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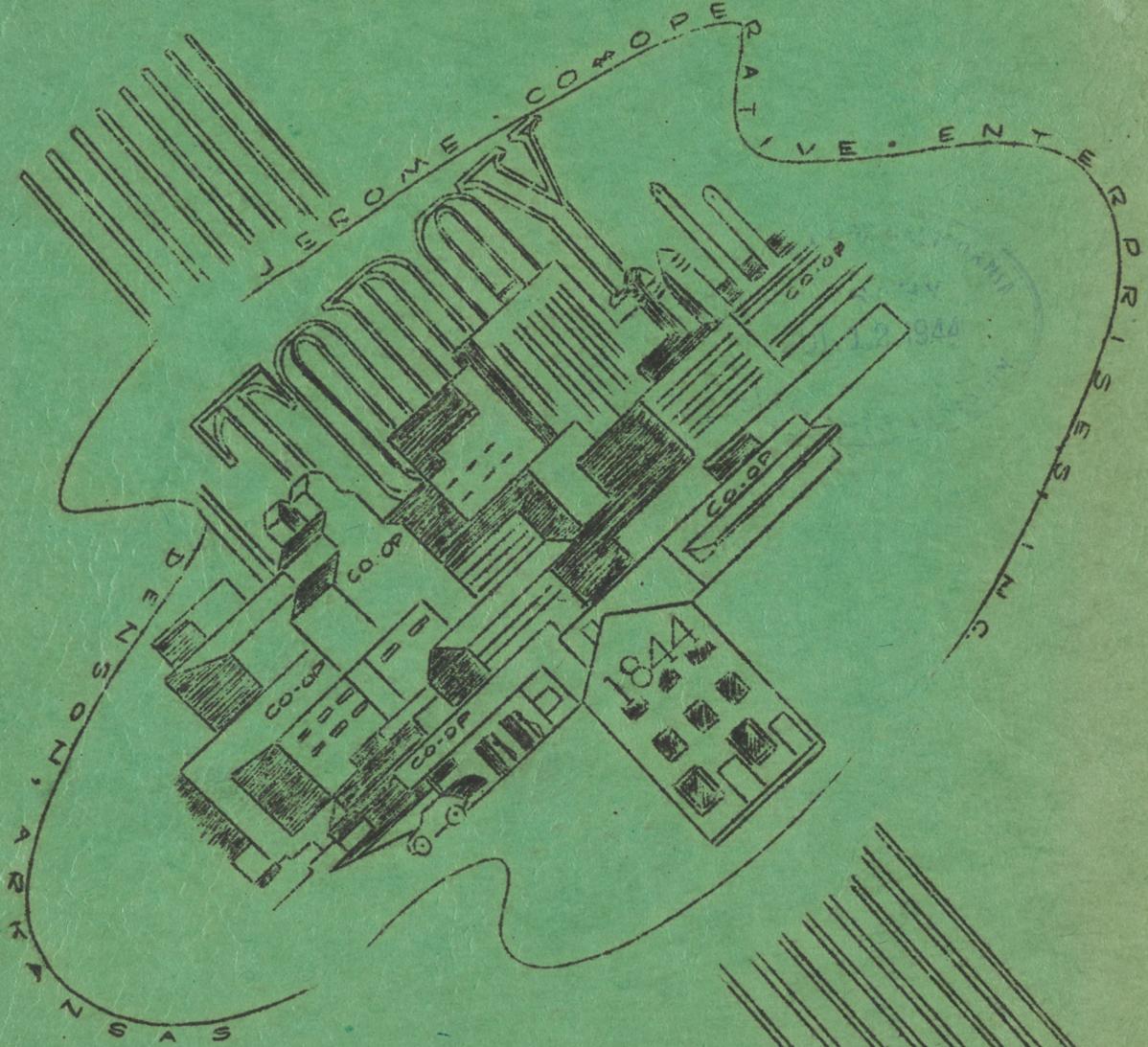
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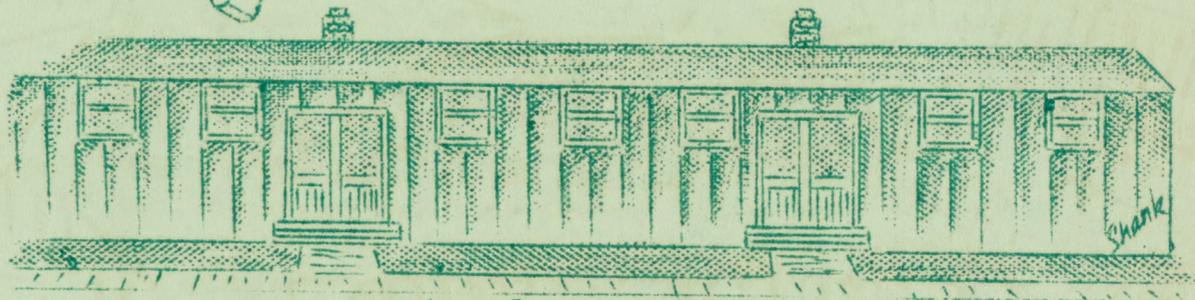
Today, determined and expectantly awaiting the decisive moment, this whole nation is gripped with pre-invasion tension. In the coming month, so that we can play our part in America's vital war effort, our life in Denson will be terminated abruptly and resumed in four other relocation centers.

Marking this history-making year more significant for us, who directly witnessed the rise and fall of the Jerome Co-op, is the Centennial of the Rochdale Cooperative. On December 21, 1844, Toad Lane, then a lonely street in the humble city of Rochdale, England was dark, grimy and lined with ugly warehouses. It was here, exactly a century ago that the twenty-eight poverty-stricken weavers in the textile mills joined hands to sow the seed for the great accomplishments of the modern world-wide cooperative movement.

Hence, the emblem of the Centennial faithfully drawn on the cover of this issue will certainly serve its purpose in emphasizing the importance of the year--1944.

Through the Co-op, we have acquired the Cooperative Spirit, applied its Democratic Principles, and, moreover, endeavored to maintain a maximum of human dignity within the limitation of our present circumstances. It is to this spiritual accomplishment manifested among the Co-op employees as well as other strictly material successes of the Co-op recognized by the members that the editors of the souvenir issue dedicate this Farewell Album on this day of May 31, 1944. May this issue serve as a pleasant remembrance of our brief acquaintance through the Co-op and as an inspiration for the furtherance of fellowship among future cooperative fighters.

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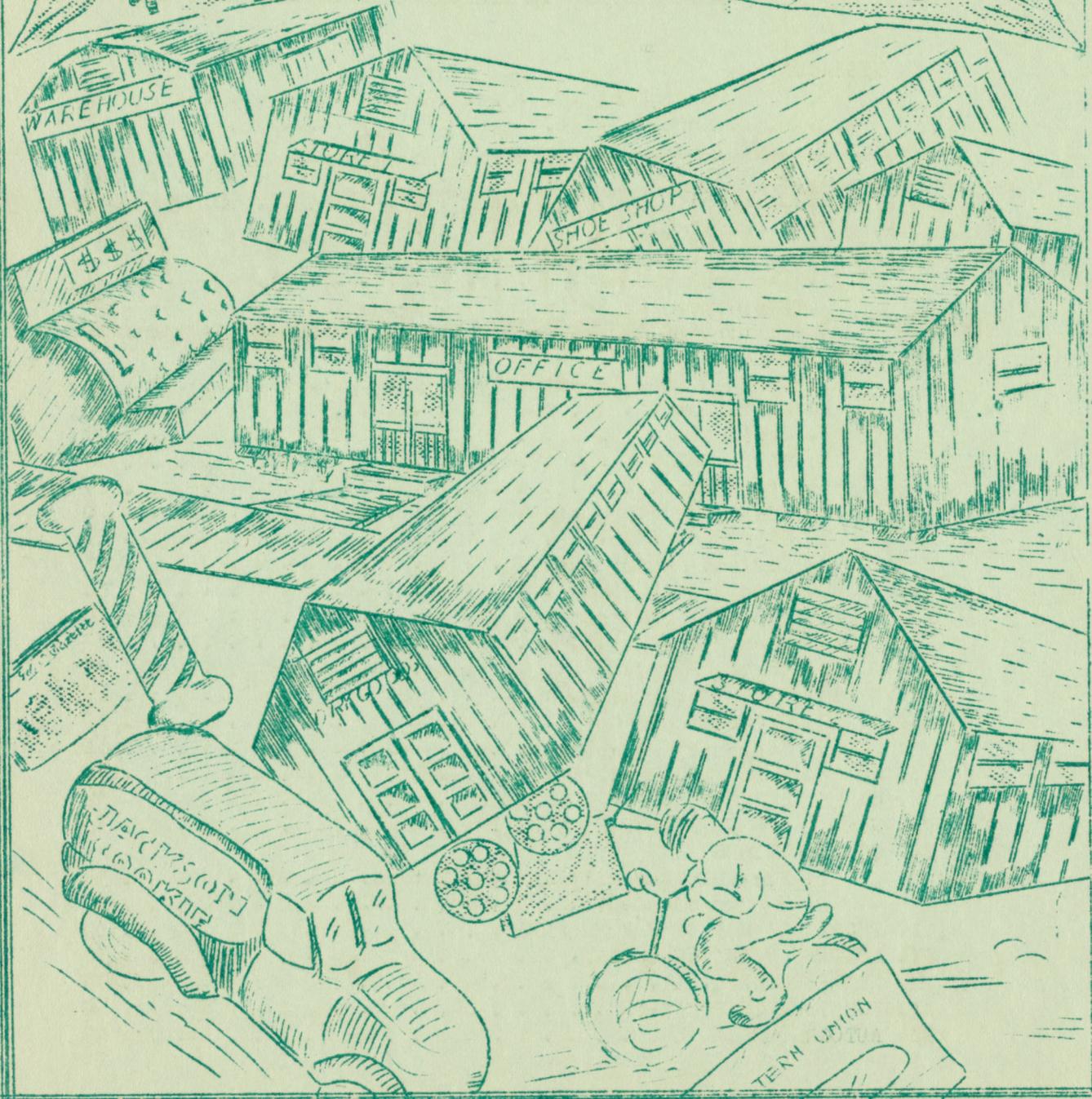
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message by  
E. B. WHITAKER

To the Employees of Jerome Co-op:

In reviewing the activities of the Jerome Co-operative Enterprises we find much for which we can be proud. This can be attributed to the spirit shown by residents of the center and the leadership shown by the Cooperative staff itself. These accomplishments have been in the field of financial success and business efficiency. A large share of the credit should go to the employees of the Enterprises because it has been through their execution of the Board of Directors' plans that the high degree of success has been attained.

Let us not forget, however, that other phase of cooperative experience--that of democratic principles applied to our economic life. Many citizens of this center have had their first glimpse of and contact with the cooperative idea. It therefore should be your responsibility, because of your knowledge and experience, to continue furthering these ideas among the people so that they may make such ideas contribute to the success of their future life.

This office wishes each and every member of the Jerome Cooperative Enterprises the greatest possible success in the days yet to come.

E. B. Whitaker  
Project Director

message by  
R. E. ARNE

To the Employees of Jerome Co-op:

Only a cooperative humanity can successfully meet the challenge of our day. The world, during the present great conflict, is having impressed upon it the significance of this statement. It is particularly significant, therefore, that the World Cooperative Movement should this year be celebrating its 100th birthday. A century has passed since the weavers of Rochdale organized the Equitable Society of Rochdale Pioneers, and enunciated a set of principles so full of import to our world of today.

Founded upon the Rochdale Principles, the Jerome Cooperative Enterprises have achieved an enviable place in the history of the War Relocation Authority and the U. S. Cooperative Movement. The Authority is a unique agency and the Jerome Relocation Center will have the distinction of being the first to complete its life cycle. It is therefore extremely important that an adequate documentary record, to which end such publications as this Album will make real contributions, be preserved. In such a context, the history of the Jerome Cooperative Enterprises is a success story of unusual interest. It reflects great credit upon the residents of the center who have entered so wholeheartedly into the Cooperative organization and upon the Congress of Delegates, the Board of Directors and the able management of the enterprises. This management includes the one hundred forty odd employees. To these I offer my sincere congratulations. The weavers of Rochdale would have marvelled at the speed and forthrightness with which you achieved your success in carrying forward the cooperative principles they enunciated one hundred years ago.

Runo E. Arne  
Assistant Project Director  
Community Management Division

message by  
Don ELBERSON

SUPERINTENDENT OF JEROME COOPERATIVE  
ENTERPRISES, INC.

To the employees of Jerome Co-op:

It seems to me that this Souvenir Album should serve as a reminder of some significant accomplishments on your part which will not quickly fade merely because of the closing of this center. These accomplishments are significant, however, not only because of tireless effort on the part of a group of well trained and competent employees, but also because of the deep-seated belief in the cooperative movement on the part of the cooperative leaders and the thorough-going understanding on the part of the residents of this center.

It is easier for me to make these statements and to see with a clear eye because I have not been identified with the organization of the cooperative up to and including its mature stages of development. Therefore, when I say you have developed an outstanding organization and one with much strength, I say it not only as an outsider but also as one who has had a chance to know your organization intimately.

This successful excursion into the field of group endeavor should hold great importance for the people of this center during and after the present war. For the first time, many of you have learned about and come into contact with a movement that is daily putting into effect its concept of economic and racial democracy. It is well that you have had this experience because the banding together of common people everywhere for the common solution of their problems is and will increasingly become the most significant thing happening during our lives. Therefore, it is your responsibility to your people and common people everywhere to actively participate in this movement and similar movements which are striving endlessly to bring to us a maximum of human dignity.

If work with the cooperative has given you the desire to search further into this idea and to apply it to your life of the future you have indeed had a most profitable experience. It is my most sincere hope that the future will find all of you among the fighters for this ideal.

Today 73,000,000 families in the world, two million in the United States, are members of consumer cooperatives.

# M. C. ERKKILA

FORMER SUPERINTENDENT OF JEROME  
COOPERATIVE ENTERPRISES, INC.

We are very proud of our association with Mr. Mauritz C. Erkkila, our former Superintendent of Business Enterprises, who is now serving in the United States Navy. Also we would like to express our appreciation for the help and good will he has always given us.

At the inception of our plans for the "Souvenir Album" we wrote him asking for a message. Although the message was sent, due to some error, we did not receive it. However, in this edition we have included a poem "My Conscience" written by him, which may in part prove to be a thought from him.

Mr. Erkkila received his college training at Duluth State Teachers' College and the City College of New York, intermittently teaching in summer camps and organizing labor unions. In 1939 he became the Cooperative Educational Director for the Minnesota Arrowhead district. At the same time he not only taught classes in cooperatives and their methods but also organized new cooperatives, reestablished old ones, and set up auxiliary units of guilds and youth leagues to foster co-op ideals. Later he managed the St. Louis Potato Growers' Association in the state of Minnesota and helped rehabilitate the farmers of that district. Therefore, we find that he had all the qualifications to help establish the Jerome Cooperative Enterprises, Inc.

While attending the National Co-op Congress at Minneapolis, he became interested in the business enterprises of the W.R.A. Centers. Thus, on January of 1943 he came to the Jerome Relocation Center as Assistant Superintendent of that division, later becoming the Superintendent.

Due to Mr. Erkkila's constant effort and leadership through the first perilous steps of organization, the Jerome Cooperative Enterprises, Inc., became firmly established financially and in membership cooperation. He was a convincing speaker with an earnest desire to give greater security to his fellow men and readily won the wholehearted confidence of all the residents of the Center.

We salute you, Seaman Erkkila, and wish you and your family the best of luck in the future.

message by  
K. ISERI

PRESIDENT OF JEROME COOPERATIVE  
ENTERPRISES, INC.

To the employees of Jerome Co-op:

On the eve of another departure to unknown destinations and the eventual dissolution of the Jerome Cooperative Enterprises, I cannot help from being disturbed by the complex emotions of gratitude and sorrow.

Being one of the organizers who took an active part in building our Cooperative, it is rather painful for me to see its sudden end. Many new activities and an extensive educational program would have been carried on had it not been necessary to close. Our determination to bring the operation of the Co-op to its highest degree of efficiency has faded. Instead, we are now facing one of our most difficult problems—liquidation—which no other center has yet experienced.

However, there are many reasons for consolation. Although it has existed only eighteen months, the Jerome Co-op has achieved a splendid record of which everyone concerned should be proud. It is statistically shown by the W.R.A. Business Enterprises Section that the Jerome Co-op has attained the highest degree of efficiency and financial soundness among the center Co-ops. It is gratifying to know that these are the results of not only good management but also the cooperation and hard work of employees. I am also grateful for the good understanding and support that all the center residents have given to our Co-op in its normal course of business and also in the final phase of its dissolution.

The liquidation is progressing very satisfactorily. The loss we may suffer from our sudden dissolution will be comparatively small. Thus, we may approach the last day of our Co-op with the feeling of self-satisfaction at having done a difficult job well.

Once more we are to be transferred to new surroundings. It is heart-breaking to part with dear friends and fellow workers. But let us make this sacrifice cheerfully. And wherever we may go, let us dedicate ourselves to cooperative principles. Whenever the opportunity calls, let us utilize the knowledge we have gained from Jerome Cooperative Enterprises, Inc., in reconstruction of economic structure after the war.

May God be with you until we meet again. Sayonara.

message by

R. MURAKAMI

MANAGER OF THE JEROME  
COOPERATIVE ENTERPRISES, INC.

To the employees of Jerome  
Co-op:

During this short period of one year and a half, the constant efforts, fine leadership, and splendid cooperation, all subsequently rendered by the residents and the appointed personnel, have changed our new home, our new community from its early intolerable phases to the present tolerable. As considerable progress and changes have affected us from time to time, many of our friends left us, and many more came in to join us. Proportionately, center life has been unstable, involved some hardship, and has been least glorious.

Nevertheless, we feel that our stay here, in terms of gained experiences and knowledge, wider and deeper, has been compensated invaluablely. Especially for us directly connected with the welfare and progress of our Co-op--which after all is correlated with that of our members or residents--this consciousness of what we are gaining has been predominant in our daily activities.

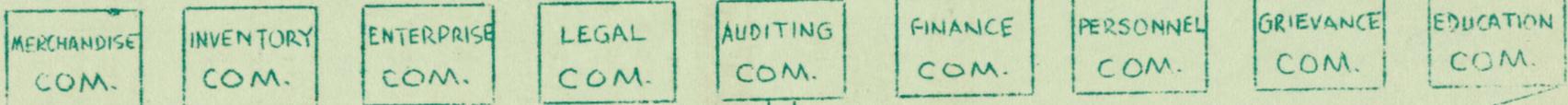
Late in 1942, several far-sighted leaders began to take an actual part in setting up our Co-op. Neither their limited preliminary knowledge nor other obstacles discouraged these pioneers. Furthermore, it was only natural that the residents gave their wholehearted response and support to them and our first cooperative movement in some eighty years of history. Their enthusiasm and persistence were fruitful as we can recognize in today's success and the high standing of our Co-op.

No one can prophesy our future, but neither can anyone deny that the cooperative is the tool and short-cut for our economic reconstruction when peace is declared over the earth again. Therefore, this "Souvenir Album" will not only mean informative reminiscences but signify itself as a token for the fighters for our coming cooperative movements.

At present, we all are striving towards our only aim--accomplishing a successful dissolution. For this fact, I am evermore thankful to all of you. Let me wish each and all of you the best luck and health wherever you may be going.

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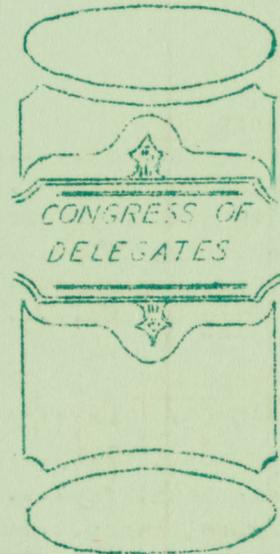
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# HISTORY

## of THE JEROME CO-OP

by Mrs. Ikeda

"Come, come, Children, why should you fret, living in this co-operative world of 1980? Listen to your great grannie tell of her first experience in the cooperative movement. Today you see about you in this great nation all the fruits of this cooperative way of life.

"Many, many years ago--almost forty years in fact, as you've read in your history lessons, everyone of Japanese ancestry was forced to evacuate from the West Coast of the United States. Well, your great grandmother was one of these. This was an undertaking never attempted before in the history of the United States, and Thank God! never necessary again. After many trials and heartbreaks, which have been soothed by the passage of time, we landed in what was known as the Jerome Relocation Center in the backwoods of Arkansas. This accounts for my occasional lapse into the Arkansas drawl.

"Upon coming to this temporary home, we evacuees were told that if we desired any kind of a consumers' enterprise in merchandising or service, we, ourselves, would have to attempt it on a cooperative basis. The War Relocation Authority would furnish a superintendent of business enterprises, but the organization and management would be entirely in the hands of the residents.

"In one small room at 14-10-A, Mr. S. Henmi and his two assistants, Mr. Harold Nakaoka and Mr. Isamu Muranaka of the advance evacuee crew from the Fresno Assembly Center, opened the first store in the first week of October. This place was furnished with a few mess tables for counters and shelves, and a cigar box for the cash register. The stock consisted of soap, soda, and insect spray--a dire necessity for the mosquitoes were rumored to be as large as bees and could easily overcome a man when hungry. To buy even this meager stock, \$150 was borrowed from the Dermott Bank on the personal note of Mr. Roy Sellers, the Superintendent of Business Enterprises, and Mr. Charles L. Reaves, the Night School Director. Every night the daily receipts were counted and just enough money for change was set aside. The rest was taken to the nearest town to purchase stock to be sold the following day.

"Thus, in this humble way, was born the Jerome Cooperative Enterprises, Inc., which was later to do a monthly business of \$45,000.00. The old saying, "Where there is a will, there is a way," was proven beyond a doubt, as most of the evacuees had not even heard of the cooperative movement and had a vague idea that, perhaps, it had some connection with communism. In fact, only a few people knew about the weavers of Rochdale, England, who 100 years before had formed the first consumers' cooperative store. Like the people in Rochdale, the evacuees had to buy more and better products for their money because their small earnings could not be increased. Therefore, under the leadership of a few men the residents of Jerome Center plunged into a feverish study of the Cooperative organization and management.

"By the end of October it was necessary to move to larger quarters, so after

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negotiating with the W. R. A., a store was opened in the Block 8 Recreation Hall. This group of pioneer employees, who had now added several more to their number, worked night and day in their effort to meet the needs of the evacuees. Mr. Henmi now spent his full time buying the merchandise with the help of Mr. Wayne Foster and Mr. Vance Martin, who were to become teachers at the Denson High School. They scoured the surrounding towns and villages and were able to buy in sufficient lots to satisfy our needs. Mrs. Lucy Ikoma took over the management of the store and carried out her work very efficiently.

"Since most of the evacuees came to the center with just their clothes and bedding, it was imperative that household essentials be purchased. Therefore, a mail order unit was established with Mr. Ed. Shintani in charge, Mr. Shintani later introduced the central stock control system. Many officials from Washington and elsewhere commended the organization on the effective way this control was handled.

"Thus far the business had progressed more or less under the superintendent, but it had no legal, responsible head. A group of five trustees were appointed by the Acting Superintendent, Mr. Foster, and the Project Director, Mr. Paul Taylor. These men were held accountable for the business until such time as the cooperative could be organized. They were Mr. R. Murakami, who became the General Manager of the Jerome Cooperative Enterprises, Inc., and to whom a great deal of the credit for the success of this organization belongs; Mr. Jiro Omata, who, through his business foresight and perseverance as head buyer, was able to turn over a fair profit on all merchandise handled; Mr. Ed. Shintani, who became the Assistant General Manager; Mr. K. Kamikawa; and Mr. K. Komoto.

"In the meantime the center residents were gradually becoming more familiar with the scope of the cooperatives and were anxious to get into the actual organization of the Consumers' Co-op. We were very fortunate in that the W.R.A. sent Mr. Mauritz Erkkila, a cooperative leader from Minnesota, to direct the education and push the final steps of the organization. With an education team consisting of Mr. K. Iseri, Mr. R. Murakami, Mr. T. Hoshiko, and Mr. M. Ikeda, a series of block meetings were held. These men, with the assistance of Mr. Erkkila and Mr. K. Hamanaka, endeavored to inform the residents on the structure of the proposed Consumers' Cooperative and to answer the questions that might arise. This was only the initial step for the charter had to be drawn, and the laws governing the actual management had to be studied and used to fit our own particular needs. It was not until July 1, 1943, that our charter was accepted. Mr. K. Iseri was then elected President, Mr. K. Kamikawa, the Vice-president, Mr. F. Sasaki, the Secretary, and Mr. T. Hoshiko, the Treasurer. Previously a Congress of Delegates, made up of representatives from each block in the ratio of one to every thirty members, was elected. These delegates met once a month to decide all general policies and were really the controlling body of the Cooperative. These block representatives elected a Board of Directors, consisting of 11 men who, they felt, would be most capable of implementing these policies.

"The business itself had gone ahead by leaps and bounds. Two general stores,  
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a dry goods store, a ration goods store for the Appointed Personnel, a barber shop, a laundry, a radio shop, two shoe repair shops, a movie department, a central warehouse, and later a beauty salon were running smoothly to give service to the people. Also added were various agencies such as dry cleaning, film developing, newspaper subscription, and an optical service. In order to have strict control of all merchandise and equipment, a very heavy share of the work fell upon our conscientious warehouse employees, under the management of Mr. Hank Kebo and the buyers. They were kept very busy receiving the goods, checking, repacking for retailing, and tallying out. During the fruit and watermelon season, they worked many nights until the wee hours of the morning in order that the patrons could get their merchandise as fresh as possible.

"We were very happy in our realization that we were gradually learning the true purpose of the consumers' cooperatives--namely, to better living conditions of any group of people, not only in sharing profits but also by supplying a higher grade of merchandise at lower cost.

"All ten W.R.A. centers were undertaking the same cooperative enterprises, and gradually the idea of centralized buying was raised. In the Cooperative Congress of the Relocation Center Cooperatives, held in Chicago on September 29 and 30, 1943, representatives from the center co-ops met to discuss and formulate plans for centralized buying. They also established the basis for the relationships between the W.R.A. and the evacuee business enterprises. Since many mutual difficulties were ironed out by this conference, a closer bond was established among the center co-ops.

"The patronage refund paid by the Jerome Co-op to its members for the first year of business amounted to \$73,000.00. This was possible not because of an excessive margin of profit, but because of the executive ability of the management and the industry and care with which each employee tried to fulfill his duties. We were very fortunate in having a group of hardworking personnel in all the enterprises. Every department proceeded to do their work well and tried to live up to the idea of "to do the most good to the most people." We were rewarded by the high efficiency rating we had in comparison with the other nine centers on the resume of the first year of business. Of course, it was not all rosy for we had our rumbles of disagreement and made many blunders; yet, we can say that we truly participated in an organization in which the members and employees were thoroughly cooperative.

"Toward the first part of 1944 our stores and service units were hitting their stride, and a more ambitious program of education and service was planned by the management. About this time too, Mr. Erkkila, who was then our W.R.A. Superintendent, was called to serve his country in the Navy and left us in the very capable hands of Mr. Don Elberson. Mr. Elberson formerly participated in the organizing of the Cooperative Enterprises at the Tule Lake Center. In February we were told that the Jerome Center was to be dissolved, and of course, this necessitated the liquidation of our organization. Since this was a new experience for us, we depended greatly upon Mr. Elberson throughout the next trying months.

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"Ah, yes, Children, it was hard work, but I remember with pleasure the many co-workers with whom I had the opportunity of working, and the many friends we made. The very jolly and able Mr. Abiko, our office manager, who had been employed in a bank for many years before coming to the center, was our Cashier and Assistant Treasurer. I don't believe I've met another man who had such a capacity for work packed in his small frame as our Comptroller and Head of the Accounting Department, Mr. Araki. Thanks to his energy and burning of midnight oil, our books were always in order and every penny accounted for.

"As our membership director, we had the always pleasant Kay Kuwada, surrounded by his bevy of cute girls. He worked them hard but with a smile, so no one minded much. Mr. T. Hashida was our genial executive secretary and was always ready to work or play. Suyo Machigashira, whose merry laugh often rang out in the office, was the working head of the stock control, and Mr. Frank Nishida, our harassed Information Director, together with his busy staff kept the center showered with Co-op News sheets and special sales ads.

"Nor can we forget the diplomatic George Abe, who carried the impressive title of Coordinator. We always blamed him for everything that went wrong, but we always ran to him to get anything done, for he had a "way with him." There were many, many others whom I haven't mentioned but whom we remember with fondness. All in all, Children, your grannie can say that her first experience with the cooperative idea was a happy and an instructive one."

### HOW THE COOPERATIVE FIRST STARTED

A hundred years ago, the weavers in the textile mills in the little town of Rochdale, England, were in desperate straits. Again and again they tried to get more wages, but the millowners were deaf to their pleas. "If we cannot add to our meagre earnings," the workers decided, "we will try to make our money buy more." They would no longer pay high prices for poor food to the well-fed shopkeepers of Rochdale, but would start their own--gaining control over the source and quality of their foodstuffs.

Thus, in 1844, the first real cooperative store was born. This year all the consumer cooperatives of the world are celebrating the 100th anniversary of cooperative movement.

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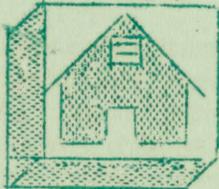
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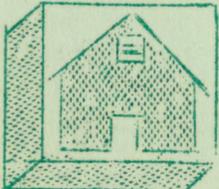
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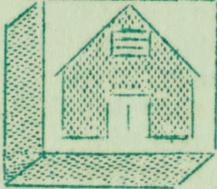
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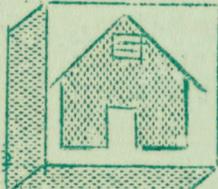
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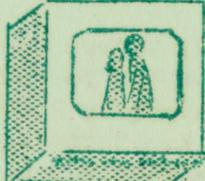
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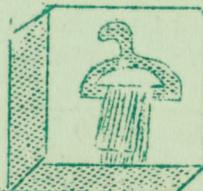
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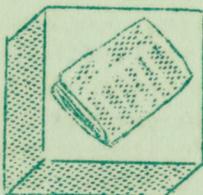
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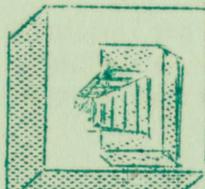
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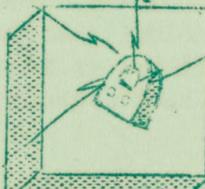
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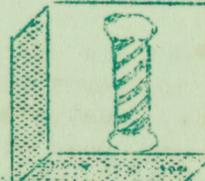
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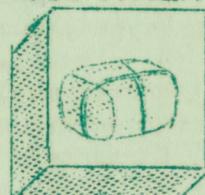
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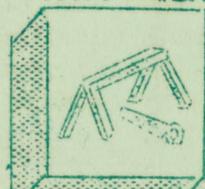
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MAIL ORDER



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## OFFICE STAFF

The first person to unlock the door of the Co-op office in the mornings is Mr. Abe, Sr., who is responsible for the constant spick and span appearance of our office. The next to make an appearance is Kannushi-san Rev. S. Fujino of the so-called "Co-op News" staff. Then, Gladys Suzuki, the songbird of the Co-op, comes in with Aileen Okumoto, a very charming Hawaiian maiden. Next approaches the symbol of efficiency, plus youth and energy, Miss Kazuko

L to R, front row--T. Hashida, E. Shintani, R. Murakami, G. Abe. 2nd row--C. Suzuki, K. Okimoto, T. Osaki, N. Nakayama, A. Okumoto, T. Sakomoto, L. Matsumoto. 3rd row--C. Nishi, J. Ikeda, K. Horita, G. Suzuki, C. Kodama, J. Yoshihara, J. Kato. 4th row--T. Hoshiko, J. Takii, A. Fukuda, H. Abiko, F. Nishida, J. Nomura. 5th row--S. Okumoto, K. Kuwada, J. Kai, J. Matsui

Horita, indispensable one arm of the Membership Division. Within a moment's time, the pretty secretary of Mr. Murakami, Miss June Yoshihara, makes an entrance with the blossom of the Co-op, Teri Yumibe, followed by Chizue Kodama and Nobu Nakayama, our campus co-eds.

After these charming ladies, we hear the distant pull of the Co-op custom-made station wagon, as it arrives presently disgorging such people as Mr. H. Abiko, formerly a banker and now Assistant Treasurer; Mr. E. Shintani, Quarter Master of stock control, whose duty it is to see that the merchandise flows smoothly from the warehouse to the canteens; Mrs. Clara Y. Suzuki, financial wizard, Cashier of the Co-op bank. Next to jump out of our ultra-modern station wagon is none other than Charles Nishi, president of our Co-op "5F Club" and also the Man Power Commission of this half-million dollar enterprise. Following him are such notables of the office as Rev. Ichimei Kuwada, a charter member of the "5F Club"; Mr. Joseph Takii, the grand old man of the Membership Division; and Mr. Abe, Jr., the John L. Lewis of the Employees Club.

Coming in with the ever serious expression on his face is Mr. Frank Nishida, Dr. Goebbels of the Information Division, guarded by "Mr. Lucky" Thomas Yamasaki,  
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# OFFICE STAFF

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able supervisor of Jinmeiroku, under whom ten former canteen beauties cooperate. Mr. Lucky casually remarks, "Situation, well in hand."

From the side door steps in Miss Tokiye Sakomoto, the sweetheart of the Accounting Division, with her pal, Miss Kazumi Okimoto, an adorable Membership Accountant. Next to come walking in is Toshiko Osaki, Senior Secretary, the brain of the Administrative Division, followed by the cute little founder and artist of the "Co-op News", Miss Lily Matsumoto. Popular with his buoyant personality, "Jackson" Matsui, alternately with Ichio Takeno, bounces the office force to work in his jeep four times a day. Riding on his ever faithful bicycle up turns Stanley Okumoto, casanova of the Co-op and messenger boy.

With the blowing of the asmatic whistle, our Marshall Murakami brings his influential presence to our humble midst. Around 8:20, the one and only General Eisenhower, Mr. K. Isori, briskly stalks in to have a conference with the Secretary of the Treasury, Morgenthau Hoshiko, Professor F. Sasaki, and other Chiefs.

Donned in a fashion to make Bing Crosby envious, Mr. Elberson, our General Marshall, strolls in and occupies one of the only two "mahogany desks" in the office. Now, the wheel is ready to make its day's turn. But has anyone been left out? Oh, yes! That indispensable character, Dr. Teiho Hashida, Professor of Nothing to Everything and an Educator of soup to nuts.

The distracting clatter of the adding machine is none other than our faithful and hardworking Mr. Araki, Chief Accountant. Near him,

smothering the Accounting Division with the aroma of "79 Mixture" tobacco is handsome Mr. Jim Kai, our philosopher. After deep meditation, he once exclaimed, "The chief difference between two figures is that one lies and other does not."

\* The "5F Club" boasts only membership of "single men with children." However, as to date, no such classification has been recognized by the local draft board.

## WAREHOUSE

Such a familiar sight to gaze down the road and see the "pet of the warehouse," the Jackson Co. o. k. i. e Truck, rambling along, carting off Co-op employees to a full day's work!

Genial and witty Mr. Henry Kebo alights from the truck to wave that domineering hand over his attractive feminine employees and muscular manpower.

Occupying warehouse nineteen, the gold mine of Denison, it boasts in gross figures \$40,000.00 worth of merchandise turnover monthly. On the go like a lightning flash, Mr. Frank Hiroyasu, the purchasing agent for the Dry Goods Store, is responsible for the wide selection of stock that is handled.

During the time of the liquidation sale, lights could be seen burning in the warehouse till the wee hours of the morning. Together the supervisor, Henry Kebo; Mr. Howard Yamamura, drug agent; Mr. Frank Hiroyasu; and accountant Harold Nakaoka, spent many sleepless nights in pricing, checking, and making ready deliveries to the various stores.

If you're the so called "kui-shin-bo" type, your sticky fingers won't be able to resist the tempting cookies, candies, fruits, and pastries you can eye in the warehouse. Received in bulk quantities, these items need to be weighed and packed individually, which necessitates careful handling. Last year during the single month of July an estimated 6,400 watermelons were "processed" in the warehouse.

In its year and half of service rendered to the community, the warehouse has played a large part in the growth of the Jerome Cooperative Enterprises. Being the source of all "goodies," not to mention the necessities in cosmetics, toilet articles, soaps, etc., it has been highly commended in its efficient manner of operation.



L to R; front row--J. Omata, S. Hashimoto, M. Kai, K. Morishita, M. Kozawa, M. Oyama, M. Nobuto, H. Yatabe, S. Tamura, H. Nakaoka. Second row--K. Takaki, I. Takeno, F. Hiroyasu, H. Kebo, H. Yamamura.



# STORE number

Yesterday----

we were strangers, brought together under trying conditions to face an uncertain future----

Today-----

we are fellow workers with common memories of shared struggles --disappointments and successes, working together for a common purpose.

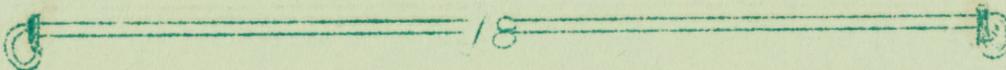
We close the pages of the Jerome Cooperative Enterprises,

filled with happy thoughts and memories of the year and a half of existence. Store #1 will long be remembered, no doubt, for it is the "old vet" from which other departments were established. Our future work and living will then be shaped with the practical knowledge gained by our experiences in a cooperative organization.

Moving in the latter part of October 1942 from the "dink" of one of the units in Block 14 to the present premises, the store has grown from a "cigar box" cash box to a well established general merchandise store. We are well known as the store in the residential area, serving the family group. We hold much pride for the fine spirit of cooperation between the members and employees.

We cannot forget the many managers who put all their time and effort into the smooth - running of the store personnel as: Mr. Henmi, Mrs. Ikoma, and Mr. Bill Yamamoto, all of whom have found a suitable place in relocation. Much credit goes to genial Henry K. Koga, Head Cashier, hardworking, unassuming Mr. Harry Chado, our present manager, and industrious Shige Matsuyama, all who have seen the store grow up from infancy. More about the personalities behind the counters: ubiquitous "Stogie" Ouchida's ever-ready wit and come-backs which really keep the ball rolling; Yoshi Hoshiko's pleasing personality, Michiko Morita's pow-wow; her punches are mighty powerful. Little George Kitahara, chasing the Monday morning blues away with "Oh What a Beautiful Morning;" the Okada sisters--Norma and Barbara, nee Takemotos, both quiet but with a sunny disposition, Hironu Sasaki, ever-ready to accept complaints with a smile, versatile Harumi Sasaki, diminutive Yoshiye Nachara, Mrs. Ozaki, Mrs. Ito, and Mr. Sasaki, all comprise our big family.

L to R; front row--N. Okada, G. Kitahara, Y. Nachara, Y. Ozaki, B. Okada, M. Morita, S. Matsuyama, H. Sasaki, Y. Hoshiko; Back row--M. Ito, H. Ouchida, H. Chado, H. Sasaki, Mr. Sasaki, H. Koga, G. Itogawa.



STORE  
number

"Geewiz, it's sure crowded here," exclaimed an office worker ditching the boss. It's no wonder that, with a mass of people rushing in and out of Store #2, this store, located on the corner of First and F Streets, is the busiest place in downtown Denson. News of the arrival of soda pop and pastries travels quickly down the line, and the attractive and muscular clerks work like Seabees to satisfy the customers and to clear the store.



L to R; front row--H. Hashisaka, T. Matsui, B. Tamura, F. Doi, A. Kusumoto, S. Miyagishima, Y. Izumi, L. Ishii, F. Sawai, S. Fukuda. Back row---T. Urabe, E. Funahashi, R. Ochiai.



Drugs, tobaccos, hardware, stationery, soda pop, or almost anything else you want is sold here, like the general merchandise store operated by our fathers back home. However, in contrast to those private enterprises, our store is owned and operated by the patrons themselves, who are recipients of any profit made. Carpenters, warehousemen, electricians, office workers, school children, or housewives all come to purchase their needs. Yet it is not only the fine merchandise that attracts the patrons. The display is alluring, the atmosphere is rich, but no less enticing are the youthful and gay clerks who contribute much to the popularity of the store with their captivating smiles and super service.

The store grew from a \$200.00 a day business on its opening day of Nov. 24, 1942, to its highest figure of \$3,200.00 sales on the first day of liquidation. One row of shelves, sparsely filled, and four clerks were all it contained on its opening day. However, as the cooperative movement progressed, so did the store commence with its elaborate expansion program until it was finally completed--just before the liquidation sales began.

Winter was cold and muddy, summer was hot and sultry, but with perseverance and with faith in the cooperative organization the workers stuck to their jobs until the last. Serving its members was interesting, educational and fun. However, the joyous moments together and the lessons we learned will not soon be forgotten.

# DRYGOODS • STORE •

Caught a trace of a hurried group of women scurrying down the street of Denson and calling b a c k over their shoulders to passers-by, "yardage goods are scheduled to arrive this morning." Down the grapevine the news traveled, and before I could even wiggle my way to the counter the women were packed like sardines, not budging a slight fraction of an inch for anyone.



L to R; Row 1--Y. Takata, T. Morikuni, R. Yamagishi, Y. Sato, M. Natori, Y. Ozu, C. Kimura, D. Masuda, T. Mibu. Row 2--F. Hiroyasu, K. Tsubouchi, K. Ozaki, J. Hayashi, E. Sekiya, R. Nagata, S. Mitsuyoshi, S. Nii.



Peering over the heads of these enthusiasts, I could see an array of flowery prints of cottons, rayons, gabardines, and linens. While I patiently awaited my turn, fighting off the jabs of elbows in my side, I finally made the grade up to the counter, but creepers, to my d i s n a y, I saw the shelves swept clean of all materials! My heart sank, but the pleasing personality behind the counter was more than encouraging.

I "window-shopped" along the various counters--the cosmetics, the lingerie, men's wearing apparels, the smartly styled dresses and "the comfort of my tootsies," the shoe department. I found the clerks with an ever-ready smile and an eager-to-please attitude toward all customers. While conversing nonchalantly with an employee attired in the very latest collegiate style, a few high points of interest about the flourishing Dry Goods Store were related to me.

On the grand day of the store's opening, December 21, 1942, the doors of Hall 35 were swung open to greet the throngs of anxiously awaiting customers. Being well supplied with a wide variety of stock and good selections, the demands of the residents have been well met. Not only was the store convenient for shoppers and reasonable in price, but the residents found only pleasure in shopping there because of the fine quality of the merchandise and its attractive arrangement.

With the closing of its doors, the busy ringing of the cash register will cease, but the memory will linger on-----

# STORE NUMBER 4



As rationing of food became effective last year, it became necessary to provide for the needs of the Appointed Personnel and their families. Since the two stores in operation could not adequately supply the necessities, Store # 4 was opened at the west end of the Personnel Recreation Hall and began its business on August 17, 1943.

May Nagata and Margaret Sumida

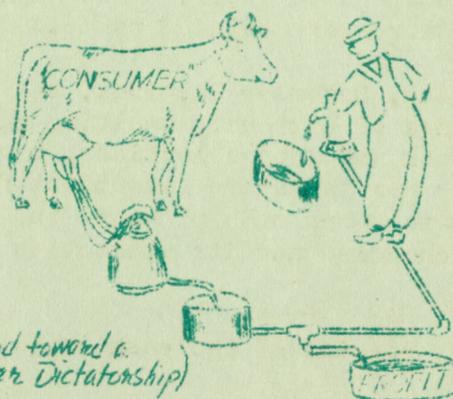
Since ration coupons are needed to purchase canned goods, meats, and other items, the trade consisted mainly of Caucasian housewives. The store was opened in the afternoon and evenings, especially for the convenience of those who could not shop during the day.

As a greater variety of merchandise was needed to fill the kitchen pantry, more canned fruits, soups, vegetables, and meats were added to the shelves. Through the Co-op wholesale in Kansas City, an attractive display of Co-op label foods was obtained.

Through the efforts of Mr. Arne, that satisfying drink "Coke", was obtained from the Coca Cola Company and sold at this store. The office personnel all "paused" at the store and "refreshed" themselves before completing their day's work.

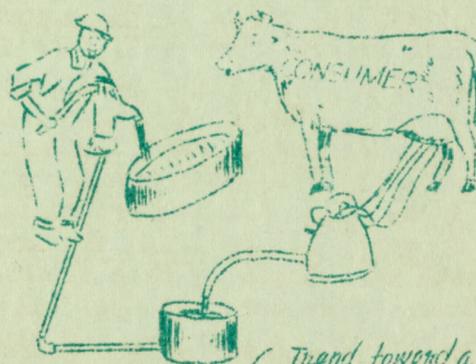
The two clerks at the store, "Maggie and Masie", and their two helpers, Shig and Kay, made possible the successful operation of the store by working at odd business hours. While working for the people was interesting, the educational value of the experience in the Co-op will be held in high esteem in years to come.

CORPORATE STOCK COMPANY



(The trend toward a  
Producer Dictatorship)

CONSUMER CO-OPERATIVE ASSOCIATION



(Trend toward a  
Consumer Democracy)

## SERVICE DEPARTMENT

MAIL ORDER  
DRY CLEANING  
PHOTO FINISHING  
NEWSPAPER  
TELEGRAM  
OPTICAL

L to R--H. Sasaki, M. Nikaido, S. Tanouye, and J. Ikeda.

The Service Department of the Jerome Cooperative Enterprises, Inc., made its first appearance as a mail order office for the Montgomery Ward Company on October 23, 1942, occupying a small section of Store #1 at Block 8. This service was inaugurated to facilitate the mail orders from the center and to receive some form of compensation from the thousands of dollars spent by the evacuees beginning their life in the center. Through arrangements made by Mr. Roy Sellers, Superintendent of Business Enterprises, and Mr. Ed Shintani, mail order supervisor, a ten percent commission was to be given the Jerome Co-op on all orders sold.

Gradually the residents of this center became acquainted with this service, and many took advantage of the opportunity offered.

In the early part of January of 1943 there was an urgent need of quick mail order service for the evacuees from the Hawaiian Islands, who arrived here totally unprepared in clothing and equipment to withstand the severe cold of the winter in Arkansas. To serve this need a shifting branch unit was opened in Block 38 and 39, where the evacuees from Hawaii resided. Later this unit was transferred to Store #2 in Block 27, to serve the people living in that part of the center.

As the Jerome Cooperative Enterprises expanded and was able through its Dry Goods Store and other units to satisfy the needs of the community, the mail orders decreased. Therefore, the Service Department took over as part of its setup the agencies for Portland Cleaners, Crow Cleaners of Dermott, and Fausett's Studio of Little Rock. Also all subscriptions to the Commercial Appeal and the Arkansas Gazette were taken by this department. The newspapers were always delivered even through mud, rain, and thunder by the ambitious group of news boys.

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L to R--T. Jofuku, I. Nomura, B. Mitsuyoshi, R. Tagami, Y. Masai, and M. Kodama.

## SERVICE DEPARTMENT

Perhaps one of the most vital services offered to the residents by the Jerome Cooperative Enterprises is the arrangement for buying eye glasses. With the splendid cooperation of Dr. E. R. Kuwahara, Dr. S. K. Ikuta, Dr. R. Yabuno, and their very efficient staff at the Center Hospital, this service was available to all residents.

The Western Union Telegram Agency, located in the Administration Building #1, is also a very important branch of this department, giving invaluable service to the community.

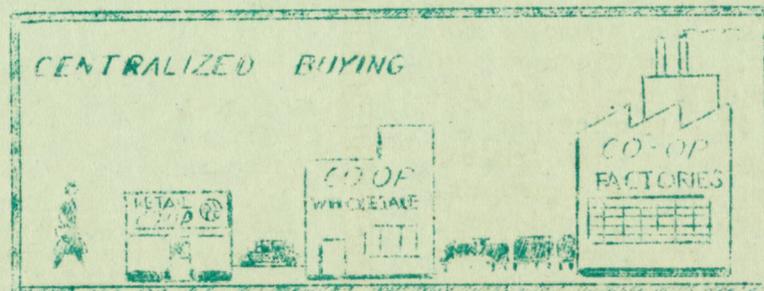
Purchases and service charges of the Service Department brought back to the shareholder the same percentage of patronage dividend as on any purchases made in the various stores and shops.

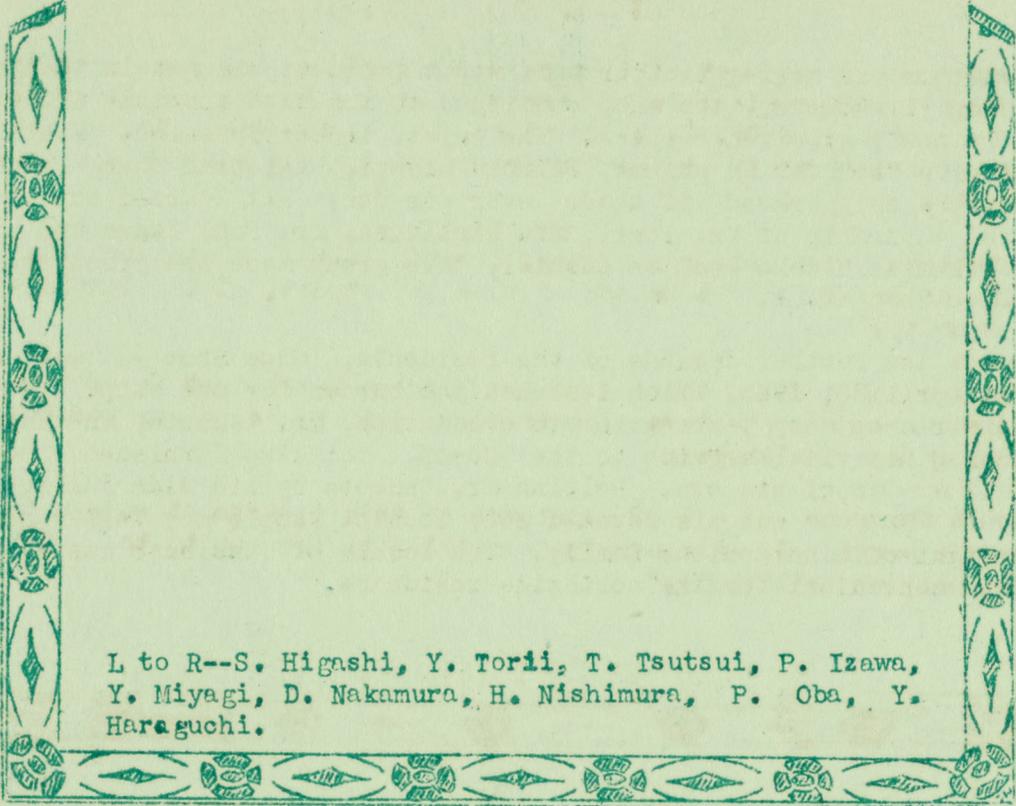
Through the year and a half existence of this department we can safely say that everyone working in this service has tried to live up to the motto "Service, conscientiously and willingly."



Minnie Kuwahara, Dr. E. Kuwahara

Kiyomi Ogawa





L to R--S. Higashi, Y. Torii, T. Tsutsui, P. Izawa,  
Y. Miyagi, D. Nakamura, H. Nishimura, P. Oba, Y.  
Haraguchi.

## SHOE REPAIR SHOP number 1

The reminder, "Claim your repaired shoes immediately", appeared in our "Co-op News", repeatedly during the closing-out sale. As it applied to all of us, patchers, cobblers, sewers, instructors, cashiers, and managers, it must be obvious that we experienced many a busy spell. Even to look back upon it gives us that "mopping sweat" feeling.

Shoes, repaired at a rate of 75 pairs daily, jumped by leaps and bounds in the months of March and April. From the statistical stand-point, Shoe Shop #1 repaired 12,030 pairs of shoes during 14 months, amounting to \$18,909.74 in total service charges.

During the pioneer days, Mr. Kawahara, as manager and instructor of Shoe Shop #1, located in Block 40, taught the apprentices, who were then mere green-horns, the "ropes of the shoe repair business." Having learned with great rapidity, the apprentices soon began to tackle skillfully the thousands of pairs of evacuees' shoes which had strolled the soil of our beloved California and other home-grounds.

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## SHOE REPAIR SHOP ONE

Relocation and segregation brought about frequent changes in the personnel at Shoe Shop #1. However, the shop continued to function smoothly and efficiently with the newly acquired helpers. The quiet, industrious lad, Sueto Higashi, who won't give "no" for an answer, Yeiroku Miyagi, talented Shank Nakamura, and Tak Tsutsui, a chiggerhead if there ever was one, all learned the trade under the careful tutorage of Mr. Torii, Mr. Nishimura, Mr. Paul Izawa and Mrs. Haraguchi. With Miss Hideko Oba, as cashier, this group made the great coordinating team at Shoe Shop No. 1.

To meet the further demands of the residents, Shoe Shop #2 was opened in Block 9 on April 20, 1943, which lessened the burden for one shop. Having owned a shoe repair shop many years prior to evacuation, Mr. Tsubota, the Manager, not only rendered his vital service to the Co-op, but also furnished Shop #2 with many repair machines of his own. Helping Mr. Tsubota by his side during the year of the shop's operation was his devoted son, Toshio. People may well remember this familiar sight of a harmonious family. The locale of business was also advantageous and convenient for the northside residence.

## SHOE REPAIR SHOP TWO

L to R--J. Tsubota, G. Gotan, T. Tsubota, W. Sugihara  
F. Takehara, S. Tsuda, S. Nagai, S. Sugioka.

## LAUNDRY DEPARTMENT

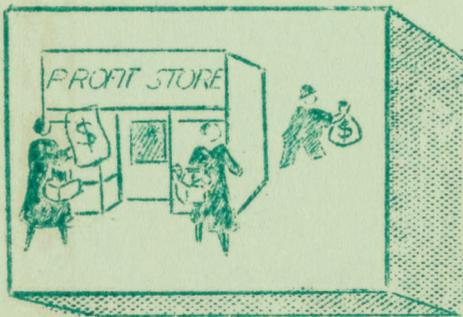
Why have rough, red, "alkalai" hands when the drudgery of laundry can be easily dismissed with the services rendered by the Jerome Co-op Laundry? So thought the many evacuees, the Appointed Personnel and the 329th Military Police, and took advantage of this "golden" opportunity.

L to R--T. Naito, S. Tsuji, S. Morita, E. Morita, and S. Mayeda

ging was done by hand--until the "modern age" stepped into the picture and equipped the Co-op Laundry with automatic steam-irons and washers. Thus, the laundry was able to maintain the service with greater efficiency; then too, delivery service was extended to all patrons.

Upon opening the neatly packaged bundles from the laundry, there was a true feeling of satisfaction on the part of the patrons--satisfaction that a neighbor's socks of size 12 and the nightmare pajamas of Mr. "Not-so-sane" weren't among their packages. The back-breaking experiences became a thing of the past, especially for the weary "ole" bachelors. Joyous leisure hours were enjoyed instead.

It's with a happy heart we close, knowing that we have contributed our bit toward the convenience of the center residents on the cooperative basis.



# BARBER SHOP

Since men's hair, too, requires constant care to keep up "good looks" and also for sanitary reasons, the Co-op Barber Shop finally began its tonsorial operation on April 19, 1943. The barbers were all skilled at their trade. Flat-heads, square-heads, round-heads, or pin-heads did not bother them. They were experts in picking out the right style of hair cut, be it pachook, butah, soup-bowl, or billiard.

The barber shop was located in the east end of the laundry building in Block 15. After a considerable amount of haggling, the Block 15 housewives finally yielded and consented to the use of the laundry for the barber shop. Ever since its opening the shop has earned recognition for cleanliness. Together with reasonable prices and satisfactory service, the barber shop maintained a steady flow of patrons despite the competition offered by private enterprises.

Living a communal life, we have noted the significance of cooperation among all the residents in its activities. In business enterprises, too, our cooperative has proven its value to us. The barber shop is proud to have taken a part in these successful cooperative enterprises and to have been able to be of service to the community.

L to R--T. Morikuni, S. Hayashida, F. Sumioka, H. Arie, H. Takamiya, and K. Akamatsu.

# BEAUTY

# SHOPPE

L to R--M. Uyama, V. Nakaguchi, Y. Tsutsui, M. Fujisawa, T. Kubo, K. Ohashi, S. Miyama, M. Ikeda, A. Kono, S. Nakaoka.

Is beauty skin deep? A stroll into the Co-op Beauty Salon would give one an amazing picture of what torture the fair sex suffers to satisfy the critical eyes of men. On January 15, 1944, dressed up in its latest modern equipment, the beauty salon made its debut. The cry for appointments for permanents and finger-waves filled the shop, keeping the three licensed operators and seven apprentices on the go every minute. Under the efficient management of Miss Marie Uyama, the shop buzzed with that "professional air," averaging ten permanents and twenty shampoos, besides manicures, hair dyes, and facials, daily.

If sizzling under the permanent wave machine, having your hair scalped in those lead curlers, and dripping with perspiration under that huge chromium object, known as a dryer, isn't called a great sacrifice for the cause of beauty--MEN, a challenge to a debate will be pending!

Beauty-seekers from far and near, evacuees and Appointed Personnel alike, "tripped" down to the shop for a "re-make job." That certain touch in accenting the hi-light features of an individual brought about a definite gleam in the faces of the customers--that "satisfied look!"

The beauty shop was in the lime-light when the very successful "Hair Styling" show was staged. To hundreds of enthusiasts, it featured "Swing Hi, Swing Low!", showing the importance of hair-styling in the beautification of women.

Knooling: M. Nakata. L. to R. 1st Row: S. Minamoto, A. Fukuda, A. Hayashi, M. Kai. L. to R. 2nd Row: S. Watanabe, C. Inouye, E. Kasai, Y. Sakai.

## MOVIE DEPARTMENT

A pleasant evening is not the only benefit received by attending the center movies. Regular movie fans have added to their height by acquiring necks as long and beautiful as swans! Films were shown in the narrow recreation halls, quite unsuited as theatres. Since no standard was set in making chairs or benches, it was just like trying to look over a woman's new-fangled hat. Yet the movies continued to be the most popular form of entertainment.

For about thirteen months, the movie crew traveled around and around the center, taking with them the sixteen millimeter projector, screen, and films. In transferring the instruments every night--rain or moon shine--the crew was confronted with various obstacles, but always the show went on, except in a total blackout. Trying to get newer and better films was like trying to get more gas from the rationing board. However, the residents of Denson ardently pursued the latest pictures week after week.

The movie department, in spite of the many difficulties encountered, was thankful for the opportunity of providing entertainment for the people. Its only regret is that this program cannot be extended for a longer period of time.

## RADIO SHOP REPAIR

Serving the armed forces, war industry, and the home front is the essential job of the radio today. With a broken radio, our homes would seem as remote and backward as a home in Deep Elm. The residents who found themselves in this predicament were fortunate that our Co-op Radio Shop, located at 36-1-A, was opened to repair and supply the scarce radio parts.

Ever since our assembly center days, the radio has helped us keep up with the rest of the world in the sport, entertainment, and educational field. It was only natural, then, that the shop became a most successful and appreciated enterprise.

In addition to radios, the busy housewives brought in over-used electrical appliances such as irons, fans, hot plates, and toasters, which enabled Mr. Nagata to become known by many of the housewives. One cold morning when a shipment of electric stoves arrived, a crowd stood freezing in line for a half hour before the shop was opened. The Radio Repair Shop appreciated the fine cooperation of the Co-op members and the opportunity to help the community.



## CARPENTRY DEPARTMENT

As a one man division, the carpentry service was started last July with the assignment of Mr. T. Harauchi. The office workers and store clerks, perspiring under the blazing Arkansas sun, were hardly hesitant in making demands for needed window awnings. Neither did they wait until necessary lumber, nails, tools, and appropriate shop facilities were ready. Thus, Mr. Harauchi was considerably occupied throughout the hot summer months, and until Mr. Hashisaka from Tule Lake joined him at the time of the opening of the spacious carpentry shop south of the Co-op Warehouse, he was called upon to exercise his ingenuity in making and repairing many fixtures such as shelves, desks, counters, cabinets, and benches without the adequate shop facilities. The new shop has since been utilized to the fullest extent by the two popular carpenters and has rendered invaluable services to the cooperative.

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## STAFF CABINET

L to R, seated--J. Ikeda, J. Haya-  
shi, L. Matsumoto. Back row--C.  
Nishi, D. Nakamura, D. Elbersen, F.  
Nishida, T. Matsui.

L. to R, front row--C. Abe, C. Ni-  
shi. Back row--R. Murakami, J. Iko-  
da, S. Matsuyama, E. Shintani.

## *Our* Haruta PHOTOGRAPHER

The attractive photographs in this album are the result of the expert workmanship of Hiroshi Haruta, now probably the busiest person in the whole center due to the increasing demand for souvenir pictures. Ever since his boyhood days, photography has occupied most of Hiroshi's spare hours. Now he has determined to make it his life long career.

Having gained valuable experiences at the Murray Photographic Studio in Omaha, Nebraska, he was able to carry on his promising ambition in this center. It was a familiar sight to see him taking pictures of the special events of this center. If time had permitted, Mr. Haruta was to have managed the proposed Co-op Photography Shop.

His first great opportunity came when he was chosen by the Co-op Employees' Club as the official photographer for the Souvenir Album. He appreciates this opportunity and would like to serve you in the future.

# THE JEROME CO-OP EMPLOYEES CLUB

by George Abe

Organized in February 1944, the Jerome Co-op Club, whose membership consisted of 150 employees, enjoyed a brief, successful term. The necessity for such an organization had been recognized for some time. In November of 1943, during Mr. Erkkila's supervision of our Cooperative Enterprises, a committee of five was elected from the employees to study and submit further information on the proposed club. However, Mr. Erkkila was suddenly inducted into the U.S. Navy and left for San Diego before any definite action was taken. It was our intention to propose a comfortable club room with a co-op library for social and educational gatherings of our members. Also any small group which wished to use this room for any such purpose would be welcome to make reservations. But with the notice of the closing of this center our dreams became only wishful thinking. I hope that in your future plans in other centers, you will help organize and complete such plans if none exist.

In February 1944, at a large employees meeting in Block 18 the following were elected to serve a term of six months: George Abe, President; Charles Nishi and Suyo Machigashira, first and second Vice Presidents respectively; Ed. Shin-tani, Treasurer; and Mrs. Ikeda, Secretary. However, Suyo's relocation to Chicago shortly after created a vacancy which was filled by Miss Shige Matsuyama. Immediately after our first meeting the committee of five under Mr. Frank Nishida drew up a constitution listing for its purposes the sponsorship and promotion of recreational, educational, and cultural activities among the co-op employees. Our business meetings were held by the elected representatives of the various stores and departments. As representatives were in proportion to the number of employees, all departments were represented on an equal basis, thereby patterning the meetings after those of the Cooperative.

Our treasury was financed by the patronage refunds on cash register receipts issued by the Jerome Cooperative Enterprises, Inc., and contributed by the members of the club. Among the activities sponsored by our club is the publication of our Souvenir Album. The editorial staff is to be commended for its fine spirit of cooperation in completing this album on such short notice. Mr. Don Elber-son's ready assistance was always an inspiration to our hard working staff. Let us preserve the memories represented in the pages of this album--memories of hard and happy work together on behalf of a democratic organization.

The highlight of our social activity will be the farewell social sponsored by our club in honor of the Congress of Delegates. This will mark the last gathering of the employees and delegates, together celebrating the end of the successful operation at Jerome.

As all good things must come to an end, so must our memorable days here, and friends must part with friends. Your unselfish spirit of cooperation, your eagerness to serve cheerfully will certainly win you a responsible place in American life. It goes without saying that future participation in the cooperative movement will aid much in attaining such a goal.

Good luck to you all--

## FLEXIBLE SECURITY AND THE FUTURE.

The principal problem of the post war world, and we are building the post war world now, is centered around freedom and security. The Four Freedoms are a recognition of the central problem of freedom and security since freedom from want and fear are respectively, economic and psychological security. Freedom and security are interrelated. Without the freedom to change and adjust to changing situations, security is shortlived. Without relative security, freedom does not last long. I use the term, flexible security, to show the interrelation of freedom and security. Flexible security as a workable concept must answer the questions who, what, where, when, how, and why. Who refers to persons and groups; what denotes the situation or problem; where, the place and extensiveness; when, the time and duration; how, the means and methods; and why, the assumptions and reasons. Flexible security is thus a teleological, or goal, approach--what, in other words, we are driving at.

From the viewpoint of organization, in order to have flexible security we need a democratic, or bottom-up, structure with decentralized control by the people and centralized operation by trained persons. For example, in our co-op the people controlled the co-op through elected representatives (Delegates and Board of Directors) while its management was in the hands of qualified persons (co-op employees).

Organizations, like persons, strive for consistency. One might well maintain that the various forms of government (socialism, fascism, and democracy) are struggles to achieve consistency--an overall-ness or "way of life" which integrates the economic, political and social aspects of their respective societies in the interests of security. This integrative process is primarily under the direction of the particular group in the society which has power and control. Those in power and control have the freedom to change the particular society. When, therefore, the power and control of a society are in the hands of the people in general, the people, to that extent, are free. Democracy, then is that way of life in which the people have the power and control over their particular ends.

Our problem in America and the rest of the world is that because of the lack of economic, political and social democracy the people are getting less and less control (freedom) and, as a result, feel more and more insecure. Economically, the capitalistic system is maturing into monopolies, cartels, and other autocratic institutions whereby the people are losing at an increasing rate the ownership of the means of production and distribution. In the political sphere we are relying more and more on bureaucratic hierarchies and centralized governments with less control by the people. In the social realm greater barriers to social intercourse are being created by racial, national, religious, and cultural prejudices. Thus, unless this vicious process is reversed we will have insuperable problems to face in the future.

Our challenge is to seek and apply the means by which the people may get more control over their political, economic and social life. Consumer cooperatives, labor unions, interracial groups, study clubs, and civil liberties organizations are some of the methods we can use to achieve this needed flexible security.

*by Kiyoshi Hamanaka*



## MY CONSCIENCE

No decent man could have done what you did this morning,  
Hyprocracy is a lame synonym to its indecency  
Some day your big blabbering mouth will cause you  
And all those around you infinite pain and misery  
Shame would be merely a convenient shield to save your face.

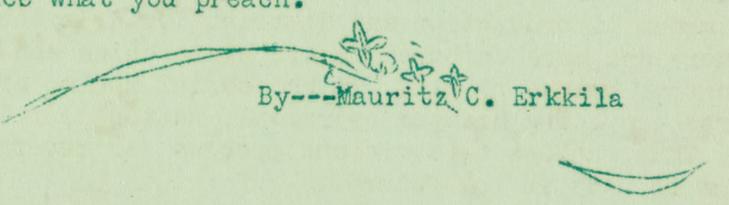
Why won't you ever learn?

Aren't you old enough to see the crime in such adolescence  
Lack of self-control--which is so necessary to honest social living?  
Is there nothing you hold sacred or intimate?  
Have you no will?

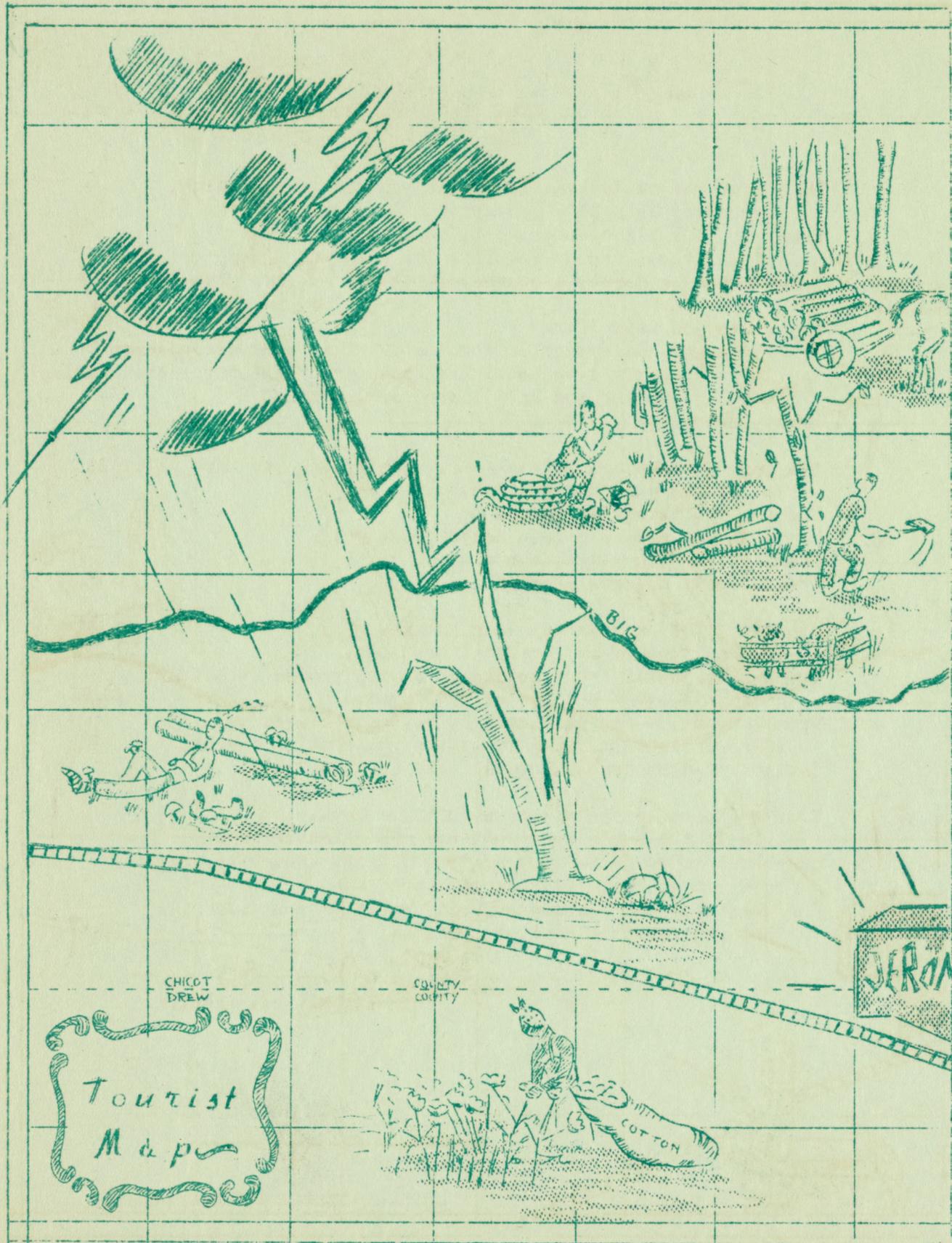
You are the weak and selfish one. That's it, you have no will!  
You are so weak and selfish.  
You are egotistically proud.  
Is it any wonder people don't trust you?  
Frankly, can you blame them?  
You don't deserve trust.

You have bluffed your way long enough.  
You can't bluff me because I know you.  
You cannot justify your action by saying you'll do better,  
Because I don't believe or trust you.  
From hereon you are condemned by me, your conscience.  
If there is anything left within you that is decent,  
Intimate and honorable, you'll have to prove it!

Your Weakness is the weakness that you know.  
This is the Man's world who can make himself useful  
To others in society. You are intelligent enough to know.  
Be a little bit better example of a man.  
The least I, your conscience, can expect of you is  
That you practice what you preach.



By---Mauritz C. Erkkila



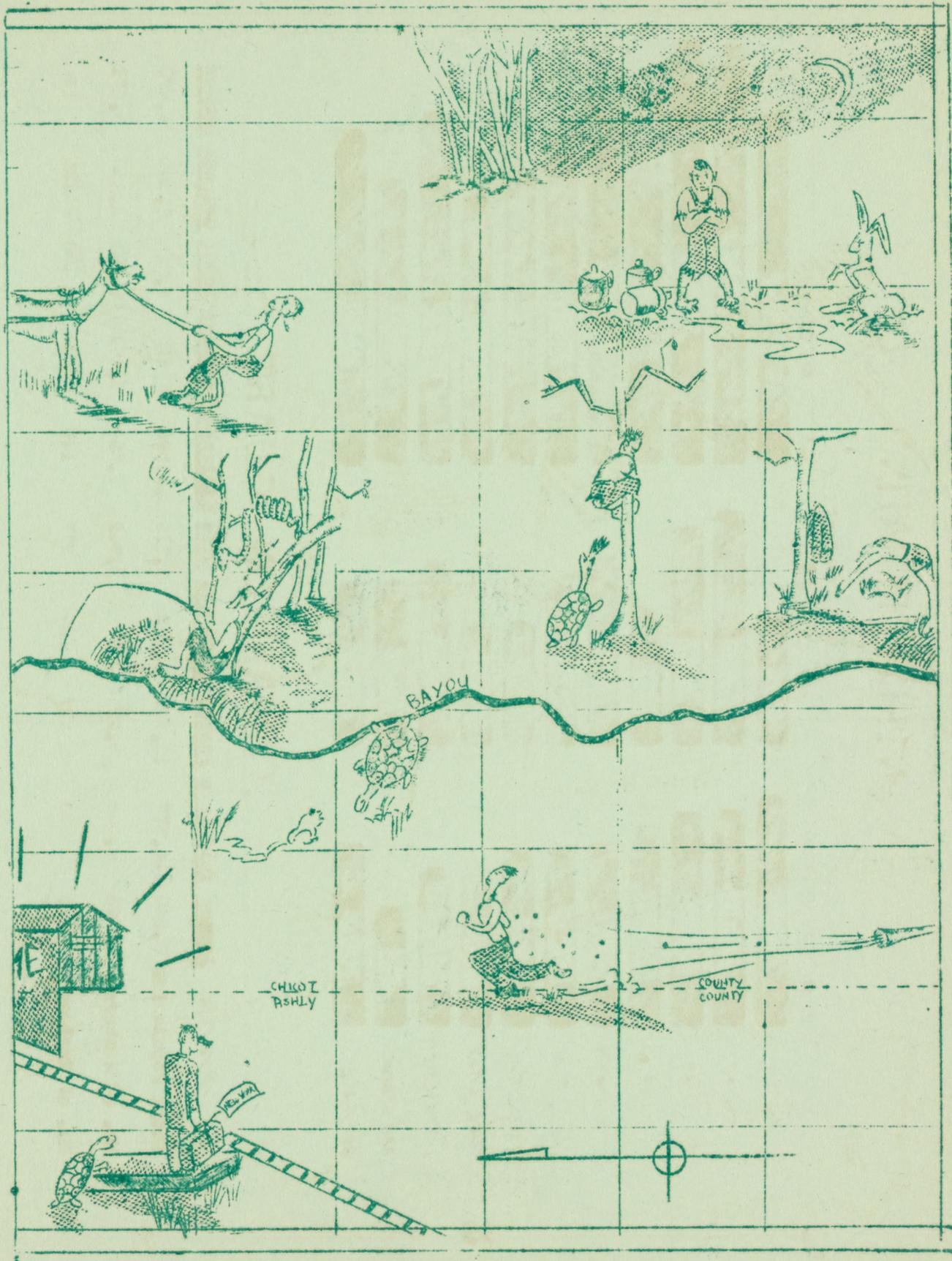
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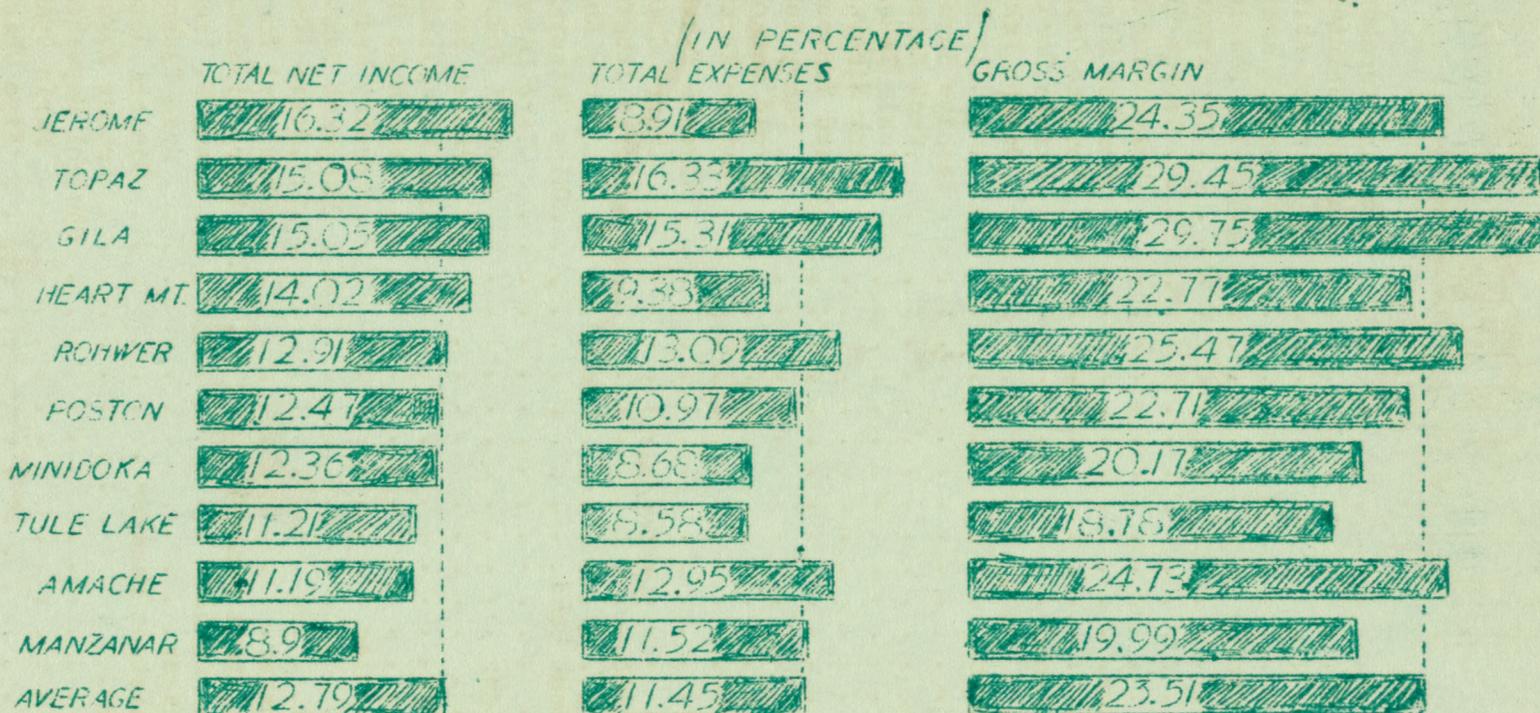
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## MONTHLY OPERATING CHART



## COMPARISON CHART

JANUARY, 1944	Jerome	Tule Lake	Poston	Heart Mt.	Gila	Minidoka	Manzanar	Topaz	Granada	Rohwer
Total Population	6,560	14,877	13,732	9,782	9,715	8,595	8,422	7,228	6,800	6,479
No. of Members	2,243	6,508	5,976	-	5,942	2,654	6,190	4,835	2,650	3,671
No. of Employees	145	283	227	150	277	149	220	150	128	120

# KEY PERSONNEL

General Manager . . . . .	Ryuichi Murakami
Assistant General Manager . . . . .	Enkichi Shintani
Assistant Treasurer . . . . .	.Hiroshi Abiko
Comptroller . . . . .	. Joseph Araki
Assistant Executive Secretary . . . . .	.Teiho Hashida
Membership Director . . . . .	. Kay Kuwada
Chief Coordinator . . . . .	. George Abe
Information Director . . . . .	.Frank Nishida
Acting Personnel Director . . . . .	.Charles Nishi
Senior Clerk . . . . .	.Toshiko Osaki
Assistant Membership Director . . . . .	.Kazuko Horita
Membership Accountant . . . . .	. Joseph Takii
Assistant Chief Accountant . . . . .	. . . . . Jim Kai
Assistant Cashier . . . . .	. Yoshiye Suzuki
Head Timekeeper . . . . .	. Jack Matsui
Head Truck Driver . . . . .	. Ichio Takeno
Buyer (Dry Goods) . . . . .	. Frank Hiroyasu
Buyer (Drugs) . . . . .	. Howard Yamamura
Warehouse Manager . . . . .	. Henry Kebo
Warehouse Accountant . . . . .	. Harold Nakaoka
Warehouse Head Bookkeeper . . . . .	. Matsue Kozawa
Warehouse Delivery Head . . . . .	. Kiyoshi Takaki
Store #1 Manager . . . . .	. Harry Chado
Store #1 Assistant Manager . . . . .	. George Itogawa
Store #1 Head Cashier . . . . .	. . . . . Henry Koga
Store #1 Notion Department Head . . . . .	. Shige Matsuyama
Store #2 Manager . . . . .	. . . . . Taro Matsui
Store #2 Assistant Manager . . . . .	. Shoichi Fukuda
Store #2 Head Cashier . . . . .	. Frances Sawai
Store #2 Head Sales Clerk . . . . .	. Shizue Miyagishima
Dry Goods Store Manager . . . . .	. Yoshihiko Ozu
Dry Goods Store Head Cashier . . . . .	. Dorothy Masuda
Store #4 Manager . . . . .	. Margaret Sumida
Service Department Head . . . . .	. . . . . Josie Ikeda
Shoe Repair Shop #1 Manager . . . . .	. Yorinori Torii
Shoe Repair Shop #1 Assistant Manager . . . . .	. Harry Nishimura
Shoe Repair Shop #1 Head Cobbler . . . . .	. Paul F. Izawa
Shoe Repair Shop #2 Manager . . . . .	. . . . . Juro Tsubota
Shoe Repair Shop #2 Assistant Manager . . . . .	. Ginichi Gotan
Movie Department Manager . . . . .	. Arthur Fukuda
Barber Shop Manager . . . . .	. Shuichi Hayashida
Beauty Shop Manager . . . . .	. Marie Uyama
Head Beautician . . . . .	. Kiyo Ohashi
Beautician . . . . .	. Alice Kono
Laundry Department Head . . . . .	. Eizo Morita

# For Your OFFICE Information

<u>NAME</u>	<u>FORMER ADDRESS</u>	<u>FORMER OCCUPATION</u>	<u>E.O.D. DATE</u>
Abe, George	Selma, Calif.	Nursery agent	7 - 5-43
Abe, Imatsu	Selma, Calif.	Nursery	3 -12-43
Abiko, Hiroshi	Fresno, Calif.	Bank clerk	12- 7-42
Araki, Joseph K.	Honolulu, Hawaii	Accountant	2 - 7-42
Fujino, Shigeo	Lihue, Kauai, Hawaii	Priest	2 -14-44
Hashida, Teiho	Tacoma, Washington	School teacher	12- 1-43
Herita, Kazuko	Sacramento, Calif.	Student	5 -12-43
Kai, Jim	Sebastopol, Calif.	State employee	10- 4-43
Kodama, Chizuko	Delano, Calif.	Student	2 -25-44
Kuwada, Kay	San Francisco, Calif.	Pacific Trading Co.	4 -22-43
Matsui, Jack	Hanford, Calif.	Jr. College	12- 3-42
Matsumoto, Lily	Los Angeles, Calif.	Art Institute	11-15-43
Murakami, Ryuichi	Los Angeles, Calif.	Mgr. of Namco	2 - 4-43
Nakayama, Nobu	Delano, Calif.	Student	2 -25-44
Nishi, Charles	Florin, Calif.	U. C. student	7 -10-43
Nishida, Frank	Salinas, Calif.	Farmer	2 - 8-43
Nomura, Jack	Long Beach, Calif.	Sales clerk	8 -24-43
Okimoto, Kazumi	Fresno, Calif.	Student	8 -18-43
Okumoto, Aileen	Hilo, Hawaii	Student	2 -25-44
Okumoto, Stanley	Hilo, Hawaii	Student	11- 8-43
Osaki, Toshiko	Newcastle, Calif.	State employee	1 -11-44
Sakamoto, Tokiye	Kerman, Calif.	Student	8 -21-43
Shintani, Enkichi	Long Beach, Calif.	Market proprietor	10-24-42
Suzuki, Gladys	Honokaa, Hawaii	Student	2 -25-44
Suzuki, Yoshiye	Los Angeles, Calif.	Sales manager	9 -13-43
Takeno, Ichio	Fowler, Calif.	Timekeeper	12- 1-42
Takii, Joseph	San Pedro, Calif.	Sec-Trea. of Fish Co.	8 -25-43
Yamasaki, Hideo	Sacramento, Calif.	Student	4 -28-43
Yoshihara, June	Elk Grove, Calif.	Student	4 -28-43
Yumibe, Teri	Portland, Oregon	Student	12- 9-43

## STORE #1

Chado, Harry	Fresno, Calif.	Wholesale manager	11- 6-42
Hoshiko, Yoshi	Fresno, Calif.	Student	11- 1-43
Ito, Margaret	Torrance, Calif.	Housewife	8 - 2-43
Ito, George	Florin, Calif.	Store clerk	5 - 1-43
Kitahara, George	Marysville, Calif.	Student	3 - 3-44
Koga, Henry	Long Beach, Calif.	Retail clerk	10-30-42
Matsuyama, Shige	Fresno, Calif.	Gift shop	11-13-42
Morita, Michiko	Long Beach, Calif.	Student	12-24-43
Naohara, Yoshiye	Long Beach, Calif.	Student	2 - 9-44
Okada, Barbara	Fresno, Calif.	Student	9 - 1-43
Okada, Norma	Fresno, Calif.	Student	1 -27-44

STORE #1 (CONT.)

<u>NAME</u>	<u>FORMER ADDRESS</u>	<u>FORMER OCCUPATION</u>	<u>E.O.D. DATE</u>
Osaki, Yasumi	Redondo Beach, Calif.	Florist clerk	2 - 8-44
Ouchida, Hitoshi	Florin, Calif.	Store clerk	12-23-43
Sasaki, Harumi	Long Beach, Calif.	Home economics	3 - 2-44
Sasaki, Ichiji	Long Beach, Calif.	Farmer	9 -20-43

STORE #2

Doi, Fred	Fresno, Calif.	Clerk	12- 1-42
Fukuda, Shoichi	Florin, Calif.	Drug & dry goods	10- 4-43
Funahashi, Edwin	Hanford, Calif.	Watch repairer	2 -15-44
Ishii, Lillian	Sacramento, Calif.	Designing school	10-22-43
Izumi, Yoshiko	Tulare, Calif.	Student	12-15-43
Kusumoto, Amy	Norwalk, Calif.	Student	2 -14-44
Matsui, Taro	Hanford, Calif.	Store clerk	12- 9-42
Miyagishima, Shizue	Terminal Island, Calif.	Sales clerk	11-25-42
Ochiai, Richard	Florin, Calif.	Nursery	2 -22-44
Sawai, Frances	Torrance, Calif.	Sales clerk	11-23-42
Tamura, Bill	Sacramento, Calif.	Truck driver	12-22-43
Urabe, Tom	San Luis Obispo, Calif.	Student	2 -26-44

DRY GOODS STORE

Hayashi, Jeanie	Hollywood, Calif.	Student	7 - 7-43
Hiroyasu, Frank	Fresno, Calif.	Grocer	11-16-42
Kimura, Chiyeko	Torrance, Calif.	Student	10-18-43
Masuda, Dorothy	Fresno, Calif.	Student	12- 5-42
Mibu, Teiko	Hawthorne, Calif.	Housewife	9 -20-43
Mitsuyoshi, Sumiko	Armona, Calif.	Student	3 -18-43
Morikuni, Takeo	Honolulu, Hawaii	Baker	3 - 2-44
Nagata, Ruth	Fresno, Calif.	Student	3 - 1-44
Natori, Maki	Fresno, Calif.	Student	12-17-43
Nii, Shizuye	Fresno, Calif.	Restaurant clerk	9 - 1-43
Ozaki, Kyujiro	Long Beach, Calif.	Merchant	2 - 1-44
Ozu, Yoshihiko	Honolulu, Hawaii	Hat shop proprietor	11- 1-43
Sato, Yukiko	Los Angeles, Calif.	Student	12-13-43
Sekiya, Eiko	Fresno, Calif.	Housewife	7 -16-43
Takata, Yoshijiro	Los Angeles, Calif.	Sales clerk	2 -12-43
Tsubouchi, Kazuko	Hardwick, Calif.	Student	3 - 2-44
Yamagishi, Roy	Hermosa Beach, Calif.	Mgr. of Nippon Co.	9 -16-43

LAUNDRY

Mayeda, Suzuye	Lemoore, Calif.	Home economics	1 - 6-43
Morita, Eizo	Long Beach, Calif.	Laundry proprietor	8 -16-43
Morita, Sano	Long Beach, Calif.	Laundry manager	1 -17-44
Naito, Tomiye	Madera, Calif.	Home economics	1 -24-44
Tsuji, Suye	Hanford, Calif.	Farmer	1 -18-43

WAREHOUSE

<u>NAME</u>	<u>FORMER ADDRESS</u>	<u>FORMER OCCUPATION</u>	<u>E.O.D. DATE</u>
Hashimoto, Seizo	Isleton, Calif.	Student	2 -25-44
Kebo, Henry	Fresno, Calif.	Grocer	11-26-42
Kozawa, Matsue	Long Beach, Calif.	Home economics	3 -25-43
Morishita, Konosuke	San Diego, Calif.	Produce	2 - 1-44
Nakaoka, Harold	Fresno, Calif.	Grocer	10- 6-42
Nobuto, Masako	Los Angeles, Calif.	Student	10-28-43
Oyama, Minnie	Los Angeles, Calif.	Grocery clerk	3 -29-44
Takaki, Kiyoshi	Lomita, Calif.	Jr. College	11- 9-42
Tamura, Sam	Sacramento, Calif.	Farmer	12-16-43
Yamamura, Howard	Fresno, Calif.	Drug store prop.	12- 4-42
Yatabe, Hisako	Artesia, Calif.	Student	11-10-43

SHOE REPAIR #1

Haraguchi, Yukino	Torrance, Calif.	Farmer	7 - 6-43
Higashi, Sueto	Long Beach, Calif.	Student	5 -12-43
Izawa, Paul	Long Beach, Calif.	Produce	11- 9-42
Miyagi, Yeiroku	Long Beach, Calif.	Chop Suey	10-20-43
Nakamura, Dick J.	Sacramento, Calif.	Jr. College	1 - 5-44
Nishimura, Harry	Long Beach, Calif.	Grocer	2 - 1-43
Oba, Hideko	Earlimart, Calif.	Student	9 -22-43
Torii, Yarinari	Hanford, Calif.	Farmer	2 - 2-43
Tsutsui, Takeshi	Sacramento, Calif.	Jr. College	10-23-43

SHOE REPAIR #2

Arakawa, Wataru	Long Beach, Calif.	Grocer	4 -21-43
Gotan, Ginichi	Florin, Calif.	Fruit shipper	5 - 1-43
Nagai, Shunichi	Fresno, Calif.	Farmer	10- 6-43
Sugihara, William	Long Beach, Calif.	Retail produce	5 - 1-43
Sugioka, Shizutaka	Porterwill, Calif.	Farmer	10- 9-43
Susaki, Kametaro	Delano, Calif.	Farmer	4 - 8-43
Takehara, Fusata	Delano, Calif.	Fruit shipper	4 - 6-43
Tsubota, Juro	Fresno, Calif.	Shoe repair shop	3 -16-43
Tsubota, Toshio	Fresno, Calif.	Shoe repair shop	4 -12-43
Tsuda, Seiichi	Sacramento, Calif.	Accountant	11- 1-43

MOVIE

Fukuda, Arthur	Hanford, Calif.	Movie theatre	2 - 1-43
Hayashi, Akira	Los Angeles, Calif.	Produce	4 - 1-43
Kai, Miyohiko	Terminal Island, Calif.	Grocer	11- 4-43
Kasai, Eiji	Fresno, Calif.	Publisher & editor	3 -22-43
Minamoto, Sadaichi	Englewood, Calif.	Produce	4 -19-43
Nakata, Masayuki	Salinas, Calif.	Farmer	6 -20-43
Inouye, Chotaro	Earlimart, Calif.	Farmer	6 -20-43
Sakai, Yasuke	Sacramento, Calif.	Farmer	10- 1-43
Watanabe, Sakai	Coalinga, Calif.	Farmer	10- 1-43

BEAUTY PARLOR

<u>NAME</u>	<u>FORMER ADDRESS</u>	<u>FORMER OCCUPATION</u>	<u>E.O.D. DATE</u>
Fujisawa, Mieko	Fresno, Calif.	Laundry clerk	1 - 6-44
Ikeda, Margaret	Long Beach, Calif.	Student	1 -29-43
Izumi, Katsu	Hanford, Calif.	Farmer	1 -10-44
Kono, Alice	Long Beach, Calif.	Beautician	1 - 5-44
Kubo, Toshiye	Fresno, Calif.	Student	1 -13-44
Miyama, Sumiko	San Pedro, Calif.	Student	1 -29-44
Nakaguchi, Virginia	Los Angeles, Calif.	Student	1 - 6-44
Nakaoka, Sumiye	Lomita, Calif.	Student	2 - 1-44
Ohashi, Kiyo	Madera, Calif.	Beautician	1 - 1-44
Tsutsui, Yuriko	Monterey, Calif.	Restaurant clerk	11-23-43
Uyama, Marie	Visalia, Calif.	Beautician	1 - 1-44

BARBER

Akamatsu, Kinichiro	Delano, Calif.	Barber	3 -19-43
Arie, Hisashi	Fresno, Calif.	Barber	12- 1-43
Hayashida, Shuichi	Maui, Hawaii	School teacher	2 - 1-43
Morikuni, Tatsuo	Honolulu, Hawaii	Defense work	1 -11-44
Okano, Misako	Madera, Calif.	Housewife	3 -17-43
Sumioka, Fred	Seattle, Washington	Fisherman	7 - 1-43
Takamiya, Haruyuki	Waimea Kauai, Hawaii	Barber	2 - 1-43

STORE #4

Inahara, Shig	Fresno, Calif.	Student	11-17-43
Nagata, Kiyo	Fresno, Calif.	Gift shop	10-28-43
Nakagawa, Ray	Fresno, Calif.	Student	11-17-43
Sumida, Margaret	San Diego, Calif.	Market proprietor	1 - 6-43

RADIO REPAIR

Isogawa, Frank	Fresno, Calif.	Farmer	11-17-43
Nagata, Milton	Tulare, Calif.	Farmer	10-28-43

CARPENTERS

Harauchi, Toshimi	Honolulu, Hawaii	Carpenter	6 -25-43
Hashisaka, Harry	Sacramento, Calif.	Service station	10- 8-43

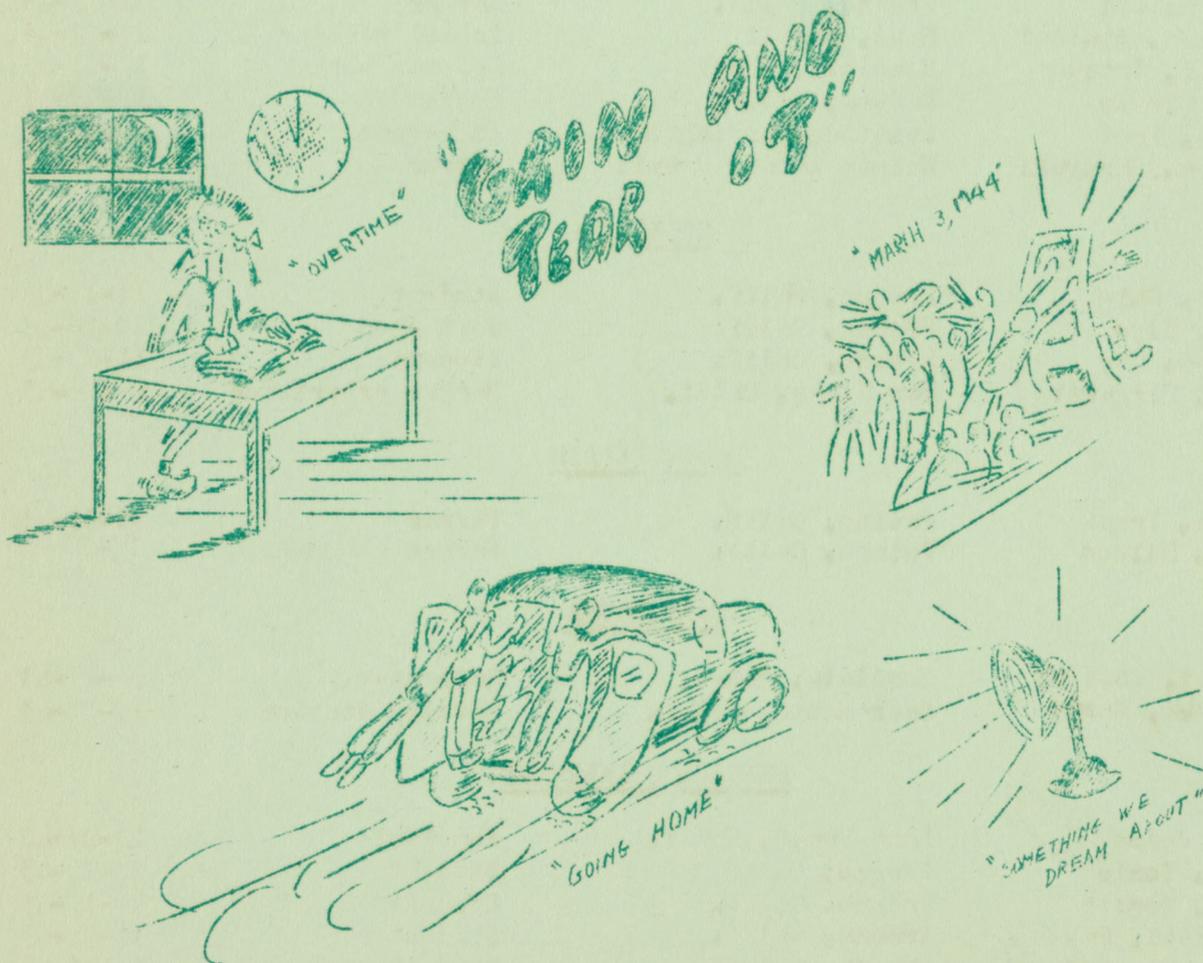
SERVICE DEPARTMENT

Ikeda, Josie	Long Beach, Calif.	Housewife	10-27-42
Jofuku, Tomio	Fresno, Calif.	Student	6 -15-43
Kodama, Meritt	Fresno, Calif.	Student	7 -10-43
Mitsuyoshi, Ray	Armona, Calif.	Student	11-15-43
Mitsuyoshi, Ben	Armona, Calif.	Student	1 -10-44
Nikaido, May	Madera, Calif.	Student	12-17-42

SERVICE DEPARTMENT (CONT.)

<u>NAME</u>	<u>FORMER ADDRESS</u>	<u>FORMER OCCUPATION</u>	<u>*E.O.D. DATE</u>
Nishio, Herb	Fresno, Calif.	Student	12- 1-42
Nojiri, George	Sacramento, Calif.	Student	6 - 1-43
Nomura, Isao	Kingsburg, Calif.	Student	1 -12-43
Ogawa, Kiyomi	Kerman, Calif.	Student	8 -18-43
Sasaki, Hiromu	Long Beach, Calif.	Truck farming	1 - 2-43
Suenaga, Mary	Long Beach, Calif.	Sales clerk	8 -25-43
Tagami, Ray	Donney, Calif.	Student	11- 1-43
Tahara, Shige	Florin, Calif.	Student	3 - 1-44
Tanouye, Sumaye	Torrance, Calif.	Student	5 -14-43
Tonooka, Henry	Fresno, Calif.	Student	6 - 5-43
Yamasaki, Henry	Sacramento, Calif.	Student	10- 1-43

\*E.O.D. Date--Date of assignment



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