributing by helping relocators pick up life anew in work and in schools. Many religious leaders have relocated to give spiritual leadership to evacuees who need encouragement.

The accomplishments of the Rivers churches will be measured by the number of honest and well-guided citizens it can send out to American communities and the manner in which it can aid them in assimilation in their new homes.

Sunday schools appear to have the largest attendance of all church services with more than 1,500 children attending the various services of the Christian and Buddhist faiths.

Denominations represented in Rivers are Buddhist, Episcopalian, Presbyterian, Baptist, Congregational, Friends, Catholic, Seventh Day Adventist, and Seicho No Iye.



Throughout the year the schools stood spotlighted before the community eye. For the community was aware that in these barrack rooms were being molded some 2,400 young lives, a new generation which would represent the Japanese Americans in future America.

As it watched, Rivers was satisfied to see the schools function normally, pleased to see them get B ratings from the Arizona State Accreditation Committee of Public Instruction, mighty glad in June to watch 433 get diplomas in the newly built auditoriums, and proud to see many of them take their places in American colleges, at work, and in the Army.

It has been an active year.

Barracks at Butte camp have been the classrooms for a

STUDENTS KEEP UP WITH NATIONAL NORM

maximum enrollment during the year of 1,673 students from the first to the twelfth grades, 742 in the first six grades and 931 in the junior and senior high schools. Teachers totaled 74, 28 evacuees and 46 appointed members.

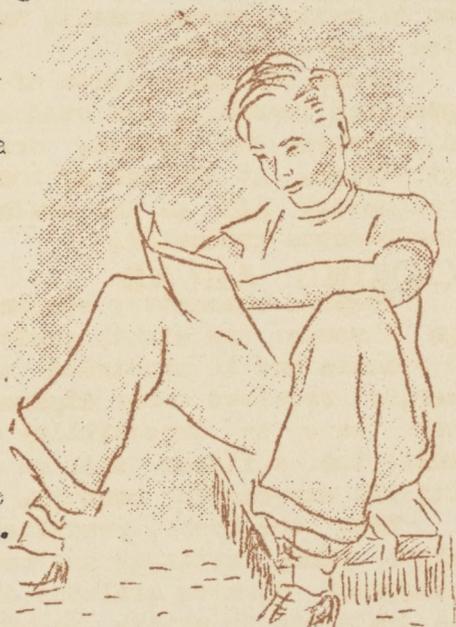
Additions and improvements since the first year have contributed to a smoother system of education at Butte High. Laboratories, furniture, and more books have led students toward a normal school life. Extra-curricular activities such as the school paper "Desert Sentinel," the annual "Year's Flight," and clubs like forensic, music, dramatics, and science have provided the students with an opportunity to express themselves and their talents along constructive channels.

Standardized examinations given at the Butte Elementary School showed that the students here on the average surpass the national record by two months or 22 per cent.

The full year came to a close in June with 136 graduating from Butte High School and 134 from the Junior High.

HIGH IDEALS

In Canal High School the motto was "Enter to learn, go forth to serve." So they did, and so they will. Canal High students have and will continue to live up to that maxim, as more and more step out to meet the world and its problem. Of the 97 graduates who entered to learn, most have already gone forth to serve in the armed forces, in vital industries, in new communities, and



in higher schools of learning.

36 WEEKS OF WORK, FUN

Months of waiting--and commencement, weeks of rehearsals--and the operetta, days of preparation--and the banquet-prom, hours of enjoyment--through socials, and minutes of study--then exams. All these intertwined made this high school year memorable.

Canal High's handbook "Bear Trails" pointed the way to the freshmen; the bi-weekly newspaper "Hi-Tide" carried on by keeping the student body on its toes with up-to-the-minute news and gossip. To complete the 36 weeks of work and fun, the annual "Rivulet" summed up the year's events and sought to retain forever the fond memories.

To match the rapid growth of Canal's greenery, buildings sprang up to accommodate future homemakers, musicians, and scientists. Awaited above all was the completion of the gym-auditorium, later the site of the dedicatory operetta "HMS Pinafore," the "Coconut Grove" of the Jr.-Sr. Prom, and the climaxing commencement, made more impressive by the service flag's six stars.

Under the supervision of a faculty of 8 evacuee and 11 appointed teachers, the student body of 389 strong took part in governing the school, organizing clubs, and increasing activities. At the end of the year, 54 of the 389, or approximately 14% of the student body, were honor students. Ninety-seven graduated.

LOOKING AHEAD

Canal's elementary students numbering 600, from nursery age through the eighth grade, were trained by a faculty of 16 evacuee and 15 appointed members. At the close of the year, 66 received their diplomas of graduation. Excursions, which were an impossibility during the '42-'43 year, presented the children with an opportunity to become familiar with the surrounding country.

With the broad, practical, and sound knowledge gained, Gila's young citizens are ready to "climb though the rocks berugged." No more will the clanging of solid metal beckon the graduates to class. No more will barracks be their site

of learning. Though the curtain has been drawn on this chapter of life, their thirst for education should never, must never, and will never cease--education is a never-ending quest for knowledge.

For the underclassmen as well as for the graduates, the year's progress has been an inspirational guiding light, lustrous with unflinching hope for the future.

NOT TOO OLD TO LEARN

As the sun begins its descent, it has been a familiar sight to see older men and women carrying books, hurrying along the trodden, dusty roads. Where do they go?

An extensive program of adult education has offered to 4,293 persons an opportunity to gain the rudiments of an American education.

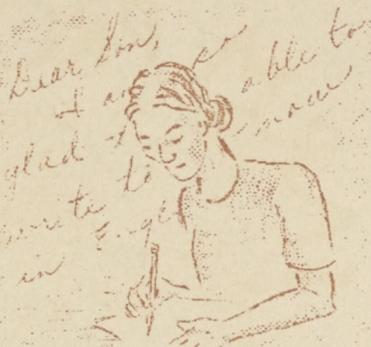
With pride, parents, aging yet eager for education, have been able to display letters which they have written to their sons in the armed forces. With joy, they distinguish towns, states, and countries on maps. With care, they scan letters, which no longer are a mystery. Those have been the results of a program emphasizing English and Americanization.

Pattern drafting proved to be the best attended single course in the curriculum with an attendance of 1,580. Vocational training drew the second highest number.

Adult education has also been a source of service to the community and its people. Chemistry was offered to those training as nurses' aides. Auto mechanics courses not only filled needs in the project motor pools but also helped students find employment as mechanics after relocation.

Twenty-four students earned an average of twelve semester hours of college credit in the teacher-training course.

Even after the blows of war and evacuation, people still hurry along those roads which lead to the very same barrack rooms which their children occupy by day to quench their thirst for education.



FARM PRODUCTION



THE FARMER IN THE
DELL IS A BUSY MAN

The agricultural section was assigned the job of producing large quantities of food on the basis of a local population of approximately 10,000 and to supplement Army purchased foods at other centers.

Gila's farm has aided the war effort by producing much of its food which otherwise would have been purchased by the Army Quartermaster.

The following production figures are presented although the tonnage records are incomplete in several instances for the vegetables, and the livestock program has not been in full operation for the entire year:

PRODUCTION NOTES

Total cars shipped to other centers.....144

Total tonnage produced of which 63% was shipped out....
4,804

Total tonnage consumed in center.....1,777

Estimated evaluation of vegetables produced....\$320,000

The varieties of vegetables produced are as follows:

Mung beans, soy beans, string beans, beets, broccoli, cabbage, cantaloupe, carrots, casaba, cauliflower, celery, sweet corn, cucumber, Armenian cucumber, daikon, egg plant, garlic, honey dew, lettuce, mizuna, mustard green, Chinese cabbage, dry onions, green onions, parsley, green peas, bell pepper, Irish potatoes, icicle radish, red radish, spinach, shingiku, shiro uri, so uri, Italian squash, summer squash, strawberry, Swiss chard, takana, tomatoes, turnips, and watermelons.

Seed Farm acreage.....	125
Alfalfa acreage.....	320
Feed crops acreage.....	539
Estimated evaluation of seed, alfalfa, and feed crops..	\$63,955
Pasture acreage.....	3,939
Vegetable acreage.....	1,194
Hog farm acreage.....	160

LIVESTOCK

Hogs

1. Slaughtered.....	1,583
2. Weight.....	458,110 lbs.

Poultry

1. Number of eggs laid.....	59,775 dozen
2. Number of birds slaughtered.....	3,370 head

Beef Cattle

1. Slaughtered.....	1,916 head
2. Weight.....	1,535,445 lbs.

Dairy

1. Milk produced.....	57,405 gallons
Estimated evaluation of livestock products processed, based on market value.....	\$279,833.45

Grand total value of marketed products from vegetables, field crops, and livestock for fiscal year 1944--\$663,793.45

FARM INVENTORY

The livestock, poultry, and crop inventory as of June 30, 1944, with estimated evaluation based on market value is as follows:

Hogs.....	1,882
Chickens.....	12,239
Beef cattle.....	2,794
Dairy cattle.....	154
Estimated value of livestock and poultry on the project--	\$254,071.

Estimated value of crops unharvested.....\$212,435

Grand total value of the inventory which was estimated for both crops and stock not marketed on project on June 30, 1944--\$461,436.

THE SPORTING SCENE



RECORDS AND MEN PASS IN REVIEW

It's Pvt. George Ichimoto now. But earlier, during the first days of Gila's second year, "Ichi" Ichimoto, the 2CAC Rider infielder, was a flashy ball player. But, again, it was something else which gave the Rider team captain a 2CAC (Canal City Athletic Conference) Aye League trophy presented on the week of July 20, one year ago today, by the local Co-op. His batting, at bat 10 times, hits 6, and average .600, was tops in the then great 2CAC baseball.

Since that time, the ranks of nisei champions in and out of the centers expanded greatly, the former tapering off to the latter. Some stood out:

On July 27, pleasant-looking Tom Sakamoto, shortly to be in Tule Lake, captured the first local men's "A" tennis tourney.

Min Iwahashi, block 24, Canal softball swat king, averaged .681, a Sept. 30 tabulation showed.

Arizona nisei pigskin players, Taki Matsumoto of Glendale High and Tom Tamita, Coolidge High, took the spotlight for spectacular plays on the state's prep gridirons, particularly during the week of Oct. 21.

Halfback Maino Okazaki (teammate of Art Honneger, U.C. Bear's 1943 All-Coast half, during their Liberty High days at Brentwood, Calif.) put on a dazzling exhibition of a greatly-played game, scoring the first touchdown with a 40-yard

punt-return as the Warehouse eleven defeated Convoys, 13-0 on Nov. 16 at the "Canal Coliseum."

"Mary Onomichi starred with her swift and powerful serves" as the all-star Kingsburg Starlettes took a Canal gal's volleyball tourney, noted the NEWS-COURIER on Dec. 16.

Yosh Hirota, of Gila Indians was tops among Butte Aye Casaba League scorers. Figures: Games-10, pts. - 133, and average-13.3.

George (Freezer) Furuya, was top scorer in the Canal Aye Cage League, a March 4 tabulation showed. Figures: games-10, points-136, and average-13.6.

Managers' Aye basketball all-stars were picked in a NEWS-COURIER conducted poll March 8: Canal-George Furuya and Frank Ichimoto, forwards; Teruo Ryono, center; and Paul Ryono and John Muranishi, guards. Butte-Yosh Hirota and Kenshi Zenimura, forwards; Dick Kamon, center; and Roy Nakamura and Mas Okuhara, guards.

Aki Hayashi, block 54, tops "B" League with 77 total points for six-game 12.8 average, a tabulation of March 11 disclosed. Helen Tanigawa, Bambis, dominated the Canal gals' league with 95 points in six games.

Ex-Gilan Richie Miyashiro, former Hawaiian NCAA feather-weight king who lost on Feb. 25 to NBA world titlist Phil Terranova, was beaten on March 16 by "Hi-Ho" Silver at Madison Square Garden.

Hiro Takahashi of champion Robin Hoods led Canal Bee basketeurs' scoring race with 76 points in 11 games.

March 20 was a memorable date for nisei Wat Misaka. The Ogden, Utah, Japanese American casaba star competed in the Kansas City, Mo., NCAA western finals before he and teammates won the mythical national championship over St. John's at Madison Square Garden later in the month.

Hisaye Mizukami, Helanis, Butte girls' cage scoring queen, tallied 79 points in six tussles played by the girls' league which finished March 30.

Wavy haired Hawaiian born Dick Miyagawa, former Gilan, was elected honorary captain of the University of Wisconsin boxing team in April.

A quartet of basketballers, Roy Nakamura of Gila Indians in the Aye League, Tosh Tosaya of FOB's in the Bee League, Hank Mayeda of Broncos in the Northwestern, and Shig Kawata of Avengers were named for Butte YMCA sportsmanship award medals in May.

Highjumping 6 ft. 1 in. and hitting 22 ft. 6 in. in the running broad, 17-year-old-resettler Henry Aihara led Chicago's New Tier High to the state title on May 25.

Kenso Zenimura of block 28 did it this year, a NEWS-COURIER-compiled Major League batting average list, June 29, showed. The second baseman's average: 21 for 47, an 11-game average of .446.

THE SPORTSMAN'S YEAR

A tabulation of some of the important happenings:

- July 20-2CAC Ayes and Bees open second baseball leagues.
- Aug. 21-Rough Riders capture second 2CAC Aye championship.
Pasadena White Sox takes second-half Major League championship.
- Aug. 23-Guadalupe YMBA sweeps three straight in three-out-of-five first-second half play-off over Pasadena for Major League title.
- Sept. 9-San Jose Zebras conclude series, win eight out of 13.
- Sept. 13-Guadalupe takes third game over Rough Riders in three-out-of-five series for inter-camp championship.
- Sept. 18-Butte Yes-Yes's and No-No's split baseball series.
- Sept. 23-Phoenix Thunderbirds defeat Canal.
- Oct. 17-Butte defeats a visiting comical Phoenix Negro nine.
- Jan. 17-18-Canal and Butte men's basketball leagues begin.
- Jan. 11-Huskies take Northwestern Grid championship, beat Cubs, 40-7.
- Mar. 5-Helania Butte men's Aye cage champs.
- Mar. 7-Vikings men's 2CAC cage champs.
- Mrs. 10-Helania inter-camp winners.
- July 8-Poston finishes, wins three and loses four.
8 & 9-Tucson Legion Jr. baseball team splits two games.

MOTION PICTURE PARADE

NO BANKNIGHT HERE,
BUT RESIDENTS THROG
TO MOVIES



Rivers thrilled, chilled, applauded, and on two occasions walked out well nigh on masse from cinematic offerings during the past year. Strangely enough, one of the walkouts was staged during the showing of "Citizen 'It's Terrific' Kane," Orson Welles' gift to Hollywood.

Many titles offered showed signs of age, which same bothered Gilans not too much. To them the picture was the thing, not its age. They did not expect the impossible. If later releases could be had, they were all for it. However, there was little crying over milk, which far from spilling, they did not have. Spotted frequently through the year were a surprising number of "new" films. "New" meant a post Pearl Harbor release.

By and large, it was a successful year. Through winter cold and summer heat, faithful moviegoers plunked their two cents and five cents to sit through such pictures as "Suspicion," "Pride of the Yankees," "Mr. Lucky," "Road to Morocco," "Wake Island," "Holiday Inn," and "Ha Ha Wo Tazunete."

An innovation which appealed especially to the youngsters was the introduction of a serial, "The Secret of Treasure Island," which ran for 15 weeks starting February 4.

Presently Rivers is in the concluding chapters of her second serial, "King of the Wild."

Top honors as the best received movie of the year go to MGM's "Pride of the Yankees." The combination of a heart-warming story, a baseball background, and Gary Cooper in the title role proved to be just what the Gilans wanted in a motion picture.

A YEAR AT THE MOVIES

JULY

- 3rd week: "Citizen Kane"-Orson Welles, Joseph Cotton.
- 4th week: "Ten Gentlemen from West Point"-Geo. Montgomery.
- 5th week: "Suspicion"-Gary Grant, Joan Fontaine.

AUGUST

- 1st week: "Gulliver's Travel"-cartoon.
- 2nd week: "The 39 Steps"-Robert Donat.
- 3rd week: "Road to Morocco"-Dorothy Lamour, Bing Crosby, Bob Hope.
- 4th week: "Two Thoroughbrods"-Jimmy Lyndon.

SEPTEMBER

- 1st week: "Five Came Back"-Chester Morris.
- 2nd week: "The Major and Minor"-Ginger Rogers, Ray Mil-land.
- 3rd week: "Gangster's Boy"-Jackie Cooper.
- 4th week: "Wake Island"-Brian Donlevy, Robert Preston.

OCTOBER

- 1st week: "What's Cookin' "-Donald O'Connor, Gloria Jean.
- 2nd week: "Son of Fury"-Tyrone Power, Gene Tierney.
- 3rd week: "Once Upon a Honeymoon"-Ginger Rogers, Gary Grant.
- 4th week: "China Girl"-Gene Tierney, George Montgomery.
- 5th week: "Falcon Takes Over"-George Sanders.

NOVEMBER

- 1st week: "The Quarterback"-Wayne Morris, Virginia Dale.
- 2nd week: "Eagle Squadron"-Robert Stack, Diana Barrymore.
- 3rd week: "Tales of Manhattan"-Charles Boyer, Rita Hay-
worth, Henry Fonda, Ginger Rogers.
- 4th week: "Algiers"-Charles Boyer, Hedy Lamarr.

DECEMBER

- 1st week: "Plainsman"-Gary Cooper, Jean Arthur.
 2nd week: "Pardon My Sarong"-Bud Abbott and Lou Costello.
 3rd week: "Texas Rangers"-Fred MacMurray, Jean Parker.
 4th week: "Pride of the Yankees"-Gary Cooper, Teresa Wright.
 5th week: "Iceland"-Sonja Henie, John Payne.

JANUARY

- 1st week: "Between U s Girls"-Diana Barrymore, Robert Cummings.
 2nd week: "Take A Letter Darling"-Fred MacMurray, Rosalind Russell.
 3rd week: "Fallen Sparrow"-John Garfield, Maureen O'Hara.
 4th week: "Avengers"-Hugh Williams.

FEBRUARY

- 1st week: "Who Done It"-Bud Abbott and Lou Costello.
 2nd week: "Buck Benny Rides Again"-Jack Benny.
 3rd week: "Mr. Big"-Donald O'Connor, Gloria Jean.
 4th week: "Star Spangled Rythm"-Goddard, Lamour, Lake.

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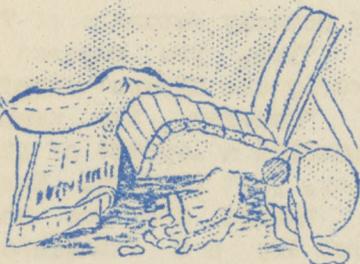
- 1st week: "Hit The Ice"-Bud Abbott and Lou Costello.
 2nd week: "Go For Broke"
 "Pied Piper"-Monty Woolley.
 3rd week: "Mr. Lucky"-Cary Grant, Laraine Day.
 4th week: "My Favorite Blonde"-Bob Hope, Madeleine Carroll.
 5th week: "Syncopation"-Jackie Cooper, Bonita Granville.
 "Ha Ha Wo Tazunete"

APRIL

- 1st week: "Holiday Inn"-Bing Crosby, Fred Astaire.
 2nd week: "Stagedoor Canteen "-
 Cheryl Walker and
 other top stars.
 3rd week: "In Old Colorado"-William Boyd.
 4th week: "His Butler's Sister"-
 Deanna Durbin.

MAY

- 1st week: "Devil Squadron"-Rich -



- ard Dix.
- 2nd week: "Follow the Band"-Leo Carrillo.
 3rd week: "Golden Boy"-William Holden, Barbara Stanwyck.
 4th week: "A Lady Takes a Chance"-Jean Arthur, John Wayne.

JUNE

- 1st week: "Happy-Go-Lucky"-Mary Martin, Dick Powell.
 2nd week: "Frontier Bad Men"-Robert Paige, Diana Barrymore.
 3rd week: "Claudia"-Dorothy McGuire, Robert Young.
 4th week: "Sweet Rosie O'Grady"-Betty Grable, Robert Young, Adolphe Menjou.

JULY

- 1st week: "Nightmare"-Diana Barrymore, Brian Donlevy.
 2nd week: "They Got Me Covered"-Bob Hope, Dorothy Lamour.
 3rd week: "Higher and Higher"-Frank Sinatra, Barbara Hale.

'BOY FOR YOU - GIRL FOR ME'



PAPA JOE Watanabe is now a GI Joe in Camp Blanding, Florida. We wonder if he carries a clipping from the October 28, 1943, NEWS-COURIER headed STORK HAS BUSY DAY WITH THE WATANABES which reads in part:

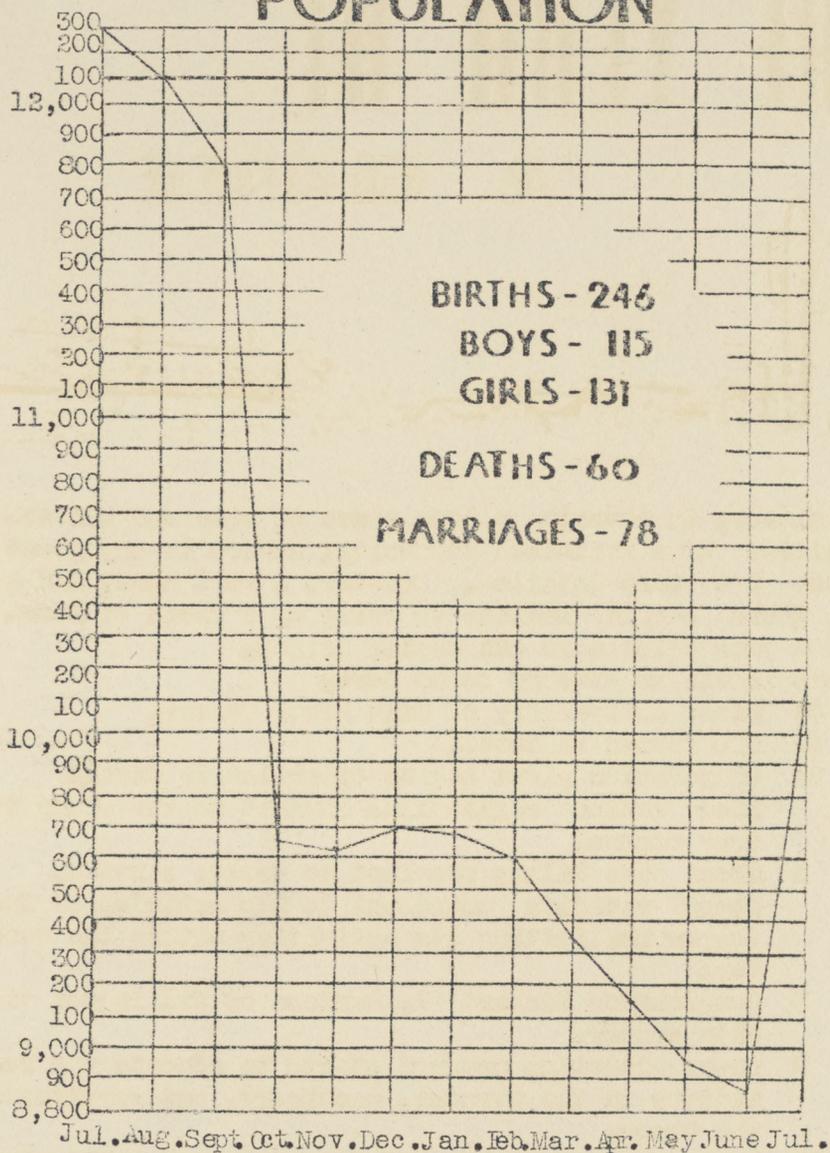
"The stork took the easy way out of a tough dilemma Tuesday afternoon and brought large smiles of pride to Joe and Beverly Watanabe of 72-4-C.

"Yup, you guessed it--a boy for Joe and a girl for Beverly and Rivers' first healthy twins.

"Beverly, who wanted a girl, crossed her fingers and assembled a layette of girl's clothes, but threw in some for a boy, just in case. Now she'll be able to use both sets.

"Asked if two were more than he could handle in his first try at fatherhood, Joe grinned and seemed to relish the idea."

POPULATION



JULY '43 - JULY '44

THE YEAR AT

A GLANCE



The glance, in covering a long space of time and the activities of a fair-sized community, cannot in any great sense be very detailed. However, a word here, and a phrase there should suffice to bring up a flood of memories of a year which none can easily forget.

That is all we attempt to do here.

- July 20 First anniversary of Gila River Center.
22 USO formed in Butte.
24 Dehydration plant begins operation in Canal.
Shoe ration regulations changed to one stamp in four months.
- Aug. 3 About nine Gilaans recalled to active service.
Co-op ratifies amendment to its Articles of Incorporation limiting its activities within the center.
5 Congressman Richard F. Harless of Washington visits center.
7 Co-op education program starts to educate the residents in the purpose, machinery, and services of the Co-op.
10 Leave procedures changed for seasonal work; sea-

- sonal workers must return to center after work is finished.
- 19 Rivers faces meat shortage.
Sgt. Kazuo Komoto, wounded in Southwest Pacific, "recovering normally."
- 28 Rivers scheduled to grow 1/5 of WRA food in '43-'44.
- 30 Canal adopts community constitution by overwhelming vote.
- Sept. 1 Seventy-seven leave for Japan on exchange ship Gripsholm.
Arizona Corporation Commission drops proceedings to reject Gila Co-op's Articles of Incorporation.
- 6 Butte adopts constitution by 13 to 1 majority.
- 8 First project raised meat goes to mess hall tables.
- 10 Lt. Gen. Delos Emons succeeds Lt. Gen. John DeWitt as commanding general of the Western Defense Command.
- 24-26 Rivers flooded as 6 inch, three-day rainstorm hits camp.
- Oct. 1 First of four groups totaling 1,915 Gila leaves for Tule Lake segregation center.
- 9-10 Canal High holds two-day carnival.
- 15 Office personnel, dubbed "Arizona's Gaudiest Cotton Pickers," pick two tons of Gila's cotton.
- 18 Lightning strikes giant saguaro in amphitheater.
- 18-19 Dr. Stanley Jones speaks before packed audience in both camps.
- Nov. 9 War Fund, Community Chest drive nets \$3,200.
- 16 Gila keeps half year promise to Mrs. Eleanor Roosevelt in sending five pounds of home grown chrysanthemums to her.
- 18 Sgt. Kazuo Komoto speaks over Arizona radio network.
- 22 Los Angeles Examiner puts Rivers under notorious light. Evacuees reported to have stolen weapons,



- cached supplies, and wasted food.
- Nov. 24 Kate Yasumoto crowned Canal Harvest Queen.
- 29 Forty - nine members of Salt River Valley Elementary School Principals Association visit.
- Dec. 1 Working hours for Rivers change due to cold weather.
- Dec. 1 Fire destroys \$1,700 of farm property as granary burns.
- Evacuee shot and wounded, trying to leave center.
- 8 Two hundred and twenty-five sacks of mochi (rice to make cakes) arrive.
- 11 Seven hundred model ships sent out to date.
- More than 5,000 Christmas gifts received in Gila. Gift wrapping begins.
- 12 Butte - Canal Bussei hold dinner to discuss Buddhism and Shintoism. Two hundred twenty-five Bussei and appointed personnel attend.
- 13 Arizona's anti - Japanese law ruled illegal by Arizona Supreme Court.
- 14 Fourteen re-elected to Canal Council. Three new councilmen chosen.
- 15 Camouflage net refund check distribution starts. Capt. Paul Rusch of Camp Savage speaks on "Internment in Japan."
- 21 Butte re-elects 27; elects five new councilmen.
- 24 Jan. 1--Both camps hold gigantic holiday festival.
- 31 George Matsuoka crowned Butte king for 1944.
- Jan. 1 Arizona goes off daylight saving time.
- 15 Myer cancels proposed national relocation conference.
- 20 War Department opens draft to nisei.
- 29 Butte Council passes resolution condemning atrocities inflicted on American prisoners of war.
- Feb. 1 Canal Council passes the same resolution.
- A bill which during wartime would permit U.S.

citizens living in this country to renounce citizenship by a formal written application is introduced in Congress by Rep. A. Leonard Allen of Los Angeles.

- 3 Rivers sends \$60 to infantile paralysis fund.
- 14 M.P. Co. under Capt. G.A. Morse replaced by a new outfit under Capt. Wm. E. McKechnic.
- 15 Nurse shortage closes children's ward H.
\$58.63 collected by Butte senior Girl Scouts in the March of Dimes.
- 16 WRA transferred to Department of Interior; Dillon S. Myer to stay.
- 17 Ickes announces Myer's policies to be kept intact.
- 19 George S. Fujii, 29, Poston, arrested by FBI on charges of violating wartime sedition act.
- 21 Capacity crowd hears relocation team, Harold Fistere, Robert Cullum, and Dr. P.A. Webber. Films shown were "The Way Ahead," and "Let's See Chicago."
- 22 Preliminary induction physical exams for 85 Gilans begin at project hospital today. List also names 43 Gilans who have relocated. No more seasonal leaves until new seasonal leave regulations are received. Discrimination diminishes as one goes East, says Tek Sakurai who returned from trip to East. One hundred forty-five acres of all types of melons to be planted by March



1, says Carl Quast, farm superintendent.

Sgt. Ben Kuroki appeared on Ginny Simms program from which he was barred only three weeks before.

23-26 WRA farm conference meets in Rivers to discuss agricultural problems.

24 Jerome center to close in June, teletypes Myer. Arrest warrants issued to 5 nisei in Granada who refused to report for pre-induction physical exams.

Twenty more names added to pre-induction exams. Thirteen here, seven relocated.

John Lardner praises stamina and sacrifices of the 100th Infantry in the Cassino fight in Italy.

26 Council investigation absolves police force of a charge of improper conduct.

Heart Mt.'s John Kitasako hits agitators who urge nisei youths to oppose draft on ground that since they were stuck into camps in complete disregard of their American citizenship, they should not be asked to fight.

Dr. Masako Moriya, ex-dentist in Rivers, is at Fort Des Moines, Ia. as WAC.

29 Granada nisei present 11 requests to Myer, seeking full restoration of citizen's rights.

National Japanese American Student Relocation Council plans to place 700 relocation center nisei in colleges this year.

Inducted nisei are placed in enlisted reserve, Henry C. Freeland, leave officer reveals.

Twenty-one more names for pre-induction examinations; of these, 5 have relocated.

March 1 Thirty leave for Crystal City family camp.

2 Today's list of 13 completes the 1st list of men ordered to take their pre-induction exams on March 5. This brings total to 126 of men to receive first physicals on March 5.

4 Eighteen more last-minute names arrive. Total of 144 to receive final physicals on March 5.

- 5 Fire of undetermined origin destroys parts warehouse at blk. 19 and \$13,000 worth of property.
- 6 Thirty-five members of American Dietetics Association from Arizona visit mess halls and hospital.
- 9 Draft age nisei draw up petition requesting equal privileges for nisei in U.S. armed forces. Names start coming for second groups of pre-induction physical. 29 here, 10 relocated.
- 10 Catherine Yamaguchi starts home nursing courses. Co-op elects 49 delegates in semi-annual election.
- 11 Dr. Herbert Hata gets Army commission.
- 12 Canal camp holds spring picnic.
- 17 Editor James Nakamura leaves for Washington, D.C.
- 18 \$1,542.15 collected in Butte Red Cross Drive. Family future planning counseling starts March 20.
Dr. Grace Lawson says Rivers dietary aides have been made honorary members of the Arizona State Dietetics Association.
- 21 Goto brothers win decision in Pasadena Superior Court last week, awarding them damages suffered to crops through construction of radio towers. Judge John C. Collier presiding.
Relocation bus leaves daily except Sundays.
Dr. Reece M. Pedicord arrives from Tule Lake, exchanging places with Dr. Jack C. Sleath.
- 23 Thirty more get pre-induction physical orders. Nineteen here, 11 relocated.
- 25 Ten more for April pre-induction physical. Six others relocated.
- 30 New regulations permit trial indefinite leaves of four to six months.
Joint executive committees of the Councils issue public notice prohibiting ownership of fowls after May 1.
Pre-induction physicals, 20 here in the center,

13 relocated.

Hospital whistle starts blowing at 8 a.m., 12 noon and 5 p.m.

- Apr. 1 Broader education program stressed at Washington conference, says Sawyer, Rivers representative. Regulation prohibiting ownership of uninculcated dogs and cats after May 1 added to Rivers Code of Offenses.
- 2 One hundred and two get final exams to army. (2nd group)
- 13 Twelve educators from Tucson, including Pres. Alfred Atkinson, visit all day at schools, hospital, stores, and farm.
- 14 Twelve leave for Crystal City.
- 15 Arizona State Girls' League Federation holds its meeting at the Butte High School campus. Ten Arizona schools represented.
Mass meeting in New Jersey, Warren County, votes tooust Japanese farm workers and bar further Japanese American entry into the county.
- 17 First group of inductees, 21 men, go to Phoenix to be sworn in.
- 20 NEWS-COURIER reprints Fortune's "Issei, Nisei, Kibei."
- 23 Rivers Honor Roll Monument with 458 names dedicated.
- 24 Eighteen more go for pre-induction physicals to Phoenix. Change of policy calls for one physical at Phoenix instead of two on the project.
- 25 All private employment of evacuees within the relocation center banned after May 1, says Washington order.
- 28 Ickes accuses Mayor Fiorello H. LaGuardia, and Gov. John W. Bricker of Ohio, and Gov. Walter E. Edge of New Jersey of racial discrimination in opposing resettlement of evacuees.
- 29 National Youth Week starts with community-wide camp clean-up.
Of the 240 Gilans who took pre-induction physi-

cal examinations at project hospital in March and April, 121 were listed in general service, 66 rejected, 27 limited service, 2 special assignments, 1 remained in status undetermined, and 21 were held over for further exams.

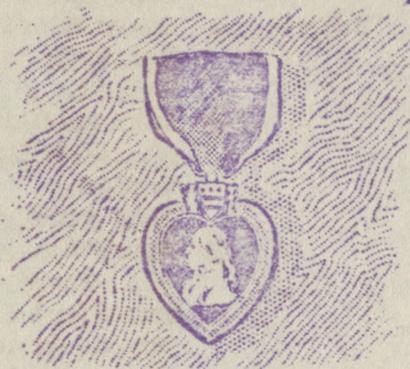


May

- 1 Twenty - three get pre-induction physicals at Phoenix.
Eighteen inducted at Phoenix (sworn in).
- 2 Youth takes over project administration as part of National Youth Week.
- 4 The Butte Recreation Commission organized by the Butte Community Council to take over supervision of certain center recreational activities, including collection of money from movies and public dances.
Rivers granted 30-day extension to work out problem of private employment of evacuees.
- 5 Three - day Butte High Campus Carnival starts to raise funds for school annual.
- 8 Six report for induction in Phoenix; 5 for physicals.
- 9 Three nisei sisters of Granada indicted for treason, accused of aiding two German prisoners escape.
Sixty-three nisei of Heart Mt. indicted by federal grand jury on charges of failing to report for selective service pre-induction exams.
- 11 Active duty notices effective May 17 start coming in.
- 13 U.S. Supreme Court has agreed to hear arguments in the Mitsuye Endo test case which questions the legality of continued detention of evacuee citizens, when the next court term begins in October.

- 15 Twenty-three inducted from Gila, 16 others relocated.
Lt. Gen. Delos C. Emmons says 39 Japanese American women evacuees with their children have been allowed to return to West Coast homes. They are mostly of mixed marriages, wives of soldiers, and very few Japanese American federal employees and hospital cases.
- 17 Gila pointed out as an example of community cooperation at Denver conference of community management chiefs. Delegates decide liquidation of WRA centers during 1945 fiscal year not possible.
- 18 Thirty-three, first group of draftees to go from Rivers for active duty, leave for Fort Douglas, Utah, and then to Camp Blanding, Florida.
- 20 School scholars announced. Butte High - Frances Ogasawara, valedictorian; Mary Matsuzawa, Oscar Inouye, and Shoji Sadao, salutatorians. Butte Junior High - San Utsunomiya, valedictorian; Eiko Oshiro, salutatorian.
- 23 Jane Heyashi, valedictorian of Canal High. Helen Fujishige, Evelyn Hatanaka, salutatorians. Butte Council announces establishment of a detention home for juvenile delinquents in blk. 45. Ninety segregants leave for Tule.
- 24 MP shoots Shoichi James Okamoto of Tule Lake. Victim dies next day.
- 25 Ministers of different denominations from churches of Arizona convene in Rivers at a ministerial conference.
- 26 Thirty-nine more inducted at Phoenix. Four others relocated.
- June 1 Pvt. Motoo Shimazu, veteran of Italian campaigns and holder Purple Heart, is visiting Canal relatives.
- 2 One hundred thirty-four Butte Jr. High students graduate.
Canal High presents "HMS Pinafore."

- 5 Allied invasion of Europe starts.
- 6 Pvt. Motoo Shimazu reasserts that the 100th Infantry was not discriminated against.
George S. Fujii, Poston nisei charged with sedition, found not guilty.
- 7 Sixty-six graduate from Canal Elementary.
Second draftee group of 32 men leave for Ft. Douglas.
- 8 One hundred thirty-six graduate from Butte Hi.
- 9 Ninety-seven graduate from Canal Hi.
- 13 Twenty-four called for physicals; 16 more for induction. In addition, 4 induction and 2 physical notices come for relocated.
Forty-seven councilmen, 16 in Canal and 31 in Butte, elected. Referendum on whether or not legal sale of beer should be allowed in the center passed by Butte voters.
- 15 First Jerome group, 515 persons, arrives.
- 17 Pvt. Motoo Shimazu broadcasts over KOY.
- 19 Rivers summer school starts.
Five hundred fifteen Jerome people arrive in Gila at 8:00 a.m.
- 20 Thirty-four draftees (3rd group) leave 8:30 p.m.
Lt. Gen. Delos C. Emmons relieved as commanding general of Western Defense to be transferred to an important post.
- 26 Five hundred ten arrive from Jerome.
- 27 Five hundred eleven, the last group, arrive from Jerome.
Sixty-three Heart Mt. nisei who failed to report for pre-induction physical exams were each sentenced to three years.
- 29 Nisei ministers on indefinite leave allowed to



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- make short term visits to the centers.
- 1 Co-op starts operation with an all-evacuee staff. Position of superintendent of enterprises abolished.
 - 4 John R. Stille, second district commander of the American Legion in Tucson, speaks at July 4 ceremonies.
Gila consumes 1,000 melons, its first this year.
 - 6 Seventeen get pre-induction physicals, 39 inducted. Twenty-three others relocated.
President Robert Gordon Sproul of U.C. urges tolerance toward Japanese Americans.
Death of Masashi Araki, first Gila to be killed in this war, announced.
Four leave for active duty.
Japanese Americans of 442nd combat team spearhead assault toward Port of Livorno on Italian coast.
 - 13 Sale of beer in center believed improbable.
 - 15 Public funeral for PFC. Masashi Araki to be observed on July 18.

