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WAR RELOCATION AUTHORITY

Budget Bureau No: 13-R039
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Monthly Report

BUSINESS ENTERPRISECenter Poston, Arizona

1. CO-OPERATIVE ORGANIZATION AND EDUCATION PROGRAMS: *

- A. COMMITTEES: (Report Activities this month of these committees: Management, Executive; Efficiency; Personnel; Finance; Audit; Planning; Program; Articles and By-Laws; and any other committees except those on education and membership.

The activities of the Cooperative have been held in suspense insofar as the usual committees of a Cooperative are concerned. None such committee have been appointed under operation of the Trust Agreement plan. The Board of Trustees have claimed to be only temporary and have been waiting for a reversal of its decision of the Arizona Corporation Commission in cancelling the State License from the Gila River Cooperative Association, which reversal of decision would make it possible for us to file our Articles of Incorporation with the State of Arizona and secure our State License. However the writer has advocated to the Board of Trustees that the various committees should be appointed and caused to function even under the Trust Agreement plan.

The committee on Articles of Incorporation and By-Laws has completed its work and the Articles and By-Laws have been approved by the Cooperative Congress.

B. CO-OPERATIVE EDUCATION: PROGRAM: (Report activities of Education Committee and also progress of employee training programs.)

As pointed out above, none of the usual committees of a Cooperative have been appointed nor functioning, with the exception of committee on Articles of Incorporation and By-Laws and a membership drive committee. Consequently, no educational committee has been functioning. However, it is the hope of the writer that this deficiency will be rectified in the near future.

Employee training has been carried on by the managers of the various units. However no regular meetings have been held for the purpose of intensifying employee training, especially in the light of Cooperative training.

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C. MEMBERSHIP MEETINGS: (Of the Co-op Congress, Delegate and District meetings. Report purpose of meeting, major matters discussed, action taken. Also here the activities of the Membership Committee during the month.)

The temporary Cooperative Congress has held regular weekly meetings. No actions of major importance has been taken, since new developments have been held more or less in suspense, as pointed out in No. 1 A and B.

II. RELOCATION: (Indicate number Co-op trained people relocated in Co-op work outside, (naming Co-op employer) and number of Co-op-trained people relocated in other employment.

No Co-op trained people have been relocated, since no rational Cooperative training program has been in practice.

III. PROBLEMS: (Indicate major problems confronting center Co-op during month, those still pending, and action taken or program planned to meet them.)

Allocation of patronage purchases to respective patron's accounts on the basis of their patronage. The writer has worked out a plan which has been approved by the board of trustees, which will provide distribution of the net earnings on a fair basis to the respective customers and which plan will protect the Poston Community Enterprises from paying unreasonable income taxes. The plan is outlined in my Quarterly report ending June 30th.

IV. WASHINGTON OFFICE: (List matters pending in Washington office, and how that office can be of assistance to enterprise program at the center.)

No matters of major importance are pending in the Washington office to my knowledge.

The writer has encouraged the Board of Trustees to loan money from the Valley National Bank of Phoenix Arizona to pay off all obligations to the W.R.A. including back rents and cash advances. The Board went on record to approve of the plan today and the writer will attempt to negotiate the loan promptly.

V. BUSINESS MANAGEMENT:

1. Give value and description of "dead stock" and how long on hand (30,60 days)

The management has been reluctant to ascertain the value of dead stocks, but has gone on record to reduce and balance inventories as soon as possible.

2. Report on services started or discontinued this month, with comment.

No services have been discontinued nor have any new services been started.

3. List obligations due in 30 to 60 days--patronage refunds, notes payable in cash

A loan of \$15,000 has been paid to the Valley National Bank and another loan from Community Council, Unit 1 for \$17,000 has been paid. These funds were proceeds from Camouflage Industries. Our financial standing has been much improved by accumulation of earnings from operations, as reflected by our balance sheet. NOTE: This report has been delayed on account of illness of the writer.

Charles M. Beltt.

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Monthly Report

BUSINESS ENTERPRISECenter Poston, Arizona

1. CO-OPERATIVE ORGANIZATION AND EDUCATION PROGRAMS: *

A. COMMITTEES: (Report Activities this month of these committees: Management, Executive; Efficiency; Personnel; Finance; Audit; Planning; Program; Articles and By-Laws; and any other committees except those on education and membership.

None of the committees referred to above have been appointed nor functioning, as the Board of Trustees have a stand that they are acting only in a temporary capacity until the Cooperative secures its State License and the Board of Directors take over the administrative functions of the organization.

As you may know, the Gila River Cooperative Enterprises, Inc. have amended their Articles of Incorporation to comply with the recommendations of the Arizona Corporation Commission and it is believed that they will obtain their Arizona license in the near future. We have requested for copies of the resolutions and amendments as adopted by the Gila River Cooperative Enterprises, Inc. and expect to have our Articles of Incorporation amended likewise to become eligible to a Arizona State license.

B. CO-OPERATIVE EDUCATION: PROGRAM: (Report activities of Education Committee and also progress of employee training programs.)

No committees functioning due to reasons pointed out above. The writer is very sorry that such a condition exists here due to the stand taken by the Board of Trustees.

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C. MEMBERSHIP MEETINGS: (Of the Co-op Congress, Delegate and District meet. Report purpose of meeting, major matters discussed, action taken. Also here the activities of the Membership Committee during the month.)

The temporary Cooperative Congress has held regular weekly meetings and has approved the proposal of the Board of Trustees which provides for payment of twenty five per cent (25%) of the net earnings of the fiscal year ending June 30, 1943, in scrip, payable in merchandise, to respective patrons on the basis of their purchases. Payment of patronage Rebates is to begin about September 15, 1943.

II. RELOCATION: (Indicate number Co-op trained people relocated in Co-op work outside, (naming Co-op employer) and number of Co-op-trained people relocated in other employment.

No rational Cooperative training program for employees inaugurated as yet.

III. PROBLEMS: (Indicate major problems confronting center Co-op during month, those still pending, and action taken or program planned to meet them.)

The present fast turn over, ^{in personnel} due to relocation, is a serious handicap to efficient and smooth operations. However, this is to be expected and we just have to do the best we can to cope with the situation.

IV. WASHINGTON OFFICE: (List matters pending in Washington office, and how that office can be of assistance to enterprise program at the center.)

None to my knowledge presently.

V. BUSINESS MANAGEMENT:

1. Give value and description of "dead stock" and how long on hand (30, 60 days)

No physical appraisal has been made of our dead stocks. However, a plan is under way to reduce stocks substantially.

2. Report on services started or discontinued this month, with comment.

No new services have been started nor have any services been discontinued. The board of trustees have agreed to establish a food store, including rationed foods to serve the needs of the appointed personnel.

3. List obligations due in 30 to 60 days--patronage refunds, notes payable in cash

No classified list of accounts payable has been prepared since all invoices have been paid when due and cash discounts taken. The management has announced that obligations to the Government will be paid by the end of (this) week ending 9/11/43.

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Monthly Report

BUSINESS ENTERPRISE

Center Poston, Arizona

1. CO-OPERATIVE ORGANIZATION AND EDUCATION PROGRAMS: *

- A. COMMITTEES: (Report Activities this month of these committees: Management, Executive; Efficiency; Personnel; Finance; Audit; Planning; Program; Articles and By-Laws; and any other committees except those on education and membership.

Due to such reasons as the Gila River Cooperative Enterprises, Inc. has been experiencing with the Arizona Corporation Commission, we have been unable to file our Articles of Incorporation with the State of Arizona nor secure the State license for doing business as a incorporated Cooperative association. However, since we have been informed that the Arizona Corporation Commission has reinstated the license of the Gila River Cooperative, after they had amended their Articles of Incorporation to comply with the recommendations of the Arizona Corporation Commission; we have started appropriate procedure to amend our articles of incorporation simultaneously. Consequently, we are taking all necessary action to facilitate the amendments and have them properly recorded with the Recorder of Deeds of the District of Columbia and filed with the State of Arizona. Upon receipt of the Arizona license, the Cooperative association through its Council and Board of Directors will assume its official functions.

As stated in prior monthly reports, the board of trustees has neglected to appoint the various committees referred to above.

- B. CO-OPERATIVE EDUCATION: PROGRAM: (Report activities of Education Committee and also progress of employee training programs.)

Due to reasons stated above, no committees functioning.

Factional controversies among the residents ^{have} been gradually subsiding and a better understanding seems to be developing in reference to business operations and administration of the Cooperative.

In the absence of a stenographer (secretary) and with the numerous business problems-, such as filing income tax returns for the State and Government for 1942 and 1943 and settlement of various other taxes and insurances and assistance in procurement of merchandise; there has been very little time to devote to the educational program.

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C. MEMBERSHIP MEETINGS: (Of the Co-op Congress, Delegate and District meetings. Report purpose of meeting, major matters discussed, action taken. Also here the activities of the Membership Committee during the month.)

The Cooperative Congress has held regular meetings and has planned on holding a joint meeting of all (three) units on or about October 20th to discuss problems which are common to the entire project.

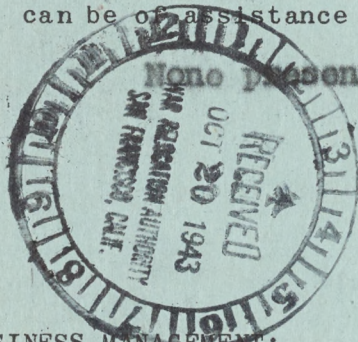
II. RELOCATION: (Indicate number Co-op trained people relocated in Co-op work outside, (naming Co-op employer) and number of Co-op-trained people relocated in other employment.

Three people (male) have been employed by outside Cooperatives-, one in Brooklyn, N. Y. and two in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania.

III. PROBLEMS: (Indicate major problems confronting center Co-op during month, those still pending, and action taken or program planned to meet them.)

One of the major tasks has been to have delinquent tax matters-, such as Federal Income Taxes, Capital stock Taxes and State Income Taxes, and various other taxes for the years, 1942 and 1943, settled. All taxes with the exception of Federal and state Unemployment taxes, on which rulings are pending, have been filed and paid. However, we may experience some difficulties in the final settlement of our income taxes.

IV. WASHINGTON OFFICE: (List matters pending in Washington office, and how that office can be of assistance to enterprise program at the center.)



V. BUSINESS MANAGEMENT:

1. Give value and description of "dead stock" and how long on hand (30, 60 days)

No physical appraisal has been made of dead stocks. However, there is much reason to be concerned about our dead and surplus stocks and I shall do all I can to correct the situation.

2. Report on services started or discontinued this month, with comment.

No new services have been started nor have any of the established services been discontinued.

3. List obligations due in 30 to 60 days--patronage refunds, notes payable in cash. Since all invoices have been discounted or paid when due, no analysis of accounts payable has been deemed necessary.

All delinquent obligations to the Government, in the amount of \$7,065.87 were paid in full on September 19th.

Payment of Patronage Rebates in scrip, redeemable in merchandise, was started on September 19th. The aggregate amount thus paid will be approximately \$24,000.00.

Chas M. Belth

WAR RELOCATION AUTHORITY

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1. CO-OPERATIVE ORGANIZATION AND EDUCATION PROGRAMS: *

A. COMMITTEES: (Report Activities this month of these committees: Management, Executive; Efficiency; Personnel; Finance; Audit; Planning; Program; Articles and By-Laws; and any other committees except those on education and membership.

The election of the new board of directors has just been completed and they are scheduled to meet on November 2nd to appoint their officers and the various committees.

Appropriate plans have been made to amend the Articles of Incorporation of the association, so as to become eligible to the State of Arizona license.

As stated in prior reports, the board of trustees has not appointed any of the committees referred to above, so there is nothing to comment in reference to activities of same. The newly elected board of directors no doubt, will rectify this situation by electing the appropriate committees to carry on their respective duties.

We were represented by five official delegates and one ex-officio at the Chicago conference and the meeting was recognized as having been a very successful venture. Besides participating in the meeting, our buyers did considerable buying, especially in Chicago. They also did some buying in St. Louis, Kansas City (at the C.C.A.) and in Denver.

B. CO-OPERATIVE EDUCATION PROGRAM: (Report activities of Education Committee and also progress of employee training programs.)

Due to reasons stated above, no committees have been functioning. As stated under Section 1 - A, apparently this condition will be corrected by the newly elected board of directors.

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C. MEMBERSHIP MEETINGS: (Of the Co-op Congress, Delegate and District meetings. Report purpose of meeting, major matters discussed, action taken. Also here the activities of the Membership Committee during the month.)

The retiring Cooperative Congress has held regular meetings. The new Cooperative Congress has just been elected and they have elected a board of directors for the ensuing term of office.

II. RELOCATION: (Indicate number Co-op trained people relocated in Co-op work outside, (naming Co-op employer) and number of Co-op-trained people relocated in other employment.

Margaret Kawashima secured position in New York as a buyer for Relocation Cooperatives

Relocated in outside Co-operatives

None

Relocated in other employment

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III. PROBLEMS: (Indicate major problems confronting center Co-op during month, those still pending, and action taken or program planned to meet them.)

All delinquent and current taxes have been filed and paid. However there is a possibility that we will experience some difficulty in the final settlement of our Income Taxes.

IV. WASHINGTON OFFICE: (List matters pending in Washington office, and how that office can be of assistance to enterprise program at the center.)

None presently.

V. BUSINESS MANAGEMENT:

1. Give value and description of "dead stock" and how long on hand (30,60 days)

Our inventories as of September 30th were (at cost)

\$152,000.00 and our net sales for September were \$78,000.00

This is not a resirable ratio and should be corrected. The management however, takes exception to this opinion. Thus, no improvement.

2. Report on services started or discontinued this month, with comment.

The Western Union Telegraph service was taken over by the Business Enterprises.

None of the existing services have been discontinued.

3. List obligations due in 30 to 60 days--patronage refunds, notes payable in cash

All invoices subject to cash discounts have been discounted and all other invoices paid when due. On October 2nd two loans of \$10,000.00 and \$15,000.00 - total \$25,000.00 was made from the Valley National Bank of Phoenix, Arizona. These loans are payable on December 31, 1943.

Chas M. Belth

COLORADO RIVER WAR RELOCATION PROJECT
POSTON COMMUNITY ENTERPRISES
 POSTON, ARIZONA

COMPARATIVE BALANCE SHEET AS OF OCTOBER 31, 1943

ASSETS

<u>CURRENT:</u>	<u>October 31, 1943</u>	<u>September 30, 1943</u>
Office Petty Cash	\$ 41.51	\$ 197.13
Check Cashing Fund	15,300.00	6,300.00
Change Fund in Stores	1,015.00	1,015.00
Cash in Bank	23,065.41	23,210.77
Accounts Receivable	265.17	249.34
Merchandise Inventory:		
Stores	86,420.76	96,596.95
Warehouse	54,073.37	38,288.26
<u>Total Current Assets</u>	<u>\$180,181.22</u>	<u>\$165,857.45</u>
<u>INVESTMENTS:</u>		
Northwest Auditing Co-op Revolving Fund	87.87	87.87
<u>FIXED ASSETS:</u>		
Cost of Fixtures & Equip.	17,273.70	17,117.64
Less: Reserve for Depr.	5,698.81	5,143.82
<u>Book Value of Fixed Assets</u>	<u>11,574.89</u>	<u>11,973.82</u>
<u>PREPAID EXPENSE:</u>		
Unexpired Insurance	200.70	326.06
Store & Office Supplies	1,433.71	1,330.88
Yuma County Taxes	496.68	745.01
<u>Total Prepaid Expense</u>	<u>2,131.09</u>	<u>2,401.95</u>
<u>TOTAL ASSETS</u>	<u>\$193,975.07</u>	<u>\$180,321.09</u>

Total number of persons on the project	13,142
Total number of members	5,852
Total number of employees	226

Charles M. Beltt
 Charles M. Beltt, Chief of
 Community Enterprises

11-19-43

COLORADO RIVER WAR RELOCATION PROJECT
POSTON COMMUNITY ENTERPRISES

POSTON, ARIZONA

COMPARATIVE BALANCE SHEET AS OF OCTOBER 31, 1943

LIABILITIES AND MEMBERS' EQUITIES

<u>CURRENT:</u>	<u>October 31, 1943</u>	<u>Sept. 30, 1943</u>
Contract Payable	\$ 709.60	\$1,059.60
Accounts Payable	24,460.11	37,822.20
Notes Payable to Valley Nat'l Bank	25,000.00	
Accruals:		
Salaries	\$4,668.76	4,848.56
Arizona Unemployment Tax	271.85	1,671.24
Federal Old Age Benefit Tax	201.15	402.59
Federal Unemployment Tax	145.57	186.63
Arizona Sales Tax	1,326.45	1,248.20
Federal Excise Tax	166.25	205.42
Rent of Bldgs. W.R.A.	2,142.03	1,611.00
Truck & Auto Hire W.R.A.	394.95	291.88
Freight Payable to W.R.A.	752.75	450.70
Rent of Equip. Payable to W.R.A.	180.00	60.00
Payable for Merchandise Order	7.20	75.50
Personal Deposit Payable	212.28	322.41
Payable for Checks Held for Cashing	3,780.74	
<u>Total Current Liabilities</u>	<u>14,249.98</u> <u>\$64,419.69</u>	<u>\$50,255.93</u>
<u>MEMBERS' EQUITIES:</u>		
Membership Fees	1,463.25	1,463.25
Certificates of Indebtedness for		
Patronage Refund Payable	75,036.33	75,036.33
Allocated General Reserve	11,318.05	12,609.88
Patronage Refund Payable	1,226.02	8,775.08
Earnings to date & Adjustments	32,180.62	32,180.62
Adjustments for October	(180.00)	
Earnings of October	8,511.11	
<u>TOTAL LIABILITIES & MEMBERS' EQUITIES</u>	<u>128,092.13</u> <u>193,975.07</u>	<u>180,321.09</u>

POSTON COMMUNITY ENTERPRISES

OCTOBER 31, 1943

ADMINISTRATION EXPENSE

Office Salaries	\$539.33
Payroll Taxes	26.97
Office Supplies & Postage	200.96
Telegram & Telephone	33.71
Insurance & Bonding	2.68
Rent	23.12
Advertising	19.66
Depreciation of Equipment	33.37
Travel Expense - Auto Hire	504.15
Bank Activity Charge	16.66
Miscellaneous	110.73
Equipment Rental	100.00
Yuma County Taxes	248.33
Patronage Dept. Salaries	183.57
" " Payroll Taxes	9.18
" " Misc. Expense	52.48

Total Administration Expense \$2,104.90

WAREHOUSE CONTROL & EXPENSE

Inventory, September 30, 1943 at Cost	\$38,288.26	
Purchases at Cost	60,361.43	
Total to Account For		\$98,649.69
Transfers at Cost	\$44,557.19	
Inventory, October 31, 1943 at Cost	54,073.37	
Total Accounted For		\$98,630.56
Merchandise Shortage		19.13
Freight In	\$1,830.59	
Operating Expense:		
Salaries	296.69	
Payroll Taxes	14.83	
Insurance & Bonding	32.10	
Trucking	57.45	
Rent of Building	86.17	
Miscellaneous Expense	36.62	
Depreciation of Equipment	3.66	
Shortage - Breakage	67.64	
Total Operating Expense		2,425.75
Total Warehouse Expense		\$2,444.88

STATEMENT OF INCOME AND EXPENSE
October 31, 1943

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A. COMMITTEES: (Report Activities this month of these committees: Management, Executive; Efficiency; Personnel; Finance; Audit; Planning; Program; Articles and By-Laws; and any other committees except those on education and membership.)

The newly elected board of directors, consisting of 19 members, held their first meeting on November 9th. In said meeting they passed on appropriate resolutions to amend the Articles of Incorporation and to provide for calling of a meeting of the Cooperative Congress to be held on December 11th to pass on like resolutions for amendments to the Articles of Incorporation. Immediately following the meeting of the Cooperative Congress, we are taking all necessary steps to validate the amendments, so as to secure the Arizona State license and thus facilitate the establishment of the legal status of the Cooperative association.

I am herewith attaching a summary of newly elected board members and designation of officers. The board has planned on having three (3) of its members, namely: the President, Vice President and Treasurer serve as full-time paid employees of the organization. There is also a full-time paid Executive Secretary to the board of directors.

Although I have discouraged the policy of full-time paid directors on the grounds of being contrary to universally accepted Cooperative practices, the present directors

B. CO-OPERATIVE EDUCATION: PROGRAM: (Report activities of Education Committee and also progress of employee training programs.)

(1. A. continued in supplement attached)

No committees functioning yet.

The expediency of my work is still being seriously handicapped due to absence of a stenographer.

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The Cooperative Congress has held regular meetings and is scheduled to meet Dec. 11th to pass on resolutions for amendments to the Articles of Incorporation to make them acceptable to the Arizona Corporation Commission.

II. RELOCATION: (Indicate number Co-op trained people relocated in Co-op work outside, (naming Co-op employer) and number of Co-op-trained people relocated in other employment.

Number of People Relocated in Other Employment:

1 Semi-skilled Shoe Repairman

1 Beautician - short term experience

III. PROBLEMS: (Indicate major problems confronting center Co-op during month, those still pending, and action taken or program planned to meet them.)

As a result of insistant investigation, I have discovered that the By-Laws of the Cooperative have not been approved. The matter has been referred to the attention of the board of directors for proper action and it is expected that they will call membership meetings in each Unit to adopt resolutions of approval.

IV. WASHINGTON OFFICE: (List matters pending in Washington office, and how that office can be of assistance to enterprise program at the center.)

None presently.

V. BUSINESS MANAGEMENT:

1. Give value and description of "dead stock" and how long on hand (30,60 days)

The merchandise inventories (at cost) were \$140,490.00, compared with \$152,000.00 October 31, 1943. A reduction of \$12,510.00. I have referred the over-stock situation to the board.

2. Report on services started or discontinued this month, with comment.

No changes in services.

3. List obligations due in 30 to 60 days--patronage refunds, notes payable in cash

All invoices subject to cash discounts have been discounted and other invoices paid when due.

No additional money has been borrowed and the management has stated that the \$25,000.00 loan from the Valley National Bank of Phoenix, Arizona will be paid on Dec 31, 1943.

Chas M. Belth

1. CO-OPERATIVE ORGANIZATION AND EDUCATION PROGRAMS:

A. COMMITTEES:

seem to deem it justified and to the best interest of the organization under the circumstances.

Since it is apperent that the relationship between the membership and the board of directors as well as the relationship between membership and the management and employees is not harmonious and there still exists considerable confusion, suspicion and misunderstanding as to the application of cooperative principles and practices, I have done my best to impress the board of its essential duties and responsibilities in administering the affairs of the association. Each board member has been provided with a copy of the booklet "MANUAL FOR CO-OPERATIVE DIRECTORS" by V. S. Alanne. I have also encouraged them to study the booklet, so as to make themselves acquainted with their duties and responsibilities as board members. I believe we have some good tallent in the board now and the situation looks much more favorable now than ever before. Mr. Ralph Currie and myself have been very careful and tactical in making individual contacts with some of the board members and tried to show them the way to genuine cooperative practices, which we hope will win the confidence and satisfaction of the residents, and bring about a true "from the bottom up" administration, which will make the members feel that it is really and truly a bisiness of the the people.

I have written a memorandum to the board of directors, pointing out the necessity of the various committees and made a recommendation for the appointment of same. Although they have not raised any objection to the committees, they have been very slow in making any appointments. However, they have already agreed to appoint some of the most essential committees at their next meeting and to appoint additional committees as they deem advisable.

The functions of the board have been interrupted considerably due to recent developement of controversial issues. There were several articles published recently under the name of one of the recently elected board members in the Japanese section of the Poston Chronicle, which were aimed at the management and employees of the Poston Community Enterprises and it has been claimed by the management and the board of directors that these articles were unfounded and libelous. In as much as the legal status of the organization is still under the terms of the Trust Agreement, they removed said member from the board. Much of the valuable time of the board has been waisted in the discussion and settlement of the controversy.

BOARD TRUSTEES
of
POSTON COMMUNITY ENTERPRISES

November 6, 1943

UNIT I

Mr. Kuniji Inagaki	19-7E-C	President
Mr. Manzo Ohye	3-11-C	(removed from board)
Mr. Suekichi Amano	36- 7-A	
Mr. Martin J. Noda	45- 1-A	
Mr. E. S. Morimoto	27- 7-B	
Mr. Seizo Sakamoto	45- 1-B	
Mr. Paul C. Takeda	30-14-D	
Mr. Tomejiro Kitabayashi	59-13-A	
Mr. Teraichi Obata	16- 8-B	

UNIT II

Mr. S. G. Sakamoto	232- 7-C
Mr. W. Horiuchi Sakurai	220- 2-D
Mr. Yasochi Kanagawa	227- 5-B
Mr. Masato Shintaku	219- 2-C
Mr. M. Sano	215- 3-C
Mr.	

UNIT III

Mr. Saikichi Shirasawa	327- 2-C
Mr. J. Katsumi Takashima	322- 8-C
Mr. Miko Kagiwada	325-12-A
Mr. Masao Otani	315- 1A
Mr. T. Henry Suzuki	329-13-C

Mr. Roy Tazawa, Unit I -14-9-B
Executive Secretary to Board of Trustees.

Mr. George Y. Katow Unit I -42-14-D
General Manager

Chas. M. Beltt Unit I - 34-C-10
Chief of Community enterprises

Ralph Currie Unit II
Assoc. Chief of Community enterprises.

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1. CO-OPERATIVE ORGANIZATION AND EDUCATION PROGRAMS: *

A. COMMITTEES: (Report Activities this month of these committees: Management, Executive; Efficiency; Personnel; Finance; Audit; Planning; Program; Articles and By-Laws; and any other committees except those on education and membership.

The Board of Directors have thus far appointed only the following committees:

Education Committee
Management Committee
Finance and Auditing Committee

Inasmuch as everything is more or less in an organizational stage, the committees have not started properly functioning yet. However, the Education Committee has held one meeting and is organizing its functions.

The amendments to the Articles of Incorporation have been duly adopted by the Board of Directors and the Cooperative Congress, and copies of the amendments have been sent to Washington, D. C. for filing and recording.

Several contacts with interested people have been made on group relocation with no commendable response yet.

Good attendance in all board meetings.

B. CO-OPERATIVE EDUCATION: PROGRAM: (Report activities of Education Committee and also progress of employee training programs.)

Only the Education Committee has initially started its functions.

Initial drive to organize a credit union in each of the three units is now being started.

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Cooperative Congress holding regular meetings.

II. RELOCATION: (Indicate number Co-op trained people relocated in Co-op work outside, (naming Co-op employer) and number of Co-op-trained people relocated in other employment.

None

III. PROBLEMS: (Indicate major problems confronting center Co-op during month, those still pending, and action taken or program planned to meet them.)

No serious problems confronted nor pending.

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None excepting claiming exemption from Income taxes. Have attempted to secure information from the Minidoka Cooperative as to what basis they claimed exemption on. They claimed to have lost copies of their claim for exemption.

We would appreciate it very much if the Washington office would secure this information for us to assist us in filing claim for exemption simultaneously.

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Program for cleaning up surplus and dead stock now in process.

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All invoices discounted and paid when due.

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WAR RELOCATION AUTHORITY
COLORADO RIVER WAR RELOCATION PROJECT
POSTON, ARIZONA
January 3, 1944

Board of Directors
Poston Cooperative Enterprises, Inc.
Poston, Arizona.

Dear Members of the Board:

As Chief of Community Enterprises, I am happy that your organization now has a full board of directors of nineteen members officially functioning. I am also pleased with your appointment of the following committees of three members each: Education, Management and Finance and Auditing. I am sure that through experience you will find these committees to be indispensable and that later on you will find it advisable to appoint more of the committees which I have recommended.

The amendments to the Articles of Incorporation have been duly approved by your board and by the Cooperative Congress and the necessary documents are now in Washington, D. C. for filing and recording and should be filed with the State of Arizona immediately when returned from Washington.

For all practical purposes, the By-laws should be approved by the membership as soon as possible.

Exemption from Income- and Capital Stock Taxes should be applied for after the By-laws have been adopted, and appropriate persons should be designated to carry out the work pertinent to the necessary procedure.

It has been and no doubt will continue to be the policy of the W. R. A. to assist the evacuees in developing the Business Enterprises on a truly cooperative basis to serve the needs of the residents of the project as efficiently and economically as possible. It is also the policy of the W. R. A. to delegate the entire responsibility of the operation and administration of the Business Enterprises to the evacuee residents of the project, under the supervision of the W. R. A., subject to the terms of the operations agreement between the Business Enterprises and the Government, under the provisions of Manual Release No. 31 (formerly known as Administrative Instruction 26).

In view of the foregoing and in view of the fact that the Business Enterprises and the Cooperative organization are now practically fully developed, I feel it to be justified and to the best interests of the Business Enterprises that, I as Chief of Community Enterprises, relinquish certain

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Board of Directors
Poston Cooperative Enterprises, Inc.

routine duties pertinent to the business operations of the enterprises and devote more of my time and effort to supervisory duties and problems of policy, through the Board of Directors, the officers of the board and through the various committees appointed by the board.

This change of policy will in no way disrupt my services in making trips to Los Angeles, Phoenix, etc. to transact official business, when necessary and when traveling funds are available. I will be pleased at all times to assist in transacting and negotiating outside business through personal contact when justified need for such arises.

Chas M. Beltt
Chief of Community Enterprises

Approved:

W. Wade Head
Project Director.

cc: George Y. Katow

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SUPPLEMENT

WRA-240

Poston, Arizona

Monthly Report for Month Ending Jan. 31, 1944

Schedule 1 A

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(3) Personnel Store: The proposed plan of having the personnel store established and operated by some private merchant from Parker did not meet with the approval of the Washington office. Upon the arrival of Mr. Duncan Mills, Acting Project Director, plans were made immediately to have the personnel store established and operated by the Business Enterprises. A meeting of the Appointed Personnel was held on January 31 as an initial approach to solving this problem. At this meeting a committee of three persons was appointed to collaborate with the Board of Directors of the Business Enterprises. The Board of Directors of the Business Enterprises appointed a committee of four persons to work jointly with the committee appointed by the Appointed Personnel. Inasmuch as there now seems to be a good understanding of this matter between the Appointed Personnel and the Management and Board of Directors of the Business Enterprises, it seems apparent that the store to serve the needs of the Appointed Personnel will be established and in operation quite soon.

COLORADO RIVER WAR RELOCATION PROJECT

POSTON COMMUNITY ENTERPRISES

December 31, 1943

COMPARATIVE BALANCE SHEET AS OF DEC., 1943

ASSETS

CURRENT:

	<u>December 31, 1943</u>	<u>Nov. 30, 1943</u>
Office Petty Cash	\$70.39	\$45.79
Check Cashing Fund	9,800.00	14,800.00
Change Fund in Stores	1,015.00	1,015.00
Bank Account:		
General Account	\$53,056.69	15,876.04
Check Payable Acct.	12,808.57	3,229.33
P Personal Dep. Pay. Acct.	1,658.87	16,735.99
Accounts Receivable	113.08	107.56
Merchandise Inventory:		
Stores	97,664.31	101,798.31
Warehouse	40,274.55	38,280.90
<u>Total Current Assets</u>	<u>\$216,461.26</u>	<u>\$191,888.92</u>

INVESTMENTS:

Northwest Auditing Co-op Revolving Fund	87.87	87.87
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FIXED ASSETS:

Cost of Fixtures & Equipment	\$18,731.30	18,175.15
Less: Reserve for Depr.	6,859.30	6,252.79
<u>Book Value of Fixed Assets</u>	<u>\$11,872.00</u>	<u>\$11,922.36</u>

PREPAID EXPENSE:

Unexpired Insurance	1,911.29	2,034.20
Store & Office Supplies	1,862.13	1,785.36
Yuma County Taxes		248.34
<u>Total Prepaid Expense</u>	<u>\$3,793.42</u>	<u>\$4,067.90</u>

TOTAL ASSETS

<u>\$232,214.55</u>	<u>\$207,967.05</u>
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COLORADO RIVER WAR RELOCATION PROJECT

POSTON COMMUNITY ENTERPRISES

Poston, Arizona

COMPARATIVE BALANCE SHEET AS OF DEC. 31, 1943

LIABILITIES AND MEMBERS' EQUITIES

<u>CURRENT:</u>	<u>December 31, 1943</u>	<u>Nov. 30, 1943</u>
Contract Payable	\$725.00	\$809.60
Accounts Payable	29,731.78	14,281.14
Notes Payable	25,000.00	25,000.00
Accruals:		
Salaries	\$4,774.82	4,614.26
Ariz. Unemploy. Tax	504.93	386.22
Federal Old Age Benefit Tax	373.84	285.87
Federal Unemploy. Tax	171.48	158.28
Arizona Sales Tax	1,768.03	1,324.98
Federal Excise Tax	165.92	151.67
Rent of Bldgs Pay. to WRA	5,204.09	2,673.06
Truck & Auto Hire Payable	592.26	494.06
Freight Payable to WRA	752.75	752.75
Rent of Equipment Pay.	180.00	180.00
Interest	12,486.18	104.17
Payable for Merchandise Order	9.70	17.20
Payable for Checks Held for Cashing	1,658.67	3,229.53
Deposit on Merchandise	448.50	351.50
Personal Deposit Payable	12,808.57	16,735.99
<u>Total Current Liabilities</u>	<u>\$82,868.40</u>	<u>\$71,550.08</u>
<u>MEMBERS' EQUITIES:</u>		
Membership Fees	\$ 5,370.00	\$ 1,483.25
Certificates of Indebtedness for Patronage Refund Payable	71,139.58	75,036.33
Patronage Refund Payable	113.72	359.12
Allocated General Reserve	11,318.05	11,318.05
Earnings to date	48,240.22	48,240.22
Earnings for December	15,164.58	
<u>Total Members' Equities:</u>	<u>\$149,345.15</u>	<u>\$136,416.97</u>
<u>TOTAL MEMBERS' EQUITIES & LIABILITIES</u>	<u>\$232,214.55</u>	<u>\$207,967.05</u>
Number of Members	5943	
Number of persons on project	13732	
Number of employees (paid by Government)	233 } 250	
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COLORADO RIVER WAR RELOCATION PROJECT
POSTON COMMUNITY ENTERPRISES
Poston, Arizona

Statement of Income & Expenses Dec. 1 to 31, 1943

	Stores	Shoe Shop	Beauty Sh.	Barber Shops	Radio Mojave Room	Tailor- ing Dept.	Total	
Gross Sales	\$90,782.92	\$1,809.00	\$1,044.85	\$624.50	\$33.48	\$1,291.69	\$883.69	\$96,470.13
Sales Return	32.53		1.18					33.71
Net Sales	\$90,750.39	\$1,809.00	\$1,043.67	\$624.50	\$33.48	\$1,291.69	\$883.69	\$96,436.43
Cost of Goods Sold:								
Inv. 11-30-43	98,025.99	3,349.68	297.92	22.33	102.39			101,798.31
Pur. or Trans.	66,265.90	1,709.17	120.64	7.39		876.85	756.82	69,736.77
	164,291.89	5,058.85	418.56	29.72	102.39	876.85	756.82	171,535.08
Less Inv. 12-43	93,504.36	3,646.83	373.39	9.28	91.35		39.10	97,664.31
	70,787.53	1,412.02	45.17	20.44	11.04	876.85	717.72	73,870.77
Add: Whse exp.	2,699.41	70.52	4.94	.29				2,775.16
Total Cost of Goods Sold	73,486.94	1,482.54	50.11	20.73	11.04	876.85	717.72	76,645.93
Gross Operating Income:	\$17,263.45	\$326.46	\$993.56	\$603.77	\$22.44	\$414.84	\$165.97	\$19,790.49
Selling Expense:								
Salaries	2,201.64	578.20	261.02	273.32		19.50	22.50	3,356.18
Payroll Tax	109.12	28.91	12.77	13.66		.97	1.13	166.58
Store Supplies	210.85					3.70		214.55
Damaged Goods	114.35							114.35
	2,635.93	607.11	273.79	286.98		24.17	23.63	3,851.64
General Exp:								
Ins. & Bonding	113.31	8.18	.89	.93	.33	.09		123.72
Rent of Bldg.	332.48		38.89	50.37				421.74
Depr. of Equip.	196.60	106.93	69.14	43.73	3.12			419.52
Depr. of Tools		68.95	38.64	(6.63)	5.29			106.25
Misc.	152.49	29.16	12.14	8.01	.61	1.40	.21	204.02
Equip. Rental	27.50							27.50
Main. & Repairs	110.67	8.96	114.32	42.62				276.57
	933.05	222.18	274.02	139.03	9.35	1.49	.21	1,579.33
Administration Ex.	2,201.61	43.88	25.35	15.12	.61		21.42	2,308.19
Total Expenses	5,770.62	875.17	573.16	441.13	10.16	25.66	45.26	7,739.16
Net Operating Income	\$11,492.83	(\$546.71)	\$420.40	\$162.64	12.28	\$389.18	\$120.71	\$12,051.33

COLORADO RIVER WAR RELOCATION PROJECT

POSTON COMMUNITY ENTERPRISES

Poston, Arizona

Statement of Income & Expense Dec. 1 to Dec. 31, 1943

Continuation sheet

Net Operating Income \$12,051.33

Other Expenses:

Cash Short	\$12.75
Educational	122.36
Organization	10.00
Interest	<u>208.33</u>
Total Other Expenses	<u>353.44</u>

\$11,697.89

Other Income:

Purchases Disc.	356.98
Fire Ins. Trust	
Account	4.00
Other Income	<u>1,105.71*</u>
Total Other Income	<u>1,466.69</u>

\$13,164.58

*Profit from Bazaar, free goods & miscellaneous other income.

COLORADO RIVER WAR RELOCATION PROJECT
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Warehouse Control & Expense for December, 1943

Inventory, November 30, 1943	\$38,280.90	
Purchases at Cost	<u>73,813.65</u>	
Total to Account for		\$112,094.55
Transfers at Cost	\$71,785.82	
Inventory, December 31, 1943	<u>40,274.55</u>	
Total Accounted for		<u>\$112,060.37</u>
Merchandise Shortage		\$34.18
Freight In	\$1,271.70	
Operating Expense:		
Salaries	361.66	
Payroll Taxes	17.32	
Insurance & Bonding	765.79	
Trucking	50.10	
warehouse Rent	86.17	
Miscellaneous Expense	84.30	
Depreciation of Equipment	4.38	
Pilferage	87.35	
Shortage Loss	9.03	
Spoilage Loss - Damaged Goods	<u>3.20</u>	2,740.98
Total Warehouse Expense		<u>\$2,775.16</u>

Administration Expense

Salaries	\$627.13
Payroll Taxes	26.28
Office Supplies & Postage	85.00
Telephone & Telegram	50.92
Insurance & Bonding	17.32
Office Rent	23.12
Depreciation of Equip.	76.28
Auto Hire	71.75
Bank Activity Charge	41.75
Misc. Office Expense	33.65
Maintenance & Repairs	389.84
Equipment Rental	25.00
Yuma County Taxes	248.34
Co-op Educational Exp.	6.49
Co-op Expense	105.34
Advertising Expense	274.68
Patronage Dept. Salaries	195.52
Patronage Dept. Pay. Tax.	<u>9.78</u>
Total Administration exp.	\$2,308.19



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Relocated in other employment - 8

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Assistance in claiming exemption from Income Taxes now pending in the Washington office. We hope to receive the desired information as soon as possible so as to expedite our procedure for claiming exemption.

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The management has decided to sponsor a special sale of slow moving merchandise during the week of March 15.

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By-laws Committee. The by-laws committee has completed their draft of by-laws and expect to submit them to the approval of the Board of Directors in the course of another week or two.

None of the other committees have been active.

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Regular weekly meetings of Educational Committee.

Stocks of literature and Posters distributed to officers and employees and through stores.

Regular weekly edition of Coop news published through Poston Chronicle.

Lecture to High School students and mimeographed material on Amache

High School Coop.

Two full time employees in Education Dept. Stenographer and Director who handles all Japanese translation.

Permission granted to hire assistant who will handle all English publications and plan recreational programs in connection with monthly meetings of members and employees.

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Schedule 1 A

(1) Organization: The ammended Articles of Incorporation have been filed and recorded in the District of Columbia and were received here on January 31, 1944. We believe that the articles as ammended will meet with the approval of the Arizona Corporation Commission. The Board of Directors met on February 2 and appointed a statutory agent for the State of Arizona. The Articles of Incorporation, as ammended, will be filed immediately with the State of Arizona unless delay should be encountered due to any statutory requirements.

(2) Auditing: Arrangements have been made with the Northwest Auditing and Service Association of Walla Walla, Washington to perform an audit on our books and records. The auditors are scheduled to arrive here about March 4.

(3) Personnel Store: The proposed plan of having the personnel store established and operated by some private merchant from Parker did not meet with the approval of the Washington office. Upon the arrival of Mr. Duncan Mills, Acting Project Director, plans were made immediately to have the personnel store established and operated by the Business Enterprises. A meeting of the Appointed Personnel was held on January 31 as an initial approach to solving this problem. At this meeting a committee of three persons was appointed to collaborate with the Board of Directors of the Business Enterprises. The Board of Directors of the Business Enterprises appointed a committee of four persons to work jointly with the committee appointed by the Appointed Personnel. Inasmuch as there now seems to be a good understanding of this matter between the Appointed Personnel and the Management and Board of Directors of the Business Enterprises, it seems apparent that the store to serve the needs of the Appointed Personnel will be established and in operation quite soon.

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BUSINESS ENTERPRISECenter Poston, Arizona

1. CO-OPERATIVE ORGANIZATION AND EDUCATION PROGRAMS: *

A. COMMITTEES: (Report Activities this month of these committees: Management, Executive; Efficiency; Personnel; Finance; Audit; Planning; Program; Articles and By-Laws; and any other committees except those on education and membership.

Audit Committee: Auditors from the Northwest Auditing and Service Ass'n arrived Mar. 21 and had not completed their audit when the month ended.

By-laws Committee: The draft copy of by-laws was discussed by Mr. Beltt, members of the by-laws committee, and Mr. Masuda of the Legal department. Certain changes were recommended and the legal department has made these alterations in the form approved at the meeting. The completed copy has been prepared for submission to the Board of Directors for their approval after which the membership will be asked to vote on the adoption of the said by-laws.

The personnel store is nearly complete. Ration points have been granted by O.P.A. and stocks of merchandise ordered. The store will be in operation the first week in April.

Mr. Gerald Richardson, Head of Business Enterprises, met with the Board of Directors and gave some very constructive information and suggestions for improving our organization. He also held many meetings with officers of the cooperative on problems pertaining to the enterprises taking over various services being discontinued by WRA. Plans for establishing a dress making shop are progressing.

B. CO-OPERATIVE EDUCATION: PROGRAM: (Report activities of Education Committee and also progress of employee training programs.)

Education Committee: Regular issue of Co-op News with exception of one week. Stocks of mimeographed literature distributed to members and stores. Showcard artist employed in Co-op Education Department to handle posters and illustrations. Mimeographed material to high school students. Women groups met with Assistant General Manager to discuss problems of merchandise carried in stores and suggestions regarding certain lines of dry goods which will more effectively meet the needs of the members.

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C. MEMBERSHIP MEETINGS: (Of the Co-op Congress, Delegate and District meetings. Report purpose of meeting, major matters discussed, action taken. Also here the activities of the Membership Committee during the month.)

Cooperative Congress and Board of Directors held regular meetings. There is evidence that both bodies are taking an increasing amount of interest in their cooperative.

II. RELOCATION: (Indicate number Co-op trained people relocated in Co-op work outside, (naming Co-op employer) and number of Co-op-trained people relocated in other employment.

Relocated in Co-op work outside - none
Relocated in other employment - eight

III. PROBLEMS: (Indicate major problems confronting center Co-op during month, those still pending, and action taken or program planned to meet them.)

Problem of delegates of Camp III asking possibility of operating as separate organization for more direct control of stores in that area. This has been satisfactorily handled and it appears that the people wish to continue enterprises as they operate at present.

IV. WASHINGTON OFFICE: (List matters pending in Washington office, and how that office can be of assistance to enterprise program at the center.)

V. BUSINESS MANAGEMENT:

1. Give value and description of "dead stock" and how long on hand (30,60 days)
Slow moving merchandise sale was carried on during week Mar. 15.
Slow moving goods to the amount of \$10,000 were sold.

2. Report on services started or discontinued this month, with comment.

No new services started but organization of dress making shop under discussion.

3. List obligations due in 30 to 60 days--patronage refunds, notes payable in cash

All invoices discounted and paid when due.

R. D. Currie
Actg. Superior. Bus. Ent.

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BUSINESS ENTERPRISECenter Poston, Arizona

1. CO-OPERATIVE ORGANIZATION AND EDUCATION PROGRAMS: *

A. COMMITTEES: (Report Activities this month of these committees: Management, Executive; Efficiency; Personnel; Finance; Audit; Planning; Program; Articles and By-Laws; and any other committees except those on education and membership.

Auditing Committee: The auditors from the Northwest Cooperative Auditing and Service Ass'n have made an audit of our books and records for the period July 1, 1943, to Dec. 31, 1943. Their work was completed on April 3 and met with the Board of Directors on that day and submitted an oral report of their work and findings. We have not received their audit reports as yet but expect them now any day.

By-laws Committee: The by-laws have been studied and discussed by the committee together with the Business Enterprises Supervisors and Mr. Thomas Masuda of the Legal Department and were further referred to Mr. Masuda for final review. However Mr. Masuda left the project for a two months' tour of the outside and evidently overlooked submitting a report of his review before leaving the project. We are now conducting the final review of the by-laws with the collaboration of Dr. Scott Rowley, Project Attorney, and expect the by-laws to be adopted by the membership within the next few days.

Personnel Store: The new personnel store was opened for business on April 7 with a fairly complete line of staple groceries, fruits, vegetables, and meats. From all indications, it seems that the new store venture will be a total success in serving the needs of the appointed personnel.

B. CO-OPERATIVE EDUCATION: PROGRAM: (Report activities of Education Committee and also progress of employee training programs.)

The Educational Department is publishing a weekly edition of the Poston Co-op News carrying explanations of the Cooperative Activities and clarification of current questions and problems which arise. Distribution of "Co-op Builder", Co-op Centennial, Rotogravure, pamphlets, and posters is carried on regularly and lectures to High School students. The Credit Union is in operation among the personnel and an effort is being made to extend its operations to evacuee residents who, to date, have shown very little interest in the idea.

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C. MEMBERSHIP MEETINGS: (Of the Co-op Congress, Delegate and District meetings. Report purpose of meeting, major matters discussed, action taken. Also here the activities of the Membership Committee during the month.)

The attendance in the Cooperative Congress and Board of Directors meeting has been commendable. It has been observed through personal contact with the various members of the Board of Directors and the members of the Cooperative Congress that their interest pertinent to the cooperative is increasing. However, it seems that they have not as yet developed to the stage where they are discussing these problems openly at their meetings to any appreciable extent. However, there is reason to believe that this condition will improve as time goes on.

II. RELOCATION: (Indicate number Co-op trained people relocated in Co-op work outside, (naming Co-op employer) and number of Co-op-trained people relocated in other employment.

Relocated to Co-op work outside -	none
Relocated to other employment -	4

III. PROBLEMS: (Indicate major problems confronting center Co-op during month, those still pending, and action taken or program planned to meet them.)

The proposal by the delegation of Camp III asking secession from the present organization has apparently died out in lieu of certain changes in our accounting and purchasing procedures which are now under study and discussion.

No other serious problems confronted nor pending.

IV. WASHINGTON OFFICE: (List matters pending in Washington office, and how that office can be of assistance to enterprise program at the center.)

None presently.

V. BUSINESS MANAGEMENT:

1. Give value and description of "dead stock" and how long on hand (30, 60 days)

No comments to make at this time and condition relative to above matter explained and discussed recently in detail with Mr. Gerald Richardson.

2. Report on services started or discontinued this month, with comment.

Services started: Domestic services program started as of May 1. This program has called forth severe criticism in the face of which we are doing our best to make the program work satisfactorily. Other proposed services being held in suspense in lieu of establishment of a proposed trust to handle such services. Present condition has considerably encouraged private enterprises.

3. List obligations due in 30 to 60 days--patronage refunds, notes payable in cash

All invoices discounted and paid when due. Patronage rebates paid in the form of scrip (Payable in merchandise) during the month approximately in the amount of \$20,000.

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BUSINESS ENTERPRISECenter Poston, Arizona**1. CO-OPERATIVE ORGANIZATION AND EDUCATION PROGRAMS: ***

A. COMMITTEES: (Report Activities this month of these committees: Management, Executive; Efficiency; Personnel; Finance; Audit; Planning; Program; Articles and By-Laws; and any other committees except those on education and membership.

Audit Committee: Initial copies of audit reports for the period July 1, 1943, to Dec. 31, 1943, received and reviewed by the Board of Directors and the management and an additional supply of 250 copies of the audit report have been ordered and are due to arrive most any day now. The audit report disclosed that the operations for the period referred to above have been quite satisfactory. However, the auditors have incorporated a summary of recommendations to the Board of Directors. Copies of the audit report will be distributed to all appropriate persons and agencies.

By-laws Committee: The English copies of the by-laws have been prepared and tentatively approved by the Board of Directors and are now in the process of translation into the Japanese language and are expected to be ready to be submitted for adoption by the membership probably about the middle of June.

Management Committee: The management committee has functioned on various routine matters. None of the other committees have been active.

B. CO-OPERATIVE EDUCATION: PROGRAM: (Report activities of Education Committee and also progress of employee training programs.)

The Educational Committee has been unsuccessful in obtaining the services of a qualified director. The person who held the job was assigned to the position of supervisor for Camp II. The Co-op News publication was curtailed to two issues in May due to this condition. Literature and newspapers were distributed as usual and films, "Here is Tomorrow" was procured for use in Camp II High School.



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C. MEMBERSHIP MEETINGS: (Of the Co-op Congress, Delegate and District meetings. Report purpose of meeting, major matters discussed, action taken. Also here the activities of the Membership Committee during the month.)

The Cooperative Congress and the Board of Directors have held regular meetings. It is apparent that the Board of Directors and the members of the Cooperative Congress are gradually taking greater interest in the affairs of the organization.

II. RELOCATION: (Indicate number Co-op trained people relocated in Co-op work outside, (naming Co-op employer) and number of Co-op-trained people relocated in other employment.

Number relocated in Co-op work - none
Number relocated in other work - 6

III. PROBLEMS: (Indicate major problems confronting center Co-op during month, those still pending, and action taken or program planned to meet them.)

No serious problems confronted at this time except that there have been numerous resignations in the personnel and the management of the organization which is liable to cause a serious handicap and disruptions in the operations of the business. However, nothing very serious is foreseen at this time.

IV. WASHINGTON OFFICE: (List matters pending in Washington office, and how that office can be of assistance to enterprise program at the center.)

None presently

V. BUSINESS MANAGEMENT:

1. Give value and description of "dead stock" and how long on hand (30,60 days)

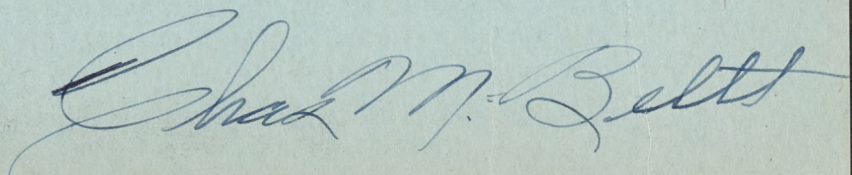
The condition of stock turn in the various departments is apparently at normal.

2. Report on services started or discontinued this month, with comment.

The domestic services program started as of May 1 has been functioning quite satisfactorily conditions and circumstances considered. We have experienced difficulty in securing applicants for the jobs offered. However, it is expected that this condition will be somewhat relieved as soon as the public schools are closed for the summer period.

3. List obligations due in 30 to 60 days--patronage refunds, notes payable in cash

Conditions under this caption are very satisfactory.



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Poston, Arizona

1. CO-OPERATIVE ORGANIZATION AND EDUCATION PROGRAMS: *

A. COMMITTEES: (Report Activities this month of these committees: Management, Executive; Efficiency; Personnel; Finance; Audit; Planning; Program; Articles and By-Laws; and any other committees except those on education and membership.

By-Laws Committee composed of representatives of the Board of Directors and three Unit cooperative congresses completed in drawing up the By- Laws to be presented to the Congress, Board and finally to the membership for adoption.

Management and audit committees cooperated with the corporation and ~~two~~ ^{who} auditors were hired from the Northwest Auditing Cooperative to make a semi-annual audit of our accounting records.

B. CO-OPERATIVE EDUCATION: PROGRAM: (Report activities of Education Committee and also progress of employee training programs.)

By discussing the provisions of the By-Laws articles by articles, both at the Co-op Congress meetings and at the Block Unit meetings, better understanding of the organization was promoted.

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C. MEMBERSHIP MEETINGS: (Of the Co-op Congress, Delegate and District meetings. Report purpose of meeting, major matters discussed, action taken. Also here the activities of the Membership Committee during the month.)

Co-op Congress meetings were held in each of the three Units. About 70% of the delegates were present at these meetings.

(1) Reports of the Board of Directors with the General Manager and Treasurers were presented; (2) By-Laws drawn by the By-Laws Committee were discussed thoroughly and decided to submit it to the membership for adoption.

II. RELOCATION: (Indicate number Co-op trained people relocated in Co-op work outside, (naming Co-op employer) and number of Co-op-trained people relocated in other employment.

Unknown

III. PROBLEMS: (Indicate major problems confronting center Co-op during month, those still pending, and action taken or program planned to meet them.)

Difficulty in filling Co-op's key positions vacated by employees' relocation and army induction. Assistant Manager's position is still vacant while resignations were handed in by the Executive Secretary and Treasurer for relocation.

IV. WASHINGTON OFFICE: (List matters pending in Washington office, and how that office can be of assistance to enterprise program at the center.)

None

V. BUSINESS MANAGEMENT:

1. Give value and description of "dead stock" and how long on hand (30,60 days)

About \$20,000 worth of our merchandise, mostly of dry goods, are dead stock. They have been on hand over one year.

2. Report on services started or discontinued this month, with comment.

One beauty shop in Unit I was closed due to shortage of workers.

3. List obligations due in 30 to 60 days--patronage refunds, notes payable in cash

Patronage refund coupons to be cashed.....\$17,702.77

P. C. Takeda
Executive Secretary

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BUSINESS ENTERPRISE

Center Colorado River
Poston, Arizona

1. CO-OPERATIVE ORGANIZATION AND EDUCATION PROGRAMS: *

A. COMMITTEES: (Report Activities this month of these committees: Management, Executive; Efficiency; Personnel; Finance; Audit; Planning; Program; Articles and By-Laws; and any other committees except those on education and membership.

Operating Committee, with approval of the Board of Directors, presented a Certificate of Merit and a present of \$50 value to Mr. Roy T. Tazawa, the retiring Executive Secretary, in appreciation of his good service during the past 15 months.

Inventory Committee: Taking advices from Mr. Hafacre, a Co-operative Auditor, and the Washington Office, our Inventory Committee made a thorough investigation of our slow moving merchandise stock and made a recommendation to the Management after approval by the Board. The Management carried out the recommendation and disposed about \$20,000 worth (retail price) of dry goods by a 4-day Clearance Sale.

By-Laws: By-Laws was submitted to membership for adoption; and it was adopted with 60% of the entire membership voting affirmatively.

B. CO-OPERATIVE EDUCATION: PROGRAM: (Report activities of Education Committee and also progress of employee training programs.)

Mr. E. H. Runcorn, Auditor-Supervisor spoke at two Co-op Congress meetings emphasizing (1) the importance of continued co-op education to insure success of a cooperative, and entire membership taking active interest in the actual operation of the cooperative. Also he lead a discussion in a co-op study group attended by 15 Directors and the General Manager.

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C. MEMBERSHIP MEETINGS: (Of the Co-op Congress, Delegate and District meetings. Report purpose of meeting, major matters discussed, action taken. Also here the activities of the Membership Committee during the month.)

The attendance in the Board of Directors meetings has been about 85% and in Co-op Congress meetings about 70%. The major matters discussed were (1) Concentration of stores; (2) Reducing inventories; (3) Election of fully qualified persons for Directors.

II. RELOCATION: (Indicate number Co-op trained people relocated in Co-op work outside, (naming Co-op employer) and number of Co-op-trained people relocated in other employment.

Relocated to Co-op work outside..... 1
(employer unknown)

Relocated to other employment..... 6

III. PROBLEMS: (Indicate major problems confronting center Co-op during month, those still pending, and action taken or program planned to meet them.)

Man-power shortage which is prevalent in the center due to relocation is affecting us severely. We were forced to close two small canteens due to lack of workers.

IV. WASHINGTON OFFICE: (List matters pending in Washington office, and how that office can be of assistance to enterprise program at the center.)

None at present

V. BUSINESS MANAGEMENT:

1. Give value and description of "dead stock" and how long on hand (30,60 days)

Dead stock on hand is about \$10,000 including dry goods, fishing equipment and grocery goods.

2. Report on services started or discontinued this month, with comment.

Services started: A Photograph Studio was opened for business in each Unit. It is opened one day in each month. A photographer and materials are furnished by the Phoenix Camera Supply Co. Light business is being done.

3. List obligations due in 30 to 60 days--patronage refunds, notes payable in cash

Outstanding patronage refund coupons exchanged for merchandise
.....\$12,193.68

P. C. Takeda
Executive Secretary

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BUSINESS ENTERPRISE

Center Colorado River
Poston, Arizona

1. CO-OPERATIVE ORGANIZATION AND EDUCATION PROGRAMS: *

A. COMMITTEES: (Report Activities this month of these committees: Management, Executive; Efficiency; Personnel; Finance; Audit; Planning; Program; Articles and By-Laws; and any other committees except those on education and membership.

Audit Committee: The Committee checked over the Cooperative's Management's Financial Statements for September, 1944, Audit Report for last half year ending June 30, 1944, and Federal Income Tax returns Forms #1120 and #1121, and Arizona State income tax returns Form #120, all of which were prepared by the Northwest Auditing Corporation.

Personnel Committee: The Committee helped to find several workers to fill the vacancies in various departments.

Inventory Committee: The Committee made further study of dead stock as it actually exists after the last months special clearance sales.

B. CO-OPERATIVE EDUCATION: PROGRAM: (Report activities of Education Committee and also progress of employee training programs.)

(1) About 100 copies of various pamphlets such as "Learning the Language", "Reading Between The Lines," "So Naturally I Buy At The Coop" published by the Cooperative League of the U.S.A. were bought by the cooperative and loaned to its employees and Board members.

(2) As a part of a vocational training ^{program}, our Shoe Repair Shops are training 11 apprentices and Beauty Shops are instructing 12 apprentices.

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C. MEMBERSHIP MEETINGS: (Of the Co-op Congress, Delegate and District meetings. Report purpose of meeting, major matters discussed, action taken. Also here the activities of the Membership Committee during the month.)

Each of the three units co-op congresses had its first regular monthly meeting ^{after the annual membership meeting} and elected its officers and as well as new directors as provided by the By-laws. At these Unit Congress Meetings reports from the management and the Board were made.

II. RELOCATION: (Indicate number Co-op trained people relocated in Co-op work outside, (naming Co-op employer) and number of Co-op-trained people relocated in other employment.

Number unknown

III. PROBLEMS: (Indicate major problems confronting center Co-op during month, those still pending, and action taken or program planned to meet them.)

(a) Due to the relocation of capable persons on the outside, we are facing extreme difficulty to find proper type of workers, particularly for the key positions. We are still unable to find a successor for Assistant General Manager.

(b) Coop education is difficult in the center partly because of confused state of people's mind as a result of W.R.A.'s relocation policy.

IV. WASHINGTON OFFICE: (List matters pending in Washington office, and how that office can be of assistance to enterprise program at the center.)

If The Washington office would do something to have the Federal Bureau of Internal Revenue to expedite on its decisions upon our claims on exemption from various taxes such as unemployment tax, which we are not receiving any benefit, it would be appreciated greatly by us.

V. BUSINESS MANAGEMENT:

1. Give value and description of "dead stock" and how long on hand (30,60 days)

Fishing tools (salt sea use).....\$2,506.05 on hand 2 years

Emery cloth (sand paper)..... 1,292.92 on hand over 1 year

Ohio Blue Tip Matches..... 2,836.80 " " " " "

2. Report on services started or discontinued this month, with comment.

None

3. List obligations due in 30 to 60 days--patronage refunds, notes payable in cash

Outstanding patronage refund coupons which are exchangeable for merchandise.....\$10,729.20



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P.C. Takeda
Executive Secretary

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BUSINESS ENTERPRISE

Center Colorado River Proj.
Poston, Arizona

1. CO-OPERATIVE ORGANIZATION AND EDUCATION PROGRAMS: *

A. COMMITTEES: (Report Activities this month of these committees: Management, Executive; Efficiency; Personnel; Finance; Audit; Planning; Program; Articles and By-Laws; and any other committees except those on education and membership.

Committee Election: At the Board of Directors' Meeting on November 25, 1944, a new election was held for the following Committees for the term of the next one year:

Management Committee of 3 members
Auditing Committee of 4 members
Personnel Committee of 4 members
Inventory Committee of 5 members
Education Committee of 4 members

Immediately following the election, each Committee met separately and elected its chairman.

Operation Committee Disolved: As an Assistant Manager was hired to head the Procurement Division of the Management, the old Operation Committee of the Board of Directors was disolved on November 25, 1944.

B. CO-OPERATIVE EDUCATION: PROGRAM: (Report activities of Education Committee and also progress of employee training programs.)

- (1) As a part of a vocational training program, our 3 Shoe Repair Shops are instructing 11 apprentices, and our Beauty Shops are giving training to 12 apprentices.
- (2) Employees are being encouraged to read literatures on Co-operatives.

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C. MEMBERSHIP MEETINGS: (Of the Co-op Congress, Delegate and District meetings. Report purpose of meeting, major matters discussed, action taken. Also here the activities of the Membership Committee during the month.)

At least one meeting was held by each of the three Units' Co-op Congress during the month to hear reports from the Board of Directors and Management and to discuss the following two topics presented by the Board:

(1) One Co-op member per family plan to simplify the book-keeping. The plan was voted negatively.

II. RELOCATION: (2) Another sacrifice-sales during Jan. Conflicting views; (Indicate number Co-op trained people relocated in Co-op work outside; (naming Co-op employer) and number of Co-op-trained people relocated in other employment.

Number unknown.

III. PROBLEMS: (Indicate major problems confronting center Co-op during month, those still pending, and action taken or program planned to meet them.)

Difficulty of carrying on any effective educational program due to temporary nature of the community.

IV. WASHINGTON OFFICE: (List matters pending in Washington office, and how that office can be of assistance to enterprise program at the center.)

Washington office's assistance is desired in straightening out various tax matters for the Center Co-operatives. At present we are compelled to pay such federal and state Unemployment and Social Security Taxes which we do not feel justified to pay.

V. BUSINESS MANAGEMENT:

1. Give value and description of "dead stock" and how long on hand (30,60 days)
Fishing tools (salt sea use)....\$2,506.05 on hand 2 years
Emery cloth (sand paper)..... 1,292.92 on hand 1 year
Other general Mdse..... 4,342.40 on hand 1 year

2. Report on services started or discontinued this month, with comment.

Telegram money order service was started on November 15, 1944, under new contract entered with Western Union Telegraph Company.

3. List obligations due in 30 to 60 days--patronage refunds, notes payable in cash

Outstanding patronage refund coupons which are exchange-
able for merchandise.....\$7,052.18

Arizona State Income Tax payable..... 1,200.00

Submitted by

P. C. Takeda

Executive Secretary

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BUSINESS ENTERPRISE

Center Col. River Project
Poston, Arizona

1. CO-OPERATIVE ORGANIZATION AND EDUCATION PROGRAMS: *

A. COMMITTEES: (Report Activities this month of these committees: Management, Executive; Efficiency; Personnel; Finance; Audit; Planning; Program; Articles and By-Laws; and any other committees except those on education and membership.

Management Committee: The Management Committee held its weekly meeting regularly during the month and made several recommendations to the Board of Directors Meetings. The Committees ~~appointments~~ recommendations included the creation of Liquidation Committee, appointment of a full time Procurement Dept. Head to relieve some of the General Manager's and Assistant General Manager's responsibilities, increasing check-cashing fund.

Personnel Committee: This Committee, jointly with the Management Committee, helped to make certain ^{adjustment of} personnel problems existed among Management workers.

Auditing Committee: This Committee audited the Co-op's accounting statement of November, 1944, and reported its finding to the Board.

B. CO-OPERATIVE EDUCATION: PROGRAM: (Report activities of Education Committee and also progress of employee training programs.)

Aside from apprentice training in our shoe-repair shops and beauty shops, nothing was done particularly for education.

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C. MEMBERSHIP MEETINGS: (Of the Co-op Congress, Delegate and District meetings. Report purpose of meeting, major matters discussed, action taken. Also here the activities of the Membership Committee during the month.)

Co-op Congress: Each of the three Units Co-op Congress met at least once (5 meetings in all) during the month and discussed mostly (1) method and time of disposal of dead and slow moving stocks, (2) method of tobacco rationing. Each Unit's Co-op Congress elected its own Inventory Committee to work jointly with the similar Committee of the Board of Directors to assist the Management to take accurate physical inventory each month.

II. RELOCATION: (Indicate number Co-op trained people relocated in Co-op work outside, (naming Co-op employer) and number of Co-op-trained people relocated in other employment.

Number unknown.

III. PROBLEMS: (Indicate major problems confronting center Co-op during month, those still pending, and action taken or program planned to meet them.)

Difficulty of carrying on cooperative education and employee training program still persists due to temporal nature and unnatural condition of center life.

IV. WASHINGTON OFFICE: (List matters pending in Washington office, and how that office can be of assistance to enterprise program at the center.)

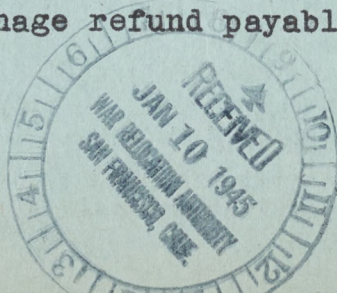
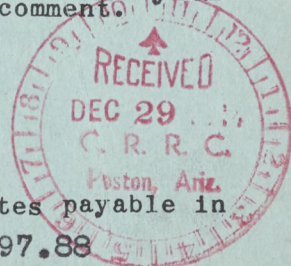
1. Assistance in obtaining exemption from Federal and State Unemployment Tax and Federal Income Tax.

V. BUSINESS MANAGEMENT:

1. Give value and description of "dead stock" and how long on hand (30,60 days)
Fishing tools \$2, 506.05 on hand two years
Emery cloth 1,292.92 on hand one year
Ohio Blue Tip Match 1,500.00 on hand two years
Dry Goods 3,000.00 on hand one year
2. Report on services started or discontinued this month, with comments.

None.

3. List obligations due in 30 to 60 days--patronage refunds, notes payable in cash
Patronage refund payable \$23,997.88



by P. C. Takeda
P. C. Takeda
Executive Secretary

POSTON CO-OPERATIVE ENTERPRISES, INC.
Colorado River Relocation Center
Poston, Arizona

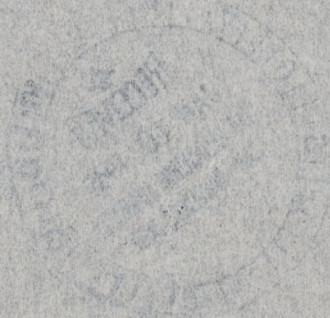
Additional Statistical Reports

As of November 30, 1944:

Population of the Center.....	11,201
Co-op employees.....	236
Co-op membership.....	4,931

As of December 29, 1944:

Population of the Center.....	11,291
Co-op employees.....	231
Co-op membership.....	4,926





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Monthly Report

Month Ending Jan. 31 1945

BUSINESS ENTERPRISE

Center Colorado River Proj.
Poston, Arizona

1. CO-OPERATIVE ORGANIZATION AND EDUCATION PROGRAMS: *

A. COMMITTEES: (Report Activities this month of these committees: Management, Executive; Efficiency; Personnel; Finance; Audit; Planning; Program; Articles and By-Laws; and any other committees except those on education and membership.

Management Committee: This Committee held its weekly meetings regularly on each Friday mornings and made following recommendations to the Board of Directors and the Management:

- (1) Management to require all official business trips by employees to be approved by the Management Committee.
- (2) To terminate participation in the operation of Mojave Room.
- (3) To revise warehouse system after the pattern of Gila River Co-op. and move entire Procurement Department to the warehouse office to assist the warehouse operation under the new system.
- (4) Redemption of Certificate of Indebtedness in February, 1945.

Liquidation Committee: The Committee met for the first time on January 13, 1945, and made following recommendations to the Board of Directors and Management:

- (1) Discontinuance of replenishment of shoe stock except children's shoes.
- (2) Concentration of three Units' Shoe department into Unit I.
- (3) Adoption of "hand to mouth" buying policy for dry goods and notion goods.

Inventory Committee: The Committee participated in physical inventory taking of all stores and shops on January 3, 1945.

B. CO-OPERATIVE EDUCATION: PROGRAM: (Report activities of Education Committee and also progress of employee training programs.)

Education Committee: The Committee appointed Mr. R. Kushino an editor for Poston Co-op News on January 20, 1945. The Committee met on January 24th and decided following things:

- (1) To resume publishing weekly the Poston Co-op News immediately.
- (2) Each issue of the News is to consist of two mimeographed pages mostly or entirely in Japanese, and to be distributed to all occupied apartments in three Units.
- (3) The purpose of the News is to furnish the public pertinent informations concerning the policy and operation of the Coop

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C. MEMBERSHIP MEETINGS: (Of the Co-op Congress, Delegate and District meetings. Report purpose of meeting, major matters discussed, action taken. Also here the activities of the Membership Committee during the month.)

Co-op Congress: Each of the three Units Co-op Congress met at least once during the month and received reports from the Board of Directors and the Management. The major matter discussed were (1) redemption of Certificate of Indebtedness in coupons, (2) prevention of warehouse shortage and, (3) disposal of slow-moving stocks of shoes. The meeting passed a resolution requesting the Management to place two night watchmen at warehouses as soon as possible.

II. RELOCATION: (Indicate number Co-op trained people relocated in Co-op work outside, (naming Co-op employer) and number of Co-op-trained people relocated in other employment.

Unknown.

III. PROBLEMS: (Indicate major problems confronting center Co-op during month, those still pending, and action taken or program planned to meet them.)

Since the announcement of the center closing within 6 months to one year, residents are becoming increasingly preoccupied with relocation problems and are growing restless. Consequently, the Co-op delegates and employees lost their interest in the Co-op.

Attendance records of Co-op Congresses dropped by about 40%. Practically entire employees lost enthusiasm in work.

IV. WASHINGTON OFFICE: (List matters pending in Washington office, and how that office can be of assistance to enterprise program at the center.)

Assistance in obtaining exemption from Federal and State Unemployment taxes and Federal Income tax.

V. BUSINESS MANAGEMENT:

1. Give value and description of "dead stock" and how long on hand (30,60 days)
Fishing tools \$2,500 on hand 2 years
Emery cloth 1,290 on hand 1 year (over)
Dry goods 3,500 on hand 1 year (over)

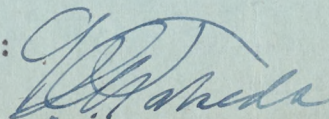
2. Report on services started or discontinued this month, with comment.

The Co-op terminated its participation of the operation of the Mojave Room (making and sales of artificial flowers for funerals, sales of evacuee artists' products, etc.) because the W. R.A. withdrew its participation.

3. List obligations due in 30 to 60 days--patronage refunds, notes payable in cash

Certificates of Indebtedness to be redeemed . . . \$58,709.09

reported by:



P. C. Takeda, Ex. Sec.

POSTON CO-OPERATIVE ENTERPRISES, INC.
Poston, Arizona

Supplementary Information

As of December 31, 1944:

Population of the center. . .	11,312
Co-op employees	231
Co-op Membership.	4,926

As of January 31, 1945:

Population of the center. . .	11,065
Co-op employees	197
Co-op Membership.	4,915



POSTON CO-OPERATIVE ENTERPRISES, INC.
Poston, Arizona

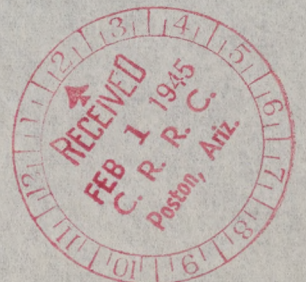
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Co-op employees 231
Co-op Membership 4,926

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Co-op employees 197
Co-op Membership 4,919



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Monthly Report

Month Ending Feb. 28 1945BUSINESS ENTERPRISECenter Colorado River
Poston, Arizona

1. CO-OPERATIVE ORGANIZATION AND EDUCATION PROGRAMS: *

A. COMMITTEES: (Report Activities this month of these committees: Management, Executive; Efficiency; Personnel; Finance; Audit; Planning; Program; Articles and By-Laws; and any other committees except those on education and membership.

Management Committee: This Committee held its weekly Friday morning meeting regularly and discussed about resignations of President and Treasurer, closing of Radio Repair Shop and Photo Shops, placing night watchmen at dry goods stores, automobile insurances, etc., and made proper recommendation to the Board of Directors.

B. CO-OPERATIVE EDUCATION PROGRAM: (Report activities of Education Committee and also progress of employee training programs.)

- (1) Weekly Co-op News in Japanese language has been printed 4200 copies per week ~~which~~ were distributed to all apartments and offices *in the center.*
- (2) Apprentice training project has been carried on by beauty shops and shoe repair shops.
- (3) Mimeographed copies of Board of Directors meetings were distributed among all block delegates and employees.

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C. MEMBERSHIP MEETINGS: (Of the Co-op Congress, Delegate and District meetings. Report purpose of meeting, major matters discussed, action taken. Also here the activities of the Membership Committee during the month.)

Co-op Congress: Each of the three Units' Co-op Congress held its monthly meeting and heard reports from the Board of Directors and the Management. Major matters discussed were (1) WRA bill #WRA1-76-45, (2) increasing burglary hazzard for warehouses and stores, (3) liquidation procedure.

II. RELOCATION: (Indicate number Co-op trained people relocated in Co-op work outside, (naming Co-op employer) and number of Co-op-trained people relocated in other employment.

Unknown

III. PROBLEMS: (Indicate major problems confronting center Co-op during month, those still pending, and action taken or program planned to meet them.)

Resignations of a number of persons in key positions of the Co-operative and extreme difficulty in filling the vacancies.

IV. WASHINGTON OFFICE: (List matters pending in Washington office, and how that office can be of assistance to enterprise program at the center.)

- (1) Assistance in obtaining exemption/ from Federal Unemployment tax for which the Center Co-operatives cannot receive any benefit at all.
- (2) Assistance in obtaining Federal Income Tax exemption which has been granted to all other Center Co-op.

V. BUSINESS MANAGEMENT:

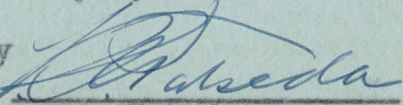
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Fishing tools.....\$2,500 on hand 2 years
Emery cloth..... 1,000 on hand over 1 year
Dry goods..... 3,000 on hand over 1 year
2. Report on services started or discontinued this month, with comment.

None

3. List obligations due in 30 to 60 days--patronage refunds, notes payable in cash

Accounts payable due in 10 days \$10,962.99

Reported by


P. C. Takeda
Executive Secretary

POSTON CO-OPERATIVE ENTERPRISES, INC.
Poston, Arizona

Supplementary Statistics

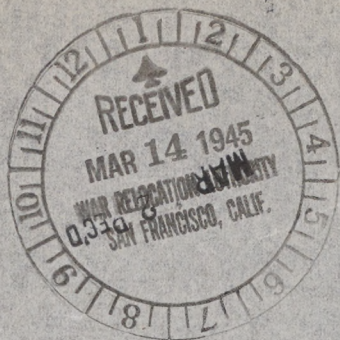
As of February 27, 1945:

Population of the Center 10,821

Co-op Employees 190

Co-op Membership 5,313





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Monthly Report

BUSINESS ENTERPRISE

Center Colorado River
Poston, Arizona

1. CO-OPERATIVE ORGANIZATION AND EDUCATION PROGRAMS: *

A. COMMITTEES: (Report Activities this month of these committees: Management, Executive; Efficiency; Personnel; Finance; Audit; Planning; Program; Articles and By-Laws; and any other committees except those on education and membership.)

Management Committee: This committee held its weekly meeting on Friday morning at 9:00 a.m. regularly. The resignation of Paul C. Takeda, Executive Secretary was approved due to his relocating to Cleveland. Mas. Miyasaki was appointed by the Board of Directors as Mr. Takeda's successor. Due to the resignation of Treasurer Mr. S. Amano, Mr. T. Obata became successor. Resignation of Mr. Inagaki was tabled until the term is over which is April 15th.

B. CO-OPERATIVE EDUCATION: PROGRAM: (Report activities of Education Committee and also progress of employee training programs.)

1. Weekly Co-op News in Japanese language was printed and distributed to the people throughout Poston Center.
2. Mimeographed copies of Board of Directors Meeting and financial statement for the month of February was sent out to all the members and Co-op employees.

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C. MEMBERSHIP MEETINGS: (Of the Co-op Congress, Delegate and District meetings. Report purpose of meeting, major matters discussed, action taken. Also here the activities of the Membership Committee during the month.)

Congress meetings were held at least once a month at various camp meeting places. The major matters discussed were: 1. method of clearing dead stocks as soon as possible, either by bulk sales to outside wholesale houses or sell at a loss to the people of the center. The latter method was agreed upon. 2. the financial statement of the month of January was reported to the Congress by the Executive Secretary.

II. RELOCATION: (Indicate number Co-op trained people relocated in Co-op work outside, (naming Co-op employer) and number of Co-op-trained people relocated in other employment.

Unknown.

III. PROBLEMS: (Indicate major problems confronting center Co-op during month, those still pending, and action taken or program planned to meet them.)

The major problem the Co-op is facing is that the experienced officers and workers are relocating in view of the liquidation of the Centers' Co-ops.

IV. WASHINGTON OFFICE: (List matters pending in Washington office, and how that office can be of assistance to enterprise program at the center.)

V. BUSINESS MANAGEMENT:

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Fishing tools such as hooks, poles, etc. \$1,100.00 on hand 2 years
Emery cloth 1,000.00 on hand 1 year
Dry goods 9,000.00 on hand 1 year

2. Report on services started or discontinued this month, with comment.

Unit 2 Radio Shop was vacated on March 31, 1945.

3. List obligations due in 30 to 60 days--patronage refunds, notes payable in cash

Scripts exchangeable for merchandise



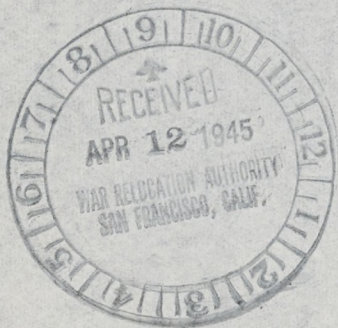
By *[Signature]*
Executive Secretary

POSTON CO-OPERATIVE ENTERPRISES, INC.,
Poston, Arizona

Supplementary Statistics
as to March 31,
1945.

Population	10,635	March 30, 1945
Co-op Membership . . .	5,064	March 31, 1945
Co-op Employee	180 - 21	Apprentice

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BUSINESS ENTERPRISE

Center Colorado River
Poston, Arizona

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V. BUSINESS MANAGEMENT:

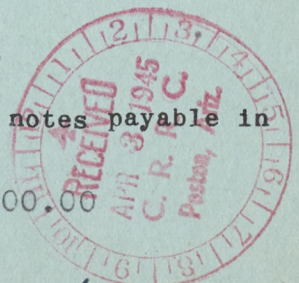
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Dry goods 9,000.00 on hand $\frac{1}{2}$ year

2. Report on services started or discontinued this month, with comment.

Unit 2 Radio Shop was vacated on March 31, 1945.

3. List obligations due in 30 to 60 days--patronage refunds, notes payable in cash

Scripts exchangeable for merchandise \$5,000.00



By *[Signature]*
Executive Secy

POSTON CO-OPERATIVE ENTERPRISES, INC.
Poston, Arizona

Supplementary Statistics
as of April 1, 1945

Population	10,191
Co-operative Membership	4,708
Co-operative Employees	178

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Monthly Report

BUSINESS ENTERPRISECenter Poston, Arizona

1. CO-OPERATIVE ORGANIZATION AND EDUCATION PROGRAMS: *

A. COMMITTEES: (Report Activities this month of these committees: Management, Executive; Efficiency; Personnel; Finance; Audit; Planning; Program; Articles and By-Laws; and any other committees except those on education and membership.

1. The Management Dept. have held their weekly meeting on Friday morning at 9:00 o'clock.
2. Board meetings were held every other week on Saturday 1:30 P.M.
3. Liquidation Committee met on the 11th of May and preparations for closure were discussed.
4. An ammendment to the Articles of Incorporation was introduced to the Board of Directors by Executive Secretary Mas. Miyasaki.

B. CO-OPERATIVE EDUCATION: PROGRAM: (Report activities of Education Committee and also progress of employee training programs.)

1. Distribution of the Co-op News edited by the Poston Co-operative Enterprises, Inc.
2. Liquidation Committee together with store managers held a meeting to decrease inventory. A Special Sales was scheduled for 25th to the 31st of May. Advertising methods were discussed.

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C. MEMBERSHIP MEETINGS: (Of the Co-op Congress, Delegate and District meetings. Report purpose of meeting, major matters discussed, action taken. Also here the activities of the Membership Committee during the month.)

Congress meeting throughout the 3 units had their monthly meetings. Chairman, Vice Chairman and Secretaries were elected in each Unit.

II. RELOCATION: (Indicate number Co-op trained people relocated in Co-op work outside, (naming Co-op employer) and number of Co-op-trained people relocated in other employment.

Unknown.

~~xxxxxxx lack of office workers and store clerks has become
xxxxxxx problem, however, after this month the high schools~~

III. PROBLEMS: (Indicate major problems confronting center Co-op during month, those still pending, and action taken or program planned to meet them.)

1. The lack of office workers and store clerks has become a major problem, however, after this month the High Schools will graduate many students and there is a good prospect to remedy this shortage.

2. President T. Kitabayashi resigned due to ill health.

IV. WASHINGTON OFFICE: (List matters pending in Washington office, and how that office can be of assistance to enterprise program at the center.)

Regards to Exemption.

The application for exemption and all the information was in the hands of the state, however, recently they have transferred all the data and applications to the Federal Income Tax Commissioner, Washington, D.C., and we are waiting to hear from the Commissioner.

V. BUSINESS MANAGEMENT:

1. Give value and description of "dead stock" and how long on hand (30,60 days)
 1. Fishing tackles & Equipment \$ 900.00 2 years
 2. Emery Cloth. 1000.00 1½ "
 3. Dry Goods . . . Sold out at last sales

2. Report on services started or discontinued this month, with comment.

Photo Shop closed as of May 31, 1945.

3. List obligations due in 30 to 60 days--patronage refunds, notes payable in cash
\$16,034.65 paid to members as Patronage Dividend for the months of April, May, June of 1944.

Reported by,

M. Miyasaki
Executive Secretary

Poston Co-op. Enterprises, Inc.

POSTON CO-OPERATIVE ENTERPRISES, INC.
Colorado River Relocation Center
Poston, Arizona

SUPPLEMENTARY STATISTICS

As of May 31, 1945:

Population of Center Residents . .9,809

Co-operative Employees 189

Co-operative Membership 4,822



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Monthly Report

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1. CO-OPERATIVE ORGANIZATION AND EDUCATION PROGRAMS: *

A. COMMITTEES: (Report Activities this month of these committees: Management, Executive; Efficiency; Personnel; Finance; Audit; Planning; Program; Articles and By-Laws; and any other committees except those on education and membership.

1. The management dept. held their weekly meeting on Friday morning at 9:00 o'clock.
2. The regular meeting of the Board of Directors are held every other week on Wednesday.
3. Liquidation committee, together with the store managers held a meeting in regards to the closure of camp cooperative.
4. Personnel meeting was held on June 21, 1945, to employ a general manager. It was decided to choose candidates for general manager and introduce them to the Board of Directors for final decision.

B. CO-OPERATIVE EDUCATION: PROGRAM: (Report activities of Education Committee and also progress of employee training programs.)

1. Coop News edited by Mr. Kushino were distributed to the members and other center coops.
2. The special sales was advertised extensively. As a result, the coop. experienced an inventory decrease of over \$23,000.00. Our inventory was over \$131,000.00 last October and November of 1944, however, our present inventory after the last sales is less than \$70,000.00.

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C. MEMBERSHIP MEETINGS. (Of the Co-op Congress, Delegate and District meet. Report purpose of meeting, major matters discussed, action taken. Also here the activities of the Membership Committee during the month.)

The monthly meeting of the congress was held separately in Units I, II, and III.

II. RELOCATION: (Indicate number Co-op trained people relocated in Co-op work outside, (naming Co-op employer) and number of Co-op-trained people relocated in other employment.

Unknown.

III. PROBLEMS: (Indicate major problems confronting center Co-op during month, those still pending, and action taken or program planned to meet them.)

1. To make definite plans in liquidating the Poston Coop.

2. According to closure orders from Washington, Units II and III are to close before Unit I. The people of Units II and III wish the Coop. to liquidate before the closure of II and III unit. We are planning to close all units at the same time and run necessary stores under cost plus plan controlled by trustees.

IV. WASHINGTON OFFICE: (List matters pending in Washington office, and how that office can be of assistance to enterprise program at the center.)

Regards to exemption on income taxes.

All datas, information and application for exemption has been made to the Federal Internal Revenue, however, the head commissioner hasn't notified us of any action.

V. BUSINESS MANAGEMENT:

1. Give value and description of "dead stock" and how long on hand (30,60 days)

1. Fishing tackles and equipment unsold.....\$	900.00	...2 years
2. Every cloth and sand paper	1000.00	...1 1/2 "
3. Shoes total inventory.....	15,000.00	

Note: Some of these shoes have been on hand for years and many can be sold if shoe stamps were available. Could your office negotiate with the OPA and make it possible for us to dispose the shoes ration-free. If not this will be our major problem.

3. List obligations due in 30 to 60 days--patronage refunds, notes payable in cash

\$5,375.33 payable in the next 30 days.

Submitted by
POSTON COOP. ENT, INC.
Mas. Miyasaki
Mas. Miyasaki
Executive Secretary

POSTON COOPERATIVE ENTERPRISES, INC.

Colorado River Relocation Center

Poston, Arizona

Supplementary Statistics
as of June 30, 1945

Population of Center resident....9173

Cooperative employees.....233

Cooperative Membership.....4809

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Month Ending July 1945

Monthly Report

BUSINESS ENTERPRISE

Center Colorado River WRA

1. CO-OPERATIVE ORGANIZATION AND EDUCATION PROGRAMS: *

A. COMMITTEES: (Report Activities this month of these committees: Management, Executive; Efficiency; Personnel; Finance; Audit; Planning; Program; Articles and By-Laws; and any other committees except those on education and membership.

1. Management Dept. have held their regular meeting every Friday morning at 9 a.m.
2. Board meeting were held every other week on Saturday, 1:30 p.m.
3. A special meeting of the Congress was held to declare the closure of our Co-op. The date of dissolution was decided as October 1, 1945.
4. The Liquidation Committee convened on July 31. A tentative closure program was introduced by Executive Secretary.
5. Resolution for ammendment of the Articles of Incorporation was made by the Board.

B. CO-OPERATIVE EDUCATION: PROGRAM: (Report activities of Education Committee and also progress of employee training programs.)

1. Distribution of Co-op News was made every week, edited by the Poston Co-op.
2. Special Sales was scheduled to be held from 9th to 18th of August.

*Co-Operative success is measured by group action and results. This report should cover activity and progress of co-op organization in general, and supplements WRA Forms 233 and 234. Under Sections A, B, C, report developments which indicate increased evacuee participation, leadership and service to community: (1) meetings held, action taken, interest shown and attendance; (1) Progress and results of programs previously inaugurated; (3) Obstacles and lack of progress encountered and your program to overcome them. Use additional sheets if necessary and attach to this form.)

C. MEMBERSHIP MEETINGS: (Of the Co-op Congress, Delegate and District meetings. Report purpose of meeting, major matters discussed, action taken. Also here the activities of the Membership Committee during the month.)

1. Congress Meeting was held to pass resolution for closure of Center Co-op in Poston Units.
2. Amendment of Articles of Incorporation was to be studied and a special meeting was scheduled to be held for this purpose.

II. RELOCATION: (Indicate number Co-op trained people relocated in Co-op work outside, (naming Co-op employer) and number of Co-op-trained people relocated in other employment.

Mr. Riichi Kushino -- Salt Lake City, Utah.

III. PROBLEMS: (Indicate major problems confronting center Co-op during month, those still pending, and action taken or program planned to meet them.)

1. Resignation of Tom Miyamoto, General Manager - Relocation.
2. Resignation of J. T. Obata, - Relocation
Treasurer
3. Exemption of Federal & State Income Tax.

IV. WASHINGTON OFFICE: (List matters pending in Washington office, and how that office can be of assistance to enterprise program at the center.)

Regards to Exemption of Taxes:

We wish the authority to give us an answer on this soon as Poston Co-op will only be in existence for a few months in the future. This Co-op has been operated by the past cooperators as exempted so there is no fund set up to cover the Taxes if denied exemption.

V. BUSINESS MANAGEMENT:

1. Give value and description of "dead stock" and how long on hand (30,60 days)

1. Fishing Equipment -- \$900.00 -- 2 years.
2. Emery Cloth -- \$1000.00 -- 1½ years.

2. Report on services started or discontinued this month, with comment.

1. Camp 3 shoe repair shop discontinued as of June 31.
2. Camp 1 store 3 grocery store discontinued as of July 31.

3. List obligations due in 30 to 60 days--patronage refunds, notes payable in cash

Patronage dividend rebate for period July to December of \$43,725.68 declared to be paid on August 8, 1945.

Submitted by,

Mas. Miyasaki, Executive Secretary

POSTON CO-OPERATIVE ENTERPRISES, INC.
Colorado River Relocation Project
Poston, Arizona

SUPPLEMENTARY STATISTICS

As of July 31, 1945

Population of Center Residents 8,472

Co-operative Employees 195

Co-operative Membership 4,893

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